

# CPC THIS WEEK

## THE E-NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### March 8, 2019

#### What's that Smudge all About?

A number of parents may have dealt with that question this week. It can be a little confusing to those outside the traditional observance of Lent in their church calendar. This last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marked the beginning of the 40-day period we know as Lent. This “season” is used to prepare the believer for Easter; not unlike the intent behind the four weeks of Advent prior to the celebration of Christmas. The 40 days of Lent are meant to commemorate the 40 days of Christ’s temptation in the wilderness as well as the 40 years of Israel’s wanderings in the desert.

Celebrated by prayer, repentance, self-denial, and giving, the days of Lent serve to remind us of the work of our Savior. Historically, Lent has been primarily a Catholic observance. However, there are a few protestant denominations that join in the practice - Lutherans and Methodists are two examples. Most protestant churches do not adhere to this celebration. And, while it is true that the passion of Christ and His victorious resurrection should always be on the hearts and minds of all believers, that doesn’t mean that we can’t, or shouldn’t take time to think on the person and work of Jesus as we anticipate the joy of Easter.

Let me offer a small passage that I hope to use for reflection during these days that ask us to contemplate His Cross and Crown.

*And He said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?” – Luke 9:23-25*

One of the aspects of this passage that has always challenged me has been the focus and practice of “cross-centered” self-denial. Beginning this last Wednesday many people began their personal 40-day journey of “giving something up for Lent” – perhaps you’re one of them. But as Jesus points out so clearly, self-denial is only part of the equation. From Luke 9:27 we learn that there are actually three acts described for those who would “come after me.”

- **Let him deny himself**
- **Take up his cross daily**
- **And follow me.**

In short, this will become a prayer that I intend to pray regularly during these days of reflection and repentance. That every day the Lord Jesus would help me to do these very things. Because there is nothing in that verse that I can do on my own. The sacrifice of self-denial, the trial of daily cross-carrying, and the call to follow someone else, is a challenge. But, to live the life that Christ lived is something we can do because He lives this life with us. In short, may God give me the grace to be “spent for lent.”

In Christ’s Life,

# **CPC MINISTRY INFORMATION**

## **SUNDAY'S SERMON**

**Title:** *“The Seed of Redemption”*

**Text:** **Genesis 3:1-22**

**Pastor Bob Clark**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Due to the time change Sunday School does not meet today; all classes resume next week. The Adult Class will be a combined class hearing about Jim Roszell’s trip to Sierra Leone and Pastor Bob’s trip to Kenya.

**THE SEASON OF LENT** - The cloth on the cross has been changed to purple because we have entered the season of **Lent**. The color of Lent is **purple** – the same as Advent. The reason being is that the church has always understood the connection between His coming and His passion: “The Son of Man came (advent) ... to give His life as a ransom for many (passion). Purple speaks of royalty, of kingship. Purple is made up of the colors blue (which speaks of heaven) and red (which speaks of blood). The message communicated is that Jesus, the King of Heaven came to shed his blood so that we might have peace with God.

**DEACONS’ FUND OFFERING** – Today we will be collecting the Deacons’ Fund Offering for the Mercy Ministries of the Church.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES’ STUDY** – Please join us for our new study of 1 Kings. We will meet Tuesday, March 19, from 8:30 – 10:00 am in the church foyer. Study guides are available at the Welcome Center.

**CPC ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL** will meet on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00pm. Contact Mindy Deckard, Music Director, if you would like additional information about the CPC Choir.

**A MOVIE OPPORTUNITY** – On Wednesday, March 20, at 7pm we will show the movie “GOSNELL – The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer” at CPC. The movie chronicles the activities of the inner-city Philadelphia abortion clinic in that led to Dr. Gosnell’s trial in 2010. Because of the topic and some language, the movie is rated PG-13. We would encourage parents to consider that regarding their youth; even those 13 or older. Given the recent developments in our nation, we believe this movie will encourage the sanctity of life. Flyers for friends are available at the Welcome Center.

## **WOMEN’S MINISTRY**

**Tuesday Morning Ladies’ Bible Study, Old Testament Survey, 1 Kings** led by Pastor Bob Clark, meets in the church fireplace area from 8:30-10:00am.

# **SUNDAY CPC VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

## **THIS WEEK, MARCH 10**

Worship Nursery: Nedra Clark, Brad Wood, Jacob Kehlenbrink

Sunday School Nursery: No Sunday School

Pre-K/K Children's Church: Lori Fowler, Roger Golden

## **NEXT WEEK, MARCH 17**

Worship Nursery: Kim Pratt, Lance Fowler, Gabrielle Todd

Sunday School Nursery: Val Moore, Shannon Schrage

Pre-K/K Children's Church: Lori Fowler, Roger Golden

## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

This Week: Pat Bane, Beth Allen

Next Week: Pat James, Rebecca Adcock, Sara Rhodes, Connie Wood

## **WELCOME/GREETERS**

This Week: Mark Harrington, Pat James

Next Week: Dan & Lori Staifer

## **DEACON ON DUTY**

This Week: Aaron Fredrick

Next Week: John Gentry

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANCE**

March: Projection/Sadie Steinfort; Sound/Jodi McKinney

April: Projection/Jacob Kehlenbrink; Sound/Chris Moore

# **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## **March Birthdays!**

3	Bob Clark	19	Calvin Pfeil
3	Shirley Morgan	24	Charlotte Wood
14	Les Hunt	25	Grace Anderson
15	Nathaniel Cheek	25	Conner Miller
15	Robert Foust	26	Jaimee Allen
16	Val Moore	27	Jensen Davis
17	Sharon Brant	30	Gail Bratton

## **March Anniversaries!**

18	Bob & Nedra Clark	1978
31	Tom & Mindy Deckard	1984

# **THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Isaiah 52:7*

## **Making Room for More**

The missionary's plan was to start a women's Bible study for any ladies connected to the newly launched seminary in Arequipa, Peru. She expected seven or eight women, a group that could fit around her kitchen table for the study. But after she announced it on Facebook, the responses started pouring in. "I want to come and bring three friends." "Is it okay if I bring my friend who doesn't know how to read?" "I've never read any of the Bible and I don't know if I'm a Christian. Can I still come?"

By the time Thursday night rolled around, the missionary family was scrambling to fit 50 ladies into their home. Somehow they made it work! That night, the good news of salvation through Christ was presented in a clear and understandable way. For some, it was the first time they had ever heard the true gospel.

Opportunities for gatherings like these happen because of you. Your gifts pave the way for missionaries to open their homes, for relationships to be built, and for the gospel to be communicated clearly around the world. Thank you.

STAFF, AREQUIPA PERU Mar 5, 2019

<https://www.mtw.org/stories/details/making-room-for-more>

## **Planting Churches in Toulouse, France**

When people think of France, they think of the Eiffel tower and wine and bread and cheese, but it is also a country where people are in desperate need of the gospel. In France, fewer than 2 percent of the population identify as evangelical Christians. The need is enormous.

Throughout France, MTW missionaries and national partners are working to plant vibrant churches that are engaging the culture, reaching out into the communities, and viscerally living out the gospel of Jesus Christ, neighbor to neighbor, heart to heart. In Toulouse, a city of nearly 3 million people, an MTW church-planting team is working with a French national church partner in an effort to revitalize an older downtown church and plant a new church in a nearby suburb.

Watch and learn more about MTW's church-planting efforts in Toulouse, France. Is God calling you to serve? Visit [mtw.org/serve](https://www.mtw.org/serve) or email [go@mtw.org](mailto:go@mtw.org) to learn more.

(VIDEO: To access, please copy and paste the link: <https://vimeo.com/321833837>.)

<https://www.mtw.org/stories/details/planting-churches-in-toulouse-france-video>

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## **Winter Farmers Market**

Richmond Senior Community Center  
1600 South 2nd Street, Richmond, IN 47374  
Saturdays: 10 am to 1 pm

**Event Details:** Find local products EVERY week from 100% certified local farmers and vendors. Produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, jams and jellies, candles, soaps, jewelry, fine art, and so much more!

## **Mark Pearson “Seeing the ‘Extra’ in the Ordinary”**

Reid Hospital, MacDowell Gallery  
1100 Reid Parkway, Richmond, IN 47374  
612.592.6108

Richmond resident Mark Pearson is currently exhibiting photography. The show, titled “Seeing the ‘Extra’ in the Ordinary,” features landscapes, nature shots and glimpses of the industrial past, as well as scenes from recent travels in Greece. The exhibit will be on display through mid-March (Saturday, Mar 16). Many of the 29 works in the show are black and white images.

<https://www.dailyadvocate.com/features/life/68398/new-exhibit-at-reid-hospital-features-local-photographer-mark-pearson>

<https://visitrichmond.org/visitors/events-festivals/day/2019-02-15>

## **Morrisson Reeves Library: *Return Borrowed Books Week*: March 4-9**

80 North 6th Street, Richmond, IN 47374

Bring back overdue library items with no charge of late fees. Drop your items into the Drive-up Book Return and we'll take care of the fees. Does not apply to damaged items or materials overdue for more than 12 months. Have questions about the status of your library account? Login to your online account at [MRLinfo.org](http://MRLinfo.org), call 765.966.8291 or email us at [library@MRLinfo.org](mailto:library@MRLinfo.org).

*\*Return Borrowed Books Week has been celebrated nationally since 1953!*

## **Civic Hall Performing Arts Center: *In The Mood***

380 Hub Etchison Pkwy, Richmond, IN 47374  
765.962.1511

Saturday, March 9: 7:30 pm

IN THE MOOD is the 1940's Big Band Theatrical Swing Dance Revue. It's the music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Erskine Hawkins, The Andrews Sisters, Frank Sinatra, and other greats of the 1940's. Featuring a company of 22 including the In the Mood Singers and Dancers with the sensational String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra, the show's music arrangements, costumes and choreography are as authentic as it gets!

In The Mood features the music that moved the nation's spirit and helped win a war. This was the last time when all of America was listening and dancing to the same kind of music. IN THE MOOD takes a retro look at the life and time of America's greatest generation. With music and dance performed to up-tempo big band rhythms and mellow intimate ballads, a mood was set to inspire a future filled with hope, promise and prosperity. Come immerse yourself in the swing, rhythm, jazzy, brassy, sentimental and romantic music of this important time! We are happy and excited to have In The Mood here on their 25 Anniversary! We can celebrate together!

*\*Please visit their website for ticket information: <http://www.civichall.com/index.html>.*