

Creekside Church of the Brethren

March 19, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

LENT 3

GATHERING TO REJOICE AND SING:

145 Renew

"Lord, I want to be a Christian"

13 Lent booklet

"Just a little talk with Jesus"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rosanna

OPENING PRAYER

Karen Kohler

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive) *on screen*

*HYMN: 152 Renew

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

*INVOCATION PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gail Vance

(Sing *"He's got the whole world in his hands"* as children come forward.)

Nursery care available for preschool age and younger.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: 1 Lent booklet

"Standing in the need of prayer"

MORNING PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory: *"I Shall Not Be Moved"*

Guitarist: "Mississippi John" Hurt

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN: 12 Lent booklet

"Nobody knows the trouble I've seen"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:7-15

MESSAGE: *"Heart to Heart"*

Pastor Rosanna

CLOSING HYMN: 2 Lent booklet

"Amen"

*BENEDICTION

Welcoming each other in the name of Christ.

*Please stand as you are able

Your Christian practice is a gift to our faith community.
The following are guidelines for the **week of March 19-25.**

Spiritual Friendship

Anam Cara is a Celtic term meaning "spiritual friend" or "soul friend." There is an old Celtic saying: "Anyone without a soul friend is a body without a head." Perhaps in this day of "friending" and "unfriending" others on social media, the need for real face-to-face friendship is all the more important.

The Old Testament says "A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure" (Sirach 6:14). A spiritual friend can embody God's love for us, help us when we stumble and keep us moving when we grow weary. And we do the same for the other. Spiritual friendship means finding someone whose hunger for spiritual connection with God mirrors our own.

During this week we encourage you to get together with a friend from Creekside or another friend. Questions for each of you to share and answer:

Who do you feel most comfortable sharing with? Why?

Where do you find affirmation for what you do?

Where do you find affirmation for who you are?

Are these the same? Which is more important?

How can you support each other in your Christian practices in the coming weeks?

Read 1 Samuel chapter 20 for the story of one of the best-known friendships in the Bible. Can you think of others?

“Mississippi John” Hurt (1892-1966) was a sharecropper near a tiny Mississippi town who taught himself to play guitar at age 9 and developed great finger dexterity as he picked the strings. He was not known beyond a small area in his home state until he was caught up in the 1950-1960 revival of folk music. By then an old man, Mississippi John could not believe anyone would pay him \$1000 for a few hours of doing what he loved to do: play guitar and sing the blues.

The exact origins of "I Shall Not Be Moved" are unknown, but the image of trees beside water with deep unmovable roots can be found in Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17. The song's easy-to-sing style which only changed one line of each verse made it popular and created many new verses over time. The union movement of the 1930's added words to support their cause. Later the civil rights movement changed the song to "We Shall Not Be Moved." Still later, verses were changed to create a hymn-like style.

Sunday School 11:00-11:45am

Nursery Room 505, Preschool-Kindergarten Room 506,
 Grades 1-5 Room 405, Jr. High Room 203, Senior High Room 301
 Thee Seekers Room 303: Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several
 Excellent Excuses book study

Onward Room 106: Dunker's Guide to Brethren History book study
 Overcomers Room 201: Understanding Your Blessings in Christ book study
 New Life Room 302: A Christian View of Hospitality book study
 Class in Library: Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet book study

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2017

Upcoming Events		
Tuesday	Mar. 21	Church Board, 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 22	Worship Team, 9:00 am Choir, 7:00 pm
Thursday	Mar. 23	Wired Word, 11:30-1:00, bring a lunch
Sunday	Mar. 26	Choir, 8:45 am

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ronnie & Mary Lou Martin
- Mitchell Davis, Sandy Miller's brother-in-law
- Jan Vardaman, recovering from hip replacement
- Kathy Nowicki, recovering from wrist surgery
- Randy Gabrielse



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