

Creekside Church of the Brethren

March 26, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

LENT 4

GATHERING TO REJOICE AND SING:

Insert

8 Lent booklet

“In the garden”

“I’m gonna sing”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rosanna

OPENING PRAYER

Mary Lou Martin

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

*HYMN: 31 Sing the Story

“Jesus, be the center”

*INVOCATION PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Diane Lund

(Sing *“This little light of mine”* 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: *“My Soul is a Witness for My Lord”*

Fisk Jubilee Singers

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN: 9 Lent booklet

“Just a closer walk with thee”

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:1-17

MESSAGE: *“In the Dark”*

Pastor Rosanna

ANTHEM: *“Oh, Jeremiah!”*

Martin/Raney

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: 2 Lent booklet

“Amen”

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 26-April 1.**

Daily Examen

The examen is a morning and evening prayer practice developed by Ignatius of Loyola (founder of the Society of Jesuits) to seek God’s direction in the coming day, and review and give thanks for the day which has passed. It is a way to ask God for what we need to live the next day well: patience, wisdom, fortitude, self-knowledge, peace, optimism—with the trust that what God wants is for our greatest good.

This need not be a lengthy process—you can start with as little as five minutes morning and evening—but it will be more effective if you practice the examen over weeks or months. Writer Annie Dillard reminds us that “How we live our days is, of course, how we live our lives.”

Here are five steps to follow:

Give thanks

Thank God for the things you’re grateful for today. In the morning, pray that you could live into the promise of the coming day. In the evening, give thanks for the gifts of the past day.

Ask for God’s light

Where do you feel the energy and leading of the Spirit as you prepare for the day? At the end of the day, consider the moments when you did not act the way you wanted. Recognize ways you fell short.

Ask for forgiveness

Ask for forgiveness and healing. How can you move beyond pain you may have caused yourself or others? Consider if you need to make it right with someone. What could keep you from making the same mistake again?

Pray about the upcoming day or the next day

Imagine the things you’ll be doing, the people you’ll see, and the decisions you’ll be mulling over. Ask for God’s help with moments which might be difficult.

Offer blessing

Pray for yourself and the people you’ll see in the coming day; bless the past day and all those who need rest and peace. You are under God’s care.

"My Soul Is a Witness for My Lord" is a traditional spiritual recorded by the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University as early as 1911. Fisk was founded in 1866 in Nashville, Tennessee, following the end of the Civil War. Struggling financially to keep the doors open, Fisk sent its singing group called the Jubilee Singers out in 1871 to see if they could raise the desperately needed funds. Every penny in the treasury went with them as seed money in the hope that they could bring back enough to maintain the school. Somehow they were successful and Fisk today is one of the Historic Black Colleges.

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 26, 2017

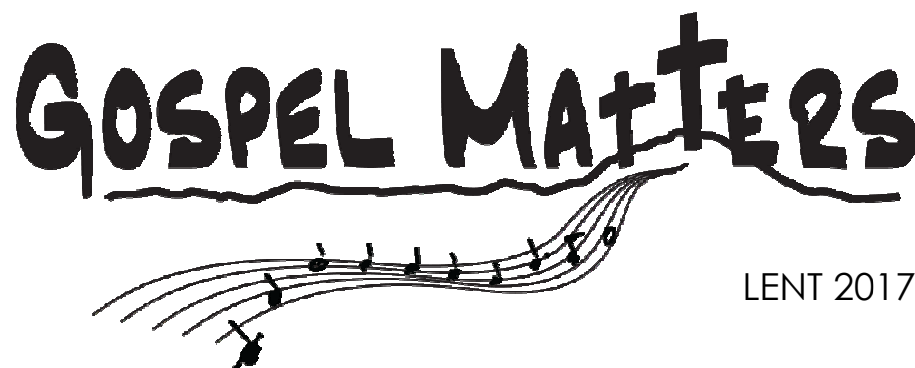
Upcoming Events		
Thursday	Mar. 23	Wired Word, 11:30-1:00, bring a lunch

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
- Ted Noffsinger

COMING UP:

- **Thursday, April 13:** Love Feast, 6:00 pm
- **Saturday, April 15:** Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 am. Bring small, individually wrapped candy through April 9.
- **Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise Service 8:00 am, Breakfast 8:30 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am, no Sunday School



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