

# Hi-Lites

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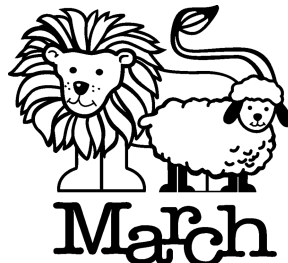
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*“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” Genesis 3: 19.*

As Lent begins on Ash Wednesday we start to prepare examine our inner selves. Each of us contemplate how we have not loved God and obeyed his will as we ought. We reflect on our mortality— “from dust you came to dust you shall return.” We reflect on the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ on our behalf. We do this so that we are prepared to receive the life that God has for us in Christ, and to receive it to its full meaning. And so, during the time in between the day that the church remembers Jesus’ transfiguration and the joyful festival day of Easter, we embark upon our forty-day pilgrimage of Lent.

The word Lent comes from the old English word for “spring.” As I once heard it put, Lent is “spring training” for the Christian as we are tutored in repentance, faith, and holy living. The season has been kept as a time for devotion and self-denial that comes forth from a faithful heart that dwells on God’s Word and draws life and hope from it. Beginning in the 4th century the observance of Lent originally became connected with a forty day fast prior to Easter. This tradition continues today as some Christians give up meat during Lent or surrender a vice like chocolate, coffee, or television. Still others eat a meager meal during the season for worship. While a fast of any kind is not necessary, it is certainly a helpful way to discipline the body and the mind upon the things of God and the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf. Should you decide to fast in some way, it may be helpful to consider Jesus’ words about fasting in his Sermon on the Mount, “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward” (Matthew 6:16).

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes on March 2. The purpose of the imposition of the ashes is to call to mind the curse given to Adam by God after the Fall in Genesis 3:19, “By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” May our Lord richly bless your contemplation as you reflect on God’s great love for you through the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Pastor Tom



**SUNDAY, MARCH 13** - Second Sunday in Lent—Daylight Saving  
Spring forward 1 hour

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**—Third Sunday in Lent; Healing Service  
follows

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10**, Holy Week begins

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 6pm; pot luck dinner,  
and communion**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 7pm.** Service of Tenebrae

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 9:00 am. Communion** ,Easter egg  
hunt follows; Take home your Easter Lillies and Mums after the  
Easter

### **Lenten Dollar Folders distributed**

Each household may pickup your Lenten folder at the church on Sunday or call the office for alternative mailing. You are encouraged to use the folder during the days of Lent and return it during Easter week. Your gifts provide funding for various national and international mission projects of Zion. You may mail it to the church, drop it off at the office, or place it in the special collection baskets that will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary during Easter.

**April HiLites deadline** is March 20.

### **Daylight Saving Time begins March 13**

Please remember to reset your clocks on Saturday, March 12, yes you will lose an hour of sleep.



### **Easter Flowers**

On Easter Sunday our sanctuary will be decorated with lilies and white mums placed in memory and honor of loved ones. You may purchase your own flower directly or order through the church. A listing of memorial flowers will be included with the Easter bulletin. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a form to return to participate. Cost is \$10 each. Please note the deadline for orders is Sunday, March 13. If you are purchasing and bringing your own flower to the church, we still need you to complete the form so we have the memorial name information.





### **Holy Communion schedule**

Upcoming dates for Holy Communion:

March 2—Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

April 3— Sunday

April 14—Thursday, Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 17, Easter, 9 a.m. in the sanctuary

(Note there is only the 9 a.m. service on Easter.)

**Consistory** will meet on Wednesday , March 9, 7 p.m. in the Sunday School Room in the church.



### **YOZ (Youth of Zion)**

Sunday March 27 2-4pm Come for an afternoon of Games. See item elsewhere of what to bring.

### **Game Day for all ages**

Come to church on Sunday, March 27 from 2-4 pm to share in an afternoon of fun and games. Do you like to climb ladders and chute down slides? Maybe you want to show our youth and others from church. Friends are welcome. We also ask if you could bring a snack to share with everyone.



**Pastor Tom's installation to Zion—2/20/22**





I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you and a photo of our staff with the delicious donuts! (I don't think the first box lasted longer than 5 minutes.) We truly appreciate the thoughtful cards and notes of encouragement your members sent in. It is humbling to know we are in your prayers!

Kayla and the IMCU Team.



### **Wednesday Lenten Bible Study**

Join us in the Parish House each Wednesday, 10 a.m. for our midweek Bible study. Bring a Bible. New members and friends are welcome. This is a great time for learning and fellowship. And remember if the School District delays or cancels school, Bible Study will not meet.



### **Healing service**

Our monthly service of anointing and healing will follow worship on Sunday, March 20. This is an opportunity to seek prayer for yourself, for a loved one or friend, or a community or world concern. Simply join us at the front of the sanctuary as the postlude concludes.



### **Vacation Bible School**

Come on Sunday, March 27 at 1:30 pm to do some brain storming for this year's VBS. It is being planned again for July. We need to figure out a theme and possible outings for the kids to enjoy. So come with your exciting ideas. This is for anyone to come and be a part. If you are a parent or friend who would like to help out, please be in touch with Sherri Arrowood at 717-816-5514



### **Rose Sunday early notice**

Yes, it is still winter. The Roses have not begun to emerge. But many of you like to plan ahead so as not to miss Rose Rent Sunday. It is Sunday, June 12 this year. The day will begin with a fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by a program at 10:30 a.m. We will gather outside to select the rental rose and at 10:45 a.m. we begin the Rose Rent Service. Mark your calendars!

### **Friends of Hoffman Homes Membership Drive**

Good Bye Winter and Hello Spring, warmer days are coming. With Spring comes our annual Friends of Hoffman Homes membership drive. Membership is open to everyone with a minimum donation of \$5.00 per person. Please make your check payable to Hoffman Homes, Inc. Donations are tax deductible.

Jane Johnson is Zion's representative to Hoffman Homes, and she will receive your donation on April 3 and April 10 before and after church.

April 3rd is a special day, a Hoffman Homes Representative, will be our speaker for church.

The purpose of the Friends of Hoffman Homes is to acquaint supporters within the churches with programs, any new services, upcoming special events and any other major initiatives and news. The membership of Friends provides important financial support and activities to strengthen the services of Hoffman Homes and to continue the long, rich history of being a ministry of the church.

It's been a difficult year for all but with your help we can support the Hoffman youth through the continued uncertain days.

Your Hoffman Homes Representative  
Jane Johnson

# Family Page

## March Birthdays

**March 3, Polly Oyler**

**March 5, Danielle Rinehart**

**March 6, Dan Smith**

**March 8, Sonya Frey**

**March 10, Sue Burke**

**March 11, Sally Magalski**

**March 12, Bob Sleighter**

**March 13, Nancy Gonder**

**March 15, Esther Wagner**

**March 19, Karen Sleighter**

**March 20, Charlotte Wagner**

**March 21, Nancy Houser**

**March 24, Brenda Neuroth**

**March 28, Jen Barnhart**

**Prayers from the church for Bill McMorris, Merle Pefley,  
and the Sleighter family after the passing of Bob “Doc”  
Sleighter.**

**Another Fun Evening of Painting with Patty, please notify  
the church office so there are enough supplies. The date  
Of painting is Monday, March 21, the time is 7 pm. to ??**

### **March is One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing is the most important mission offering of the year.

It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel there is nothing we can do to help. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that what little we can do – won't have an impact.

But there is hope! Better yet: we are that hope!

As the Apostle Paul writes, "by the power at work within us," God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20). "We are the agents of transformation that God uses to transfigure this world" (Archbishop Desmond Tutu).

Wishing and dreaming of a better world means nothing if we don't realize that God gives us community to practice love and compassion. We cannot only care for ourselves, but we must also care about those around us, both near and far.

Our gifts become part of a loving legacy in ways we can't foresee. Our gifts become blessings to people we don't know and blessings in ways we can't imagine. We can make a difference beyond what we can imagine.

You will find included with your newsletter a special envelope to use. Our target date is Sunday, March 27, but you can make your gift anytime during the month. Every year this is our largest special offering, so let's have everyone participate this year. Envelopes are also available in the church pews. Please include your name or envelope number if you wish your gift included on your financial statement.

### **Women's Guild**

Women's Guild will meet on, Tuesday, March 8th at 1:30 in the Parish House.

**June Display Case— topic will be Our Church Family.**

Please share a family picture. It does not need to be done professionally. A holiday picture, vacation picture, or a selfie! Be sure to put your name and information on the back of the photo so we can return it to you. Send or give your photo to Candy Wagner by May 22.

Women's Guild will be selling Butcher Shoppe coupons for 12" subs in March. The coupons will be available after the 8th of March and cost will be \$6.00. Please Support the Guild as this will take the place of our Global Ministries Luncheon this year.

**Historical** Committee will meet to change the display Cases on March 24th at 9:00am.

