



# MARCH

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Worship Hours:**

- Traditional Sunday, 8am
- Contemporary 10:30am

**Church Office Hours: by  
Appointment**  
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**Mission:** Making disciples  
of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world.

**Vision:** To be a memorial  
to  
the community that God is  
mighty.

**Strategy:** Promoting  
"Community Groups" that  
are "Connecting Church to  
Home."

Humility is not  
thinking less of  
yourself; it's  
thinking of yourself  
less. C. S. Lewis

**Christian Community**  
Pastor Kurt Herzberg

My wife and I just returned from vacation in Hawaii. I decided I would watch our New Creation Community Church services on-line as my Sunday Worship. I wanted to see what it was like. This part of our ministry has grown in the last three years, and it's an important alternative for those that cannot have a physical presence. As I watched, I appreciated hearing the message and music., the prayer concerns, and I really appreciated the glimpses I saw of my church family.



I so much appreciate the congregation I shepherd! My need to be present was accentuated with the five-thousand-mile distance from home. You appreciate the ability to be physically present in church more when it's out of reach! Being away, when near or far, can leave you poor in spirit and lonely.

Imagine being poor, alone, no home, living on the street, and the limousine of POTUS pulls up to you. The president invites you in, you board Air Force One, fly to the White House, and you get cleaned up, get new clothes, and dine on the finest food. But then you notice you aren't alone. Others like you are living there too. You share your stories and discover they have experienced the same thing as you. They become like family to you... brothers and sisters bonded in common experience.

In a sense, this is our story! We were found in the gutter, poor in spirit, invited by our King, and have entered into His familial presence. He provides, gives us a home (earthly and heavenly), and we now have brothers and sisters everywhere!

While I am devoted to my Dover family, watched the services on-line, sent my tithes in electronically, I realized my family is much bigger! I was homesick to find a church to worship in person!! I had to be with other brothers and sisters! This time

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This time my wife and I decided to go to the Army’s Fort DeRussy Chapel in Honolulu. My grandfather was a career Army officer. Fort DeRussy is no longer a fort, but there is a military museum, the chapel, a park and beach open to the public, and a Hale Koa Resort exclusively for military personnel to enjoy. I remember in the early 70’s my grandmother would take me on base, past what I think was an officer’s clube, to the private beach. I thought I was something special! And at the chapel on Ash Wednesday and for Sunday service, I felt special too! Privileged to be a part of the family of God. Missing home so much, but privileged to have a welcoming place to worship and be with like-minded people. Privileged to worship in a place that seemed like Eden as I looked through the open walls of the chapel.



Do you have affection for your church family? Are you devoted to them? Do you seek being with them and experiencing God with them? Please take the opportunities to be together not only on Sundays, but to spend quality time meeting others at our events, working side by side, and showing appreciation for your family by building Christian friendships.

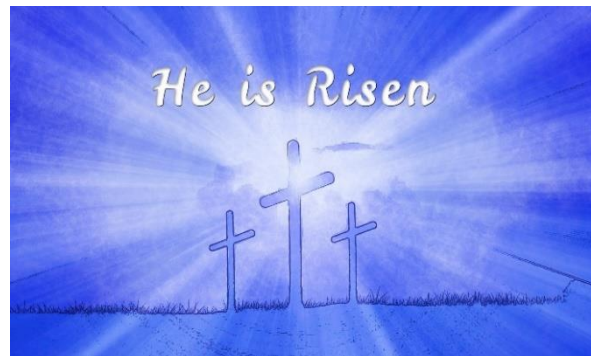
I will close with some testimony.

Marty Green competently commits his time to lead our finance committee, but he recently was motivated to step out of his comfort zone to work in the church kitchen for a fundraiser. What he discovered was the blessing of meeting persons he didn’t know, reconnecting with those he does, and sharing a meaningful experience together. Even though he does so much for the church already, he testified that this made him feel more a part of the church!

In 2023, we are emphasizing fellowship within the church. Will you commit to participating more? Will you step out of your comfort zone and busy schedule to meet and know your brothers and sisters in Christ? Start here at NCCC. Maybe meet others on vacation? Share in the family of God wherever and as much as you can and be blessed because of it!

## Lent and Easter Season

As we approach the glory of Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the messages of our Sunday services will center on the “From the Ashes” series. Our Maundy Thursday service will be April 6 at 7 pm, and We will have a Good Friday service on April 7 at 7 pm



## Chicken Pot Pie

On Feb, 25 we had our annual chicken pot pie dinner. This was both dine-in and quarts to go. I was asked what we do with the profits from the dinner. Well, that's an easy answer: they support the domestic mission trip.

"Why don't the people going on the trip pay for themselves? Why do a fundraiser for it?" they asked. The answer is more complicated. You see, the mission is about serving, giving of yourself to help others, and sometimes that is hard to do financially. Many of the adults who go have to take a week's vacation or sometimes take leave without pay, and that can strap a family for more than a week, not to mention paying for the kids who join in and who usually don't have any income. Then we have all the adults over 21 bring a car and pay for their own gas on the trip. Depending on how far we travel we may need to stop for a meal both ways, and stop during the week for treats.

Yes, they volunteered for this—4 from NCCC so far, with more probably joining by the March 15 deadline. They knew what they were getting into when they said yes. And many believe that the sacrifice is part of the experience.

However, I disagree. If we can fundraise money to cover the cost of the mission with team members just paying a deposit, we should. It's our contribution toward the church's purpose of discipleship. We desire that finances is not an obstacle to discipleship and service. We are glad to help facilitate your decision for your child to experience the wonders of a loving God while doing missions, and seeing how God can use them to make someone else's life better. Even with the desire to serve, many can't cover the financial cost.

That's why we fundraise for the mission trips, so that anyone who wants to go, can go, and families don't have to bear an additional burden. Another reason is that people who wish they could join the travelers but can't, can provide much needed support for the mission by participating in the fundraising effort.

A side benefit: it's fun! Having people come together and make the noodles, and another time to do the dinner, gives a chance to be with friends, talking, laughing and just enjoying everyone's company. We all lead very busy lives, and we don't always have the time just hang out. God takes everything we do and makes it radically better.

So, back to the dinner. Inside dining was not what we had hoped. After Covid we have struggled with getting people to come inside to dine. The sale of quarts, on the other hand, has increased tremendously. We sold 114 quarts over Saturday and Sunday, raising a gross total of \$1500.

Submitted by Cheryl Foeks

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Mary Geiselman	3/12 Josie Kroft	3/24 Ed Gleason
3/3 Solomon Nero	3/18 Kaleb Mulhollen	3/25 Cathy Boileau
3/5 Karen Wallace	3/17 Jamie Mulhollen	3/29 Ronald Shaffer
3/8 Bart Pyle		3/30 Cameron Oliver

## Obituary—Walter Fetterly

Walter Fetterly, 65, passed away on February 20, 2023. Born on November 30, 1957, in Scranton, Pa, he was the son of the late Rev. Walter and Ethel (Waring) Fetterly.

Walter graduated from Wyomissing High School and attended Shenandoah Conservatory and Alvernia University. A talented musician, he was the organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church in York, Pa. He played numerous instruments, and played the organ and piano at various churches throughout his life. Walter was also our backup pianist for our contemplative (800 AM) service.

Walter will be greatly missed. He had the biggest heart and gave the best bear hugs. He was always a comedian and could make anyone laugh, and he also loved to eat!

Left behind to cherish his memory are three daughters: Kayla Fetterly, Jennilyn Calvert (David) and Shelly Ilgenfritz; two brothers, Paul Fetterly (Sheryl) and Tim Fetterly; sister, Ethel Altig; three grandchildren, Maleah Fetterly, Alexis Calvert and Ella Calvert; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on March 11th, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 320 N Queen St York PA 17403. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Gladfelter Funeral Home, Inc. is entrusted with the arrangements.

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## THANKS, NEW CREATION FAMILY!!

Thanks to the support of the congregation in attending and enjoying our pancakes and egg casseroles, our youth group were able to attend the Winter Jam concert in Reading on Feb. 23. 5 youth were able to come: Mariah Linn, Shania White, Selene Heckrote, Maiya Irwin, and Darius White, accompanied by Sherry and Brady Chubb, and Katie Miller.

Reports from the group were that the concert was amazing & life changing! More than 11 acts performed, including Jeremy Camp, NewSong, Christian rapper NF, Austin French, and We The Kingdom. Our students were moved to sign up to sponsor a little boy named Abde through World Vision out of their desire to make an impact in the world, for the glory of God.



## Being a Disciple Part 3—Know the Scripture

by Ralph Brandt

Having studied in Parts 1 & 2 the concept of adopting the role of servanthood as a means of following Christ, we are now getting to the spiritual side of discipleship.

Every person who has been a Christian for even a short time should be able to give someone the good news of the gospel. It is simple. I have heard it explained in all kinds of ways, but there are key scriptures that define the work of Christ as it applies to the sinner. Simply put: Don't be a Pharisee.

Matthew 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are." I have seen this presentation done where the person is left so steeped in religion, but not in Christ. When the person is brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, they become a better person. There is change, positive change. Religion does not do that.

When I am trying to present the gospel (as I have in some situations), I have only a couple verses I work with.

- John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

As I share these scriptures with someone, I will talk about God's love and what He has meant to me.

His love is so amazing it is hard to grasp. Do not make it more difficult for the one you are seeking to help.

## Fun and Games

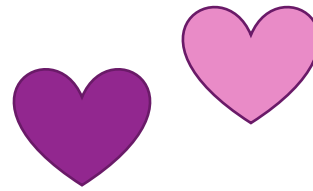


Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, about 30 people showed up for a casual social night. Definitely going to be more of these on our schedule!



## Message from the District Superintendent

February 20th, 2023



Dear Beloved Pastors and Laity of the York District,

As the writer of Ecclesiastes reflects, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven”.

I am writing today to share the news that after much prayer, conversation with my medical team as well as family, I have requested to retire at the end of this appointment year, effective June 30th, 2023.

As I understand that may come as a surprise to some, let me add these words:

First, my heart is full of gratitude at this moment. For 29 years, the York District has been our ministry home. The love and appreciation we have for the people in this district has only deepened in these past three years serving as your Superintendent. Words cannot express my gratitude to the pastors and laity of this district who dream big, love courageously, and spend themselves so that others might be encountered by Jesus Christ through you. I have been challenged by you, inspired by you, and become a better follower of Christ because of you. While the role of Superintendent has been a challenging one, it has been a profound honor and joy to serve alongside of you in this office, and I give God thanks for each one of you.

Second, please know that I believe retirement to be God’s call on my life for this next season. In the past year there have been several shifts in our family and in my health. Mike and I have prayerfully discerned it is now the season to be released from full time ministry so that I might be more fully present to family members who are dependent on me for their care, and to embrace a kinder and gentler pace of life for my health.

Lastly, please know that as I retire my intention is to retire as a pastor in the United Methodist Church. After an appropriate time, we look forward to a future season where we once again share in the fellowship and ministry of our wonderful York District, supporting and encouraging whomever our new Superintendent may be. And I know you well enough to know that you will do all you can to support, encourage and embrace the leadership of your new Superintendent as well.

Thank you, York District. Even as God leads Mike and I ahead on our journey, we will always give God thanks for you and the manner in which you have reflected Christ to us, your communities, and the world.

Standing on the promises,  
Mike and Cathy B



## Children's and Family Ministries

### March News

This month we will be having a planning meeting for the **Easter Egg Hunt** which is to be held on April 1st from 12pm to 3pm. This annual event will include crafts, egg hunts for ages 2-8, and prizes! All are welcome! Anyone interested in leading the egg hunts or setting up for them, please see Sherry.

The **Youth Group** has been working through *The Battle for Prayer Teen Bible Study* By Stephen Kendrick and Alex Kendrick. This book teaches youth the importance and the process of adding prayer to your daily life. We've challenged the kids to pray more frequently and with purpose, and they have a new perspective on the power of prayer.

We will be postponing our 30-hour famine for our youth group to August, because of our busy schedule. Watch for details and sign-ups as we get closer to the date.

Currently our **Junior Church** focus has been on the 10 Commandments. We have been watching a series on Donuts that has been explaining what the Ten Commandments mean and showing us how to use them on a daily basis!

We are looking for Five Volunteers to take on the rotation of the **youth Sunday school**. This person will take one week every month and the fifth person would take the Sundays which fall on a month with five weeks—4 times in 2023, and 2 in 2024 (leap year).

We're also in the vision stages of developing a monthly group for upper elementary youth. We want to give them a chance to socialize, learn, participate in fun events just for them, and bond as a team of future youth group leaders! (If we could bottle their energy...!)

### Upcoming Events and Dates:

Every Sunday 9:30 AM- Youth Sunday School

Every Thursday 6-8pm: Youth Group

March 12- Egg Hunt helpers meeting

March 19th- VBS planning/ Shirt sizes due for all helpers/ volunteers

April 1st- Easter Egg hunt (Volunteers Appreciated!)

August—30-hour Famine



## NCCC Small Groups

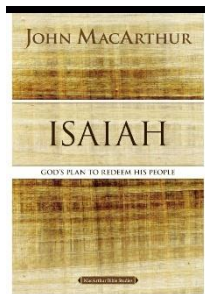
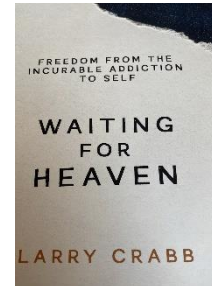
It's spring! Time for fresh flowers and fresh outlooks and goals. Maybe now is the time for you to connect with a small group of faithful fellow seekers!

-- **Griefshare** is a group for people seeking healing from a loss of someone they love, either recent or some time ago. The group meets at the church, Thursdays at 4 pm, and they are in the middle of a 15-week cycle. Come join us, now or when a new session starts in May. The members bond quickly to support each

other, and we've seen strong friendships form here. Contact the leaders, Jan Hufnagle and Pastor Kurt for more details.

-- We are fortunate to have a **Men's Accountability Group** here at New Creation. No book to study; no one takes attendance—just a group of guys who share each other's successes and bear each other's burdens with laughs and scriptural support and camaraderie. They gather on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at the church. Newcomers are welcome to join the conversation

-- **Revelations Women's Group** meets alternate Mondays at 9 a.m at members' homes, and on 3/13 they are beginning an engaging book called *Waiting for Heaven: Freedom from the Incurable Addiction to Self*. Explore the questions, "What will happen when we learn to eagerly wait for the Lord's return?" and "How does struggling to resist temptation move us into greater freedom from it?" Jan Hufnagle can provide further info.



-- **Sisters in Christ** is a group that prays together, studies together, and grows closer to God in a fellowship of sisterhood. We are just starting a new book, *Isaiah: The Promise of the Messiah*, to marvel at the amazing, accurate prophecies of God's work through his Son, more than 600 years before Jesus was born. We meet at members' homes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. See Margie Manley for more information.

-- Also on Mondays, the group **Understanding Abuse Bible Study** meets at the church from 5-6 p.m. Led by Pastor Kurt and Sherry Chubb, this group helps people who are looking for understanding of past trauma and of God's plan for healing and discovery of their true identity in Him. You are welcome to join at any time.



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-- Can't make it to a group during the week? Check out **Yinger's Pathfinders Sunday School class** for adults that meets in the room by the kitchen at 9:15 each week. Jeff Merkert leads lively conversations based on readings from Our Daily Bread (booklets by the front door, or download the app), as well as prayer concerns, our successes and errors of the week, all viewed through a lens of caring and humor!





# CIRCLE *of* PRAYER

For this cycle of Circle of Prayer we will be praying for our churches in the Susquehanna Conference our Sierra Leone Partner Churches and our Conference Camp/Retreat Centers.

## Churches for March 5-11

First UMC, Mercersburg  
Trinity UMC, Hummelstown  
Canoe Creek Union UMC, Williamsburg  
Mehoopany UMC, Mehoopany  
Bethany UMC, Berwick  
Beech Valley UMC, Trout Run  
Park Forest Village UMC, State College  
McAlisterville UMC, McAlisterville  
Richvale UMC, Blairs Mills  
Grover UMC, Grover

## Churches for March 12 – 18

Wehnwood UMC, Altoona  
Lake Ariel UMC, Lake Ariel  
Cross Roads UMC, Cross Roads  
Klinesgrove UMC, Sunbury  
Trinity UMC, Bellefonte  
Franklin Forks UMC, Montrose  
Nisbet UMC, Williamsport  
\*First UMC, Mechanicsburg  
\*Calvary UMC, Taiama - Sierra Leone  
McElhattan UMC, McElhattan  
Lewisberry UMC, Lewisberry  
Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center,  
Waynesboro

## Churches for March 19 – 25

Christ's UMC, Julian  
Janesville UMC, Smithmill  
Trinity UMC, New Columbia  
\*First UMC, Muncy  
\*Weaver Memorial UMC,  
Bonthe - Sierra Leone  
Zion Stone UMC, Halifax  
Calvary UMC, Fayetteville  
Faith UMC, Woodbury  
Bradley Memorial UMC, Dickson City  
Grace UMC, Wellsville  
Centennial UMC, Trout Run

## Churches for March 26 - April 1

Watts Memorial UMC, Belleville  
Mount Calvary UMC, Harrisburg  
Asbury UMC, York  
Lehman-Idetown UMC, Lehman  
St. Luke's UMC, Shade Gap  
Otterbein UMC, Sunbury  
Rote UMC, Mill Hall  
\*Linglestown Life UMC, Harrisburg  
\*Gaston UMC, Yengema - Sierra Leone  
Heshbon Park UMC, Williamsport  
Eatonville UMC, Tunkhannock  
Greene Hills Camp/Retreat Center & RV

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Griefshare 4-5:30 pm Youth Group 6-8 Choir 7:30	3 Game night 6-9	4
5 Order PB & Coconut Eggs (Yum!)	6 Understanding Abuse Bible Study 5-6 pm	7 Men's Accountability group 6:30 Daycare Board 6 pm	8 SEND Extended 6:30	9 Youth Group 6-8 Griefshare 4-5:30 pm Trustees 7 pm Choir 7:30 10		11
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Deadline for April newsletter is Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please send your articles or information to Margie at [Quiltgrand133@gmail.com](mailto:Quiltgrand133@gmail.com). Thank you!