

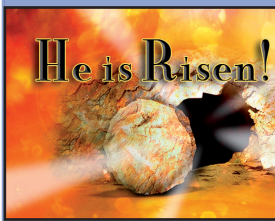


**MARCH/APRIL
2019**

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Pastor's Column Lent 2019



Lent is a journey
from the first
Sunday after Ash

Wednesday to Easter Morning.
The dates on the calendar (March 10th – April 21st) hardly show the immense shift in the cosmos that took place as Jesus traveled out of Samaria to Jerusalem – there to offer Himself as the final sacrifice for the sins of the world. Whatever the dates, we set aside these six weeks each year to re-member and participate in the mighty work God has accomplished in His Christ. Our sacrifice in honor of our Lord's sacrifice.

You are invited to share with one another, and with the Lord Jesus in this pilgrimage. A copy of *Devotions for Lent from the Holy Bible: Mosaic* is available for your reading and meditation in 2019. Scriptures, inspirational writings both contemporary and ancient are

presented along with illustrations and prayers in this small paperback book. It is published by Tyndale House.

The devotions are arranged by week, with inspirational words and images for the entire seven days:
Week 1 – (3/10) Genesis 2:15-17; Psalm 51; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Matthew 4:1-11
Week 2 – (3/17) Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 121; Philippians 3:12-4:1; Mark 8:31-38
Week 3 – (3/24) Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-21; John 4:5-42
Week 4 – (3/31) Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 32; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
Week 5 – (4/7) Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; Matthew 6:1-21
Passion Week – (4/14) Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

Happily, when you have this little

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book in your pocket or bag, you have all the Scriptures above printed out in the back pages. Thus, the devotional stands alone, should you be away from home as you continuously walk with Jesus in His journey. No Bible is required.



In this Season of Lent, we are invited joyfully to pursue Christian disciplines to prepare our hearts for the Easter miracle: 1) Reading

and meditating upon Scripture, 2) Praying, 3) Fasting (in part or completely for brief periods), 4) Good Deeds (acts of mercy) and 5) Sacrificial Giving. BCUMC has chosen the Banks Christmas Food Box Ministry as the recipient of special giving. CUMC has chosen Heifer Project as the focus for sending goats and chicken eggs to where they are needed.

Yours in Christ,
Margot



CALENDAR FOR MARCH/APRIL:

03/03, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Firefighters Breakfast

03/06: Ash Wednesday service at CUMC

03/10: Daylight Savings Begins

03/10: First Sunday in Lent

03/10: Administration Council meeting

March

03/01 Leslee Sipp

03/09 Andy Haboush

03/28 Kathy Douglas

03/28 Gail Haboush



April

04/02 Fred Van Dyke

04/03 Claire McGinnis

04/10 Nancy Danielson

04/11 Mary Mock

04/14 Jack Boswell

04/23 Linda Wygle

04/26 Dave Bernel

follows the service.

03/17: St. Patrick's Day Finger Food Potluck follows the service

04/14: Palm Sunday

04/18, 6:30 PM: Maundy Thursday service and Potluck Dinner at BCUMC

04/19: Good Friday

04/21: Easter Sunday

04/28: 110th Anniversary Celebration of BCUMC

MONDAYS:

7:00 PM: Fall bible study at Leola Stigleman's home.

WEDNESDAYS:

9:30 AM: OGC a "retired guys fellowship" meets at the Trailhead Café.

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10 AM: Women's Bible study at Dianne Harrang's home.

SUNDAYS:

First & third Sundays, 5 - 6 PM: Banks Community United Methodist Youth Group meets, for students grades 3-8. Contact Mariana Haboush Knifer, Sarah Howard Boswell or Jimmy Boswell for more information.

We celebrate Lent.
It's a chance to get closer to Jesus.
On Ash Wednesday, open door #1.
Then open a door on every Sunday that follows to prepare for the upcoming week of Lent—door #2, then #3, and so on.

Lent begins today. This week, focus on making do with less. Together, read Joel 2:12-13. Then make a promise to give up something—or to do something for others—during Lent.

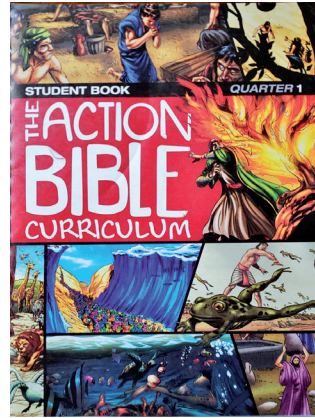
This week, focus on a life of prayer. Together, read Romans 10:8-13. Then make up a special prayer for Lent. Post it where your family will see it during Lent.

It's Easter! Be joyful—Jesus lives! Together, read Luke 24:1-12. Then take a walk to look for examples of new life, such as flower buds or baby birds.

FOR KIDS AND YOUTH
Be part of Lent 2019 with this
WEEKLY CALENDAR
Count the days 'til
EASTER SUNDAY
on APRIL 21st.

BANKS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Banks Community Church youth group has gotten off to a slow start, but with the purchase of materials that support The Action Bible that we gift to our youngsters, we will be up and running for March! Youth Group



will be starting up again this Sunday, March 3rd at 5 PM. We will be meeting every Sunday (except for Spring Break and holidays) until school is out for summer.

Our study this quarter is The Action Bible Curriculum. And

while everyone will be doing the Action Bible Curriculum, we will be dividing the kids into two groups, Elementary or Middle/High School, and tailoring it to those different age levels. The lessons feature God in Action that is supported with a video based on the scripture being taught each week. The leadership is being divided to include an MC (Sarah Boswell) who is responsible for organizing meetings and communication to the public, 2 teachers (Mariana Knifer-youth and Renee Walker-teens), and a youth leader (Katie Lardy) who will help organize materials, snacks, and working alongside the young people.

The grant we received will cover the cost of materials. We are super excited to bring the Action Bible to life for our young people and we would covet your prayers and support as we grow in the community.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The final figures are in and the numbers are impressive. Worldwide 10,623,776 shoeboxes were collected, the final destination being over 10 million children reached in the name of Jesus Christ.

The breakdown is;

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| United States | 8,801,607 |
| NW region | |
| (OR, WA, ID, MT, AK) | 305,197 |
| Portland Metro area | 26,445 |
| Banks Drop-Off Location | 1,273 |
| Banks Community UMC | 65 |

Although it has been a few months since we prayed over our shoeboxes and shipped them out to the distribution centers, we know many of these boxes are still on a very long journey to very remote parts of the world. Prayer is an important part of our shoebox mission, from the prayers you say when packing your boxes, those said over them as we send them off, and the continued prayers as the boxes make their way, under God's leadership, to the millions of children who will be blessed in the name of Jesus Christ and be given the opportunity to hear the Good News. So, please keep praying.



Franklin Graham writes: *I travelled to the Caribbean to help hand out Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts on the island of Antigua where families are still recovering from Hurricane Irma. It was a blessing to be*

able to bring gifts and the hope of the Gospel to children who have suffered so much.

We praise God and thank people like you who packed over 10.6 million gift boxes in 2018 that we have shipped to more than 100 countries around the world! That's only the beginning of a global evangelistic outreach that will continue throughout much of the year.

As churches hand out shoebox gifts as an outreach to their community, they share the Gospel and invite children to get involved in our follow-up ministry, called The Greatest Journey. We train hundreds of thousands of volunteer teachers who lead children through a 12-lesson course where they learn Bible stories, memorize scripture, and realize how much God loves them. We praise God that nearly 9 million children have trusted

Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through The Greatest Journey! Millions of them are now prayerfully sharing the Gospel with their families and friends.

God is using The Greatest Journey to transform lives even in places like Syria, where children have been terribly traumatized by war. In one class a 10 year old boy told his teacher that he did not love anybody, not even God. But as she prayed for him and he continued the lessons, she saw his heart transformed by the Gospel, and he gave his heart to Jesus. He even began boldly sharing Bible stories with friends at school.

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When his teacher asked him about his new attitude, he told her, “God has changed me”.

As shoebox gifts are handed out and The Greatest Journey lessons begin, please keep praying for the children whose lives are being touched by your gifts. Ask God to transform their hearts and make them into ambassadors for Christ.



LENT

What is Lent? Lent is an annual Christian season of preparation for Easter beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting for 40 weekdays up to Easter, when we observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. Whether you decide to increase your Bible reading and prayer time, or fast from certain types of “luxuries”, these 6 weeks are a time for self-examination and reflection.

The members of the Worship Committee have again chosen a mission opportunity for self-denial offerings during Lent. We will start collecting on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, and gather up our offerings on Easter Sunday, April 21st.



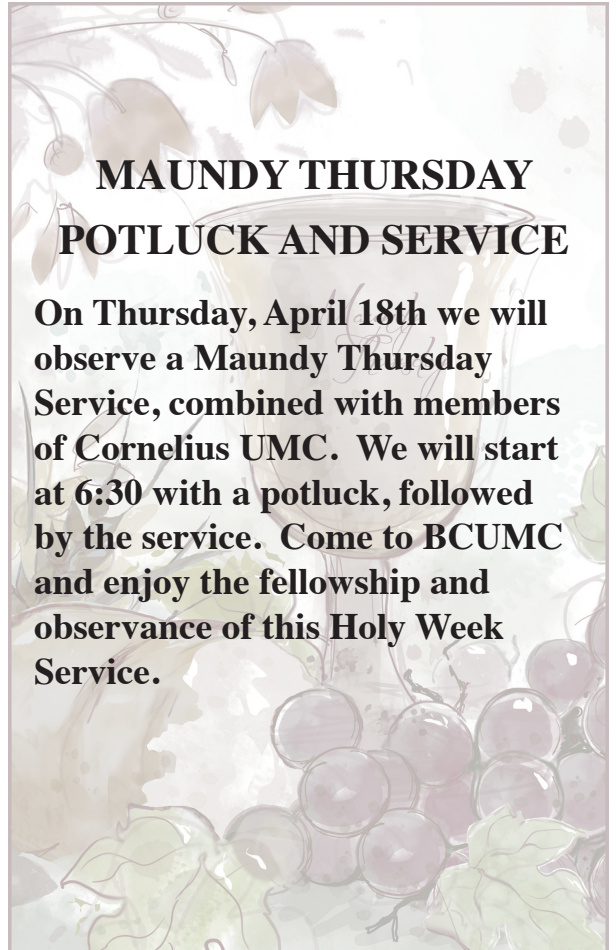
This year our Lenten self-denial offerings are staying local and will go to our Christmas Food Boxes. With the increased number of food boxes packed in December and the additional foods needed the committee

thought it would be a real blessing if we could supplement the Christmas Food Box funds. In past years we have received between \$300 and \$400 from our Lenten offerings and that amount, if collected again, would purchase quite a few canned items.

The members of the Youth Group will be providing some nicely decorated cans to use as our collection receptacles. Look for them in early March. Your self-denial giving will be a blessing to many of our local community members.

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK AND SERVICE

On Thursday, April 18th we will observe a Maundy Thursday Service, combined with members of Cornelius UMC. We will start at 6:30 with a potluck, followed by the service. Come to BCUMC and enjoy the fellowship and observance of this Holy Week Service.





Rev. Dexter Danielson
Chaplain
Forest Grove Police and Fire

As I have retired as Chaplain the most frequent question I am asked is: “What are you going to do with your time?”

That’s a good question, while my Chaplain duties usually involve about twenty to thirty hours a week; the being ready to respond and answer calls for emergency need’s means being available and prepared on a twenty-four-hour basis; this required keeping that in mind as I went about my days and nights. The state of readiness itself caused constraints and pressures on my time.

The answer to the question is; I have many things I can see to do with my time. The priority for a few weeks will be Nancy’s recovery from hip replacement surgery which took place on January 29th. I have deferred projects around the house including the improvement to my back-garage building to set up a small woodworking shop. I plan to go fishing more and we want to spend more time at the coast in our trailer as well as travel more, maybe even a cruise in a few months. I may even take up my golf game again.

And always what I will do with my time is subject to “if” God has a call for me again, perhaps a less demanding role but still one that fulfills a purpose for God, and if it’s OK I can do some of these things too!

MISSIONS

Dear Praying Supporters:

God gave us such a wonderful week in Quito. We thank God for giving us that opportunity to participate in the dedication of the new van for the Camp Hope orphanage. Just to see the smiles on the faces of the staff and children as it drove in was so rewarding as this need was finally met. Al was asked to give the prayer of dedication. The children enjoyed taking a ride in their new van to the rehab center. After the dedication there was a time of fellowship with snacks. We had a visit from the representative of the social service dept. of the government and several board members of Camp Hope in attendance. Rita, Camp Hope’s director, expressed her sincerely thanks for your prayers and to those who made this all possible. We enjoyed spending some time with our daughter and family. We met with friends and co-workers during our week there.

We thank God for the privilege to serve our dear children at Camp Hope. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Our love to you all,
Al and Connie
1 Thessalonians 3:9



FEBRUARY SENIOR LUNCH

We had 49 seniors attending our Valentine Senior Lunch on February 6th. Good turnout for us! We also had five or six hard working helpers to prepare the food and clean up afterward. Thank you for helping out.

Leslee scheduled third graders from Banks Elementary to sing two wonderful songs and then the kids handed out hand made Valentines to the Seniors!

Lunch was lasagna and was well received but a little messy. Going to have to beef up the clean up team for next one!

After lunch I entertained the guests with stories about my body armor or “shell” back brace along with some PG humor about my husband putting the brace on me! A fun time was had by all.



Sally

BANKS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 110TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This church began long before the land was purchased and the building built. Early pioneers came in on donation land claims. Peyton and Anna Wilkes had 634.49 acres and



settled here close to Dairy Creek. As settlers moved in, these hardy pioneers felt a need to worship together and would meet in a home on what is now Banks Road.

As time went by, the Wilkes family sold to the Schulmerich and Banks families. John Banks donated some property so a church could be built. Mike Schrammel and Phil Parmley were the builders. They built a strong church that has been home to many generations of those who love God.

Join us on April 28 for the Service and Potluck to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of Banks Community United Methodist Church.



RECIPE CORNER

BLUEBERRY OATMEAL BARS

9 x 13 pan 350-degree oven

Base:

2 cups quick-cooking oats

1 cup flour

1 cup brown sugar

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp soda

3/4 cup butter, softened

Mix dry ingredients well; add butter, mix thoroughly until small crumbs. Reserve 1 ½ cups for topping. Press remaining mixture in the bottom of the pan. Set aside.

Filling:

In medium saucepan, mix together:

3 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

1/8 cup water

1/2 cup sugar

Over medium heat, bring to boil, then simmer 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

In a small bowl, mix 2 tbsp cold water and 4 tsp cornstarch. Add cornstarch/water to blueberries, stirring well. (I also like to add 1/4 tsp each nutmeg and cinnamon at this point.) Boil one minute, until thickened. Cool.

Spread over oatmeal base; crumble reserved oat mixture evenly on top.

Bake 35 min. (Bake 40-45 min if doubling recipe for 12" x 18" pan)

Recipe submitted by Trudey Cheney

PASTOR MARGOT'S OFFICE HOURS

Banks Community UMC

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cornelius UMC

Monday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(At all hours, and any day Sunday through Thursday, please use her cell phone number.) She is also available for urgent or emergency matters at all times via cell.

BANKS TELLER

All submissions to the *Banks Teller* are **DUE BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH** preceding the month you wish it to run. The *Banks Teller* is published every two months.