

Sunday: 03-22-15
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Ross & Alyssa Evans)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Wednesday: 03-25-15
12:00 PM Senior Luncheon

Friday/Saturday: 03-27-15
5:00 PM Converge – Youth Group Conference

Sunday: 03-29-15 – Palm Sunday
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

If anyone wishes to contribute money towards the **flowers for the cross on Easter**, please give your **donation** to Carol, Denise, or Jen. Thanks!

The first **Senior Luncheon** of the year will be held this week, **Wednesday**, March 25 at 12:00 noon at the Lion's Club building.

The **Youth Group** will be attending Converge Conference 2015 **March 27-28**, Friday 6:00 – 10:30 pm, and Saturday 9:00 am – 11:00 pm. **Teens, meet at the Manse for pizza at 5:00 pm!**

On **April 2nd** our annual Maundy Thursday meal by the Morris Family will be at 6:00 pm. Following the meal, the **Maundy Thursday Service and Communion** will begin at 7:00 pm.

The Youth Group invites everyone to the **Easter Sunrise Service, Easter morning at 7:00 am.** After the service, the **Easter Sunrise Breakfast** will be served. Let us all come out for sharing good food and fellowship as we gather together on this joyous Easter morning!

March 22, 2015



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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Prayer Concerns:

Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)
Ralph Du Cheney (father of Stacia Profit)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Gene Ellerbrock (in failing health – April Ellerbrock's father-in-law)
Jeannie Etzler (daughter of Warren Summersett)
Hope Eutsler (leukemia in remission)
Ralph Eversole (several conditions)
Margaret Keltner (in hospice – mother of Jan Jones)
Jesse (seeking help from heroin addiction)
Betty Lloyd
James Marshall (mysterious ailment)
Tim Morris (liver transplant)
Stacia Profit (painful sciatic pinched nerve)
Taylar Stephens & Family
Tom Theobald (cancer in remission)
Tim (cancer – friend of Barb Good)
Marjorie Rhoades (leg pains)
Aimee Schulte (friend of Sarah Kimmet)
Dave Slygh (organ transplant problems)
Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Pete McCollow (U.S. Marine Corps)

In Mourning:

The Family of Janell (Swygart) Miller

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Die to Live” John 12:20-33
Salem Presbyterian Church
Sunday, March 22, 2015

The Greek question was, "How can we know Jesus?" It is the question that everyone still asks. How can we receive the power that was demonstrated in the raising of Lazarus, the power to bring new life into our lives? How can we experience new life if we were not there with Jesus? The answer is, you can know Him from the cross. Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Jesus is Lord of all.*

Teaching Point Two: *Understand which Jesus we present to people.*

Teaching Point Three: *You have nothing to lose in following Jesus.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity (John 12:25 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Early disciples of Jesus left the security of home, temple, and tradition and risked it all on Jesus (Mark 7:5). They knew that we worship a risk-taking God. When God created the universe, he took risks by creating a world endowed with freedom; God didn't make us robots. God gave us freewill, which meant He risked our rejection, and risked our refusal of righteousness. Are you willing to risk following Jesus. Are you willing to move out of the shell you're in? Are you willing to risk life? It is there on the cross. You are forgiven. Be reconciled to God. God loves you as a son or a daughter. It is there on the cross. "God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

In essence, what a caterpillar calls death and the risk of the unknown, we call a butterfly. Why not be like the disciples and give God our all?