



Pastor's Ponderings

Ash Wednesday is March 6 and Easter is April 21 and the days from March 6 to April 21 offer an opportunity to do more than “give something up for Lent.”

Following the daily devotional (available at church) will be a good foundation for exploring our faith and adding new depths in our faith journeys. Lent is really all about study and learning more about Jesus. It is about finding ways to put our trust in his call to love and serve our neighbor in whatever ways they need us.

We are planning three strands of experiences for adding opportunities for different dimensions of devotional focus for this year’s Lenten Journey. The first will be the developing story depicted by the banners around the room. They depict Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem.

The second will be in sermon themes beginning March 3, the Sunday before Lent. The third will be a follow up to the sermon in the 10 AM Thursday “Movies with a Message” and bring your own lunch.

- March 3 Luke 9:28-36 Reaching New Heights
- March 7 Hidden Figures
- March 10 Psalm 91:1,2, 9-16 Finding our Spiritual Home
- March 14 The Hiding Place
- March 17 Phil. 3:17- 4:11 Dealing with our Past
- March 21 Spitfire Grill
- March 24 Luke 13; 1-9 How Long, O Lord?

- March 28 The Turin Horse
- March 31 Luke 15: 1-10 Welcoming Strangers to Table Fellowship
- April 4 Dragonfly
- April 7 Isaiah 43: 16-21 Quantum Christianity
- April 11 My Life
- April 14 Luke 19: 28-40 Palm Sunday – An Action Parable
- April 18 6:00 PM Seder Meal
- April 21 Luke 24: 1-12 Get it straight from the Easter People

Hope that you can join us for the entire Lenten Journey in preparation for Easter



Lenten Movies with a Message



10 AM, Thursdays from March 7 – April 18

Movie begins at 10 followed by Bring your own lunch and discussion

March 7 – Hidden Figures The story of a team of African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA in the early days of the space program.

March 14 – The Hiding Place Corrie and Betsie ten Boom are middle-aged sisters working in their father's watchmaker shop in pre-World War II Holland. Their uneventful lives are disrupted with the coming of the Nazis. Suspected of hiding Jews and caught breaking rationing rules, they are sent to a concentration camp, where their Christian faith helps them endure hardships.

March 21 – Spitfire Grill Percy, upon being released from prison, goes to the small town of Gillead, to find a place where she can start over again. She is taken in by Hannah, to help out at her place, the Spitfire Grill. Percy brings change to the small town, stirring resentment and fear in some, and growth in others.

March 28 – The Turin Horse The Turin Horse is a 2011 Hungarian philosophical drama film directed by Béla Tarr and Ágnes Hranitzky, starring János Derzsi, Erika Bók and Mihály Kormos. It was co-written by Tarr and his frequent collaborator László Krasznahorkai. It recalls the whipping of a horse in the Italian city Turin which is rumored to have caused the mental breakdown of philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche.

April 4 – Dragonfly A grieving doctor is being contacted by his late wife through his patients' near death experiences.

April 11 – My Life Bob is dying of cancer. His wife, Gail, is expecting their first child. With a prognosis of only a few months of life left, Bob decides to record just about every aspect of his life on video tape.



Help for North Korea's Disabled thru the Kinsler Foundation

(Sue Kinsler wrote this as she left for Asia on February 23, 2019)

Greetings in Christ's name to those receiving our English Newsletter! Your prayers and support have undergirded our help for the North's disabled and orphans for which we give thanks. North Korea is still suffering under sanctions and therefore help from outside is really needed at this time. From January 9 to 23 on a trip to Seoul and China I was able to support our Kinsler Foundation work for the North. I enabled the sending of warm underwear for hundreds in the 12 special education schools as well as what was needed for job and sports training of the disabled. US government restrictions on its citizens kept me from visiting Pyongyang as it has for the past 18 months, but I and a South Korean supporter visited Shenyang, China to send help through the office for the Chosen Disabled Fund (CDF). [See picture on right: Sue and Rev. Jong-Hee Kim in the middle are shown with two new CDF staff on the left and a continuing staff person seated on the right.] Even sending artificial limbs for the disabled through CDF is prevented by the sanctions. But right now the February 27-28 summit meeting between President Trump and Chairman Kim in Viet Nam raises the hope that progress towards reducing NK's nuclear threat and loosening economic sanctions on the North will move things towards peace on the Korean peninsula. Let's pray that politically US and NK will become more friendly as is hoped for by millions of divided family members in both South and North. On my trip to Asia I will attend the 100th anniversary of the March First Independence Movement in Tokyo and Osaka before being present at the government's official celebrations in Seoul on March 1 & 2. Also in Seoul the Kinsler Foundation and the Consultation on South North Rehabilitation of the Disabled will hold a seminar which continues seminars on this subject already held in Taegu and Seoul attended by those working in rehabilitation, university professors, and those who may go to NK to teach special education and rehabilitation for the disabled including speech therapy. Already digging the ground in preparation for construction of the Pyongyang Rehabilitation Center for the Disabled building in Taedong-Gang District has begun. I have been working on this project since 2008 but the S-N political situation and the economic sanctions prevented the plan from going forward. Pray that this year construction may begin! North Korea really needs such a center because disabled persons need professional medical treatment, operations and rehabilitation before special education for those with visual, hearing and mental disabilities. Construction and operation of the building will meet the challenge of giving social welfare to enable those with disabilities to participate in society. Sue Kinsler continues, "I have a dream that we can revitalize the handicapped by training in the arts and sports. In the North if many disabled have their disability dealt with professionally, then we will give them a chance to have hope and dreams." Sue tells that she has begun preparing for the disabled from South and North to join having a cultural celebration with friendly sports competition. Sue began by taking disabled athletes to compete in the 2012 Special Olympics, then the Incheon Special Asian Games, the Rio Special Olympics and lastly the March 2018 PyeongChang Special Olympics [picture on left] when the Kinsler Foundation provided for ski training in China and Germany--this has been this preparation. Mrs. Kinsler tells what she is doing now. "On or about March 15 I plan to go to Shenyang, China and send goods in support of the North's suffering disabled persons. If at that time US restrictions on travel to NK are relaxed, then that trip will include a stop in Pyongyang."

May God's love and blessings be on you, our sponsors and friends, and all those working for world peace." Sue Kinsler
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From your session

At our February meeting:

- ◇ Voted to approve vacation for Henry in August and suggested he see if Rev. Sylvia Karcher is available for pulpit supply.
- ◇ Received the annual review of church financial records.
- ◇ Pastor Henry repaired the non-working alarm sensor for the back door. All groups using the church will be notified that they may begin setting the alarm as of March 1.
- ◇ New mats will be purchased for the front and back doors.
- ◇ The back door needs repair and a wall in the hallway needs repainting.
- ◇ We will seek estimates on new window/door coverings for the sanctuary.
- ◇ Due to family problems which will take Becky Bane out of town, the special Lenten project will be cancelled for this year.
- ◇ Voted to approve those who may teach in the Christian Education program of the church.
- ◇ Sue Bain has put an announcement about Movies With a Message on both our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- ◇ We have had our annual fire inspection. There are several violations that need to be corrected.
- ◇ Pastor Henry will continue investigating the possibility of hiring a part-time seminary intern.

GENERAL FUND	February 28, 2019	Year to Date Totals
Income	7,918.80	15,911.60
Expenses	8,058.68	15,661.41
Net Income	-139.88	250.19



DEACONS FUND	February 28, 2019	Year to Date Totals
Income	233.00	413.00
Expenses	80.00	161.43
Net Income	153.00	251.57



*Happy
♥
Birthday!*

**MARCH
BIRTHDAYS**

4.....*John Nyeango*
6.....*Egbe Ndipagbor*

**MARCH
ANNIVERSARIES**

No Anniversaries




**PRAY DURING MARCH FOR THESE
FAMILIES**

John & Qi Liu Nyeango
Alison Osborne
Alice Reille
Rita Riola
Lynda Rodisch
Mike Say
Bonnie Smith
Ty & Elizabeth Talbert
Marcia Twitchel
Cathy Aronson



MARCH 2019

PSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 10:30am	4	5 CBS 9:30am 	6  Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins	7 Movies with a Message 10am	8	9
10 Worship 10:30am	11	12 CBS 9:30am, Deacons 6pm	13 Sacred Space prayer group 9am	14 Movies with a Message 10am	15	16
17 Worship 10:30am	18	19 CBS 9:30am, Loving Needles 6:30pm	20	21 Movies with a Message 10am	22	23 Presbytery meeting, Women's breakfast, Loving Needles
24 Worship 10:30am, Session 12pm	25	26	27 Sacred Space prayer group 9am	28 Movies with a Message 10am	29	30
31 Worship 10:30am						

Vietnamese Church
every Sunday at
1:30pm



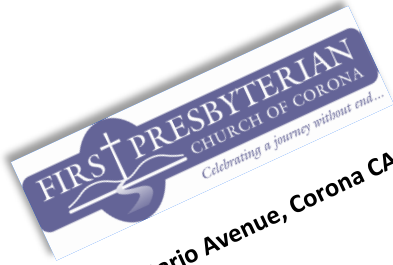
4th Saturday of each month,
Women's breakfast, Original
Pancake House, Norco, 8am
Loving Needles, 9:45am



Last Sunday of each
month is Food
Donation Sunday.

Adult Bible Study
9:30 am





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CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP,
DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP,
MINISTRY AND MISSION



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Our Church Staff

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30AM Adult Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
Sunday School (nursery care available)
First Press deadline –



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