

March 2020

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Pastor's Letter



Joshua found himself being tasked by our LORD to assume the mantle of leadership and take God's people into the Promised Land once Moses had passed away. Yahweh spoke to Joshua and said, "I will give you every place where you set your foot, **as I promised Moses**. . . *Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law . . . do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful . . . Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*" *Joshua 1: 3,7-9*

When it came time for Joshua to prepare God's people for his departure, he gathered the elders, leaders, judges, and officials. He reminded them of all that God had done for them, and assured them that God would continue to be faithful unto them, "Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain . . . The LORD your God Himself will drive them out of your way. He will push them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, **as the LORD your God promised you.**" *Joshua 23: 4-5*

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Joshua's name is the Old Testament equivalent to the New Testament's Yeshua - which we translate Jesus. They both mean "The LORD is salvation" or as I like to say, "God to the rescue." Jesus Christ is our LORD and Savior, and He is the One to lead all of us into the Promised Land. Giving us reason to celebrate Christmas, He entered our world in order to lead us to the Promised Land, and the freedom from sin and self-centeredness we all so desperately need is now ours if we are courageous enough to believe and receive such.

As we prepare for that glorious celebration of Jesus' victory over our last enemy, death, on Easter morning, we will spend our Sundays looking with focus upon some of the promises that our LORD has made to us. We have ample reasons to sing from our hearts the old hymn, "Standing on the Promises" and my sermon series will be entitled likewise.

Invite your family and friends; our God has made incredible promises to us and His promises are un failing, unwavering, and a sure foundation for us to build our homes upon. I will look forward to unpacking these with you throughout our Lenten trek towards our Easter celebration, which will include our reception into full membership those who've participated in our Confirmation class this year.

God bless you and yours!
John



Points of Prayer

March 2020

Lessilie and Lilly

Nate Harrower

Joe Trummer

Peggy Harris

Jane Risdon

Carol Seaman

Barbera Hooperwerf

Darcy Gifford

Brian Smith's Daughter

Jeff Stys

Sheila Clouse

Scott Storey (Irene McElreath Son
in Law)

Bette Stubbs

Missionaries

James Engelhardt

Our Military Men and Women

Marilyn Durham

Lynda Porrett

Paul Wade & Family

Earl McCartney

Joann Rhoades

Guy Reed

Pat Tyler

Donald Hill

Judy Rumley



Youth Group Schedule



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

March 15th Youth Group Meeting 6:00pm – 7:00pm

March 29th Youth Group Meeting 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Confirmation Class meets March 15th at 9:00am



Thank you for all the donations for
the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Calendar



Choir Bell practices are on Mondays, 6:30pm at First United Methodist Church.

Choir practices are on Thursdays, 6:00p.m., at Holy Family Church, (115 N. 6th St. St. Clair)

Bible Study is 2:00pm, Thursdays, in the River Room

March 12th, Craft Night at 6:00pm to 8:00pm

March 17th, Edward Jones Meeting at 9:30am

March 18th, UMW meeting at 1:00pm

March 19th, Ad Board Meeting 7:00pm

March 26th, Craft Night at 6:00pm to 8:00pm

March 29th, at 5:00pm St. Clair Cultural Series—Michigan Scottish Pipes and Drums (Tickets are available in the church office.)

April 5th, Palm Sunday

April 10th, 12:00pm Ecumenical Good Friday Service, Pastor John will be preaching at Colonial Woods in Port Huron (3240 Pine Grove Ave, Port Huron, MI)

April 10th , Good Friday Service at 7:00pm, Holy Family Church(115 N 6th St. St. Clair)

April 12th, Easter Sunday

Enhance Fitness meets Monday & Wednesday 2 classes, 9:00am and 10:00am

Friday 1 class at 9:30am

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8th.

Remember to spring forward.



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Joshua 1:9, NIV

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