



The Beauty of Holy Week

Dear CCUMC Family,

I pray that you are experiencing a spiritual and blessed Lenten time. Lent is perhaps my favorite season of the church year. It is a somber time when we remember the forty days when Jesus wandered in the desert and experienced temptation.

Each year, we live out the story of the passion and the resurrection during Holy Week. Each special service during Holy Week commemorates and gives liturgical life to an important element of the climax of Jesus's story.

This year, we will be offering a Holy Thursday service during which you will be invited to participate in a Christian Seder. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper when Jesus broke bread with his disciples. During the Last Supper, Jesus also demonstrated the embodiment of servant leadership when he washed the feet of his disciples.

Jesus was a rabbi, a teacher of the Jewish faith, and he was well versed in the Torah. Come join us on Holy Thursday as we share in a meal and explore the Jewish heritage of Jesus. The Christian Seder will give us a deeper understanding and impact our Christian faith.

On April 1st join us at 10AM on Easter morning for one combined Easter service. During this service, there will be a special time for children when they will be invited to sing for the congregation. Please join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord!

May Your Easter Be Blessed,

Pastor Rebecca



Easter Egg Hunt

March 24th at 10:30AM

You're invited to an Easter Egg Hunt! Kids of all ages are welcome. Meet at the church sanctuary and don't forget to bring your basket! For more information, contact Priscilla Walk at 814-932-8372

Interesting Facts About John Wesley



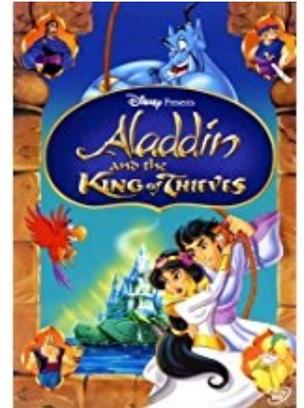
Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships. When asked if he would consider walking instead of riding, he replied, "Nay."

So let's compare:

- John Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times.
- The moon is roughly 250,000 miles from Earth.
- In Runner speak: that's 9,535 marathons or 19,070 half marathons.
- An average person takes about 2,000 steps to walk a mile. At that correlation, 50,000 steps would equal about 25 miles. The answer depends upon the length of a step. 5,000,000,000 steps = 250,000 miles
- Pennsylvania is 283 miles from east to west. Wesley would have crossed PA 883 times.
- The Atlantic Ocean's average depth is 12,881 feet with its deepest point lying at 27,490 feet. That would be over 51,229 dives to the floor and back.
- Lewis and Clark traveled more than 8,000 miles in less than two and one-half years. The significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition was far reaching.
- John Wesley's travels were also significant and far reaching!

Movie Nights Update

Aladdin brought us a whole new world! We had little princesses camped out on the floor with blankets and pillows to watch the movie. It wasn't a packed house but there were new faces and parents hung out and had time to interact and talk with Rebecca.



Lion was also a great movie. We got together for dinner and discussion the following day. The movie gave us all much perspective on life as a lost or abandoned child. How does it feel to be misplaced?

If there's a movie you would like to see or have a group discussion about, please let me know. I'm open to suggestions.

Any ideas you think of to open doors for the community, we are hear to listen.

Pam Harker



Forgotten

by Richard VanScoyoc

I was putting up a new calendar for 2018 and I noticed at the bottom of each page this quote, referring to military veterans, "The

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greatest casualty is being forgotten." This got me thinking of stories of people who were forgotten.

The U.S. Army was having war games in the southwestern desert area of our country. On the last day of the games, a soldier was posted far out in the desert. He was told to stay at his post until he was relieved. Then the troops packed up and returned to their home base. A few days later they discovered one of their men was missing, so they sent back a patrol to the desert looking for him. They found him still at his post, dead. Because they had forgotten to pick him up when they left the desert, the soldier was dead from the heat and lack of water and food. A grieving family lost a son because someone forgot. "The greatest casualty is being forgotten."

An old man was in a nursing home and his grown son told him he would come and take him home for Christmas dinner. Early Christmas day, the father dressed in his best clothes, told others proudly that his son was coming for him. He waited expectantly all morning, then noon came and he was still waiting. As the sun set and the sky darkened, the sad old man went back to his room. Christmas was over. His son had forgotten him. "The greatest casualty is being forgotten."

Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, adored her father when she was a little girl. He took her to New York City one day, and they passed by his social club. He was an alcoholic and wanted a drink, so he told her to wait outside for a few minutes and he would be back. (Females were not allowed in the club.) He stayed and drank with the club members and forgot Eleanor. A little girl waited on the street for hours for her beloved father to come to her.

In his drunkenness he forgot her. This incident affected her for the rest of her life. She could not imagine her father would forget her. "The greatest casualty is being forgotten."

We hurt people when we forget them. Let us never forget to be kind.

Worse than forgetting people is forgetting God. In Deuteronomy 8:11, God warned the Israelites as they prepared to enter the Promised Land, "Take heed lest you forget the Lord your God." When life is going well for us and we are busy, we can forget God. We feel we do not need God. After the Israelites enjoyed life in the Promised Land for many generations, they turned away from God. Jeremiah 3:21 says, "They have forgotten the Lord, their God," and Jeremiah 2:32 reads, "Yet my people have forgotten me days without number." Isaiah 53:6: "We have turned everyone to his own way." We tune out God and forget him. We sometimes forget God day after day and go our own way.

But if we forget God, he does not forget us.

God promises in Isaiah 49:15-16, "I will never forget you. Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands." At Isaiah 46:4 God says, "And even to your old age, I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear, even I will carry, and will deliver you."

I am 101 years old and my hair is white, and God says to me "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

God never forgets us. He seeks us out and knocks on the door of our heart. Jesus says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock." (Revelation 3:20)

I pray that we will not forget God. "Bless the Lord, all my soul and forget not all his benefits." (Psalm 103:2)

The greatest casualty is being forgotten



United Methodist Women's Group

The UMW of Christ Community will begin our spring meetings on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. We meet once a month, the fourth Tuesday at Noon. Several of these meetings are held at a restaurant for a time of fellowship. For the November meeting we are guests of Stay and Play for a Thanksgiving dinner. We do not meet during the summer months and often forgo the months of January and February and often March due to harsh weather conditions. The remaining meetings are held in the fireplace room.

We take turns acting as hostesses providing a simple dessert (two people usually work together for each meeting) and one of us does a small presentation of something to do with UMW in mission or even some history of the original women who established and served in the Methodist Church over the years. (Some people find it difficult to do this so we only ask those who are interested in trying it.) When I joined two years ago, I was concerned about doing this, but I have learned that the hardest part for me is choosing a subject because there are so many available. The group of ladies who meet at this time are interested in hearing what other UMW are doing across the nation and the world, so they are never critical of any subject talked about. Aside from learning about the women who became leaders in the churches over the years, we enjoy the fellowship of our own church members. Our members are women who strongly believe in participation in missions, both here and abroad.

If you have any questions, please ask or call me at 947-0379. Our membership has dropped considerably and with so many working women who are busy during our meeting times, it is very hard to increase our numbers. Please pray about joining us. I'm sure that you will see, as I did, that it is a very rewarding 1½ hours per month.

Gloria Frederick
President of Christ Community UMW

Our Annual Lenten Luncheon

The United Methodist Women's group is sponsoring a Lenten luncheon on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at noon. The luncheon will be held in the fireplace room in the church hall and will be followed by a short Lenten message by Pastor Grace Marie Ransom from First UMC, Hollidaysburg. A sign-up sheet has been provided, but please remember that everyone is welcome even if you missed the sheet or find that you do have the time to share a small luncheon and a Lenten message. We also encourage you to bring family or friends to spend some time in worship and fellowship in the midst of Holy Week.

Gloria Frederick



Holy Week

March 28th, Wednesday at Noon: Lenten Luncheon.

Everyone is invited to join us for a free Lenten Luncheon, sponsored by the UMW. Our special guest speaker will be Pastor Grace Marie Ransom from First UMC, Hollidaysburg. Join us as we share in good food and fellowship!

March 24th at 10:30AM: Easter Egg Hunt
For more information, contact Priscilla Walk at 814-932-8372

March 29th at 6PM: Holy Thursday:
Christian Seder & Dinner

April 1st 10AM Easter : Join us for one combined Easter service! The children are invited to providing special music during the end of the service. *Please join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord!*

Yoga, Fasting & Mindfulness



I hope that you are having a very blessed Lent! Traditionally, Lent is a time during the church year when we abstain from something we enjoy. It is what we call a “time of fasting.” The minor discomfort of fasting reminds us of the pain that Jesus suffered during the forty days he wandered in the desert as well as the anguish He suffered on the cross. Whenever we feel discomfort or desire during our time of fasting, it is a reminder to us to pray.

During this season of Lent, I have given up red meat. Every time I feel a craving for a big juicy cheeseburger, I take a moment to stop and say a prayer to God. The constant craving is a constant reminder to me to pray.

The practice of Yoga can help us to deepen our mindfulness. When we practice different asanas (poses), we take mental note of how our bodies feel. Do we feel discomfort? Do we feel a pleasing stretch?

Do we feel strong? Or do we feel our muscles aching? No sensation is the “correct,” sensation to feel in any given pose. Every person’s body is unique and different. Simply take note of that sensation and know that you can breathe through any discomfort. Discomfort- just like temptation for a big juicy cheeseburger- is only temporary.

Even if you are unable to join us in person for Yoga Church, I invite you to check out our website at www.ccumc.us. Under the heading entitled, “Yoga Church,” you can follow our weekly Yoga Blog. Each post will include a prayer and an asana (pose) that you can practice at home, as well as cues for guided breathing.

May the Peace of Christ
Be With You,

Pastor Rebecca



***New* Yoga Church Videos at ccumc.us**

Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show April 14th



You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner on April 14th in order to raise money to support the ministries of Christ Community UMC. Please join us! Everyone, especially our young people, is encouraged to participate in the Talent Show! All talents are welcome, including: singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, acting, and poetry.

Dinner will be served at 6PM. Talent Show begins at 6:30PM

(Please note: All talents should be appropriate for a church setting i.e. no foul language & etc.)



Cost for Tickets:

Adults: \$8

Kids: 6-12: \$5

Children under six years of age eat for free!

“Takeaway Meal” Cost: \$8

Pickup for takeaway meals between 5-6PM.

There are no takeaway options for children’s meals.

To purchase tickets, please contact Kathy Koller, Pastor Rebecca, or the Church Office.