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PASTOR CARY'S CORNER



During this Season of Lent, we have the opportunity to 'break away' from the hustle and bustle of our regular patterns of daily living and focus on what matters most. In fact, we may even discover more of living and loving the way God desires us to, instead of being filled with so much preoccupation. Without taking 'time out' it's so easy to keep charging ahead and miss out on what the Lord is trying to show us. The following quotes remind us of how fast life really goes by and how easy it is to miss the moment.

Lost time is never found again. –Benjamin Franklin

Every man dies. Not every man really lives. –from the movie, 'Braveheart'

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. –Abraham Lincoln

During these final days of our Lenten journey, we are invited to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor by exercising the various disciplines of Lent: Repentance, fasting, prayer and works of love. These disciplines of the faith allow us the possibility to draw close to the Lord and each other.

In the days and weeks ahead, I look forward to sharing with you in Worship and Sunday School (for all ages). In addition, please join us for our Good Friday Service, on March 30th, 7pm and Easter Sunday, April 1st, 9am (No Sunday School). Remember, to invite a friend. May the Lord fill you with His Joy and Peace!



Pastor Cary

THANK YOU!

Marvin and I appreciate your kindness for all the anniversary cards for our 70th year of marriage.

*Thank you,
Marvin and Betty*



February 11, 2018

Dear Members of Mt. Union Lutheran Church,

Thank you for sending the stamp money to the St. James Food Pantry and for all of your food donations. It was greatly appreciated and used for the community helping make the holidays wonderful.

Thanks again for all that you do for the food pantry!

God's Blessings,

Pam Fink, St. James Food Pantry



"TETELESTAI" IS COMING!

What: The dramatic story of the final days of Jesus... His life, death, and resurrection. Hope Lives!

When: March 24th and 25th, 2018, at 7pm

Where: Elmer A. Wolfe Elementary
119 N. Main St., Union Bridge, MD

**For ticket reservations, sign up in the back of the church, or call 301-514-6432, or go to fb.com/The Potters Follies*

**Post-production proceeds will benefit Carroll County Youth Bureau's substance abuse treatment efforts*

MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to Robin Lambert – March 1
Happy Birthday to Marvin Nelson – March 12
Happy Birthday to Beckie Long – March 21
Happy Birthday to Betty Nelson – March 22
Happy Birthday to Missy Brown – March. 26
Happy Anniversary to Claude & Thelma Bohn –
March 27
Happy Anniversary to Linda & Herb Nickles – March
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

For the Lord's healing touch: Buzz Bauernschub, Thelma Bohn, Deb Coshun, Leroy Coshun, Dixie Davis, Caroline Devilbiss, Brenda Fair, Lindsay George, Terry Harman, Janet Justice, Eric Marinko, Pastor Michael, Eva Michael, Anthony Mignon, Ben Myers, Harold Nelson, Marvin Nelson, Jane Pennell, Marlene Petry, John Rast, Donna Roop, and Ray Tunder.

And for those serving valiantly in the armed forces: Brett Boston, Andrew McEnroth, Hunter Held, Warren Moore, Jeramey Justice, Ellie Giziński, Benjamin Shifflett, and Justin Frock.

In order to keep our prayers updated, please note there is a prayer list at the entrance to the sanctuary.

MARCH 17TH, ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On this day in 461 A.D., Saint Patrick, Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland, dies at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland. Much of what is known about Patrick's legendary life comes from the *Confessio*, a book he wrote during his last years. Born in Great Britain, probably in Scotland, to a well-to-do Christian family of Roman citizenship, Patrick was captured and enslaved at age 16 by Irish marauders. For the next six years, he worked as a herder in Ireland, turning to a deepening religious faith for comfort. Following the counsel of a voice he heard in a dream one night, he escaped and found passage on a ship to Britain, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

According to the *Confessio*, in Britain Patrick had another dream, in which an individual named Victorius gave him a letter, entitled "The Voice of the Irish." As he read it, Patrick seemed to hear the voices of Irishmen pleading him to return to their country and walk among them once more. After studying for the priesthood, Patrick was ordained a

bishop. He arrived in Ireland in 433 and began preaching the Gospel, converting many thousands of Irish and building churches around the country. After 40 years of living in poverty, teaching, traveling and working tirelessly, Patrick died on March 17, 461 in Saul, where he had built his first church.

Since that time, countless legends have grown up around Patrick. Made the patron saint of Ireland, he is said to have baptized hundreds of people on a single day, and to have used a three-leaf clover—the famous shamrock—to describe the Holy Trinity. In art, he is often portrayed trampling on snakes, in accordance with the belief that he drove those reptiles out of Ireland. For thousands of years, the Irish have observed the day of Saint Patrick's death as a religious holiday, attending church in the morning and celebrating with food and drink in the afternoon. The first St. Patrick's Day parade, though, took place not in Ireland, but the United States, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City in 1762. As the years went on, the parades became a show of unity and strength for persecuted Irish-American immigrants, and then a popular celebration of Irish-American heritage. The party went global in 1995, when the Irish government began a large-scale campaign to market St. Patrick's Day as a way of driving tourism and showcasing Ireland's many charms to the rest of the world. Today, March 17 is a day of international celebration, as millions of people around the globe put on their best green clothing to drink beer, watch parades and toast the luck of the Irish.

(excerpt from history.com)

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