

Today is the first Sunday of Lent—and also, our celebration of Holy Communion. May our worship today help us experience the Power of the Cross—even as we are reminded of our need for the saving grace of Jesus. We are glad that you are here to worship with us...

Worship

Gathering Time
Sharing Joys & Concerns

Songs of Worship

I Love You, Lord

Fairest Lord Jesus

There's Something About That Name

Lenten Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Lenten Song of Faith:

The Power of the Cross

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Today's Message:

Scripture: **Matthew 4: 1-11**

Sermon: **Tests of Temptation**

Holy Communion

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Song of Faith:

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Blessing

Blessing Song:

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

This week at FOGCC

Today, (11:25 – 12:00): C.A.R.E (Children & Adult Education) following worship! We have classes for all ages, giving us the chance to learn and grow together.

Wednesday

9:30am: WOW meets at FOGCC. Join us for Bible Study and prayer.

3:30pm: Wonderful, Wacky Wednesday followed by Family Night Dinner. Dinner is served from 5:15 – 6:15pm

6:15pm: Diabetes Prevention Program

Thursday

11:00am Logistics Team meeting

1:00pm Transitional Housing Ministry Team meeting

3:00pm Transitional Housing Program Committee meeting

5:00pm Transitional Housing Mentor Support meeting

Serving in the Family of God - today /next week:

Snacks/Juice Kathy Maatman, Nancy Park / *Connie Johnson*

Nursery: Kathy Painter & Grace / *Lyn VandenBosch*

Media: Kathy & Matt Painter / *Jim Maatman*

Hosts: Del & Jean Hirdes / *Del & Jean Hirdes*

Children in Worship: Melissa & Grace

/ Denise & Roesly Child

Announcements

Today, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion--a meal where we participate in the "gifts of God for the people of God." Please know that you are welcome to participate in communion if you know that Jesus is your Lord and Savior. We welcome all ages and stages to be fed at the table of the Good Shepherd. If you have questions or concerns, please share those with Pastor Barb.

The CRT (Church Renewal and Transformation) Team will be participating in a retreat this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they do this important work for the church. Note that Barb will be gone Thursday through Saturday.

Leadership and CRT will have a joint meeting on Sunday, March 12 starting at 12:00. We will share lunch together as we gather for discussion and planning. If are NOT able to attend, please share that with Pastor Barb.

On Sunday, March 12 at 6:00 PM there will be a Mexico Reunion at FOGCC. This will be for all of the 2017 mission teams. Please feel free to invite all family members, friends, etc. Also, anyone in the congregation who might be interested in hearing about our trip and seeing some pictures of the homes and Mexican friends that we met this year is welcome! Please RSVP to Kathy Painter so we can plan the light snacks/desserts for the evening!

Save the Date! Friday, March 17 - Family Bunko Party! This crazy dice game is for all ages--no skill needed. Come at 6:00pm for pizza, Bunko, laughs and ice cream!

It is time to gather for LENTEN SOUPS ON! Join us at noon on Wednesdays during Lent for a bowl or two of homemade soup, followed by a short Lenten devotion. This is open to everyone--feel free to bring your friends and neighbors. A freewill offering will be taken. Here is the schedule (at this point): March 8--St. Bart's Catholic Church; March 15--Family of God Community church (FOGCC); March 22--New Community & St. Marks (at New Community church); March 29--Newaygo Congregational Church of Christ (NCUCC); April 5--Newaygo Methodist Church (NUMC). Hope to see you at Soups On!

Birthdays This Week

Today – John VanEnk

Monday – Kathleen Snapper

Wednesday – Mike Snapper

If you have a question, suggestion or concern, please share it with us.

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