


# March 2016

# Christian Caller

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|  |     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6 9:00am<br>Lenten Bible<br>Study  | 7   | 8<br>7:00pm<br>Martha @<br>Marcy Gilmore's  | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13 9:00am<br>Lenten Bible<br>Study   | 14  | 15<br>6:30 pm<br>Elders<br>7:00 pm<br>Board | 16  | 17<br><small>(no Wild Bunch this<br/>month, resumes<br/>next month)</small> | 18  | 19  |
| 20 9:00<br>Lenten Bible<br>Study   | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27 <b>EASTER<br/>SUNDAY</b><br> | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |     |

## Pastor's Column

*Lenten Desserts. As of this date we have had three Lenten Desserts with more scheduled. We are having a great time and I hope you will come. Everyone in the congregation will be invited. However, no system is perfect so if you are interested and have not yet been invited, please contact Nancy Prosa so we will make sure you are on our list. The gatherings are relaxed and informal--just visiting with each other., We have been sharing some of our history with each other and learning new information. Sometimes when we believe we know someone quite well, it has still been fun to learn something we had not known. We have been also sharing about our faith and what happens in worship that is important to us. Two themes keep rising to the surface. One is that worship is essential to our feelings for the whole week and that our lives feel different when we are not attending regularly. Secondly, a common comment is that the people make the difference. Being with people that are our friends and genuinely care for us is essential to our feeling spiritually fed. It is obvious (but good to reaffirm) that the strength of this congregation is the deep love and respect we have for each other and that bond is precious and appreciated.*

*Thank you for those people willing to host and to those who have come willing to share their lives. Please do not be shy. Not everyone will choose to come, however we want all to be invited. A person need not be a member to attend. It is a "you all come" invitation. so speak up if you have not been invited yet. There will be at least three more gatherings and you are most likely on a list to be called, However we are asking people to double check rather than assume anything. Happy Spring to you all.*

*Pastor's Column for February 2016 is included here since the editor didn't come across it in time to include in last month's newsletter. The editor apologizes.*

*Our Lenten season is arriving soon. February 10th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent leading to Easter. I personally have always experienced Lent as a spiritually enriching time as we ponder where we are in our lives in relationship with Jesus and our Creator. We focus on the life of Jesus as Jesus finishes His earthly ministry and prepares for the cross and resurrection.*

*This is a deeply personal time of opening our hearts and souls to experience what it is our Creator wants us to learn about why, when, where, and how the life and ministry of Jesus changes us. While it is a time of pondering and processing, it is also a time of joy and hope.*

*Let us come together as we travel this spiritual Lenten journey to learn, stretch, and grow as our Creator shows us anew who we are called to be as a congregation and as brothers and sisters in Christ. May God's blessings rest upon us richly as we explore God's will for our lives.*

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, God's own people, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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## CHURCH EVENTS

Benton Hospice Center is offering a free class in fall prevention for older adults. Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. And it is free to attendees!

[Pre-registration is required.](#) Call 541-757-9616 or e-mail [Kim.Langford@bentonhospice.org](mailto:Kim.Langford@bentonhospice.org)

### Matter of Balance

Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent Street, Lebanon  
8 sessions - every Tuesday, March 8 through April 26, 2016  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

RSVP as space limited to 12 attendees  
No cost to attend.

### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

### CLASS is CO-SPONSORED BY:

- Benton Hospice Service
- Lebanon Senior Center
- Senior & Disability Services

## Birthdays

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Trysta Gagne      | 19th |
| Mackenzie Elliott | 21st |
| Marilyn Elliott   | 25th |
| Grace Johnson     | 31st |

Happy Anniversary



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|----------------------------|------|
| Steve & Barbara Tarrant    | 16th |
| Ken & Marciel Gilmore      | 20th |
| Claude & Kathryn Robertson | 20th |

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

**9:00 AM** Fireside Room  
Lenten Study. All are welcome

### Martha CWF Group

**Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00 PM**  
At Marcy Gilmore's

### Service at the Oaks

**Sunday, March 13th at 6:00 PM**  
**Come Join In!**

### Church Board & Elders Meetings

**Tuesday, March 15th**  
6:30 PM Elders  
7:00 PM Church Board

### Wild Bunch for Lunch

Not meeting in March, will resume in April

**Pastor Myrna wants you to know  
that the office "angels"  
will have her weekly schedule, but  
that you are welcome to  
call her directly at home or on her  
cell:**

**Home: 503-363-2571**

**Cell: 503-798-7242**

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Millie Patterson & family  
Myke Eggert  
Kathryn & Claude Robertson  
Nancy & Curt Prosa  
Natalie Ward  
Mary Lee Howell  
Cathy Johnson  
Doris Smith  
Dorothy Love  
Jesse LeSeur  
Vila Adkins  
Virginia Bolton  
Penny Sealy  
Ann Mallett  
Margaret Begley  
Jacob Marner  
Delbert Gilbert  
Lisa Bass  
Shawn Gourley  
August Fleshman  
David Brokaw  
Melissa Appelo  
Donna Beamer  
Dennis Stover

### ALSO IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Service People:** Spc. Coury Gagne, Marine Cpt Pete Brawn, Capt. Gabriel Manning, Sgt. Scot Noss, Cpt. Tory Petersen, Lt. Kellen Peterson, CSM David Puig, Sgt. Ethan Spurr and Sgt. Daniel Campbell

**Pray for our Church, the Soup Kitchen, Kim and Erik Free and their ministry and our Regional Ministers.**

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.