




# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Beginning of Lent	2	3	4 8-12 pm SK Breakfast fund- raiser....3-7:30 Boy Scouts Pine- wood Derby
5 9 Study	6	7	8	9	10	11 Day- light Sav- ings begins tonight.
12 9 Study 6 Service at the Oaks	13	14 7 Martha At Janet Lowes	15	16 9-3pm, Garden Club district meet.	17  St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9 Study	20 12:00 Garden Club	21 6:30 Elders 7:00 Board	22	23 11:30 Wild Bunch	24	25
26 9 Study	27	28	29	30 Boy Scouts Potluck 6-9	31	

## Birthdays

Judy Hunter	Mar. 13
Trysta Gagne	Mar. 19
Mackenzie Greenley	Mar. 21
Marilyn Elliott	Mar. 25
Grace Johnson	Mar.31

## Anniversaries

Steve & Barbara Tarrant	16
Ken & Marcie Gilmore	20



**Thank you for your gifts to Week of Compassion**  
The Boxes have been overflowing Total giving for W.O.C.,  
including checks, is \$583.21.



Be sure to move your  
clocks ahead one hour  
the evening of March 11

Then you will be on time  
for church on the 12th.

Many activities this  
month, watch for more  
information in your Sun-  
day Bulletins.



# Christian Caller



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## FROM THE PASTOR

**Wednesday March 1 is the beginning of Lent.** This is the time of year we focus on our own spiritual journey. This is the time to look inward and review where we are with God and explore ways to strengthen our spirituality. This is a time to talk with God but importantly listen to God.

I grew up in a neighborhood where a majority of my friends were Catholic. They were verbal about their tradition of "giving up" something for Lent. This usually meant sweets, desserts etc. I have a different perspective of the discipline of giving up. What would happen if we looked at what is keeping us from being close to God--roadblocks. What would happen if our Lenten journey was about giving up the roadblocks? Roadblocks are put there by us, not God. If a person says "I do not feel close to God anymore." The appropriate response is "oh, who moved?"

Here are some suggestions of what a person may consider as options to "give up": Unnecessary anger, gossip, blaming others, avoiding problems, feeling sorry for ourselves, fear, anxiety, resentment, years of guilt, disappointment, unrealistic expectation, running from reality, shutting down, refusing to be open with our family and friends, excuses----well, the list goes on depending on each person.

Let us commit to using this time to create a deeper, more personal, honest and concrete relationship with the God who loves us unconditionally and never gives up on us. Blessings for a rewarding Lenten journey.

## MEET YOUR ELDERS

Many of you know Todd & Donna Lewelling, Todd & Donna's journey to LFCC has been one full of lots of challenges and is one that is a true testimony to God's grace, His unconditional love, and His undying faithfulness.

Brought together by tragedy and death, together they have lived through living in poverty and owning a business, a home and brand new cars; just to lose them. They did this while taking care of elderly parents, blending a family with a disabled child and battling addiction.

Even when they felt like they were undeserving, God's grace brought them through. When they were at the bottom, His unconditional love lifted them up. When they couldn't even be true to themselves, His undying faithfulness never wavered.

They truly believe God brought them to LFCC many years ago to begin the healing process. Today they give thanks to Him for His wondrous gifts, one of which is His word. When the world is noisy and they feel out of control, they turn to a bible verse that was given to Donna by one of her former bosses... Psalms 46:10 - "Be still and know that I am God".

The Deacons as they were confirmed.



Given to Myrna from the congregation as she celebrated her 70th birthday. A Statue of St. Frances of Assis, her favorite.

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# News from the Pews

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Those interested in a prayer shawl ministry are invited to sign up or talk with Myrna or Nancy Prosa. Each person is encouraged to knit or crochet using any color/colors. People can purchase yarn, use their own leftover yarn or check out the box at the church which has a variety of yarns available. These shawls will be given to new members, shut ins, people in the hospital or for anyone who may need extra comfort.

Please continue your act of kindness.

People have already turned in several Shawls, keep up the good work and remember there is yarn in the church office!

THANKS!  
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## Regional Minister Sabbatical

On February 4, the Regional Board approved a sabbatical leave for the Regional Ministers. The sabbatical leave will take place in the Spring of 2017, with the following schedule. Both Doug and Cathy will be on leave for six weeks from March 25-May 7. In addition, Doug will take two weeks of sabbatical from March 14-26 and Cathy will take two weeks from May 8-22. Their studies will focus upon reading the ethnic and racial histories of the Pacific Northwest and the changing forms of regional ministry in a number of denominations. They will share their learnings with the Regional Board meeting in November 2017. Emergency procedures and contacts will be made known to pastors and other regional leaders next month.

### Anti Racism Pro Reconciliation Training

The date for the Snake River District Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation training for ministers has been rescheduled from February 25. The new dates will be September 22 in Springfield and October 21 in Boise,.

### Regional Ministry Emails Change

New email addresses for the Regional Ministers

Doug: [doug@oidisciples.org](mailto:doug@oidisciples.org)

Cathy: [cathy@oidisciples.org](mailto:cathy@oidisciples.org)

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Regional  
Assembly  
May 18-19, 2018  
Portland FCC  
Rev. Sandhya Jha  
&  
Dr. Timothy James

*If you have not taken the time to go on line to look at the Newsletters from our Regional office this is how it looks and the information that is on the front page.*

*There are many interesting articles included in it and we are influenced by what is happening in the Region.*

*Take time to look it up or if you do not have a computer we can make copies here in the office available for you.*



## CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Study 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 4, Fund Raiser Breakfast, 8--12,

Biscuits and Gravy, Soup Kitchen Sponsor

Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby 3:30—7:30 PM

March 12... Daylight Saving time Begins

Service at the Oaks Sunday, Mar. 12, 6:00 PM

Martha CWF Group Tuesday, Mar. 14, 7:00 PM  
At Janet Lowes

Garden Club District Meeting Mar. 16, 9:00-3:00

Church Board & Elders Meetings Tues., Mar. 21  
6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Church Board

Wild Bunch for Lunch March 23, 11:30 pm

March 1, 2017  
Lent Begins

Many thanks to Pastor Myrna & Noel Phillips, they have purchased Lenten booklets of Daily Lenten Readings Through to Easter! Thank you again for giving us this opportunity to pray through Lent.

## IN OUR PRAYERS:

Vila Adkins	Sandy
Jim Beamer	Jill Starbuck
Gloria Bernhard	Sherrie
David Buyer	Patti Smith
Sean & Christina Casey	Dennis Stover
Family	Miriam Swanson
Tom Chenail	Natalie Ward
Matt Clark Family	
Colton	<b>Service People:</b>
Myke Eggert	Spc. Coury Gagne,
August Fleshman	Marine Capt. Pete Brawn
Blanche Glaub	Sgt. Scot Noss
Patricia Heckman	Cpt. Tory Petersen
Shari Howard	1st Lt. Kellen Peterson
Mary Lee Howell	Sgt. Ethan Spurr
Diana Johnson	Sgt. Daniel Campbell
Kendrick	
Cal Landon	<b>Pray for our Church,</b>
James Lenfesty	<b>our Ministers, the Soup</b>
Jesse LeSeur	<b>Kitchen, Kim and Erik</b>
Dorothy Love family	<b>Free and their ministry</b>
Jacob Marmer	<b>and our Regional Minis-</b>
Jordan Martine	<b>ters.</b>
Robert Maxwell	If you know of any up-
Maxine Meyer	dates or corrections to
John Morgan	this list, please let the
Ann Otto	office know in writing or
Fred and Lois Puig	by email.

Dear Friend,  
Earlier this week, famine was declared in South Sudan, leading to a state of emergency in an already-fragile nation. Each day, roughly 3,500 refugees are crossing Uganda's borders, escaping violence and starvation. **Many families' only hope is finding safety in refugee settlements. Please donate today & send help.**

Around the world, there are more refugees now than ever before. **Neighboring countries, like Uganda, are carrying the heaviest burden. They can't do it alone.** Your support provides medical care where it's urgently needed.

Opia is one mother we met in Uganda. She described the destruction that she and her family fled: "There was nothing left..." she shared, "We left home and started traveling towards the border, but we still couldn't find food anywhere—we were starving." She's already lost one child to war, and her daughter needs medical care for anemia. You can help a refugee family like Opia's now. With growing needs, your support is critical. Please donate today.  
Blessings,

Martha Holley Newsome  
President & CEO



**PS: Your gift will help refugee families around the world receive urgently-needed medical care, supplies and relief. Please donate today. to Medical Teams International through the Regional Office.**