Albright & Otterbein United Methodist Churches

1626 S. Pittsburgh St. Connellsville, Pa. 15425

**Email: albrightumc1626@gmail.com**

**Office phone: 724-628-7130**

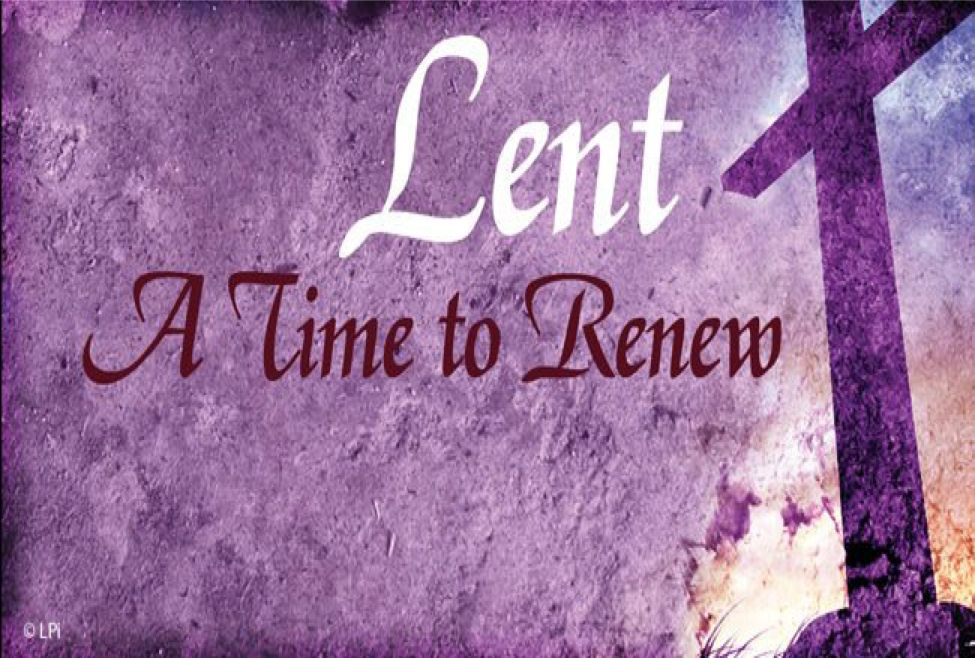
**www.albrightumcscpa.org**

**Worship 10:45**

Albright organist, Jeanne Meyers

Administrative assistant, Elsie Beal

Choir director, Donna Fosbrink



Pastor, Rev. Steven M. Lamb

**724-372-1453**

**Email:** [**blamb@zoominternet.net**](mailto:blamb@zoominternet.net)

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**February 26, 2023 Liturgist, Eve Shupe 10:45a.m.**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE “Lead Me to Calvary” Kirkpatrick**

**BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT**

**\*OPENING HYMN “Morning Has Broken” 145**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One: Unstop our ears,**

***All: Lace up our shoes,***

**One: Open up our hearts,**

***All: Turn our faces toward God,***

**One: For the Lenten journey begins.**

***All: To listen to the voice of Jesus,***

**One: To walk the narrow path of discipleship,**

***All: To trust our depths to the forgiving love of God,***

**One: To direct our attention to heaven’s song,**

***All: The eternal melody of love.***

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, we have heard this ancient story,**

**that comes from a place deep down in the traditions of your people. It’s a family story, brimming with grief and love and hunger. In it, we see our own deepest desires and most painful frustrations. In it, we see ourselves, in all our**

**complexity. Forgive us when we fail to live lives of**

**faithfulness and trust. Help us to know, always, that there is a way back from any moral failure: a way that passes by the cross of Jesus, that One who was tempted as we are, but without sin. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 70**

**GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:1-11**

**The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**(Offerings can be placed in the plate as you leave today.)**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OFFERED IN PRAISE AND PETITION**

**PRAYER HYMN “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” 334**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM “This Is Amazing Grace”**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7**

**The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.**

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path***

**MESSAGE “Grace Over Temptation”**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “The Gift of Love” 408**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

WELCOME

***With joyful hearts we sincerely welcome you to this service of worship on this first Sunday in Lent. Let us approach the throne of grace with openness and love that we may all realize God’s presence and power.***

**PRAYER CONCERNS THIS WEEK**

**Tom McMurray Tina Hiltabidel Janice Bailey Wanda Donner**

**David & Tammy Leeder Misty Hiltabidel Dolly King Dorene Provance**

**Don Heckathorne Sandy Reich Betty Kooser Chuck Watson**

**Dolores Malik Diane Monico Ray Knopsnider Charlotte Holt**

**Doug Basinger Jack Snyder Bill Shupe Sherrill Goodwin**

**Thomas Leeder Jimmy Lynn Don Evans Sharon & Frank Wilson**

**Bill & Judy McClain Robin Mitchell Roger & Patty Richter Kim Gallentine**

**Jean Rahl Shirley Mathias Marilyn Banks Karen Lewellen**

**Judy Morris Barbara Welsh Baby Thompson Cathy Dillinger**

**Brian Upton Paul Hammaker Jack Knopsnider Charlie Picola**

**Linda Burnworth Gene LaPosta Buddy Chase Barb Stuart**

**Paul & Myra Holden Baby Jinora Lisa Smarto Parker Scarry**

**Becky Bloom Tracy Wiltrout Becky Irwin Shari Pavick**

**Judy Gallentine Audrey Kettering Jessica Miller Amy Marchewka**

**David Comfort Bailey Veitch Roger Shipley Rick Ritenour**

**Elizabeth Brinker Jack Hinner Pastor Steve & Bev Families of earthquake victims**

**Rev. Bob & Amy Zilhaver Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi People with Covid Unspoken requests**

**Military persons Those traveling Government leaders Those with cancer First Responders Those battling addiction OUR CHURCHES**

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:**

**Mary Tressler, 97, who passed away Feb. 16.**

**THIS WEEK AT ALBRIGHT**

**MONDAY: T.O.P.S. 10:00 or 5:00**

**TUESDAY: Blue plate special lunch 11:00-1:00**

**WEDNESDAY: Bible study 6:30 in sanctuary**

**THURSDAY: Choir 7:00**

**LITURGISTS: March 5:Bonnie Bloom**

**March 12: Karen Stimmell**

**ACOLYTES TODAY: Beau Wagner & Jaxson Jacobs**

**March 5: Jameson Tony & Olivia Lynn**

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Carol Wagner & Michelle Reich**

**March 5: Kathy Nebraski & Linda Burnworth**

**COUNTERS: Larry Bloom & Karen Marko**

**OFFICE HOURS: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10-2. Elsie 724-628-7467**

**BLUE PLATE SPECIAL**

**Tuesday, February 28 at 11:00-1:00 at Albright. Soup,**

**sandwich, dessert & beverage. It is free with donations**

**accepted to help with expense. We ask for a $5 donation for take out.**

**HOMEMADE EASTER CANDY**

**Candy samples are out in the back of the sanctuary. Order forms are also there. Please have paid orders in to the church by Sunday, March 19. Orders will be available for pick up on Palm Sunday, April 2.**

2023 Heart To Hope Telethon

***The Connellsville Area Community Ministries will be hosting their 5th Annual Heart To Hope Telethon This will be live on Saturday March 11, 2023 at the Connellsville Community Center! The Telethon will be broadcast live on Facebook and via local television outlets, it is also open to the public to come and enjoy the day’s festivities.***

SUB SALE

**We are taking orders for another sub sale March 10 & 11. Pick up time is 10:30-1:00. $10 each and we need paid orders to Bev by March 5.**

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

**Will meed Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00. Jackie Bartholomai will have devotions & Sandy Russell will host.**

SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL

***March 18 at 11:00. We will have sloppy joes for lunch. This is a ministry of our church for persons with special needs. Our volunteers are always appreciated.***

APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

**News deadline is Thursday, March 23. Will need volunteers to complete for mailing on Wednesday, March 29 at 10:00.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

**(1)To the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of our mother, grandmother & great grantmother, Evelyn Butela given by Evelyn Curry & family and Vicky Adey & family.**

**(1) To the GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of dad, Ray Fisher - given by Randy Fisher Sr.**

**ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION**

**Put money in envelope & drop in offering plate. To reserve or change a vase, please call Shelley Mattis 724-363-6822.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP - February 19, 2023

**Weekly need for budget ....................................... $ 2,383.38**

**Sunday offering .................................................... $ 2,075.35**

**Sunday morning worship attendance.......................... 63**

OFFERING ENVELOPES

**New ones should be here this week. They will be in the form of a book of envelopes with stubs attached for you to keep a record of your giving.**

**SOUP SALE Saturday, March 11 @ 10:30-1:00**

**$8 quart; $6 pint. Eat in for a donation. Please sign the tablet in back of sanctuary to let us know what you will bring. Thank you!**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**We are watching “The Chosen Part 2” as our Bible study on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the**

**sanctuary.**

PRAYER CARDS

***There are prayer cards in the racks in the pews. Please write prayer requests on them and give them to the pastor or an acolyte. Thank you.***