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Special points of interest:

- Rescue Mission Collection
- Mission Work Day—Agape Christmas Project
- LCCM Lenten Breakfast
- YFC Bids for Kids Auction
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet

He Makes All Things New!

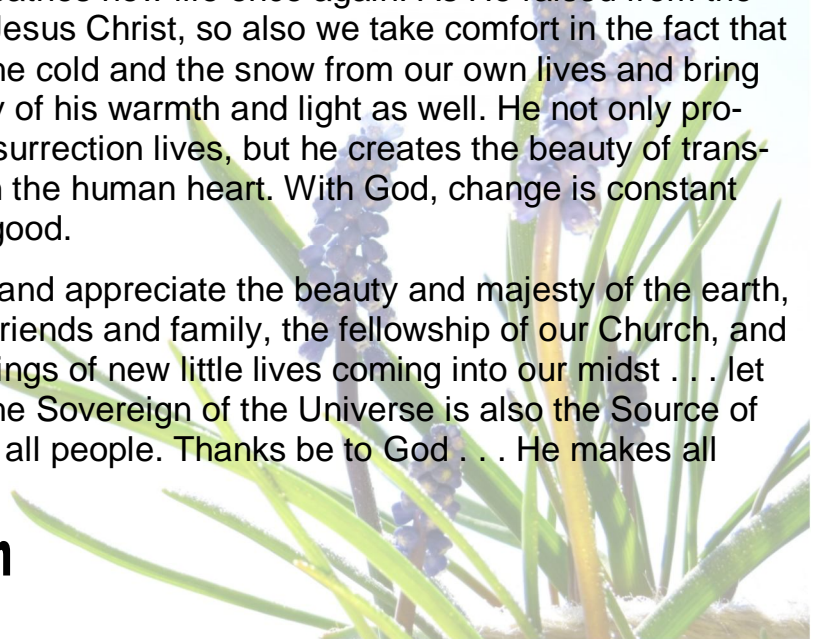
Even though we sometimes dislike the many changes in our world which cause us some inconvenience, we remember that change ~ in God's world ~ is to be expected. We recall that our good and glorious God is responsible for the cycles of the day and night, the ebb and flow of the tides, and the continuous cycle of seasons . . . as we look forward with longing to Springtime! Thanks be to God . . . He makes all things new!

Our world may appear to be cold and lifeless at the moment, but very soon the colors of crocus and daffodil will emerge from the ground and we will enjoy the warmth of the sunshine on our faces. As the Master Artist and Creator, God prepares a buffet of delights for us to experience with each new time of year. He makes all things new for our benefit and enjoyment. Let us remember, and help others to know that He is the Source of this masterpiece which we call "our" world.

And now, in this season of Lent, we also remember God's good and glorious work as he takes things which appear to be cold and lifeless . . . and breathes new life once again! As He raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, so also we take comfort in the fact that he will banish the cold and the snow from our own lives and bring us into the glory of his warmth and light as well. He not only provides for our resurrection lives, but he creates the beauty of transformation within the human heart. With God, change is constant and change is good.

As we observe and appreciate the beauty and majesty of the earth, the love of our friends and family, the fellowship of our Church, and the new beginnings of new little lives coming into our midst . . . let us reflect that the Sovereign of the Universe is also the Source of life and love for all people. Thanks be to God . . . He makes all things new!

...Pastor Beth



Collection of Food and Personal Items for the Lebanon Rescue Mission

During the month of March, food and personal care items will be collected for the Lebanon Rescue Mission. Items may be brought to the church and placed at the back of the sanctuary.



Rescue Mission Wish List

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

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|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 8½" X 11" Copy Paper | Men's Sneakers (sizes 9-13) | Shampoo |
| Hand Lotion | Paper Towels | Toilet Paper |
| Bleach | Q-tips | Highlighters |
| C-fold or multi-fold hand towels for bathroom dispensers | | |

ONGOING NEEDS:

- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Men's Deodorant | Liquid Hand Soap | Oatmeal |
| Toothpaste | Razors | Cereal |
| Shaving Cream | Toilet Bowl Cleaner | Tea Bags (all kinds/flavors) |
| Dish Detergent | Dish Drying Towels | Creamer |
| Vegetable Oil | Canola Oil | Artificial Sweetener |
| Hot Chocolate Packets | White and Brown Sugar | Cooking Spray |
| Pancake Syrup | Pancake Mix | Bottled Water |



Mission Work Day at Iona Church

Rescue Mission's Agape Christmas Project

Wednesday, March 8



The project began this past Christmas to honor the seniors in our community by providing them with groceries and gifts. This year the plans are to give lap robes as gifts.

Iona Church will be helping with this project by making fleece lap robes that are knotted. A workday is planned for Wednesday, March 8th at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the church. If you can cut fabric or tie a knot, you can help! It will be a time for fellowship, while working on a project to help others in our community!

World Day of Prayer Service

"Am I Being Unfair to You"

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together on the first Friday of March each year to observe a common day of prayer.

The local service, sponsored by the Lebanon County Church Women, will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m. at the Moravian Church on Birch Road. The program is titled "Am I Being Unfair to You" and was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Philippines.



Lebanon County Christian Ministries

Annual Lenten Breakfast

**Saturday, March 25, 8 a.m.
at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center**

This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Dean Cover, Senior Pastor at Living Waters Chapel in Lebanon. Providing the special music for this event will be Mike Kitchen and the Family Reunion.

The breakfast will be provided by Country Home Catering and provides an opportunity for people to gather together to enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast, listen to uplifting music, hear an inspiring speaker and fellowship with one another. Plan now to attend.

Cost for the event is \$10. See Bev Henry for tickets. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Men's Bible Study

A new study will begin on Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. The study is entitled "How God Makes Men".

Please see Keith Donnachie if you are interested in attending.

Blue and Gold Banquet

Cub Scout Pack 405



YOU ARE INVITED...

to Cub Scout Pack 405's Blue and Gold Banquet on Friday, March 31, beginning at 6 p.m. in Gable Hall.

Donations will be accepted to offset the costs of the banquet.

- Program: 6 PM
- Pot Luck Dinner: 6:30 PM
- Magical Entertainment: 7:30 PM

Please come share in our celebration of Scouting!

Please RSVP to:

- pack405.iona@gmail.com
- 717-644-5460.



COME SUPPORT
Lebanon Valley Youth For Christ®

BIDS FOR KIDS
Auction & Flea Market

March 16, 17 & 18th

Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds

Bid on great items

Support the youth of Lebanon City

Enjoy the community

Never been to an auction?
That's okay! We make it
simple and fun! PLUS, there
will be lots of items to buy
without bidding.

- Gift baskets
- Gift cards
- Share a meal
- Lawn & garden
- Bicycles
- Books & media
- Sports
- Automobiles
- Winross trucks
- Used items
- Jewelry & coins
- New items
- Quilts
- Crafts

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast
6:30-10:00 AM, Saturday, March 18th
Pay at the door
\$5.50 Adult \$3.50 Under 12

Kauffman's Chicken BBQ
Saturday, March 18th
Eat-In or Take-out
\$7.00 -Call for tickets!

For more information or to make a donation contact

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Servants of Worship Schedules for March

Thank you to all those volunteering their service for Sunday Worship. Below are the schedules for **March 2017**. If you are unable to serve on the date or time you are scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute (*call someone from the volunteers list*). Let us know of the swap or if you have trouble finding a substitute. Chuck and Christina Watson (717-270-6667 or watsoncc@comcast.net)

Greeters	
Mar. 5	Cliff & Betsy Swisher
Mar. 12	Tim & Rachel Turley
Mar. 19	Margery Deck & Judy Shirey
Mar. 26	Keith & Amy Donnachie

Sound Technicians	
Mar. 5	Jake Barrett
Mar. 12	Kathleen Steckbeck
Mar. 19	Christina Watson
Mar. 26	Ray Arnold

Announcers	
Mar. 5	Wendy Barrett
Mar. 12	Sherie Donnachie
Mar. 19	Jeff Steckbeck
Mar. 26	Bev Henry

Nursery (contact Sue Light with changes)	
Mar. 5	Margery Deck & Christina Watson
Mar. 12	Amy Donnachie & Suzie Bachman
Mar. 19	Bev Henry & Sue Light
Mar. 26	Janet Swift & Janice Kingsley

Refreshments	
Mar. 5	Jeff & Sue Steckbeck
Mar. 12	Cliff & Betsy Swisher
Mar. 19	Chuck & Christina Watson
Mar. 26	Russ and Shirley Dundore

Zion Iona UMC Financial Info *as of January 2017*


	Monthly	YTD	Budget YTD
Income	\$ 13,960.00	\$ 13,960.00	\$ 13,038.00
Expenses	\$ 7,412.00	\$ 7,412.00	\$ 12,837.00
Net	\$ 6,548.00	\$ 6,548.00	\$ 201.00

Loan Balance: Paid in Full

Average Attendance for the Month (January): 59

March 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
RESCUE MISSION FOOD DRIVE will be held during March. 			1 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	2	3 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	4 9:30 4H Friends (Gable Hall)
5 First Sunday in Lent 8:45 Children's SS 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Communion Worship 4:00 Bell Choir (Gable)	6 4:00 LCEHS Mtg. (Lounge) 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	7 6:30 Vision Team	8 1:00 Mission Work Session 6:30 Mission Work Session 7:00 Men's Bible Study	9 7:00 Finance Committee	10	11
12 Second Sunday in Lent 8:45 Children's SS 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:30 Confirmation Class 4:00 Bell Choir (Gable) *Daylight Savings Time Begins	13 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	14 9:00 Young at Heart Breakfast @ Quentin Haus 6:00 Trustees 7:00 Administrative Council	15 7:00 Men's Bible Study	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19 Third Sunday in Lent 8:45 Children's SS 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 4:00 Bell Choir (Gable)	20 3:30 Worship Committee 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	21	22 7:00 Men's Bible Study	23 7:00 SPR Committee	24	25
26 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:45 Children's SS 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	27 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Women's Bible Study	28	29 7:00 Men's Bible Study	30	31 4:00—Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet (Gable Hall)	