

Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger
March/April 2017

Dear Friends,

Early in the morning on Sunday, March 12th, an annual event takes place - we move our clocks ahead one hour to begin *Daylight Saving Time*. We arise one hour earlier in order to share in an extra hour of daylight in the spring, summer, and into the fall. The catchword for this movement of the clock is “spring forward”, to help remind us of the season of the year and the start of *Daylight Saving Time*.

This spring, which arrives on March 20th, I want to encourage you as the Sixth Avenue UMC to “spring forward!” Let us worship, learn, and grow together so that we may celebrate Jesus, who has risen from the dead after his sacrificial death on the cross. Jesus “sprung forward” from the grave that first Easter morning. He offers us his presence daily and eternal life to every believing heart in this Lenten season.

I also encourage you to invite a church member you haven’t seen in worship for some time. It’s time for them to rejoin their church family to worship, learn, and grow in Christ as we celebrate our Risen Lord. Also look for opportunities to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to be a part of our fellowship on Sunday mornings.

It’s easy for all of us to lock into regular habits and patterns. But remember that our Lord Jesus was not locked into the garden tomb that first Easter morning.

Jesus is risen from the grave! Jesus is loose in the world! Jesus is always present and alive to make a difference for good and for growth in our lives, hearts, and community.

This is the resurrection faith of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate this good news together. Let us join together to “spring forward” as the family of Sixth Avenue UMC.

May God bless you always and in all ways,

Pastor Rick



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. This is a day to remember our mortality and to present ourselves to God to renew our spirits. Lent is a time to examine our hearts and to ask God to remove any barriers we have put up between us and God. Lent is a time to launch 40 days to die to ourselves and to come alive to the resurrection power of Jesus. Please join us for the Ash Wednesday service on March 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Holy week and Easter Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9th, 10:00 a.m.

~Worship celebration with palm branches.

~Message: "An Unknown King" Matthew 21:1-11

Maundy Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m.

~A service of word and The Lord's Supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday, April 14th, 7:00 p.m. at Sixth Avenue UMC

~This service will be a shared service with Maple Street UMC and Mills Memorial UMC.

Easter Worship Celebration, April 16th, 10:00 a.m.

~Message: "The Empty 3 C's of Easter" Matthew 28:1-10

Scholarships

Scholarship application forms are located on the counter in the Narthex.

Please pick one up, fill it out, and have it back to the church office by March 31st.





Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Carl & Sharon Mathias upon the death of their son-in-law, Jeff Patton on January 8th.

Tom & Janice Boch upon the death of Tom's brother, Mark Boch on January 13th.

Rodney Neil upon the death of his grandpa, Berkley Marion on February 3rd.

Sharon & Carl Mathias upon the death of Sharon's brother, William Underwood on February 10th.

Sarah Witham upon the death of her grandfathers, Charles Pendleton on February 16th and Charles Kline on February 19th.

Dear 6th Ave. members and the Funeral Dinner Ministry,

In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, this card was lost among piles of stuff. So Sorry, but the lateness of the card does not lessen our gratitude! Your kindness shown to our family after Martha's death was so appreciated! Your ministry should never be under valued! Thank you all from the depths of our hearts!!

John & Marcia Schaffer



The 2017 Altar Flower Chart is posted by the pastor's office. Feel free to sign up for any open dates available. The cost is still \$25.00. You can take home the flowers after the service on the date you paid for. If you want them to go to someone or somewhere else, just let one of our ushers know.
Thank you!

Here are the open dates:

April 30
July 16, 23
August 13
October 1, 15, 29
November 19, 26
December 17, 24, 31

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, Christmas gift, and visits. I am truly blessed to have such a caring church family.

Your friend in Christ,
Dottie McClurg

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2153.32 to Foundation Dinners for the year 2016. No compensation was given to you for your donation. We do appreciate your giving to us. Thank you for making it possible to help those in need. God bless you all for making this possible for the needy of our community.

Thank You!

Gary Clum
Agency Director

Thank you for your generous gift of \$196.26 to Foundation Dinners for the year 2016. No compensation was given to you for your donation. We do appreciate your giving to us. Thank you for making it possible to help those in need.

Thank You

Gary Clum
Agency Director



The next date for Progressive Euchre is Friday, March 10th and again on Tuesday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please park in the back parking lot and enter the doors under the awning that has the church name on it. Please bring your own drink and/or snack. I'm looking forward for another fun night of cards and fellowship.

Follow Jesus Sunday School will begin



a DVD study starting March 5th as we continue to grow in faith. This DVD series, "Five things that God uses to grow your faith" by Andy Stanley, offers practical Biblical teachings for everyday life. Relationships in a variety of circumstances and Christian disciplines are addressed in the light of Christ. New attendees are always welcome as each of us continues to grow in our personal faith journey.

Tammy Witham and Rev. Chuck Wheatley

1 handful of forgiveness
1 heaping cupful of love
1 full pound of unselfishness

Mix together smoothly with complete faith in God

Add 2 tbsp. of wisdom
1 tsp. of good nature for flavoring

Then sprinkle generously with thoughtfulness.

This makes a wonderful "Family Pie"

By: Vine Jordon



Does anyone have an old TV stand that they want to get rid of? The church Sunday school could use one. If you have one and need for someone to pick it up, just call the office at 740-653-1196.

Watch for the musical drama
"We walked where Jesus walked"

Presented by:

One Voice of Lancaster A Capella Chorus

June 4, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

&

June 7, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Asking only for a 'Love Offering'

Lancaster Community Chorus presents

Songs of the People

Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10.00

Crossroads Ministry Center

2095 W. Fair Ave.

When a Level 2 or higher snow emergency is issued, all church functions are cancelled. This includes worship services, meetings, and activities.



Upcoming Events

March 1 - Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

March 5 - Follow Jesus Sunday school starts
A DVD series, "Five things that God uses to grow your faith."

March 10 - (Friday) Euchre at 6:00 p.m.

March 28 - (Tuesday) Euchre at 6:00 p.m.

April 13 - Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

April 14 - Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.



Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH

Thomas and Janice Boch	March 4
Rev. John and Joan Glick	March 18
Lowell and Norma Hite	March 18 (70th)

ANNIVERSARIES – APRIL

Jerry and Janet Lentz	April 4
Charles and Patti Crist	April 10
Jeff and Dee Wright	April 10
Charles and Kathy Shafer	April 17
Jan and Connie Cox	April 28



BIRTHDAYS - MARCH

Alice Money Penny	March 3
William Cattran	March 4
Marie Jones	March 4
Molly Trogus	March 5
James Funkhouser	March 9
Margaret Hayden	March 10
Karen Zumbro	March 10
Natalie Murray	March 10
Roxanne Alspaugh	March 11
Larry Hedges	March 12
Isaac Hill	March 12
Jiles Powell	March 12
John Smith	March 13
Mary Jo Stratton	March 13
Carolyn Cattran	March 14
Mary Chilcote	March 14
Janet Reynolds	March 14
Shirley Short	March 14
Bonnie Currence	March 15
Jack Wright	March 15
Jerry Dickson	March 16
Kristen Whitmer-Beatty	March 17
Diane Cochran	March 18
Mary Groves	March 22
E.J. Gurile, III	March 23
Richard Wagner	March 25
B. J. Baughman	March 26
Mary Ledgett	March 28
Kimberly Stalder	March 28
Kyle Whitmer-Beatty	March 29
Rodney Neil	March 30
Todd Suman	March 31

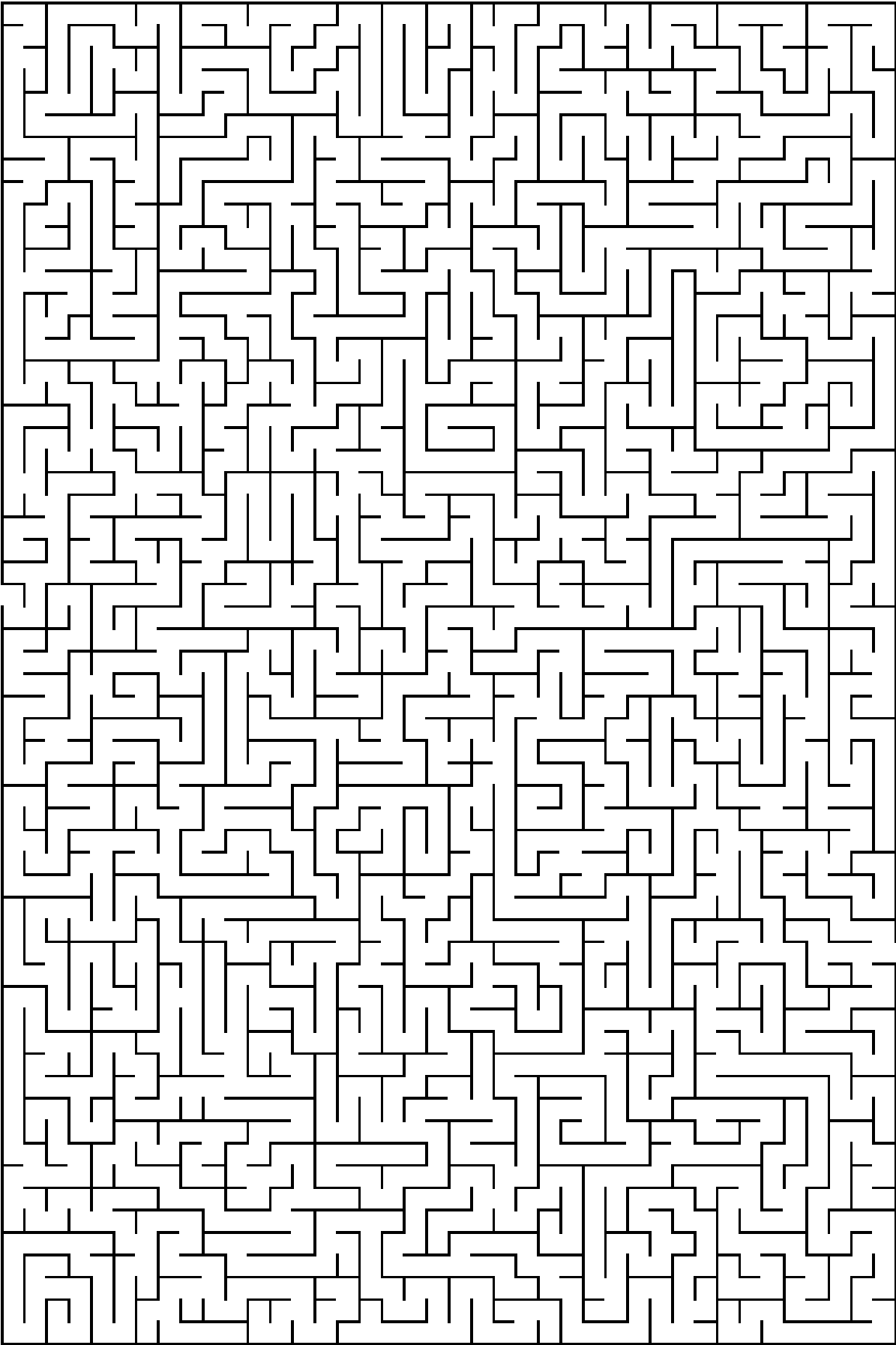


BIRTHDAYS - APRIL

Sara Hedges	April 1
Sharon Byerly	April 2
Carl Thomas	April 4
Tate Hummel	April 5
Jeffrey Bender	April 9
Kenneth Cook	April 10
Angela Hill	April 10
Bob Ledgett	April 10
Thelma Dilliard	April 13
Max Smith	April 13
Diann Mogavero	April 14
Sharon Layne	April 18
Betty Wilson	April 19
Mary Johnson	April 22
Gregg Witham	April 22
Jerry Lentz	April 23
Bob George	April 24
Joyce Lee	April 24
Edith Thomas	April 24
Marcella Green	April 27
Betty Smith	April 27
Alyssa Barnecut	April 30
Jerry Raymond	April 30



Here's something to try in your spare time!



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