

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

February 21, 2021

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lead us in Your truth this day, gracious God. We long to know Your ways and to be guided by Your Spirit. We want to grow in the likeness of Jesus, to learn to live in ways that are pleasing to You. We wait for You now, eager to respond to Your instruction. Let nothing cut us off from You or separate us from one another, not only in this time of worship but as we face the challenges of another week. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL (John Rutter)

REFRAIN

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

1) Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

[Refrain]

2) The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.

[Refrain]

3) The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

[Refrain]

4) He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell.
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

[Refrain]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our day, we cannot escape temptation, for it comes in so many forms, from so many sources. As Jesus was tempted, so are we. But we have yielded to temptation, and Jesus did not. Sometimes we do not even recognize the sin into which we have slipped. We seek to recall them now.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we confess that we are among those whose hearts are inclined toward evil too much of the time. You, Lord, once saw how evil the world had become and started over with Noah and his family. Yet our human nature did not change with the flood. We remain people who grieve You with our wickedness. The wages of sin is death, and that is no more apparent than in the wiping of humankind from the earth, save for Noah and his family. We pray that You would move us on a path to greater faithfulness to You, that we might not grieve Your heart so often. Help us to heed Jesus as He calls us to repent. Hear our confession. ...

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thank You for Your gift of the rainbow, a reminder that Your anger does not abide with us forever, indeed that You are a forgiving God. May our lives reflect our praise and thanks.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Genesis 9:8–17

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⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

SERMON: “I Promise”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom, come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

BENEDICTION

We are children of God, beloved and blessed.
We are a covenant community with a mission.
Be open to all God wants to teach you this week.
Seek God's leading every day through Lent.
This is a season for renewal and recommitment.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Beautiful Savior"

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- 1) Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

 - 2) Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

 - 3) Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!
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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, February 21, 2021

ATTENTION CHILDREN: Miss Wanda is in need of birthday cards for our shut-ins. Your homemade birthday cards are always so special and very much appreciated by our shut-ins. You can give your cards directly to Miss Dee or Miss Wanda on Sunday mornings or put them in a baggie and place them on the table outside of the Medical Supply closet entrance and we will be sure to get them to Miss Wanda. Thank you for this very important, very special ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH FOERSTER: Students from Century, Liberty, Manchester Valley, South Carroll, and Winters Mill High Schools recently participated in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Leadership Conference. FBLA members competed in events that test their business knowledge and skills in a broad range of business and career-related areas. Sarah Foerster won 1st place in "Securities and Investments."

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Sunday School wing.

MEN'S GROUP: The next meeting is Monday, February 22 at 7:00 PM at the church with masks and social distancing. The 9-week curriculum is entitled "The Discipleship Playbook." Meetings can also be accessed via Uber Conference (717-388-0676). You will need a computer or another device with video technology to view the video.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study, Tuesdays (Mornings, 9:30 AM; Evenings, 7:30 PM). We are studying the Minor Prophets. All sessions will be in-person in the church Sanctuary with masks and social distancing being practiced. Bible Study will also be available via Uber Conference (717-388-0676) for anyone who does not feel comfortable meeting in person. We look forward to having you join us.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: There is a link on the church's FB page for ordering girl scout cookies from Kendall Bostian. Other girl scouts are welcome to add their ordering link.

LENTEN COMMUNION: We begin the Lenten journey on Sunday, February 21. It is customary for us to share in the Sacrament of Communion on the 1st Sunday in Lent and in keeping with that tradition, drive-thru Communion will be offered following the 10:00 AM Parking Lot Worship Service on Sunday, February 21.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 PM. We will not be rehearsing any anthems at this time, but instead will be singing and recording the hymn selections for upcoming worship services. We plan to record hymns for February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21 (8–10 hymns) at our first rehearsal. The next choir rehearsal would be on March 25 at which time we would record another 4-weeks-worth of hymns. Anyone who would like to help record the hymns is welcome at these rehearsals. Masks and social distancing will be mandatory at these rehearsals.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (UCC Offering): March 14. “More than We Can Imagine!” Our imagination can be grounded in what God envisions for us all. Think on these possibilities: No one is left to face natural disaster alone. Neighbor helps neighbor, stranger helps stranger, for we are the church together. God can work through all events to bring new life, hope and resilience following disaster. Clean, abundant water and sanitary facilities available to every person. Jobs to bring security from hunger. Families no longer displaced and able to build new lives. Women no longer subject to discrimination. Imagine — that we can help make this world the way God imagined it should be! To participate you may donate cash or write a check to St. David’s UCC with “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line. Thank you for your caring.

COMBINED LENTEN SERVICES: We will be joining with Bethel UCC, Stone Church and St. Bartholomews for Lenten worship services. All services will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. You can join in on the services at Bethel, Stone Church and St. Bartholomew’s through *Uber Conference* or via *Zoom Conference*. The service here at St. David’s will be held in the parking lot and available from home through Uber Conference. The theme for these services is “In This Together” (How congregations are dealing with the Covid pandemic). We encourage you to join in on all of the Lenten services.

7:00 PM, Sunday, February 28: Pastor Bruce Bouchard (Stone Church), “Reaching Out as a Spiritual Practice that Connects Us.”

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 7: Pastor Zoë D’heedene (Bethel UCC), TBD

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 14: Pastor Scott Sager (St. David’s), “Hospitality.”

7:00 PM, Sunday, March 21: Pastor Steven Thomas (St. Bartholomews), "Meditation that Connects us with God."

CONNECTING TO UBER or ZOOM FOR THE WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES:

1. Telephone into a Zoom Event: If you have unlimited long distance, you might have a better experience if you telephoned Zoom. In order to do that, call the following number: 1-646-558-8656. You will be prompted for the Meeting ID Number. Type in: 717 212 9122, then press the "#" key. If you are asked for the participant ID, just press the "#" key. When you are asked for the password, dial 547270, and then press the "#" key.

2. Connecting to the Zoom Worship Service via the Internet: Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7172129122?pwd=dGVaV1RZeU9FSmdtWWhVRFBUY052QT09>

Meeting ID: 717 212 9122; Password: 547270

(Rather than use the link above you can also just go on the Zoom website (Zoom.com). Click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the Meeting ID number (717 212 9122) and the Password (547270).)

3. Uberconference Call for People Without Internet Access: The phone number to listen to the Lenten services on your phone is: 717-297-0608. You do not need to enter any other numbers. (If you do not have unlimited long distance, we can enter your phone number into the system and the system will call you without charge. Please contact Pastor Scott (717-880-6082) if you would like the system to call you.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 1 followed by Drive-thru Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY: Parking Lot Worship Service, 7:00 PM, Friday, April 2.

EASTER DAWN: Sunday, April 4. Bring your breakfast of choice with you and worship as the sun comes up on a glorious Easter dawn. Worship service, 7:00 AM in the parking lot.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail pscott8283@comcast.net) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

PAL DATE: February 27 CLOTHING BANK DATE: No March Date

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

<u>PAL</u>	<u>Changing Lives Shelter</u>	<u>Clothing Bank</u>
Single-serve Fruits	Deodorant (Men & Women)	Family-Size Toiletries
Individual Size Chips, Pretzels, etc.	Exam Gloves (Med & Lg)	Sheet Sets (All Sizes)
Laundry Detergent	Hand Sanitizer	Bath Towels
Instant White Rice	Bottled Water	Men's (L & XL) White T-shirts
Scallop Potatoes	Shampoo/Conditioner	Baby Diapers (Sizes 4 & 5)

Ruth's Harvest

Single-serve Entrees (Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snacks or Veggies)

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid is currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books and jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. Just mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number, #20003** and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday-Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

HANOVER NEW HOPE NEEDS: Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Canned Soups, Shampoo, Bars of Soap and Toilet Paper.

STOLTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The Stolte Scholarship Fund provides a grant for \$1000 to an individual pursuing a career in the field of ministry, missions or humanitarian service. Interested applicants must be residents of the greater Hanover area and should be a high school senior, college student or a seminary student. He or she may complete an application and submit a brief summary of their call into the field of service and list their future vocational goals. They should be an active member of a church, display good moral character and exhibit high scholastic ability. Applications forms are available from our church office or from the Hanover Area Council of Churches. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2021. For additional information please call the Council office at 717-633-6353.