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**Ash Wednesday**  
Wed. March 9th

**March 2011**

**Greeters:**

- March 6** Margie Collins and Carol Heiser
- March 9 (Ash Wed)** Margo Mathias and Carol Waple
- March 13** Michael Horst and John McDonald
- March 20** Dick and Mary Ellen Baer
- March 27** Gary and Becky Holman

**Nursery Duty:**

- March 6** Warren, Tamie and Michael Dodson
- March 13** **Open**
- March 20** **Open**
- March 27** Beth and Tim Swartz

\*\*Nursery Attendants are needed for the nursery.  
Please consider helping out so that others may enjoy church services as well. Thank You for your help and continued support.

**March Acolyte:**

- March 6** Shelby Luther
- March 13** None- Communion
- March 20** Noah Yeich
- March 27** Shelby Luther

**March Ushers**

- Frank and Carol Waple**
- Nancy and Gary Shank**
- Joanne Harter and Linda Hickoff**

**March 9th Ash Wednesday Ushers**

- Rose Ann Yeich, Joanne Harter,  
Gloria Agate, Carol Waple

**Bulletin Dedications**

- March 6** In loving memory of my parents, George and Geraldine Collitt by Jane Neff.
- March 13** In honor of their son John's birthday by Ruth and John Dodson.
- March 20** In honor of Bob Stanley's birthday on March 19 by Dottie Stanley.
- March 27** In honor of the staff by Don Potter.

**Cancel Flowers**

- March 6** In honor of Carol and Jay Wilsbach's **50th** Anniversary
- March 13** In memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Koerting by the family of Ella Seidel.
- March 20** In memory of his parents, by Pastor Don Potter.
- March 27** In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shank, Kenneth Shank and Russell Patterson from the Shank Family.

**A FEW REMINDERS:**

**ON-LINE BILL PAYER!!!!**

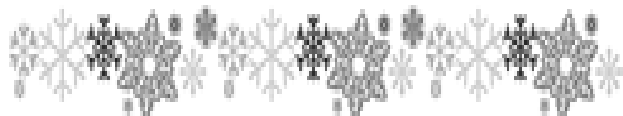
Regular payment of your stewardship commitment can be done through your bank and a process called "Bill Pay." Those who are interested in having your bank send regular payments to the church rather than you writing out a check each time, can make contact with your bank to get the details and sign-up for this program. If you have a computer at home, Bill Pay can also be set-up for payment of your stewardship commitment. Be sure to discuss the details with your bank officials and ask if there is any service charge for this procedure. If you have questions, see or contact church office



**Chancel Flowers**

The Stewardship Committee will send a reminder postcard to each Chancel flower sponsor at the time of the order. **The cost of the CHANCEL FLOWERS is still \$22.50 per order.** Please make the check payable to The Presbyterian Congregation with the date of the Sunday sponsored in the memo section of the check to assist Diane with recording the payment. **The check should be put into a separate envelope marked Chancel Flowers and either mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday.**

If at anytime you would like to add a Centerpiece or have any questions or concerns, please call church office 944-4322.



**Cancellation of church activities in the event of bad winter weather will be broadcast on the following stations:**

**ABC- WHTM-TV Channel 27**

**CBS-TV Channel 21**

**CW- 15**

**On the radio tune to:**

**WLAN-FM 97**

**WQLV-FM 98.6**

**You can log-on to CBS website at :www.cbs21.com**

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Presbyterian Congregation is ...  
A body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God's Word, love and fellowship.*

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Please place your articles or information either in the offering plate (mark it "newsletter"), or in mailbox marked **"NEWSLETTER."**

**Newsletter Deadlines for 2010/2011**

- March 22** - deadline for April newsletter
- March 29** - mail out newsletter
- April 19** - deadline for May/ June newsletter
- April 26** - mail out newsletter
- June 21** - deadline for July /Aug newsletter
- June 28** - mail out newsletter
- Aug 23** - deadline for Sept. newsletter
- Aug 30** - mail out newsletter
- Sept 20** - deadline for October newsletter
- Sept 27** - mail out newsletter
- Oct 18** - deadline for November newsletter
- Oct 25** - mail out newsletter
- Nov 15** - deadline for December newsletter
- Nov 22** - mail out newsletter

**SHEPHERDING PROGRAM UP-DATE**

The Evangelism Committee oversees the Shepherding Program of the church— an inter-church communication network. All church members have been assigned to one of 13 Shepherding groups/areas, with one leader responsible for each area. The leaders are to be in contact with members in their Shepherding group with news of special services or programs that we wish to promote for our church family. **On Sunday, March 6** after worship, all Shepherding Group Leaders are urged to join us in **Fellowship Hall** after the social time to get their new up-dated Shepherding list and take part in a brief orientation. Vivian Kilroy is serving as the Shepherding Program Coordinator. Those unable to attend March 6, are asked to contact Pastor Potter to pick-up their list.

*Share in the journey of faith!*

***"YOUR BIBLE!"***

—An Adult Forum Kerygma Study—

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in being part of the 7 week 201 1 Lenten study of "Your Bible!" beginning Sunday, March 6 at 9: 15 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Hand registration to Pastor Potter ASAP.  
Thank You.

## Hear the NEWS, Pastor Notes



### LENT BEGINS...

The season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 9, and extends for 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter. Originally, Lent was a time of preparation for those to be baptized on Easter. It has evolved into a time of penitence for all Christians, and reminds us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. You are invited to join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 9 at 7PM in the sanctuary. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served by intinction (coming forward to receive broken bread to dip into the chalice.. those unable to come forward can be served in the pew). The service will also include the imposition of ashes on the forehead or back of the hand symbolizing our human sinfulness and mortality. Begin Lent by joining us on Ash Wednesday. On Sunday March 13 the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during worship. We urge you to plan to attend as we mark the 1st Sunday in Lent. Invite a friend and join us.. all baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's table as we begin this special season of spiritual enrichment.

### -ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

During Lent we receive the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Offering. This year's theme is *Sharing Brings Joy - To Others, To God, And To Us*. All gifts to OGHS are divided into thirds and supports the following programs: 1. Self-Development of People, 2. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 3. Presbyterian Hunger Program. For the past 20 years the PC (USA) OGHS Offering has totaled between \$8 and \$11 million each year. In 2010 our church collected \$774.57. Natural disasters and human-made catastrophes over the past months have resulted in great suffering and hardship for countless millions. Please give generously. Use the envelop attached to this newsletter, the one in the pew rack, or mark your gift accordingly. Sharing resources helps save lives. THANK YOU!

### -"YOUR BIBLE!" - Lenten Study

YOU ARE INVITED to be part of the 7 week Kerygma study, "YOUR BIBLE!" beginning March 6. Each Sunday at 9:1 SAM in the Adult Forum in Fellowship Hall, the study will be held. Topics for the study include titles like: *-What Is The Bible? -How Did The Bible Come To Be? -What Are The Old And New Testaments?* and more. Weekly preparation for each class is expected. If you have questions, contact Pastor Potter asap. Come share and learn and grow in the faith!!

### -ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and LUNCH

On March 13 following worship, a meeting of the congregation is to be convened for the purpose of receiving the annual reports of church committees and organizations. All members are urged to attend. Copies of the 2010 Annual Report will be available March 6- and we urge you to bring them back March 13 to the meeting. After the meeting, we will enjoy a covered dish lunch in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a generous meat or vegetable covered dish, salad or dessert to share. Beverage and dinnerware will be provided

### Special Presbytery Meeting Planned

On Tuesday March 22 a special meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle at 2nd Presbyterian Church, Carlisle from 4-8PM. The sole purpose of the meeting is to discuss, debate and vote on the proposed Amendments to the book of Order, including the New Form of Government, and the addition of the Belhar Confession to the Book of Confessions. Elected elder and clergy commissioners from each church are to attend. In preparation for the March 22 meeting, special regional Educational Events across the Presbytery are scheduled to help prepare elected commissioners for the March 22 meeting. For our Region A, the Educational Event is set for Saturday March 5 at 2PM at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Lebanon. Elder Tom Rotondo and Pastor Potter will attend from our church. Your prayers are requested as the Presbytery meets and takes action.

### -THE PRESBYTERY PER CAPITA/ASSESSMENT

We express our THANKS to those who have paid their assessment of \$22.45 **per member**. The assessment helps pay the administrative cost of operating the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Thus far we have received \$1427. Please pay as you are able. Thank you!

### -The DEACON APPEAL

Donations given by church members for the Board of Deacon's Appeal enable the Deacons to fulfill their vital ministry of "...compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ." All funds received assist the Deacons in their work which includes visiting the homebound and sick, helping secure volunteers for the twice-a-year Meals-On-Wheels program, sending Care Packages to college students, mailing weekly bulletins to the homebound and cards for special occasions, working with our adopted family and so much more. Please mark your gift accordingly. In 2010 donations totaled \$1099. We thank you in advance for your support for this year's effort. -Susquehanna University Choir Concert On Tuesday March 8 the Susquehanna University Choir will present a concert at 7:30PM at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, . 101 N. 23rd Street. Rodney Calwell is the Director of this 70+ voices. A free-will offering will be received.

### MARCH 13 - PYC ALL- CHURCH EVENT

Join the Presbyterian Youth Connection on Sunday March 13 from 4-5:30PM in Fellowship Hall for a special program to be given by Hershey Police Officer Garth Warner and his 6 year-old German Shepherd, Renko. Officer Warner has worked with the K-9 unit for some 19 years and will talk to us about the K59 program and do demonstrations with his dog Renko. Families with children are especially welcome. Refreshments will be served. Invite a friend and join us!

THANKS to one and all for helping us raise \$211. 17 on Souper Bowl Sunday February 6 for the Interfaith Food Pantry and Human Needs Fund.

Although the winter weather may slow us all down at time,,



Deacons have been out and about. They have been busy visiting our homebound members, delivering chancel flowers, dropping your donations of food at the Middletown Food Pantry, and even recycling printer cartridges at Staples.

The planning has begun for the congregation's Outreach Project in the fall, a Tea and Fashion show. It promises to be a fun time for all, yes, even the gentlemen! Our congregation participates in the Meals-On-Wheels program by coordinating the delivery of meals for an entire month. This year we will be responsible for the months of April and October. If you'd like to help, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the vestibule in March.

The Deacons held elections for officers at their January meeting. Gloria Agate will serve another term as Moderator, while Nancy Shank will serve as Vice-Moderator. Jean Fuss has been elected Secretary.

The new Deacon coordinator of chancel flowers is Barry Snook. You may contact Barry if you'd like to request a special order for flowers, either in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of those who have donated food to the Middletown Food Pantry. The need for canned and boxed items is great during these frigid months and any donation that you can make will be greatly appreciated. Please place your items in the boxes in the rear of the sanctuary.



Time to  
Spring Ahead  
March 13th

***God doesn't give you the people you want. He gives you the people you NEED...to help you, to hurt you, to leave you, to love you, and to make you into the person you were meant to be.***



At the recent Christian Education Meeting one item we talked about was a Service/Mission Project that would be appropriate for the children. We thought a "Birthing Kit" would be of interest to the children. The directions supplied by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) gave us the following **specific** directions:

- 1 small bar soap (1 to 2 oz. size)
- 1 pair sterile gloves (surgical, latex or thin rubber)
- 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting (must be 4 milliliters - thick plastic. Trash bags and shower curtains are **not** acceptable.
- 3 - 12" long pieces of cotton string (must be clean.) Secure the pieces of string by bundling and tying them together - **NO** yarn.
- 1 single edge razor (Must be covered in paper or cardboard to keep it from causing injury. Regular shaving razors are **not** acceptable.
- 2 receiving blankets - 30" x 30" or 32" x 32" size. **No thermal or fleece blankets**
- 1 plastic bag (one gallon size sealable bags only.) If you choose to donate the plastic sheeting and/or blanket, please fold so they will fit easily into the plastic bag. Also note, that all items **must be new. Do not wash** any of the items as they will be considered used.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important the kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.
- Also **DO NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- If you would like to help the children with this Mission project, you may donate money for which we will purchase these items or use towards shipping.
- We will begin accepting items for this project during the Lenten period which begins Wednesday, March 9 and is ended on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. You may wish to consider enhancing your celebration of this solemn season by gifting another life in a country or area that does not have the essentials for a safe delivery of a baby. This could be your example of sharing the Love of Christ, the One who died on the cross and then rose to save us from our sins.
- We chose this UMCOR project because of its accessibility in Mechanicsburg. You may recall this is also where Lend-A-Hand is headquartered locally.

Hi, folks! This is Oscar, the church mouse, reporting in. Guess what?

**I received a valentine!!!!** A very nice lady sent it to me. You ask who? I'll never tell. She is my secret admirer.

Anyhow, I am so excited - a real valentine just for yours truly.

Lots of good things have been happening around this church. This mouse is really keeping busy trying to keep up with everything. This job is neat because I get to go to church every Sunday. One Sunday they sang "Happy Birthday" to the lady who sits in the back. She helps set the tables for the dinners and I was so happy for her. I sang along but I don't think anybody heard me.

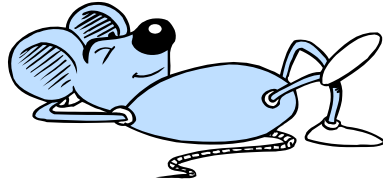
The music director had planned a program for the first Wednesday in February but guess what? There was an ice storm. It wouldn't have bothered me as I don't go outdoors but it was not too great for other people. So, they held it the following week. I sneaked in and listened and it was really great. I saw a lot of our Methodist friends there as their music director, Walt, played and sang with Shirley and Ruth. They seemed to have such fun and everyone had a good time, especially me. There was a luncheon following the program and they had **cheese**. According to the schedule there will be another program on March 2. You should really be there and enjoy the music and fun.

I have been attending choir rehearsals and those people really work hard. I sing along with them but it is really hard because I don't read music. Heck, mice don't read at all. But I have fun because those guys in the back row are really funny. You would never know it on Sunday mornings but I hear stuff. I'm as quiet as a mouse. Wait a minute, I am a mouse. This past Sunday I really liked the offertory. I think the people did too as they were smiling and nodding their heads.

Tried to follow the secretary around but it was too busy - phone was ringing, people coming in the door - too busy for this mouse. I will try again another day. Also tried following Jay around and it is just as bad. I don't like the noise the vacuum makes. It scares me and I run and hide.

There was another community dinner at the church and I got to get some crumbs to put in my cupboard. Boy that word almost got me. I don't think mice can spell either. It's tough being a mouse when you have to report the news.

It's time for me go to bed. I need a new house. Anyone have any ideas? Maybe I could live in Jay's closet. See you next month but be careful. I am watching and listening for news.



*Oscar the Church Mouse*

***Another Story from Oikocredit  
(OIKO means house, community, world:  
the place where people live together.***

CREDIT refers to giving loans to the poor.  
It also refers to "credo": I believe)

Think of becoming a widow at age 28 and suddenly being the sole provider for yourself and two children. That is what happened to Govindammal in her native India. She tried to continue her family business of making bamboo baskets; however, she nearly failed by borrowing money from a local money lender who charged her a very high interest rate.

Govindammal by luck heard about a microcredit lender connected to Oikocredit which she says, "saved me from the dreadful clutches of the money lenders." She received two low interest loans from them:

3000 rupees (\$70) to pay off the money lenders  
and

4000 rupees to set up a small shop in front of her house to sell her products.

With the shop doing good business, she now makes up to 180 rupees every day. "I can now take good care of my children and also provide them with quality education and thereby achieve my life's ambition."

The Mission Committee and the Adult Forum of our church invite you to come to supper on Saturday April 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 to hear first hand of the wonderful ways that Oikocredit's fund of nearly \$600 million is sustaining 17 million poor persons in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Terry Provance, Executive Director of Oikocredit USA, will be our story teller. **SAVE THE DATE** to learn how our church's \$8500 investment in Oikocredit is part of the solution to erasing global poverty!

## HAPPENINGS OF THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

A great big thank you to all who had a hand in the Chicken Pot Pie Dinner. Whether you helped decorate the tables, mixed the dough, rolled the dough, cooked the chicken, sold the tickets, sat the people, filled the plates with hot pot pie, served the people, served the drinks, cleaned the tables or washed the dishes, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. The dinner was a fun night for all.

Plans will soon begin again for our next community dinner (meatloaf) which will be held on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## EASTER EGGS

Well you can tell that Easter is coming. The wonderful smell of chocolate is in the church and the Fellowship Easter Bunnies are busy in the kitchen. The eggs are being mixed, rolled, dipped, wrapped and sold.

The sale of the eggs began on February 5 and order forms are available. On February 5, our church had a table at Sharp Shopper grocery store and many patrons were eager to purchase our eggs.

Last year was our first year at this endeavor, and approximately 10,000 eggs were sold. We are hopeful that this year will also be a success.

The price of the eggs are 75 cents each or \$9.00 a dozen. The following flavors are available:

Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter  
White Chocolate Peanut Butter  
Milk Chocolate Coconut  
Dark Chocolate Coconut  
Milk Chocolate Butter Cream  
Dark Chocolate Butter Cream

Order forms can be found in the Sunday bulletin and completed order forms can be placed in the offering plate or given to Joanne Harter.

You can also drop off order forms at the church office.

Eggs can be picked up Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or after church service on Sundays.

You can also call Mary Leisey at 944-5203; Patience Basehore at 948-0890; Joanne Harter at 564-0475; Linda Hickoff at 944-6383, or Carol Waple at 944-1010 to order eggs.

Please share order forms with friends, families and co-workers. The sale of the eggs supports the mission of the church.

## **STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Community Fundraising Dinners:

May 11 Bob Evans on Eisenhower Blvd.

May 20 Hoss' Steak House in Hummelstown

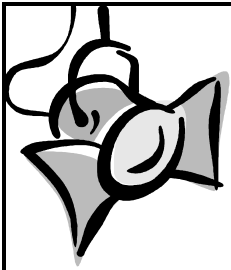
September 19 Friendly's Restaurant – Lindle Road near Target

May 14, our church will be at Bass Pro Shop selling hot dogs and bake sale

More to come on volunteering at Hershey Park!!!

**ON BEHALF OF THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE, THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT. WITHOUT THE COMMITMENT OF THE CONGREGATION, WE COULD NOT SUCCEED IN DOING GOD'S WORK.**

Joanne L. Harter, Chair Fellowship Committee



# Spotlight On

*Our congregation is full of people with interesting stories to tell. Ever wonder what the person in the next pew likes to do in his/her free time? What inspires the person in front of you? Our monthly newsletter feature called Spotlight On... introduces you to a member of our church family.*



March's Spotlight shines on Kelly Rotondo.

Long before Kelly Rotondo became a member of Presbyterian Congregation, she was active with the church. She could be found helping out in the church nursery and at Vacation Bible School. Kelly decided to join the church last year. "The people here are very friendly and welcoming compared to other churches we attended in the area." Kelly and her husband, Tom knew there would be many opportunities to get even more involved with the church. They recently helped with their first church dinner.

During the week, you can find Kelly at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She is a clinical nurse educator and works in the Nursing Education and Professional Development Department. She organizes orientations for new nurses and helps experienced staff members with their professional development by designing curriculums and courses. "I love seeing the nurses "light bulb" moments. It makes me feel very proud when I see nurses grow and develop into fabulous professionals that truly are making a difference every day."

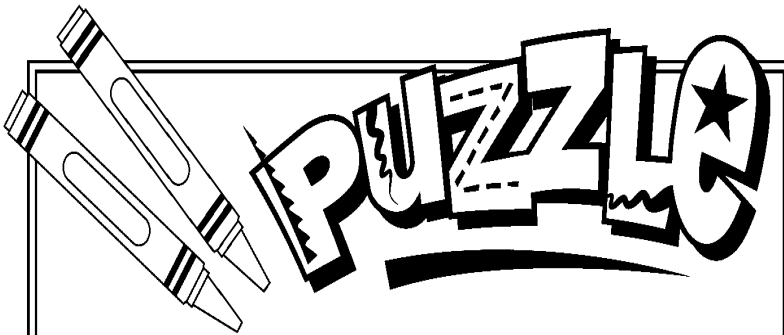
Kelly graduated from Sewickley Valley Hospital School of Nursing in Sewickley, PA. Kelly says she knew since second grade that she wanted to be a nurse. "I couldn't imagine doing anything else. I love the complexity of the human body, mind, and spirit and being a nurse allows you to touch so many people's lives using this holistic approach."

Kelly also teaches online courses at the University of Phoenix. But her favorite job is being a mother to 18-month-old Caylin. "I feel very lucky to be a part of her life. I love watching her twirl and giggle at herself. I think adults should try it. There would be a lot less stress in the world."

In her free time, Kelly likes to take walks with her family, go out to dinner and travel. She especially likes to snorkel and scuba dive. Kelly, Tom and Caylin also hope to one day visit all 50 states. They also want to visit all of the major league baseball parks. So far, they've visited twelve stadiums. Boston is next on their list. Kelly started this hobby eight years ago. "It's America's pastime---baseball. What a better way to spend a hot summer day!"

So the next time you see Kelly, be sure to say hello. She is a wonderful member of our church family.

*Do you have a person you would like to "Spotlight" and get to know better? Please contact any member of the Evangelism Committee with your suggestions.*



*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

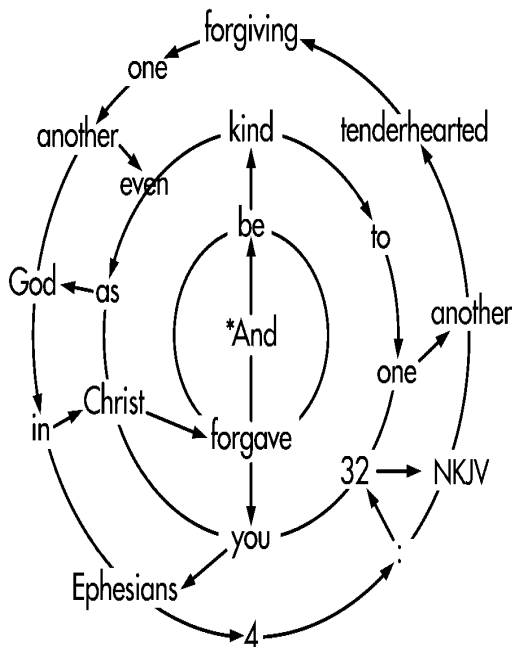
We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members and friends:

# WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others – and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



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**MARCH**

Rose Ann Yeich	3/1
John Lauffer	3/1
Matt Eppley	3/1
Rhiannon White	3/5
Noah Yeich	3/9
Brian Yeich	3/10
Stan Callison	3/11
Jena Reinhart	3/12
Darren Heiser	3/13
Joan Wynn	3/15
John Dodson, L	3/16
John Dodson	3/18
Crystal Heiser	3/19
Ethan Schick	3/21
Lori Yeich	3/29
Gary Holman	3/31
Betty Fisher	3/31
Austin Coble	3/31

We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Jeanne and Roy Fuss	3/4/89
Jay and Carol Wilsbach	3/6/61
Stan and Gwen Callison	3/11/51
Jack and Fae Mower	3/18/66
Max and Erika Lauffer	3/21/64

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

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