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FROM PASTOR NATE'S DESK ...

Don't Be Fooled by a False Spring

Often in these newsletters, I write from the perspective of looking forward to the season to come. Especially during this time of year, I fully expected to write a message riddled with hope as we anticipate spring's birds and buds and beauty. But today (mid-February!), as I sit here with 62 degree breezes blowing through my open windows, I am hopeful, but not in the same way.

I hope the plants and trees don't fall for it. They prepared themselves for the elements this season was supposed to bring. They hid their waters and sugars below ground that they would not freeze. I hope they aren't tricked into believing it's safe to enter into this new season; reversing all the measures previously taken. Should the winter return, the plant would be no longer equipped to handle the cold.

God created the seasons for a reason, and we are made to experience them all. Let us not be fooled by the temptations of this world to prematurely

emerge from a season that might bring us hardship. Turn to God, instead; let his work continue in you. A time will come for growth. A time will come for harvest.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 A

Time for Everything

3 There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:

² a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

³ a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,

a time to keep and a time to throw away,

⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,

a time to be silent and a time to speak,

⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,

a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹ What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰ I have

seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has

also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can

fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I

know that there is nothing better for people than to

be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³ That each

of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all

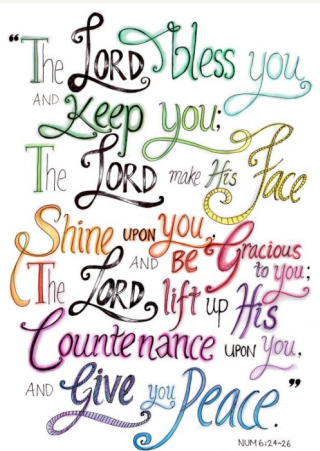
their toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I know that every-

thing God does will endure forever; nothing can be

added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it

so that people will fear him.

**Grace and Peace,
Pastor Nate Starkey**



MARCH NOISY OFFERING

March Noisy Offering is all about local assistance—

Helping Hands Fund! This is a special fund to help people and/or families right in our own area who

are struggling. It enables us as the church, to provide groceries, prescriptions, bus passes or gas money to those in dire need. In addition, the fund can provide

emergency assistance for rent, utilities, scholarships to church-sponsored events, and a variety of other requests for aid. Thank you for your help!

ACTIVITIES

The Hat, Scarf and Mitten/, Gloves Tree Mission project will continue through the end of March. If you still have items, please place them on the tree. A HUGE thank you goes out to ALL of you that have helped to keep children, men, and women in need, warm this winter. Keep knitting, if you wish, as we will start collecting again next November. This year we donated to the T C Baby Pantry, the Pregnancy Center, T C High School, Jubilee House, and ACTS. Your generosity has been greatly appreciate!
Thank You!

Free Pasta Community Dinner
Wed., March 22nd
6-7:30pm
A HELP WANTED clipboard
is in the church hallway!



Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, 3/14 6pm Ladies Night Out for dinner at Minerva's! Please RSVP by March 10th to Joyce Burrows 938-1568.

Sun, 3/26 (after church) Women's Fellowship Meeting
Friday, 5/12 6pm Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend Banquet (more details to come)

Saturday, 6/10 4-8pm Strawberry Social, Silent Auction and Live Basket Auction

Church Women United Lenten Lunches Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Series, titled *Called to Life, Called to Love*. Everyone is invited, each Thursday during Lent.
Hosted by Presbyterian Church of TC, 701 Westminster, TC
11:30am-1pm

3/2 Pastor Melissa Lopez, Presbyterian Church of TC
3/9 Captain Dawn Russell, Salvation Army
3/16 Deacon Kevin Enders, Christ the King Catholic Church
3/23 Pastor Howard Harvey, Kewadin UMC
3/30 Pastor Kathy Sendeker, Traverse Bay UMC
4/6 Pastor Terry Wildman, Northport Indian Mission

Special Sunday – One Great Hour of Sharing – March 26, 2017

Your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded. When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded. When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded. *Thank you!*

Prayer Quilting Gathering! Thursday, March 16th

1-4pm

All are welcome!

No experience necessary—there are different tasks for all!



MARCH CELEBRATIONS!

8TH Holly & Shane Barrett's 31st Anniv!
10TH Alexis Hamstra
12TH Jan Donkers
12TH Callie Thomas
13TH Rod Kuncaitis
15TH Judy Jenkins
17TH Dana Kuncaitis-Rouse
19TH Lisa Walter
21ST Laura Reinhold
21ST Dwain and Wanda Provins' 64th Anniv!



22ND Cathy Dye
26TH Wendy Walter
26TH Jim and Carol Hockins' 51st Anniv!
27TH Zac Buchan

March 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Community Pasta Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 403 Traverse St., Elk Rapids, on Wed., March. 8th, 5-7pm. Come join your neighbors for a meal! (free-will offering)

1 Ash
Wednesday
3pm All Faith Service at Samaritas

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*11:30-1pm
Lenten Luncheon

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5 10am Worship Service & Communion
VBS Meeting after church

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8 3pm All Faith Service at Samaritas
5-7pm Pasta Dinner @ St. Paul's in ER

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*11:30-1pm
Lenten Luncheon

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12 10am
Worship Service & Potluck!



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14
*6pm Ladies Night Out for Dinner at Minerva's

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3pm All Faith Service at Samaritas

16
*11:30-1pm
Lenten Luncheon
*1-4 Quilting at WUMC!

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St. Patrick's Day



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19 10am
Worship Service

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22
3pm All Faith Service at Samaritas
*6-7:30pm
Community Dinner

23
*11:30-1pm
Lenten Luncheon

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26 10am
Worship Service & Brunch!

Women's Fellowship Meeting

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29
3pm All Faith Service at Samaritas

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*11:30-1pm
Lenten Luncheon

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AA SCHEDULE
Monday, 8pm
Wed. Women Only, 7pm
Saturday, Men Only 10am;
Saturday, everyone, 7pm



*I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

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