



Sunday School Teachers and Assistants
for March

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March 3rd Carolyn Smith and Dean Ripple

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March 10th Rachel Maxson and Karen Stasicha

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March 17th Carter and Chris Stasicha

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March 24th Rebekah and Randy Foringer

March 31st Carolyn Smith and Sarah Zundel

Pastor Don's Yarns

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Upcoming Schedule and Events

March 14th Deacon Meeting

March 18th Session Meeting at 7:00

March 18th Bag Brigade 5:15

March 20th Lenten Lunch starts at noon.

March 24th Palm Sunday

March 31st Easter Sunday

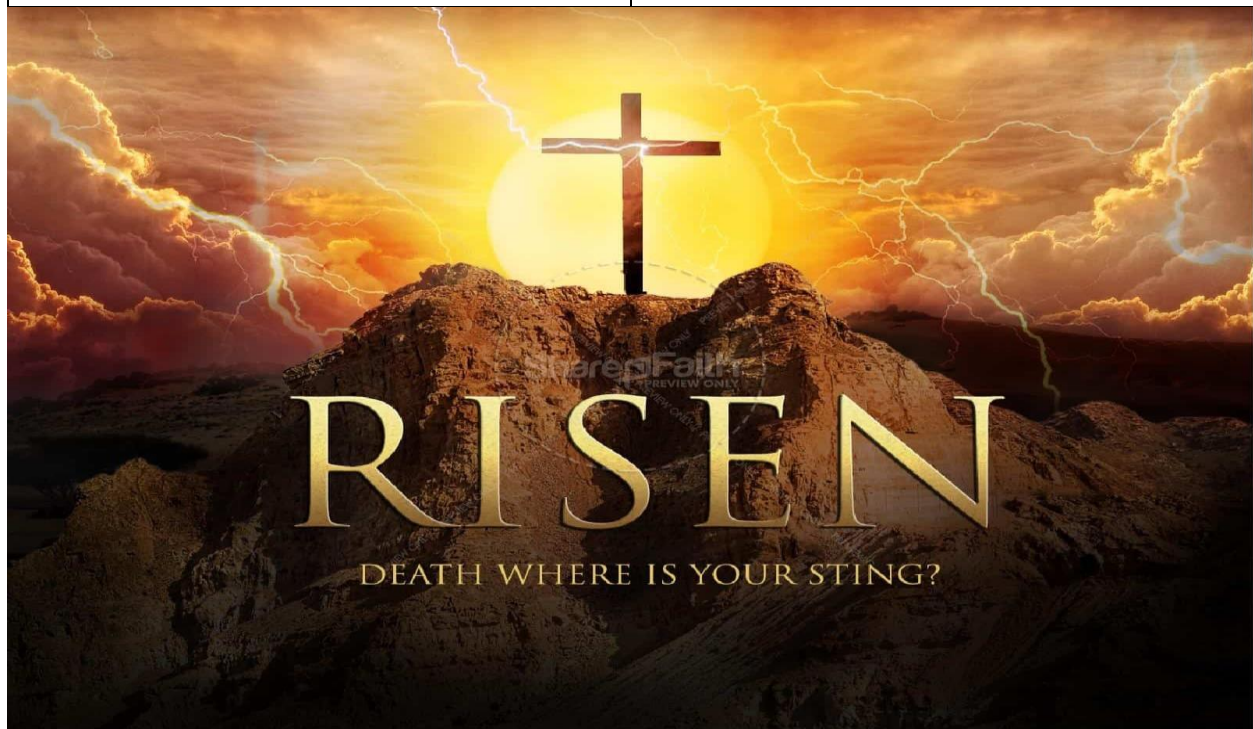
Prayer List

Dale Nelson	Dave Vindivich	Dee Alekson	Bill Smith	Russ Moon
Sherry Freet	Jamie Alexander	Diane Morgan	Carolyn Smith	Louetta Hayden
Buffy Roberts	Donna Adams	Florence Orr	Melba Jean Wolfe	Ian Chikoti
Noreen Yakich	Idalee Leeper	Cindy Hruby	Jeremy Wolfe	Lucy Chikoti
Gianna Smoyer	Lida Evans	Dave O'Casek	Darryl Smith	Nancy Layton

March Birthdays

<i>March 1st</i>	<i>Kim Yartin</i>
<i>March 3rd</i>	<i>Dean Ripple</i>
<i>March 9th</i>	<i>Dave Vindivich</i>
<i>March 11th</i>	<i>Idalee Leeper</i>
<i>March 12th</i>	<i>Kathy Smith</i>
<i>March 23rd</i>	<i>Pamela Thomas</i>
<i>March 25th</i>	<i>Brandon Foti</i>
<i>March 25th</i>	<i>Dalton Smith</i>

<i>March 25th</i>	<i>Kellie Welsh</i>
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MARCH BEACON ARTICLE

March is month where many turn their attention to athletics to get through the final days of Winter. I'm thinking of the college basketball tournament colloquially known as, "March Madness", and the Spring Training Season for Major League Baseball. Though College basketball has not been untouched by players using P.E.D.s – Performance Enhancing Drugs -in Major League Baseball there has been a raging scandal.

Many know the drugs used as P.E.D.s by athletes by the common name, "Steroids." Perhaps you have even been prescribed these drugs for use in the treatment of one condition or another. They boost the immune system and aid in the healing process associated with many maladies. They are powerful and effective when taken in the right dosage over the proper period of time. But if abused they can create a host of problems for their users.

Our blessings in this life have similar qualities. When they are from God and are used as He wishes, they can be a wonderful source of joy, strength, and provision for the recipient and even those whose lives are touched because of our blessings. But when they are coveted, abused, or worshipped they have the opposite effect. No steroid on earth can treat the disease of "Affluenza" – otherwise known as a sickness of the Soul due to affluent conditions to which one becomes attached and addicted.

Yes, blessings are God's steroids. They can uphold us, increase our faith, and even help us to become more Christ-like. But only you can know if you are using them correctly. Are you loving God for what He gives you rather than who He is? One way to test that proposition is to check your giving, especially the giving of your time, talents, and resources. I pray you pass that test, for God's blessings and their powerful results are meant to be a positive in our relationship to Him and others. God bless you as you continue to grow in the Faith,

Pastor don

Hidden Nests and Other Mysteries

A deciduous shrub grows along the corner of our neighbor's house, not far from our driveway. This time of year, it is a skeleton of mostly bare branches.

I happened to glance over there one day this winter and noticed the remnants of a bird's nest in those branches. This surprised me a bit—when the leaves were still in place, I hadn't realized there was a nest there. Winter reveals a lot of those sorts of unexpected discoveries, though.

Oddly enough, I got to thinking about the once-hidden nest next door when I was reading some of Paul's letters recently. The Apostle Paul often uses the term "mystery" to mean truths that were once hidden—or still are. Mysteries in this context are truths that we wouldn't ever understand on our own; God has to reveal them to us, as if He pulled back the "leaves" to show us something that was right in front of us all along. We just couldn't see it without His assistance.

In Ephesians, Paul talks a lot about mysteries. He talks about the mystery of God's will (1:8), "the mystery of Christ" (3:4), and "the mystery of the gospel" (6:19). He marvels at a mystery that Jews who came before would never have considered: that Gentiles are heirs of God, too (3:6)—and always have been.

Paul's letters take pains to explain such mysteries and God's revelations, truths that had been hidden until Christ's coming. But in 1 Corinthians 13:12, he also notes that there's a lot that we still can't understand about God. He writes, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."

For historical context, it's important to know that mirror technology has advanced a lot since Biblical times—back then, mirrors were polished metal surfaces that reflected an image, but not well. To apply the metaphor: We can catch glimpses of God but cannot yet get a complete picture of Him.

And that's okay—because we do know this: that we can put our trust in Him.

At the same time, this doesn't mean that we should throw up our hands and give up on knowing God any better than we do at this moment. Instead, we should always seek to know Him more, to catch a clearer glimpse of Him. We can do this by asking Him, by studying the Bible and calling on the wisdom of people like Paul, and by drawing closer to God as we follow the model of love that His Son showed us—a model that calls us to love God and others.

Laurie Bartolotta

February 20, 2024, Session Highlights

Discussion of an inexpensive Surveillance Camera System, Ken Amrick will explore this issue.

- Considerable discussion of the Fire Suppression System Inspection and the cost. Ken Amrick will continue working on this issue.
- Doug Zundel noted that Rehoboth was approved by Microsoft for the Non-Profit Pricing. Doug will take the next steps as needed and let you all know will transition to MS and what cost savings we should gain.
- Bev Reeb has been asked to give Session information about a local company doing an insurance appraisal of our church for free. Presently, Rehoboth pays Industrial Appraisal Company each year \$190.00 to re-certify our insurance needs.
- Doug Zundel checked our Tax ID was updated. Presbytery has a tax ID for all Redstone Presbytery Churches.
- We have old financial records from the 1970s to present in a cabinet in the office. The medal cabinet is stuffed full of old financial records). Rehoboth will keep the last 12 years of financial records. Session members will be burning the records.
- Moderator's January 2024 Report
- Visitation: 4 Counseling: 3 Meetings: 5 Events: 1 Continuing Education: 3 Vacation: 3
- Visits: Bill Smith, Melba Wolfe, Ida Lee Leeper, Bill Smith
- Moderator's Items
- Motion made by Bill Welsh, seconded, and passed to have a Memorial Day Service in Rehoboth Cemetery on May 26, 2024, with permission of the Rehoboth Cemetery Board.
- Discussed Confirmands (candidates for Confirmation) , Youth ministry, Lenten Lunch service 03/20/24.
- Motion made by Melvin O'Bryon, seconded, and passed the Deacons will host the Lenten Service
- Lunch on March 20, 2024.
- Motion made by Ken Amrick, seconded, and passed for Rev. Glunt to attend the free Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on February 23, 2024, addressing how to attract people to attend church.

Rev. Glunt will ask Glenn Hart to cover Rehoboth for February 23, 2024.

Facility Use Permission

Motion made by David Vindivich, seconded, and passed for the Deacons to have a Vendor/Craft Show on May 11, 2024, from 7 AM-4 PM with use of social hall, basement kitchen, fellowship room, pavilion with use of tables and chairs.

Administrative Assistant Position Update

Motion made by Melvin O'Bryon, seconded, and passed to move the administrative assistant position from a 1099 contracted position to a W-2 tax job position with Randy Foringer determining the salary after tax deductions (to be the same salary Elizabeth presently makes) with the understanding the workdays will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:30-1:00 beginning March 1, 2024.

Program Committee, Beverly Reeb

- Please report for the program committee that the traditional passing of the Communion elements on 2/11/24 seemed to be a great success. We had 36 people participate in communion, with 32 of them serving each other.
 - Motion made by Melvin O'Bryon, seconded, and passed to use the proposed Communion schedule.
 - submitted by Beverly Reeb using the traditional Communion method of serving people but also
 - having available the pre-packaged Communion cups for those who wish to use them.
 - We will not have Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Session has returned to the Communion Schedule recommended using the Presbytery Ecumenical Calendar. Communion Dates are below:
- 1/7 – Baptism of the Lord
 - 2/11 – Transfiguration of the Lord
 - 3.24 – Palm/Passion Sunday
 - 3/28 – Maundy Thursday
 - 4/ (none)
 - 5/19 – Pentecost
 - 5/26 – Trinity Sunday
 - 6/30 – ordinary time
 - 7/ (none)
 - 8/4 – ordinary time
 - 9/8 – ordinary time
 - 10/6 – World Communion Sunday
 - 11/3 – All Saints' Day
 - 11/24 – Christ the King
 - 12/24 – Christmas Eve

Building and Maintenance, Bill Nicholls report

- Manse-Furnace igniter replaced.
- Thermal Coupler on the church furnace replaced last Tuesday.
- Education Building had to be electric sealed Saturday morning by Steve Manack for \$225.00.
- Camera and locator on sewage line and to locate the sewage tank needs to be completed.
- Before fall Zack Hammer would like to seal the boiler in the church.
- Doug Zundel looking to replace the two lights coming in from the vestibule to the room where we
- pass out the bulletins, one light is dead and replace the other one with LED lights.
- Called Salvio about the library head unit not working, no call back.
- Nursery School Report
- Motion made by Melvin O'Bryon, seconded, and passed, to approve the 2024 Nursery School budget.
- Motion made by Melvin O'Bryon, seconded, and passed to approve Becca Reeb and Rebekah Foringer for another three-year term on the Nursery School Board, to add Sarah Zundel to the Nursery School Board, and to approve these Nursery School Officers: financial secretary, Carolyn Smith, treasurer Becca Reeb, and secretary Rachel Maxson.

Deacon's Minutes February 8, 2024

PRESENT: Carolyn Clark, Jannine Blacka, Nikki Samoda, Colleen Ress, Penny Moon
Excused: Ed Moore
DEVOTIONS: Jannine Blacka
MINUTES: Penny Moon
TREASURER'S REPORT: Carolyn Clark

MAIL: Thank you's from Abby's Angel's, City Mission, Mar's Youth Home, Westmoreland Co. Food Bank.

OLD BUSINESS: Nikki got the information on the daffodils for Daffodil Days--\$12 per bunch and \$15 for potted daffodils. We will order 2 bunches and 6 potted plants which will be taken to the shut ins. Discussed the joint meeting with Session and Deacon's --the Session would like to start having the regular communion again with the homemade bread and cups of grape juice. The Deacon's agreed that now might not be the right time to start it with the rise of Covid, RSV and the flu, but if it happens, we would like the prepared cups made available to those who would rather have them. Gift cards were purchased for Valentine's Day and sent to our college students.

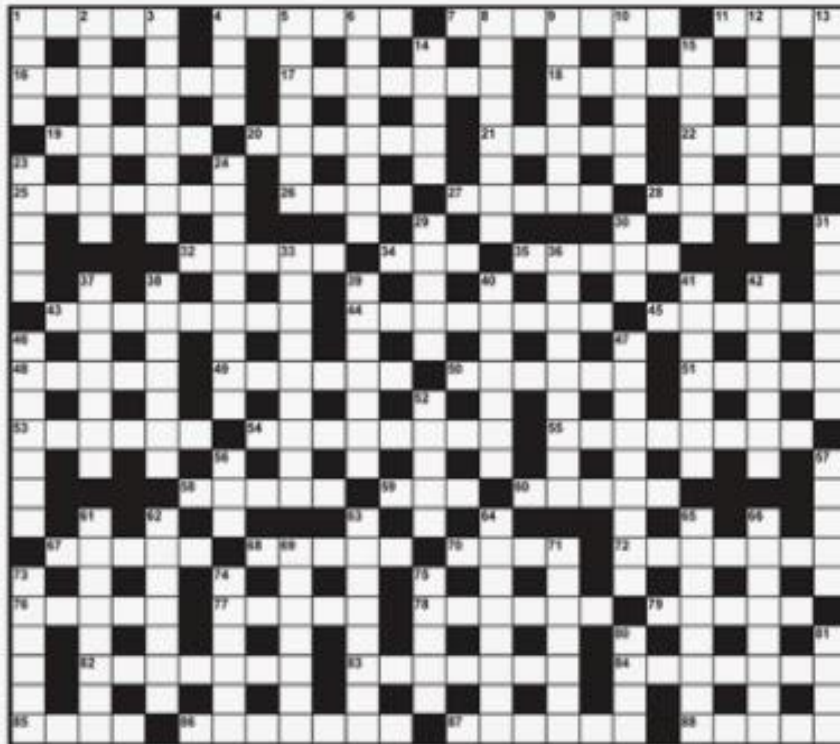
NEW BUSINESS: Nikki received information on ordering Easter Flowers. We agreed to order from McShane's. Will offer tulips, lilies, and hyacinths. Orders need to be in by March 1st. Nikki will order palm crowns and Carolyn ordered palm crosses. Discussed upcoming Craft and Vendor show. It will be May 11, Becky and Ed Moore agreed to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers. Carolyn sent out applications for tables and has had back several replies. Talked to Nursery School about the possibility of having a carnival again. Rehoboth will have a Lenten luncheon on Mar. 20th with soup, bread and cookies.

DONATIONS: American Cancer Society \$150, Valentine Cards/gift cards \$140, Palm Crosses \$25, Bag Brigade \$200 for peanut butter cups.

Prayer requests offered and Colleen closed with prayer.

Next meeting Mar. 14th, Penny has devotions.

Easter Treat Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 A baffling question
- 4 See 1 down
- 7 A holy man
- 11 Inactive
- 16 Church reading stand
- 17 Conspicuous
- 18 Where the crucifixion took place
- 19 & 21, Chief of the Apostles (5,5)
- 20 Lamentable
- 21 See 19 across
- 22 Period of overindulgence
- 25 Without a hearing (2,5)
- 26 & 47 down, she stood by the cross at the crucifixion (4,9)
- 27 To verify
- 28 ... and wine
- 32 I will ... the coming of my Lord (Tennyson)
- 34 & 36 down, the day after 45 across (3,9)
- 35 Master
- 43 Jesus was put to death on ... (3,5)
- 44 Unexpected strokes of good fortune
- 45 & 86 across, Pancake Day (6,7)
- 48 Likewise

DOWN

- 1 & 4 across, the day commemorating Christ's entry into Jerusalem (4,6)
- 2 Church vestry
- 3 The art of persuasive oratory
- 4 Chant
- 5 A patent medicine
- 6 Any symbolic representation
- 8 A plainsong setting of words usually from the bible
- 9 One who lives a holy life
- 10 Deferential appellation to Jesus (2,4)
- 12 Sun-up
- 13 It commemorates the resurrection of Christ
- 14 Clemency
- 15 Early Roman emperors
- 23 A guardian spirit
- 24 Building occupied by an association
- 29 Away from consideration
- 30 A small demon
- 31 One who disbelieves in the existence of God
- 33 Vanish
- 36 See 34 across

DIFFICULTY LEVEL = HARD



Easter Word Search



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- ❖ CHICK
- ❖ LAMB
- ❖ EASTER EGG
- ❖ EGG HUNT
- ❖ SPRING
- ❖ EGG SHELL
- ❖ DUCKLING
- ❖ BASKET

- ❖ FLOWERS
- ❖ CHOCOLATE
- ❖ CROSS
- ❖ HOT CROSSED BUNS
- ❖ CELEBRATE
- ❖ CHICKEN
- ❖ BUNNY
- ❖ JESUS



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- EASTER
- GOLGOTHA
- HIGH PRIEST
- JESUS CHRIST
- JOSEPH
- JUDAS ISCARIOT
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