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Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

22 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ²and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

Luke 22:1-6

FROM THE PASTOR

The Sunday School theme this year is **Trusting God's Promises**. I have found myself reflecting on and challenged by that many times this year. During a contentious Presidential election full of campaign promises (as in the case in all Presidential elections), it was good to know that whatever the outcome of the election and the new administration, my trust is in a power higher and truer than politicians. With weather going from drought to high water, I can withstand any storm and any fear with confidence that my life is built on the rock foundation of salvation in Jesus Christ. When facing major health issues as we have in our family, it is comforting to pray to the one whose promises are eternal. So, in any and every circumstance, we can, according to Psalm 105,

Give thanks to the Lord,
Call on his name...
Glory in his holy name...
Look to the Lord and his strength,
Seek his presence always.
And always trust his promises.



Pastor Dennis

Church Website and Email

To access the church's website,
Go to www.clarksburgcc.org
Pastor Dennis also has an e-mail address:
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Worship in February Service Begins at 11:00 a.m.		
Feb 5	"The Last Supper" Luke 22.7-23	Communion
Feb 12	"It's Only Money" Luke 21.1-4	
Feb 19	"Judas" Luke 22.1-6	Children's choirs
Feb 26	Lent	

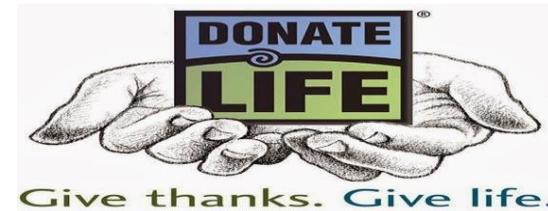
MEN'S GROUP

The Clarksburg Community Men's Group will meet here on Saturday, February 4, at 6:30 am. They will be continuing their discussion of the book **JESUS IS**, as well as enjoying good fellowship time together over a wonderful (no kidding!) breakfast.

SENIOR LUNCH

Can you believe it's February already? Well it is!! So mark your calendars again for the third Tuesday of February (February 21) and join us for lunch at 12:00 noon here at the church. If you have any questions, or need a ride, call Lorna at 744-1617 or call the church office on Thursday or Friday at 744-1422. We look forward to seeing all of you here with us for lunch!

The Senior Lunch Bunch



Got a Spare Kidney? Bob Bartron is still looking for a kidney.

If you would like to know more check out: https://www.facebook.com/Kidney-Donation-for-Bob-517310091800730/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

SENDING LOVE TO OUR COLLEGE KIDS!!

Our church will be mailing "envelopes of love" to our college students on Monday, February 6. If you would like to write a note or purchase a gift card (Target, Starbucks, or something else) please have them to the church no later than Sunday, February 5. (No food products please as we are mailing an envelope and not a box). We will mail envelopes to each college student that we have the address for. Addresses that we have are: Katrina Rowsey, Holly Broadbent, Lexie Clark, Laura Clark, Aundria Mason, Maddie Merwin, Kendra Updegraff, Cory Wallace, Amy Merwin, Jack Merwin, T.J. Rapp, Emma Winkler, Lauren Winkler, Stevie Winkler. (Ask your child if they got the \$10 Starbucks gift card sent before Christmas to their current address: we heard from most that it had been received!) If your child's name is not listed, then we don't have their current school address. Please email it to: margiemontzingo@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Margie Montzingo via email or phone 744-1364.

A Contemplation

As a child, I can remember my dad teaching my sister and me that if we borrowed something from someone we always returned it in better condition than we received it. Last week, Bailey and I had made plans to start our Christmas baking after church but in order to make things happen faster I borrowed my daughter's mixer so we could have twice as much power. After we were done baking I was cleaning up the kitchen and giving my daughter's mixer special attention, cleaning every crack and crevice, making it shine inside and out. Yesterday in church, a gentleman, slightly older than I, made the choice freely to be baptized into the family of God, which served to remind me that our bodies too are just borrowed. God lends them to us for a short time to do with what we want, but in the end, when we return them to the owner, we must ask ourselves, will they be clean and shiny like the mixer or will they be dirty and stained?

Hold on to the life you have been given and bring joy to the Gift Giver by keeping every crack and crevice clean. It may be a lifetime to you, but in God's time, it's just the blink of an eye.

Lisa Kozlowski

UPDATE ON AMELIA RILEY

Amelia had her last chemo treatment in the last half of December and her post-treatment scans indicated that she was currently free of cancer! PTL! On January 2, 2017 she traveled to Washington DC with her family (her Navy dad's new assignment there) and was enrolled in medical follow-up care with Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda. The doctors cleared her to get pierced ears, something she was looking forward to during her extended treatment. Now she sports new aqua marine earrings and short brown hair growth (not sure if it will turn blond again as it grows out.)

Thank you all for your prayers for her health and please keep her in your prayers for continually clean tests she will undergo every month.



Grateful for Christmas in Clarksburg

I enjoyed some unique opportunities to see Christmas in Clarksburg through the eyes of Mom, Marjorie Heringer, this December and wanted to share several of those experiences with the church family. It seems so easy to take many of the truly unique "Clarksburg Experiences" for granted, herewith our Thank You to the community:

Clarksburg's Christmas Star rises to shine over the community during this special time of year and provides a reminder of Hope for the Future – Thanks to Skip & Michael Seebeck for keeping this very visual traditional reminder aloft.

The Fire Department sponsors the Parade of Lights to initiate the Christmas Season. Hot Chocolate, cookies and Santa Clause treat residents as they gather at the firehouse following the parade. Mom wasn't able to attend this year but has thoroughly enjoyed the festivities in past years!

The Christmas Choir Concert was its usual, fabulous, off the charts event leaving the community totally in the Christmas spirit. Sincere accolades to the voices, instruments, & directors of the community that make that event truly meaningful.

So on our way home from the evening concert Mom notices a bright and colorful glow in the Eastern sky off of Netherlands Road. Following the light, we turned into the Don & Karen Clark driveway and made the cul-de-sac loop around an outdoor Christmas display that was not to be missed! Mom suggested that we rededicate the village name of Clarksburg in honor of young James Clark who we understand was totally responsible for the planning and implementation of that wonderful display. Thank You James!!

Finally, Christmas Eve Day did not pass without its own very special moments. At 11 AM two carloads of the Connor family arrived with hand chimes to Christmas carol Mom. Charlyn, Graham, Keith, Clair, Nathan, Hamilton and Tressa were joined by almost 20 of the Heringer clan who had heard of the gathering and knew it was not to be missed. Needless to say, this Christmas Eve Day event just made Mom's Christmas complete. Even Papa Steve sang and played a chime next to Keith who whispered to Steve that he thought he held real promise as a singer-musician if only he had the right teacher. (What do you think of that, Tom Wallace?) Christmas and Clarksburg is where the heart is. Thank you Clarksburg for having a heart for Christmas all year long with all that you do.

Stephen Heringer

Nicaragua Mission
Clarksburg Community
Church March 31- April 7

We are pleased to announce the team travelling to Nicaragua this spring are: Dennis Montzingo, Sam Fabilla, Linda & Dennis Updegraff, Kathi & Joe Gomes, Shannon Ogilvie and Lee Harris.

We are in the fourth year of our seven-year commitment to teach biblical principles to the lay pastors and church leaders in Esquipulas, Nicaragua.

How can you help? We ask for prayers for safe travels, health, and God's continued blessing and on this ministry. Should you like to financially contribute, offerings can be made by check or by contacting any of the team members. Please indicate "Nicaragua Mission" on your check.

The team has several planned terrific fund raisers. Mark your calendars for our Sweetheart Dinner on February 12 and a St Patty's Day Corned Beef Dinner on March 10th.

Location and time to be announced later.



A Legend of ST. Valentine

St. Valentine lived in Rome during the third century. He was a holy priest in the temple. During that time an emperor named Claudius was ruling Rome. Claudius was not a popular emperor and was disliked by the masses. Claudius was a warmonger and wanted to have a large army. He asked young men to join the army in large numbers. But people had other ideas and they believed in romance and love more than wars. They did not want to be separated from their wives and families. When Claudius came to know of it he became infuriated and issued a decree forbidding marriage for young men. Claudius thought that if men were not married, they would easily join the army. This new law was an attack on the personal liberty of the people.

As Valentine was a priest, one of his various activities was to marry couples. He too considered the new law as cruel and ridiculous. Therefore he kept defying the new law by performing marriages. This was an open challenge to the authority of the emperor. Soon the emperor ordered the arrest of St. Valentine. He was put behind the bars and awarded death punishment. He was beaten with clubs and later beheaded. Thus ended the life of a great man who sacrificed all just for the sake of love. As a mark of love and respect towards this great man, we celebrate the Valentine's Day every year by exchanging flowers, cards, candies, chocolates etc. The sacrifice of St. Valentine has kept the flame of love and friendship burning forever!

Please get your CHIMES submissions to DJ at djrunningonempty@gmail.com
By the 20th of each month

Final thoughts
Regardless of who
won or lost the
election, if you
live in the USA,
you win.
This is the greatest
country our world
has ever known.
Be grateful, be
kind, and love
your neighbor.

Happy
Valentines
Day