

The Circuit Writer

Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church



Longing for More Sacred Space

More sacred space needed! Settings where simple can meet complex and curiosity can meet the explorer in each of us are in high demand! More space is needed where adults and children can laugh at their mistakes and learn new skills and lessons without hesitation or inhibitions because relationships between friends and friend, between families and family, between child and coach, between student and teacher, and between care-giver and patient are too strong. With such secure relationships in place the inevitable mistakes which belong to learning new skills and new knowledge can remain learning points and can avoid becoming measures of value. When space is given some breathing room to learn by making mistakes, learning doesn't have to be a private affair, but can embrace the growth of trial and the humor of error. Too much fuss is made by adults the world around about the ideals of perfection. So much so, that sacred spaces intended for experiencing communal grace, become spaces where we are most guarded and practiced at appearing perfect by either minimal participation or disengagement altogether. My personal favorite wisdom scripture of all time is the one in Psalm 119: 96 stating that there is a limitation to all perfection. Seriously, perfection is overrated and lends itself to convincing people that learning isn't worth the risk of being treated poorly. From home to school, from school to the fields of sports, from church to work, and from work to home, a full circle of sacred spaces are available for each of us to claim and reclaim. As adults, let us make sure we are modeling for the younger generation how to respect the value of learning while keeping basic needs for belonging and fun in the spaces designed by God to be sacred!

*With Genuine Respect & Prayer,
Pastor Ken*

**Everything I need to know about life,
I learned from Noah's Ark**

Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Happy March & Early April Birthdays!

- 3/2 Bob Luse
- 3/3 Gary Driver
- 3/5 Patrick Henry
- 3/6 Ted Dent
- 3/9 Betty Phillips
- 3/21 Drew Reynolds
- 3/29 Peggy Neff
- 3/30 Barry Davis



4/1 Josh Dent

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### Opportunity *STILL* Awaits!

We are looking for a new newsletter coordinator to take over the "production" of our Circuit Writer in July 2011. Training and support included! If you have any interest in this position, please contact Bonnie Good (477-3143). Your prayerfull consideration of this important church ministry will be greatly appreciated by our congregation.

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Children and Youth Ministries is sponsoring **MOVIE NIGHT**



Saturday, March 19th at 5:30pm
at the church.

Come and enjoy pizza, popcorn
and the family animation movie
'How To Train Your Dragon' (rated PG)
on the wide projector screen.
Bring your bean bags!

A Vacation Bible School planning meeting will also be held during the movie from 6:00-7:00pm. Anyone interested in assisting with Vacation Bible School 2011 is asked to attend.

For more information, or to register children for this event, please contact Sharon Clark, 477-3514.



March Winds

March has arrived. My mother always said that March either comes in like a roaring lion and goes out like a lamb or comes in like a lamb and goes out like a roaring lion. (Although February has done a pretty good job with the wind blowing.)

Which ever way it goes March, is by far the windiest month of the year. Time to fly kites, hang onto your umbrella's tightly, and hold on onto your hats. The wind likes to play havoc on us.

I am not a meteorologist; all I know is the wind stirs up the leaves, breaks down branches, and blows away whatever it can.

Talk about a bad hair day, March is the worst time for that.

March winds remind me of Satan. Jesus said, in John 10:10: "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Satan enjoys and thrives on becoming mayhem in our lives. He tries his best to grab whatever joy, peace, and contentment we have and blow it away from us just like the March winds.

This is an important time for him to do this with the Lenten season and with Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior only a few weeks away.

While we try our hardest to draw closer to the Lord, the March winds of the devil fight to blow us further away from what we crave most during this Lenten season...a more intimate relationship with Jesus.

Let the March winds stir up the Holy Spirit inside us. Hold tight to The Word of God and your Bibles and let us take the journey of Lenten season together, boldly declaring victory over Satan with the faith and trust we have in Jesus Christ!!

Joan V. Towe



Reminder...

Please remember to pick up a Lenten Offering Folder at church and fill it in. All proceeds will go towards our local summer mission.



Church Calendar for



3/6	Sun.	Transfiguration Sunday, White/Gold	9:45 AM Sunday School
			10:00 AM Children/Youth SS
			11:00 AM Worship
3/7	Mon.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
3/8	Tues.	7:00 PM Choir Practice	
3/9	Wed.	6:30 PM Church Council, Purple	
		7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service,	
3/10	Thurs.	?????PM Lenten Soup & Service	
3/11	Fri.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
3/13	Sun.	First Sunday in Lent, Purple	9:45 AM Sunday School
			10:00AM Children/Youth SS
			11:00 AM Worship
3/14	Mon.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
3/15	Tues.	7:00 PM Choir Practice	
3/16	Wed.	6:30 PM UMM Dinner Meeting	
3/17	Thurs.	?????PM Lenten Soup & Service	
3/18	Fri.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
3/19	Sat.	5:30 PM Kid's Movie Night	
3/20	Sun.	2nd Sunday in Lent, Purple	8:00 AM Food for Faith w/ Video
			9:45 AM Sunday School
			10:00 AM Youth/Children SS
			11:00 AM Worship
3/21	Mon.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
3/22	Tues.	7:00 PM Choir Practice	
3/24	Thurs.	?????PM Lenten Soup & Service	
3/25	Fri.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
3/26	Sat.	8:00 AM Message in a Mission	
3/27	Sun.	3rd Sunday in Lent, Purple	8:00 AM Food for Faith w/ Video
			9:45 AM Sunday School
			10:00 AM Youth/Children SS
			11:00 AM Worship
3/28	Mon.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
3/29	Tues.	7:00 PM Choir Practice	
3/31	Thurs.	?????PM Lenten Soup & Service	
4/01	Fri.	8:00 PM AA, Library	
4/03	Sun.	4th Sunday in Lent, Purple	8:00 AM Food for Faith w/ Video
			9:45 AM Sunday School
			10:00 AM Youth/Children SS
			11:00 AM Worship