

Cross and COMMENTARIES



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March 2018

Be Our Guest Dinner

March 9th at 6:00 pm



Church members will pay for their dinner (\$10 adult/\$5 child) while their guests go **FREE!** The theme will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We will be

servicing Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes and Irish soda bread along with a desert. St. Patrick's Day of Green attire is preferred. There will be plenty of games and activities for everyone. Sign-up sheets will be in the rear of the sanctuary.

Many Hands Make Light Work

A special and heartfelt THANK YOU to all who help breakdown the chairs after Sunday morning service! Your commitment does not go unnoticed.



Service of Healing

Sunday, March 11
10 AM

This special Lenten worship service calls upon Our Lord who is the Great Physician, the Healer of body, mind, spirit, and soul.



Through the words of "The Ultimate Outcast" we witness the healing touch of our Savior.

By the laying on of hands, the anointing with oil, song, and prayer we humbly ask for restoration and healing.

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January Mission in Motion



Thought for Today



For over 35 years, our church sign has provided our community with moments of inspiration, hope, reflection, and humor. About 12 years ago, we began the “Thought for Today” ministry while our church sign was being rebuilt. Since then, this daily email communication has proved to be a vital link within our congregation. These “Thoughts for Today” offer words of encouragement as we journey through our hectic days as well as reminders of upcoming church services and events.

If you are interested in receiving these daily thoughts, contact Sandy Cornwell at crccsandy@gmail.com.



Good Friday Worship

Tenebrae

March 30

7:30 PM

The word Tenebrae is Latin for deepening shadows. This is a solemn and somber service, recreating the emotional aspects of the Passion story, the sense of the betrayal, abandonment, and the agony of the events. It is left unfinished, because the story is not completed until Easter morning. All are welcome to this Good Friday service. Nursery care will be provided for children 2nd grade and younger.


CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!

Easter Sunday

April 1

Celebrating Our Risen
Lord
10 AM

Grace for Your Easter Dinner

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this day.
May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate together.
May your love be shared amongst us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship.
May we remember to give out the grace and forgiveness that you have freely given us,
And may we always give thanks for your sacrificial love.

Amen





Easter Flowers

_____ Lily @ \$10
 _____ Azalea @ \$10
 _____ Mum @ \$11
 _____ Tulip @ \$8
 _____ Hyacinth @ \$8
 _____ Daffodils @ \$8
 _____ Hydrangea @ \$16

Given By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Total number of plants: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Flowers supplied by Valoze's Greenhouse.
 Checks should be made payable to CRCC.
 Please return this form to the church office
 on or before March 25.

March Mission of the Month



Ok crafters it's time to dig out all those craft projects or craft items you thought you might want to use some day. Well that day has come and you can donate

them to a worthy cause. The mission of the month is Her Treasure Box. Her Treasure Box is a business formed to support Eyes Wide Open NENY, Inc. which provides Sanctuary, Healing and Hope for Survivors of Human Trafficking. Her Treasure Box is run solely by volunteers and is full of donated craft items which are for sale. There are also many different craft classes available which are found on the hertreasurebox.org site. The

founder of Her Treasure Box Debbie Fowler has also written a book entitled Fragrance in the Desert which is circulating through our very own Book Club. There are copies available if you are interested. There is Healing through Art. So start digging to fill the store and help a great cause.

Community Outreach.

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March Mission in Motion

Please join us March 18th during coffee hour for our March Mission in Motion.

We will be making fleece braided dog pull toys to donate to local animal shelters.



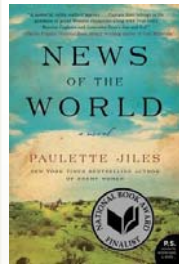
DO ALL YOU CAN

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

John Wesley



Book Group News



March's Book Group choice is *News of the World*, by Paulette Jiles.

A *New York Times* best seller and finalist for the National Book Award, this "exquisitely rendered" novel tells the story of two individuals thrown together: The elderly Civil War veteran Captain Kidd and ten-year-old Johanna just recently "rescued" from a tribe of American Indians. The story takes place in Texas in the late 1800's, when the country was healing from the Civil War

and moving into the industrialization of the 20th century.

Traveling from Wichita Falls to San Antonio, the two must survive 400 miles of rugged, treacherous territory with human and natural threats all around them. "This is a beautiful and spare novel. The landscape comes alive, as does the almost constant sense of desperation of being on the road during such dangerous times. The author has a true gift for description; we see, smell and feel the conditions the pair experiences." (BookBrowse)

This month's Book Group meeting is set for Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00.

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Articles are due by the 15th of the month and may be submitted to jimandbethcolbert@gmail.com or given to Beth Colbert.