

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Please contact Ruthann DeJuliis (234-9349 or rkdejuliis@aol.com) to place your need on our prayer chain.

Melisa Ferriola thanks God for all blessings in her life. She praises God for the sound of her children's voices.

Mike Keller said it was such fun & exciting how God was with the Jr. High skiers last weekend. They all had a great time.

Anonymous asks for prayers for her husband who is struggling with a gambling problem.

Melinda Byers needs prayers for healing & peace for Nicole as she recovers from a dog bite to her face & peace to the family who owns the dog.

Olivia Miller needs prayers for her grandmother who is very sick & will be taken off life support. Pray that she is no longer scared on her journey to a better place.

Suzan, Crystal & Carla Pini would like to ask for prayers for their family as they wait for Joe's body to be found.

Lori Citro asks for traveling mercies for her daughter, Julie, and her friends, who are going to Cancun for Spring break.

Ken Segal needs prayers for his cousin, David Shapiro, father of five fighting cancer. Prayers are also needed for reconciliation in his family, who are largely strangers to each other. Thanks to God for the truce with his neighbors.

Fran Wilson asks for prayers for her sister's family. Irene passed away last night.

Prayers for Barbara McCrumb's mother & father for safe travel and her Uncle Harold Davis, who faces serious surgery.

Clarence Frawley at Woodlea is in need of prayers for healing.

Woodlea Prayer Requests: Please pray for Aline's newborn granddaughter, Michelle, who remains hospitalized. Leslie's dad, Don West, is hospitalized with double pneumonia & also emphysema & congestive heart failure. Continue to pray for Woodlea residents, Amy Taylor, Helen Cochrane, & Kay Eastburn who are hospitalized. Pray for Mary Hague, who remains ill without diagnosis after many

tests. Nothing is helping. Continue to pray for Betty's great-nephew, Alex, who has 6 more rounds of chemo to complete his treatment for cancer. Pray for his parents, Sandy & Bruce, as they witness their son & others around him suffering. Pray for Betty's brother, Sam, who is recovering at home. Pray for Anna's son, who is suffering with a heart condition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Prayer Vigil will begin following the Cross Walk on Good Friday (March 29) and conclude at sunrise, Easter morning. We encourage the prayers of the people during this time. Sign up for any time slot, and then spend time in prayer. You may pray at home or come to the sanctuary to pray (please call to make arrangements if you do not have a key!) The prayer vigil is arranged so that continuous intercessions will be lifted to God in thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us during this time of remembrance. See the poster in the foyer for more info.

Coming Attraction! Family Concert & Workshop, featuring Bryan Sirchio on April 19 and 20 at Skyline. See bulletin board for details. For learn more about Bryan Sirchio go to www.sirchio.com.

Please Pray for these Missions/Local Churches:
Meals for Millions
Peniel UMC

March Meal Coordinators:
Phyllis Hite & Wendy Garrison

SKYLINE CONTACT INFORMATION

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Article Submissions due by the 15th of each month!
Bulletin: Church Office skyline@dol.net (737-9069) by Wednesday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, March 31.

Today's drama, "Return to the High Dive", by was directed by JoAnn Dawson.

We're excited to announce a very special guest who comes to tell the story of how God has called her to follow a path of racial reconciliation during a lunch gathering on Sunday, March 17 at noon in the sanctuary. **Dr. Laurie Gordy, Pastor Vicki's sister,** will share with you how her Christian faith has impacted the course of her life and given her the courage to speak out about her understanding and response to racism. Please sign up for lunch in the foyer.

Jr. High Youth meet tonight from 6 to 7:30 pm to discuss Youth Sunday.

"Spirited Singles" Easter drama at Glasgow Reformed Church on Sunday, March 24. Call Bunky (234-0185) now or look for her in worship service today. She has tickets in hand! We'll eat at McGlynn's prior to performance.

Summer Mission Trips - See the bulletin board and/or contact Kim McWatters (455-0186, kjliimo@aol.com) for more info and to sign up. Deadline is April 7.

Additional Camp Pecometh Brochures are now in the foyer.

Camp Pecometh Open House - April 26-28. Friday-4 to 7 pm; Saturday-11 am to 5 pm; Sunday-12 to 5 pm. For directions, contact the camp (410-758-0304) or campinfo@pecometh.org.

"Spirited Singles" are scheduled for the production of "Daniel" at Sight and Sound Theater in Strasburg, PA on Friday, June 21. Tickets are \$39/adult; \$15/child (3-18). Reservations & payment due by March 10 to Barbara Ann (239-2211). Dinner at Shady Maple following theater.

Adult Sunday School is studying the Ten Commandments. Join us as often as you are able. We meet at 10:30 am in the back room downstairs. Contact Phyllis Hite (999-1807) or Doug roof (239-0919).

Vacation Bible School: If interested in being part of our VBS this summer, please come to our first meeting on Sunday, March 24 at 11:45 am. We will have a pizza lunch & discuss which curriculum to use. If you can't attend, but are interested in helping, please call Deanna Cordova (235-1585).

Bakers Wanted...The Worship Pathway would like to invite anyone or any group to sponsor a Communion Sunday and to **make or buy** the bread for communion. Any family may sign up for any Sunday service. So get those bread machines out of the closet! Contact Beth Rucinski (235-

1114) or Scott Mastrangelo (239-9498).
Sunday School Opportunity: 3rd, 4th, 5th grade teacher needed now thru May for the 9 am service. If interested, call Deanna Cordova (235-1585) or Diane Sacconey (998-4279).

Check it Out!! There are now Visitor Welcome Packets in the foyer. They are the pretty purple folders on the table. Did you invite a friend? Remember to give them a packet, or if you see someone new, how about giving them one. We are all called to be evangelists, so let's spread God's Word.

Lenten/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Services, March 24 at 9:00 and 10:30

Holy Thursday Service, March 28 at 7 pm

Good Friday Cross Walk, March 29 at noon

Prayer Vigil, 3 pm Good Friday, March 29 through sunrise Easter morning.

Saturday Easter Vigil (New Members) Service, March 30 at 7 pm

Easter Sunday Services, March 31 at 9:00 and 10:30

Wednesday Prayer during Lent at Skyline, 10 am to 1 pm.

Wednesday Lenten Supper & Study, Ebenezer Church, 5:45 pm Supper; 6:30 pm Worship; 7 pm Video Study.



Wednesday Supper & Video Study

Skyline, Resurrection & Ebenezer families join together on Wednesdays during Lent at Ebenezer UMC for supper & a video study called, "Curing Affluenza" by **Tony Campolo**, beginning 5:45 pm. Child-care will be provided. Sign-up on the bulletin board.

CROCKPOTS OF SOUP NEEDED FOR MARCH 27th!!

It's Skyline's turn to provide crockpots of soup for the Lenten Service at Ebenezer, Wednesday, March 27, and we need volunteers. Sign-up sheet in the foyer or contact Ann & Woodie Herrin (994-0630 or herrin17@comcast.net). Deadline for sign-up is Tuesday, March 26. Thanks for your cooperation.

PRAY WITH JOY!

At Skyline, we believe that our whole group is precious in God's sight. It is our desire to uphold our members for ongoing grace, & to that end, we present this small group for you to learn about, as well as any issues that they request we pray on their behalf. Please join together with our whole community to pray with joy this week for:

The Blackwelder's Brad, Jessica and Brendan

Jessica is the Treasurer for the Stewardship Pathway. Please pray for her as she serves in this role!

Jessica and Brad joined Skyline just a couple of years ago, and "just love Skyline!" Brad is a foreman for Daisy Construction and loves history. They both enjoy traveling; the family just returned from a trip to Williamsburg! Jessica also enjoys scrap-booking, and is a secret sister coordinator. Brendan is 3 and swims with "Miss Jane" (Segal) and loves going to "Miss Lori's" (Citro) when Mom and Dad are at work.

Please celebrate with them their joy that life is good and God is good (all the time)!

We thank God that part of His plan for Skyline includes Jessica, Brad and Brendan!

Church Calendar

March 17 Sunday

9:00 & 10:30 am Worship & Christian Education
John 11:1-45 Vicki (Let Christ In)
St. Patrick's
12:00 PM Racial Reconciliation lunch & talk

12:30 PM Youth Sunday Discussion

4:00 PM New Member

6:00 PM Jr. High Youth

March 18 Monday

Pastors' Sabbath

March 19 Tuesday

9:15 AM CBS

2:00 PM Woodlea

7:00 PM Companions in Christ

7:00 PM Facilities

7:00 PM Kid's Choir & Drama

March 20 Wednesday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Wednesday Prayer

5:45 PM Supper & Study-Ebenezer

7:00 PM Praise Band Practice

7:30 PM SPRC

March 21 Thursday

6:30 AM Sonriser

6:30 PM Disciple

7:30 PM Choir Practice

8:00 PM AA

March 22 Friday

Temple Beth El (Confirmands)

March 23 Saturday

Singles' Dinner/Easter Drama

7:30 AM Men's Fellowship

8:00 AM Men's Fellowship

March 24 Sunday

9:00 & 10:30 am Worship & Christian Education

Kid's Choir

Matthew 12:1-11 Bo (Make Christ King)

Palm Sunday

11:45 AM VBS Meeting

12:30 PM Youth Sunday Practice

4:00 PM New Member

Financial Stewardship

Thank you so much for your generosity! Last Sunday, you contributed \$5,035 to our operating budget, and \$1,279.50 to our building fund. We appreciate your support!

Christian Education

2 yrs. thru 5th grade meet at 9 & 10:30
Youth (6th thru 12th grade) meet at 10:30

Adults meet at 10:30

Adult Sunday School meets at 10:30 am downstairs. Contact Phyllis Hite (999-1807) or Doug Roof (239-0919).

SERMON NOTES

Key Verse: John 11:25 "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again.'"

In John 9, Jesus healed a man born blind. Then, in chapter 10, he describe himself as the Good Shepherd. Because of this miracle and teaching, some of the Jewish leaders tried to stone him and arrest him. But, Jesus left Jerusalem and returned to the place where he was baptized. Chapter 11 finds Jesus still in this place when he receives the message about his friend, Lazarus, who is sick.

Lazarus lived in Bethany, which lies just outside of Jerusalem. His disciples feared for his life because of the Jewish leaders, and they did not want him to go to Bethany. Jesus insisted that it was still day time, still time to be about God's work, and invited them to come and see. Thomas, better known as Doubting Thomas, encouraged the disciples, saying, "Let's go, too, and die with Jesus." Even though the disciples did not understand what Jesus was about to do, they followed anyway, and they witnessed for themselves Jesus' power over death.

It is this power over death that ultimately leads to Jesus' own death. After this miracle, the leaders plot to have him killed, and Jesus begins his journey toward the cross. Jesus' statement that he is the resurrection and the life points to God's deepest desire for the world—the defeat of death's power to separate people from God. Although Martha doesn't understand the full impact of Jesus' words, she makes a faith statement when she answers that she believes. Our faith, like Martha's, creates a communion, a special bond, with Jesus through which we receive the gift of life. This gift involves not only life after death, but also life in all circumstances we encounter on earth. Like Martha and the disciples, you do not have to understand everything to say you believe. You simply follow Jesus, and he will show you the way. He is the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?

1. Jesus did not go right away to his friends, not because he didn't care, but so that God's glory could be revealed in this situation. God's timing is often different from our own, but that doesn't mean God doesn't love us deeply. Do you have a situation in your life where you feel that God is not responding? How does this scripture invite you to wait with hope?

2. Jesus displays a range of emotions in this passage, from compassion to anger, sorrow to frustration, love to understanding. Yet, we often hide our emotions from God. We sometimes believe that our emotions are sinful. However, our emotions are merely indicators of what is going on inside our hearts. How we respond to our emotions, what we do with them, determines what is sinful or faithful. Jesus allowed his emotions to propel him into healing action. How does this scripture invite you to let Christ into your feelings? How can letting Christ into your feelings enable you to put those emotions into healing action?

3. Where in our culture do we need to let Christ in to the dead places in order to bring new life? Where in your own personal life to you need to risk letting Jesus in, even if it stinks, so that you can hear the call to come out to new life?

If you have a non-financial need for support or assistance, please **complete a LAMB card**. Put the card in the plate; call **Jane Segal (302-998-1899)** or email **janesegal@iglide.net**.

For one-time, emergency financial assistance, contact 737-9069, option #3.

Recordings Available – CD's of last Sunday's service are available at the sound booth, or by contacting Ed Hackendorn (302-378-2606). **Recent sermons are available online at www.skylinechurch.net**

PRAISE SONGWORDS

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Chorus: Lord I lift Your name on high; Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

Verse 1: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high. **Chorus**

Repeat Verse 1 two times

PRINCE OF PEACE

Men You are holy
You are mighty
You are worthy
Worthy of praise

Men I will follow
I will listen
I will love You
All of my days

Men I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy

Men I will love Him
Adore Him
I will bow down
Before Him

Men I will sing to
And worship
The king who
Is worthy

Men I will love Him
Adore Him
I will bow down
Before Him

All You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You.

Repeat 1x

SPIRIT SONG

O let the Son of God enfold you, With His spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness, As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. O give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **Chorus**

CARRY THE LIGHT

Carry the light, carry the light, Go and tell the children they are precious in His sight.

Carry the light, carry the light, Go and tell all people they are precious in His sight.

Carry the light.

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Spirits on Fire with Contagious Enthusiasm

Skyline

United Methodist Church

March 17, 2002

9:00 & 10:30 am



GATHER

(Please see the reverse side for song words)

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Prince of Peace
Spirit Song*

Welcome

REVIVE

Children's Time
"Return to the High Dive"
God's Word - John 11:1-45
Good News

THANKS

Sharing Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, & Service
River Glorious

SEND

Blessing
Carry the Light