



# CELC Newsletter

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Church Website: [www.celcstanley.com](http://www.celcstanley.com)

## Pastor's Message

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment.

**Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.** *“What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear it and learn it”. – Luther. Small Catechism*

In the days of the Old Testament God established one day out of the week that his people were to rest from their labors and instead be intentionally turned toward the worship of the Lord. *“Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh you shall have a day of solemn rest, holy unto the Lord.”* Exodus 35.2 And so the people of the Old Covenant ordered their lives around this particular day which was of course, Saturday, the seventh day. The question of what obligation do people under the New Covenant (aka Christians) have to keep the obligations of the Law. We saw this especially when in the early Church some Jewish believers tried to impose circumcision on new converts to Christianity, and we see it even today with some Christians who insist that Christians need to observe the Sabbath and other Jewish holy days as they were observed and kept in the Old Testament. Some other misguided notions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment have led to blue laws in this country and a very legalistic belief that no one should ever work on Sunday no matter what.

A brief note on working on Sunday or your Church family's normative day of worship: Sunday *\*should\** be devoted to the Lord and his Word. There are few exceptions, however if a person is ill or infirm or physically unable to make it to the worship service of the gathered congregation then they should not feel obligated. Also, if a person *\*must\** work in order to provide for their family, so that they may eat and have a roof over their head, then one's conscience need not be burdened by failing to give worship on the day of worship. Worship is important and shouldn't be neglected unless absolutely necessary.

Christians are not obligated to the observance of Old Testament holy days and feasts and in some circumstances it might be detrimental to do so. For example, Christians should not be participating in Seder Meals. It might be somewhat interesting to observe how Jews observe the Passover in this meal (even though the current Seder Meal is almost nothing like the Passover Meal observed by Jesus and his Apostles) but our curiosity should probably stop there. The Passover was always a sign that pointed forward to Jesus, the true Lamb whose blood causes death and hell to 'passover' God's people. And so the Passover Meal belongs to

Jesus and he can do whatever he wants to with it—and in fact he did! On the night in which he was betrayed... the Lord of the Passover took that Meal and made it into the means of bestowing abundant blessing to his beloved disciples in giving with his body, blood, soul and divinity also his forgiveness, life and salvation. The Passover Meal as it existed before does not exist anymore. It is not appropriate to pretend that it does. Furthermore, in this Eucharistic Meal we have been given Jesus Himself, right into our hands, mouths, hearts and souls. Why would we ever desire Egyptian meatpots over the true Bread from heaven? Why would we desire the drop of rain to the entire ocean? Why would we desire the pale cold moon to the warmth and brightness of the sun?

The Sabbath rest is likened unto this. Like the Passover, the Sabbath was also a sign which pointed forward to the Messiah, Jesus Christ who is our true Sabbath rest. For when he rested in the grave on Holy Saturday, he kept the Sabbath rest when we could not. In fact, he was the only person to ever keep the Sabbath. Now that he has come to us as our Savior, the One who leads us out of our demonic bondage, we are no longer obligated to keep the Sabbath or any of the other holy day which the Old Covenant prescribes. Luther rightly maintains that Christians should interpret this Commandment in view of the Incarnate Word of God who has come to his people and set them free.

Do not however fall into the error of believing that Christians are not required to worship, they are. See Acts 2.44ff and Hebrews 10.25. There is no specified day for the Divine Service or any other worship service however the most appropriate day for Christian worship is the Lord's Day; the Day of the Resurrection; or more commonly—Sunday. Luther in his Catechism teaches that we are actively deciding to despise Jesus and his Word when we decide to skip out on the worship services of God's house. This is a state of the heart that we do not want to be found with at the Last Day.

**O Lord, help me in my weakness of heart and mind, that despite all my shortcomings, I may always turn towards your Word and run to the places you have promised to be present for me in your life-giving Word and Sacraments. Bless me, a sinner who loves you. ✠ Amen**

## Prayer Requests:

**Immediate Care Concerns:** Betty Hoover, Barbara Benedict, Rene Clippard, Marilyn Smith, Richard Medlin, Neal Ritchie, Ronnie Davis, Hubert Abernathy, Bertie Billups, Lindy Hawley, Christine Wallace, Gaynelle Moore, Pearl Summey, Libby Michael, Jimmy Harrison, Richard Smith, Elijah Kale

**Home-bound Members:** Gaynelle Moore, Pearl Summey, Lindy Hawley.

**Members in Nursing Homes:** Christine Wallace is at Huntersville Health & Rehabilitation Ctr., 13835 Boren St. Huntersville, Sarah Lewis & Ruth Cloninger are at Carillon in Lincolnton, Neal Ritchie is at Stanley Total Living

**Friends and Relatives:**

Everette Lineberger	Jewel West	Cindy Turry	Chris Davidson	Frances (Hawley) Walker
Eddie Rhyne	Gail Conner	Harry Murphy	Jason Hames	Jennifer Champagne
Karen Scrivani	Joe Canipe	Tom Hodge	Rod Rudisill	Robert Caskaddon
Ron Ritchie	Wanda Murphy	Amy Blythe	Amber Buff	Vicky Throneburg
Bob Hilton	Luther Murphy	Sidney Mitchell	Dr. Michael Case	Linda Gunter

## March's Birthday's

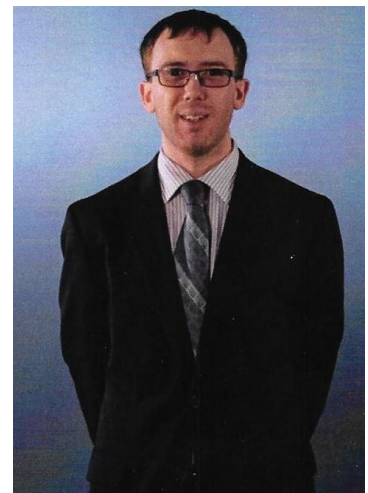
4 Nancy Olls	25 Will Clark
18 Judy Cloninger	28 Abigail Price
24 Joe Keefer	30 Ann Lineberger
25 John Clark	

## March's Anniversary's

2 Charles & Judy Ray  
31 Tim & Brenda Cloninger

## Baptism Anniversary

3 Nancy Olls	27 Joe Keefer
9 Om Carter	28 Hubert Abernathy
19 Pat Ritchie	28 Ron Abernathy
21 Julie Robinson	29 Teresa Davis
24 Cindy Keefer	



Please pray for George Schrader, a first-year student at Trinity School for Ministry

### Church Council Meeting

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, March 10, 6pm.

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the fellowship hall.

### Prime Timers ask YOU --- To Save the DATE

Saturday Night ---- March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6pm --- CELC Family Life Center

All members are invited to the

### "Hawaiian Luau Party" ... Happy Celebration!

Great fellowship and a delicious meal ... Hawaiian style!

Wear your bright colors .. beautiful smiles and get ready for a good time!

Signup "Keiki (kay-kee- means child) of God and reserve your seat! You will be notified about what to bring for this festive meal. Questions? Ask a Prime Timer ... but signup with Mary or Kathey... so we can plan for food and space!

### Do you have BOOKS?

Let's help our own "Stanley Little Library" caretaker (Charles Ray) with filling it up! The location of this library is at Harper Park in Stanley. Everyone is welcome to enjoy these free books, take and read one, then return one for someone else to enjoy! What fun and excitement to see what is there and not to forget that it keeps us reading and learning! If you have any books that you would like to donate at anytime just place in the box at the back. Adult books and Children books especially are needed! This is going to be fun!



Friends making a visit with Neal and it looks they are having a good time and great conversation with those big smiles!



Thank you CELC members for the making our "Sharing and Caring Valentine Collection" a great success.

Over 180 cards were delivered to some wonderful members!



### Lenten Services at Christ's Lutheran

We are starting the season with Ash Wednesday Evening service at 7pm on March 6th. The Lenten Services will begin with a meal at 5:45-6:30pm and the Service will be at 7pm on March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, & April 10.

Please plan to attend for a wonderful time of fellowship.

***\*\* Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex each Sunday for the Lenten Meals so they will know how many to feed each week. (On March 6<sup>th</sup> the meal will be Taco Soup and Cheese Toast). \*\****

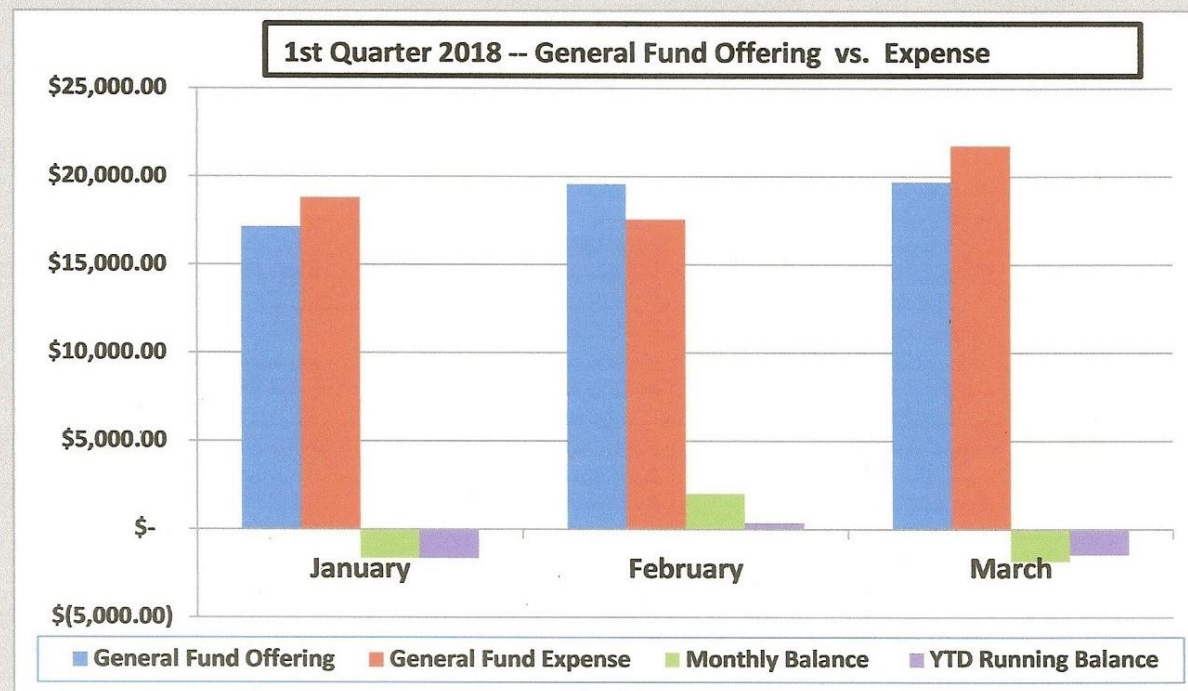
### Forty Days of Lent

- 1) Don't buy anything that you don't need.
- 2) Throw away 40 things for 40 days. (donate)
- 3) 40 days of home organization.
- 4) No gossiping.
- 5) No eating after dinner.
- 6) Give up Soda for Lent
- 7) Say 3 nice things to your spouse/kids/co-workers daily.
- 8) Don't eat out for 40 days.
- 9) Replace 30 minutes of TV time with 30 extra minutes of devotional/prayer time.
- 10) Do not complain.



1st Quarter 2019 -- All Funds Received			
	January	February	March
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 15,897.00	\$ 16,655.00	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 94.00	\$ 632.00	\$ -
<b>Total General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$ 15,991.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,287.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Designated Gifts	\$ 1,440.48	\$ 1,500.71	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 2,210.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 19,641.48</b>	<b>\$ 20,437.71</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
* 3.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			

1st Quarter 2019 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	January	February	March
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	<b>\$ 15,991.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,287.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Designated Funds (Budget)</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Designated Fund Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 380.00</b>	<b>\$ 555.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Transfers to Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,210.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,650.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,351.25	\$ 1,415.68	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 25.95	\$ 25.95	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,571.46	\$ 11,366.29	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 103.11	\$ 603.60	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 3,527.31	\$ 2,987.17	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ 1,179.98	\$ -
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 16,579.08</b>	<b>\$ 17,578.67</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
All Expenses (Including DF & Transfers)	\$ 19,169.08	\$ 19,783.67	\$ -
Monthly Balance	\$ (578.08)	\$ (291.67)	\$ -
<b>YTD Running Balance</b>	<b>\$ (578.08)</b>	<b>\$ (869.75)</b>	<b>\$ (869.75)</b>
Note --			



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 2018

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Devotions:** Judy Abernathy opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayer.

**Roll call and action on excuses for absence:**

**Present:** Judy Abernathy, Tommy Hedrick, Emma Human, Joe Keefer, Leonard Lewis, Pat McAlister, Richard Medlin, Judy Ray, Brian Robinson, and Tonya Stone

**Absent:** Pastor Frye, Michael Dukes, Gabriel Frye, Prissy Helms, Crystyl Human, Jay Human, Nancy Olls, Laura Olls

**Minutes of last meeting:**

- 1) The minutes of the October 14, 2018 Council minutes were approved with corrections.
- 2) The minutes of the November 4, 2018 called Council Meeting were approved, with one correction.

**Reception of petitions and communications and new business:**

1) Rick Chapman will be retiring from work this year. He will need coverage when he is on extended vacations. Rick's brother, Butch, will cover for Rick, with Council's approval. Brian made a motion to have Rick's brother cover for him when he is out of town. Tonya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Bob Mahovsky has chaired the website committee for the past year. He has also held the position of IT administrator. Bob has made the decision to resign both posts, so the church needs replacements for both positions. Judy A. will request that Bob ask the website committee to elect a new chair. The discussion was tabled until the January, 2019 Council meeting.

**Report of the Pastor:** Pastor Frye was unable to attend the meeting.

**Reports by General and Capital Fund Treasurers:**

1) Michael was unable to attend the meeting. No Report.

2) In Crystyl's absence, Emma brought the Capital Fund's report. Judy A. reviewed the report with Council. The report was submitted as information.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Archives/Communications :** Richard reports that a new suspended ceiling has been installed in the Archives Room. The leak has been fixed.

**Christian Education:** No Report, **Finance:** No report, **Mutual Ministry:** No Report, **Stewardship:** No Report, **Worship and Music:** No Report, **Youth:** No Report

**Endowment:** Joe reports that the Endowment Committee has issued a check for \$15,000.00 to match funds donated for the FLC floor.

**Property Committee: Brian reports that:**

- 1) The ceiling in the Archives Room has been repaired and the leak has been fixed.
- 2) The ice maker in the FLC has frozen up several times. Apparently, the plates are warped which allows water to run. The machine is too old to get parts. The old brand, Hoshisaki, has no local representative. The new one would be a Manatowok Cool Air Ice Machine (model KYT0300A). Pat got a quote from Commercial Refrigeration from Paul Blake. The cost of a new unit would be \$3747.29. After a spirited debate on whether to use bagged ice for all future events at the FLC, or purchase the convenience of a new ice maker, Judy Abernathy made a motion that we purchase a new ice maker. Pat seconded the motion. The motion carried to purchase a new ice maker.

**Social Ministry:** Judy Ray reports that:

- 1) The food pantry has received 2100 cans of food from East Gaston High School. The canned food was collected by students during their Thanksgiving canned food drive.
- 2) This year our angel tree gifts will go to the residents of Peak Resources in Gastonia. Kathey Brown and Emma Human will deliver the gifts on December 17, 2018.

**Report of Special Committees:**

- 1) Leonard reports that the **Safety and Security Committee** has corrected the issues with the security cameras and video doorbell. Replacement of church grounds locks will be addressed.
- 2) **Cemetery Restoration Committee:** Twelve volunteers showed up for the cemetery restoration workday. Twenty headstones were cleaned and repaired. There will be another meeting at the beginning of January, 2019. Topic of discussion will be a spring work day.

**Other Reports:**

**IT Committee:** Bob Mahovsky has resigned as chair of the committee. A new chair will be elected.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) **Family Life Center Floor:** We have received an agreement and mutual release of claims from Jack Severens' attorney. Mr. Severens has agreed to pay \$16,200.00. CELC will receive \$15,000.00 and our attorney's fees of \$1,200.00 will be paid.

**New 2018 Council Business:**

- 1) David and Leonard will open and close the church in December, 2018, and January, 2019. Thanks, David and Leonard! With winter arriving, the heat will be turned up on Saturday night when it is very cold.
- 2) The Dirge Bell will be placed in the loft. A lumber frame will be built to match the original beams of the church.
- 3) Topics to be carried over to 2019 include:
  - a) Finalizing the floor agreement.
  - b) Continuation of Safety Committee improvements, which include CPR training for members of the congregation, as well as use of the AED, and the ability to lock the front doors of the church with a panic bar. New, electronic locks will also be considered.
  - c) All committees are asked to turn in annual reports to Julie by the end of January.
  - d) The BB&T in Stanley is closing in April, 2019. We will look into moving our accounts to another bank in Stanley.

**2019 Council Elections and Officer Appointments:**

The results of the election of officers of Church Council are as follows:

**President:** Jay Human

**Vice-President:** Leonard Lewis

**Secretary:** Joe Keefer

**Treasurer:** Michael Dukes

**Capital Fund Treasurer:** Crystyl Human

**Financial Secretary:** Judy Cloninger

Committee representative positions will be assigned at the next Council meeting when more members are present. Most will remain as-is. Representatives are needed for Social Ministry and Internal Ministry.

**Adjournment:**

- 1) The next council meeting will be January 13, 2019, at 6:00 PM. Joe Keefer will lead devotions.
- 2) The meeting was adjourned following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Keefer, Secretary



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2019

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jay Human

**Devotions:** Joe Keefer opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayer.

**Roll call and action on excuses for absence:**

**Present:** Pastor Frye, Jay Human, Gabriel Frye, Tommy Hedrick, Crystyl Human, Emma Human, Joe Keefer, Leonard Lewis, Pat McAlister, Richard Medlin, Brian Robinson, and Tonya Stone   **Absent:** Michael Dukes, Nancy Olls

**Minutes of last meeting:**

1) The minutes of the December 16, 2018 Council minutes were approved as written.

2) The minutes of the December 23, 2018 called Council Meeting were approved as written.

Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes of both meetings as written. Pastor Frye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reception of petitions and communications and new business:**

1) Committee representative positions for the vacant Social Ministry and Internal Ministry committees were assigned. Tonya Stone will be the Council representative for the Social Ministry Committee. Emma Human will be the Council representative for the Internal Ministry committee.

2) Pastor Frye brought to Council's attention that there is an unforeseen vacancy on Council. As Council, we replace 4 people every year. The vacancy was overlooked last year and we are now shy one member. Bob Mahovsky will be offered the position, since he had the next highest number of votes at the last Council election. This position will be for a 2 year term, in order to retain the "replace 4 members every year" theme. If Bob does not accept the position, we will hold a special election to fill the vacancy.

3) Jay wants to address the vacancy in the IT Administrator position and the Website Chair position. We will table this discussion until the next meeting, when we have a full complement of Council members.

4) Judy Cloninger has resigned as Financial Secretary. Thank you, Judy, for all your past hard work!! Michael Dukes has offered to take the position of Financial Secretary. Jay made a motion to accept Michael as our new Financial Secretary. Leonard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Thanks, Michael!

5) Kathy Brown has requested approval to have a Hawaiian themed event for the Prime Timers in March. Brian made a motion to approve this request. Joe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Report of the Pastor:** Pastoral activities for the months of November and December, 2018:

1) Pastor Frye presided over the Divine Service 9 times, including Christmas Eve. One Divine Service was cancelled due to inclement weather. He taught Sunday morning Bible Study 9 times and Wednesday Evening Bible Study 2 times. Pastor Frye also presided over the funeral of Gordon Hacker.

2) Pastor Frye is a board member of the Stanley Cemetery Ancestry Fund. He teamed up with the board and the Town of Stanley to mount an offensive against the dreaded fire ants that have been moving in. Billions were killed, many more maimed.

3) Pastor Frye also helped decorate for Advent and ordered pizza. He went with the Prime Timers to Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte, and he helped pack and deliver Christmas bags with the Martin Luther Class.

4) We have received notification from our attorney, Michael Carpenter, regarding our legal action against Mr. Jack Severens regarding the floor of the Family Life Center. Several small revisions were made to our agreement regarding the payment schedule for Mr. Severens. Council voted unanimously to accept these revisions.

**Reports by General and Capital Fund Treasurers:**

1) In Michael's absence, Jay reviewed the Designated Funds Report and the Deposits Summary for December, 2018 with Council. There is money that was designated for the Stanley School Snack Pack program in the Designated Funds account. The need for Snack Packs has been fulfilled for this year. Is there another need in the Stanley Schools that could be fulfilled with this money? Jay will contact Michael regarding this question.

2) Crystyl presented the Capital Fund report to Council for review. Gordon Hacker will have a designated Fund.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Archives/Communications:** Sally Mahovsky has replaced the vacuum cleaner for the Archives Room. The new vacuum was paid for by the Archive's expense account.

**Endowment:** Joe reports that the Endowment Committee has approved a request by Judy and Charles Ray for \$400.00 to be sent to the NALC Hurricane Fund

**Evangelism:** Crystyl was nominated to be the new chairman of the Evangelism Committee.

**Internal Ministry:** Emma Human will chair the Internal Ministry Committee.

### **Property Committee: Brian reports that:**

- 1) The ice machine in the Family Life Center has been replaced.
- 2) It has been discovered that Pastor Frye's microphone is on a frequency that will soon be illegal. Brian will get estimates for a new microphone/transmitter. He will look into lapel microphones.
- 3) There is a leaking faucet on the second floor of the education building. The auto-shutoff is bad. Brian will replace the auto-shutoff.
- 4) The front doors of the church building need to be replaced. They are rotten at the bottom. Brian will look into what it will take to get new front doors.
- 5) The siding on the front of the church needs to be replaced. It is 8" tongue and groove. Carpenter bees have done a lot of damage and the wood is delaminating. Brian will check on availability of the correct materials. If matching materials cannot be found, he may consider using Hardy board as the material of choice.

**Stewardship:** Crystyl is replacing Pat Ritchie as a trustee. She will be working with Leonard. Leonard will correct the schedule. Charles and David will be switching with Jay and Craig Poarch.

**Youth:** Gabe reports that he has finished the schedule for crucifers and acolytes for the 2019 year.

### **Report of Special Committees:**

**No Reports**

### **Other Reports:**

**IT Committee:** No report

### **Unfinished Business:**

1) **New Bank.** As we all know, BB&T is closing the Stanley branch in April, 2019. Michael Dukes has been in touch with Capital Bank and has recommended moving our accounts and CD's to Capital Bank. Jay made a motion to accept Michael's recommendation. Pastor Frye seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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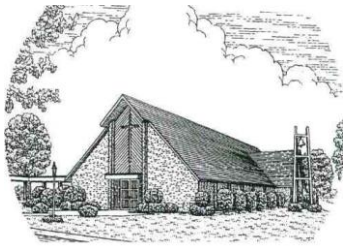
### **Adjournment:**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph L. Keefer, Secretary

# March 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
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3 Sunday School 9:30am  Divine Service 10:30 am	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	7 Food Pantry 11am-12:30pm  Confession & Absolution 12:30pm-1:30pm	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:30am  Divine Service 10:30 am  Council Meeting 6pm	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10am	13 Lenten Meal 5:45-6:30pm  Lenten Service 7:00pm	14 Food Pantry 11am-12:30pm  Confession & Absolution 12:30pm-1:30pm	15	16
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Pastor: Rev. Wesley R. Frye, STS  
Administrative Assistant: Julie Bodenheimer  
Facilities: Rick Chapman

### **Schedule:**

#### **Sunday**

9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service

#### **Wednesday**

5:30pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Choir Practice

### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday 8:30am until 1:00pm