



# The Valley Echo

St. Matthew's United Church of Christ  
March 2014



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301-788-6546

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Pat Desautels

**Consignment Sale:**  
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**F.A.I.T.H.:**  
Lynn Walter

**Fall Fest :**  
Betty Cree

**Wellness:**  
Betty Gragg

## Pastor's Column

Last night, waiting for sleep to come, I was thinking about this Lenten season and how it could be different, more spiritual, more honest. All I could think of was the oft quoted declaration: "Lent is a journey." That's got something to do with the journey Jesus takes as he preaches and teaches and heals his way to Jerusalem. What other way is there for Lent to be more spiritual than to think of the time in these days as if you are traveling with Jesus. Then, indeed, Lent is a journey, but what kind of journey?

I finally did get to sleep only to be interrupted by weird dreams, dreams which turned eventually into being wide awake with all the symptoms of the winter/snow related blahs, tiredness and even a little depression...what followed is way too much information for this public column. Needless to say, I hope the way the night turned out is no indication of my journey this lent.

As the music from our radio nudged me awake this morning, I remembered: Journey takes our feet a-walking; journey moves us; journey leads us to some destination; journey is the destination. Upright but steadying myself on the bedpost, I looked down from the window to the snow, snow melted and refrozen several times this week, and there were footprints frozen in the snow. Someone had trudged through the ice covered snow this way and that way--footsteps going back and forth, then over there and in no particular path. I couldn't imagine what kind of journey this person was on.

*Looked like some of my Lenten journeys.*

As sleep cleared from my eyes, I remembered: Those footprints tell the story of Pat's (my wife) shared journey with the birds and squirrels who reside in our yard. She has five or six bird feeders. She even feeds choice corn to four squirrels. I still don't get that. As a youth, my mom fed me squirrels. Yum! This journey with these lovely and interesting little creatures is one of Pat's great joys.

Even harsh weather never keeps her from showing hospitality to the cardinals, blue jays, woodpeckers, gold finches, et.al. **Our footsteps during this Lenten time tell the story of our journey!** I suppose the ultimate hope is that we will travel along in the footsteps of Jesus – from his journey from his baptism by John to 40 days in the desert, to the temple, to the garden in desperate prayer, to the hill called Golgotha, and ultimately to resurrection morning. For sure, the footprints we leave behind will tell the story of our shared journey this Lent. May the journey bring us—each of you and all of us—closer to the One who gives us the journey in the first place.

Faithfully, Pastor Hanberry

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Articles may be emailed to: [office@saintmatthewsucc.org](mailto:office@saintmatthewsucc.org) or placed in the church office "Inbox" Information received after the deadline may not be included. Submissions are subject to editing for space and content. Articles taken from publications (newspapers, magazines, etc.) should include copyright permission.

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# One Great Hour of Sharing

## No Longer A Stranger

Each summer Glenview Community UCC in Illinois hosts Israeli and Palestinian teenagers in an attempt to break down barriers of hate and mistrust.

The Hands of Peace program began in 2002 when a Jewish mom and a Christian mom from Glenview, seeing how well their children played together despite their differences, wanted to do something about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Preparing to celebrate its 10th year, the Hands of Peace Middle East Alumni Club hosted an alumni seminar in Jaffa, Israel, in the spring of 2012. Due in large part to funding received from One Great Hour of Sharing, the organization was able to bring together 33 former Hands of Peace participants, including Palestinians from the West Bank, Palestinian Citizens of Israel, and Jewish-Israelis. The students came from all over Israel and the West Bank to spend a weekend in this multi-cultural city located just south of Tel Aviv engaging in dialog and looking for ways to improve their shared future together.

In 2012, the Hands of Peace Summer Program continued its trajectory of growth by engaging seven Jewish-Israelis, seven Palestinians, four Palestinian citizens of Israel and 14 American teens in another intense and emotionally enriching two-week experience hosted in Glenview, Ill. Addressing the geographic, religious and cultural diversity issues that flavor the Israeli-Palestinian reality, the program once again witnessed a group of teenagers who progressed from anxious and wary strangers at the beginning of their time together, to crying and hugging friends when it came time to say goodbye.

For the second year, Summer Program participants produced videos on themes of peace that can be viewed at the Hands of Peace website — [handsofpeace.org](http://handsofpeace.org).

One Great Hour of Sharing supports Hands of Peace in its efforts to help teens explore peaceful coexistence and celebrates the program's efforts as it gears up for its 10th full program year in 2013!

**One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering  
Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

# Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Elders and Pastor Hanberry have decided to establish a Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The pastor, with approval of the Elders, will distribute money from the fund to help members of the congregation in financial need. If you are in need, or know of someone who is, you may make a confidential request directly to the pastor. To contribute to the fund, place your donation in the regular Sunday offering and note "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" on your check or envelope.

## Snow Policy

When the snow emergency plan is in effect for Carroll County, St. Matthew's will automatically not have worship or activities. As you know, sometimes the roads to Pleasant Valley are fine, but our parking lot can still be unsafe. If you are unsure if activities are canceled, please listen to WTTR (AM 1470) or if you have any questions prior to heading out call:

Susie Gist - 410- 848-2187

or

Betty Cree - 410- 346-7663

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday Evening March 4th.

4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring the Entire Family  
and Your Neighbor Too!  
Goodwill Donations Only!

## Volunteer Mission Opportunity

Members of our church family have the opportunity to go to the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor on Thursday, March 13, from 8:30 - 3:30 p.m. to help SERRV get products ready for shipping and for sale in the gift shop. We will help unpack shipments, put price stickers on items, inspect items, and repack them. Lunch will be provided and volunteers have the opportunity to shop with a large discount. We have committed for 6 - 10 volunteers. Sign-up sheet on the table in the entrance hall or call Angela Bowersox at 410-848-1549 to volunteer for all day or any part of the day.

# Sharing Calendar

*With his beloved disciples during the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for oneness, connection, and unity (John 17:20-23). Perhaps he knew that understanding our oneness would be one of our greatest challenges as human beings. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we connect visibly, effectively, efficiently, and powerfully as one to answer needs in God's family.*

*This calendar suggests a donation of coins or bills each day. Your household can decide what unit is best for your situation that day.*

**We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
One with Disaster Survivors	In sub-Saharan Africa, creating food storehouses, adopting drought-resistant seeds, and environmental protection efforts reduce the impact of droughts. Contribute one unit in thanksgiving!	7 elementary school children died in the 2013 Moore, Oklahoma tornado, which packed winds faster than 200 MPH. Contribute one unit for every disaster you remember hearing about in 2013.	Rains following long droughts in Kenya last year caused flooding and land-slides. Extremely dry land could not absorb the water. Contribute one unit if you remember playing with mud.	"...that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm" (Eph. 6:13).  Stand with those who have experienced natural disasters: contribute two units.	Hurricane Sandy, the 2nd most economically-expensive hurricane in U.S. history, affected 17 states. In New York City alone, 6,800 people sought shelter. Give one unit for each blanket you have.	46,000 NJ homes were destroyed or majorly damaged by Hurricane Sandy. 39,000 People were still displaced 6 months after the storm. Give one unit for each bed in your home.	Overwhelmed by 2013 flooding, Illinois residents received several thousand CWS emergency cleanup buckets. Contribute one unit for each hour of cleaning you did this week.
One with the Hungry	66 million primary-school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone. Give one unit for each meal and snack you ate today.	Almost 5% of U.S. households, including 15.9 million people, received emergency food from food pantries during 2010.* Give one unit for every 5 cans/ boxes of food in your pantry.	1 in 7 people will go to bed hungry tonight. Give one unit for each night last week that you were not hungry when you went to bed.	"I am the bread of life," Jesus said (John 6:35).  Give one unit to provide bread and rice for those in physical hunger.	1 in 4 children worldwide are stunted by chronic malnutrition—their shortness a visible sign of the associated damage to brain development and overall health. Give one unit for each child you hold dear.	The U.S. wastes 33 million tons of food costing about \$165 billion each year. Give one unit for each food item that has gone bad in your refrigerator/pantry this week.	Hunger kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Give one unit for each meal you ate out this week, or one unit to honor each guest you fed this week.
One with the Poor	More people escaped poverty during the 2000s than any other decade in history. Praise God and contribute one unit to help others escape.	One-third of the people living in south Asia live in extreme poverty, subsisting on < \$1.25 per day, as do almost one-half of the people living in sub-Saharan Africa. Can you contribute \$1.25, or a multiple of \$1.25, today?	Poverty and hunger are key reasons for unauthorized immigration from Latin America to the U.S. Contribute two units to help address these root causes.	Jesus prayed, "That they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have ... loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:23).  Share God's love; contribute as your heart leads you.	In Himachal Pradesh, India, women and girls walk an average of 2.7 hours each time they collect firewood for cooking and heating. Give one unit for the number of steps from your kitchen to your heater/thermostat.	More than 1 in 5 U.S. children live in poverty. Give one unit in honor of each of your young friends/ children/ grandchildren/ nieces/nephews.	Every day approx. 800 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy & childbirth. 99% of all maternal deaths occur in developing countries. Give one unit in thanks for each woman who has significantly mothered you.
One with the Outcast	Half of refugee camps worldwide can't provide the recommended minimum daily water requirement. 30% have inadequate latrine facilities. Give two units if your church has water & toilets.	Life as a refugee can be fearful, anxious, boring, scary, tough, desolate, crowded, confusing, hopeless. Give one unit in gratitude if you experienced something of beauty or love today.	Over 200 Haitian boss masons have been trained in earthquake-resistant building practices. Give one unit to continue the long term recovery following Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake.	In Christ there is no east or west; in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.  Send your love with one unit.	\$5000 can buy a used car in the U.S. Some Syrian refugee families, to survive economically and to protect the girl's/ family's honor, have sold their 13-year-old daughters to prospective husbands for that amount. Give one unit for each teenage girl in your extended family.	An estimated 27 million people are trafficked for sexual exploitation/forced labor. 75% of them are women and girls. Give one unit for each female in your family.	Your dollar bills and coins help local people worldwide and make a difference for generations. Unite with others to stand as one with those in need as you give your concluding gift!

\* The most recent year for which statistics are available. Sources: Church World Service; Bread for the World; U.S. Census Bureau, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of State; NYC Government; United Nations; World Bank; The Atlantic; CBS; CNN; NBC; NPR; Time; Science Direct; The Washington Post

## Sharing Calendar Daily Giving Devotion

- At a time appropriate for your household, read the theme scripture for One Great Hour of Sharing 2014: John 17:20-23.
- Invite each member of the household to describe an instance that has happened since the last daily giving devotion of when they felt really connected to someone else.
- Read the day's entry in the sharing calendar. Discuss the situation described and its relationship to your household.
- Consider your contribution for the day, and add it to your offering envelope included with this newsletter. For those who receive their newsletter electronically, offering envelopes are available for pick-up from the entrance hall table.

- Pray for the people and situations highlighted in the sharing calendar, and for the people you will meet in the coming hours:

*Thank you, O God, for how your love and Jesus' life, death, and resurrection connect us to each other, throughout the earth. Thank you for the connection we have felt to you and to your children this day. We pray for our many brothers and sisters, some of whom we know and many of whom we do not, whose pain is profound and whose life each day is saturated with suffering. May our lives and witness to your love build bridges and connections that we may all be one, as you and Jesus are one. Please bless the offering we make to you today, that it may bring relief, hope, and a sense of your presence to those who will be helped through One Great Hour of Sharing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

- Remember to take your offering to church on the day when the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is given.



# WORSHIP at St. Matthew's UCC

LENT 2014 - March 5- April 20

## Our Lenten Journey – “Transformation”



The word, “transformation,” is popular these days. In molecular biology, “**transformation**” is the genetic alteration of a cell resulting from the uptake and expression of foreign genetic material (DNA). In information technology, “data transformation” is the “process of converting data from a source into a destination format.” Psychologists speak of transformation as fundamental “change” in a person’s emotional state or their personality. As we age, our bodies and minds are changed, transformed from one state to another, but what about our spiritual lives? Indeed, how is it with our souls these days? Is there some change we need to make? Are we floundering around in the dark and stress of our lives? **Are our spirits swirling without a direction?** This Lenten season, we will explore aspects of spiritual transformation and the impact such change has on our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

March 5, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday

Joint worship with Grace UCC in Taneytown and Emmanuel (Baust) UCC

Where: Emmanuel (Baust) UCC

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:1; & Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (with part of liturgy based on Mark 11:8-10 and 15:12-15)

Imposition of Ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

March 9, 2014 – 10:45 a.m. – Lent 1

**Theme: “Transformation – From Temptation to Power”**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; & Matt. 4:1-11

Sermon: “The Folly of Power”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

March 16, 2014 – 10:45 a.m. – Lent 2

**Theme: “Transformation – From Doubt to Faith”**

**Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;**

**John 3:1-17; or Matthew 17:1-9**

Sermon: “Living Contrary to the Evidence”

March 23, 2014 – 10:45 a.m. – Lent 3

**Theme: “Transformation – From Sin to Forgiveness”**

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; & John 4:5-42

Sermon: “The Hard and Wonderful Journey to Forgiveness”

March 30, 2014 – 10:45 a.m. – Lent 4

**Theme: “Transformation – From Blindness to Vision”**

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; & John 9:1-41

Sermon: “So, What’s it Like Being Able to See?”

April 6, 2014 – 10:45 a.m. – Lent 5

**Theme: “Transformation – From Death to New Life”**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; & John 11:1-45

Sermon: “...if You Had Been Here!”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

April 13, 2014 – 10:45 a.m. – Palm Sunday

**Theme: “Transformation – From Triumph to Tragedy”**

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11; & Matthew 26:14-27:66; or Matthew 27:11-54

Sermon: “Palms, Passion, and a Donkey”

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## Pastor Hanberry's Approach to and Policy for Pastoral Care

**Confidentiality** in all communications with people in the church is my policy – always. In other words, **“what is shared with me, stays with me.”**

If a person in the church is ill or in the hospital or going to have surgery, I will always ask, **“what do you want me to share with the church about your illness, your surgery, etc., if anything?”** I, of course, will honor your request and preferences.

Some folks prefer that their illness or a hospital stay be kept private. Others are more open to sharing with the congregation or desire prayers from the church community. I prefer to follow the wishes of the individual or family directly rather than responding to what one might call “hear-say.” Folks in the congregation may share whatever they choose; however, my policy requires that I speak directly with the person or a primary family member before I share news about a person’s life circumstances.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime via my cell phone (301-788-6546) to request a visit, to share a health issue or a pastoral care need. I will be in a good position to respond to your pastoral care needs as they arise.

## Sunday School News

The Adult Sunday School Class will be starting a new series of discussions the first Sunday of lent, March 9, which will be led by Pastor Hanberry, titled "Living the Questions". You won't want to miss this interesting series. So join the fun at 9:30 a.m.

The Youth Group will be meeting following worship service on March 9 to make Easter candy to sell. Last year the group sold \$110.00 worth of the candy and donated the funds to the "Crop Walk". The "Crop Walk" will be held on April 6, and we hope many of the youth will be able to participate. Following lunch the fun will begin. Please let Susie Gist, 410-848-2187, or Donna Geiman, 410-848-0010, know if your youth member will be able to attend this meeting. The youth group is open for all students in third grade and up.

## Worship at St. Matthew's UCC - Continued

April 17 – 6:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday

**Theme: “Transformation – In the Darkness Again”**

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;

I Corinthians 11:23-26; & John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sacrament of Holy Communion

April 18, 2014

Good Friday activities in Taneytown and Westminster

April 20, 2014

Time To Be Announced – Easter Sunrise Service

Breakfast after Service

April 20, 2014

10:45 a.m. – Easter Sunday Celebration

**Theme: “Transformation – From Death to Life”**

\*Acts 10:34-43; or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;

Colossians 3:1-4; or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

Sermon: “Fully Alive!”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

## CROP Walk- Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



Join walkers from northern Carroll County on April 6, 2014 for a 5 mile stroll to help end hunger. What is the CROP Walk? This is the largest charitable walking event in the United States, to help end hunger locally and abroad. Their roots are in feeding the hungry and their future is in ensuring sustainable access to proper nutritious food. Malnutrition leads to nearly half of all childhood death's before the age of 5. During a child's first 1,000 days proper nutrition is vital. Without it, the risk is high for a life long health issues like blindness, developmental disabilities and organ shut down.

So, join us as we walk from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Windsor, up route 75 to McKinstry's Mill Road and then head back to New Windsor. The walk is rather flat and St. Luke's Winter's Lutheran Church is a rest stop. If you can not walk, you can sponsor a walker. Each walker is to have sponsors to raise money for Church World Service. 75% of the money raised goes to Church World Service, 25% of the money stays in Carroll County. It will be divided between Carroll county Food Sunday, Shepherd's Staff and Access Carroll.

The Youth Group will be walking, so help support us in ending hunger!

# St. Matthew's UCC Care-Giving Ministry

As a "family oriented congregation", the people of St. Matthew's UCC have responded to the needs, crises and struggles of its members, friends and neighbors for decades. We have done with an organized ministry through the Wellness Committee, work of our Parish Nurse, informal responses by our membership as needs arise, and through a full-time pastor providing varied forms of pastoral care. As time and circumstances change, however, so must St. Matthew's find ways to adapt to changing times and to grow in the process.

Two major shifts have recently occurred in our capacity to continue providing our members and friends with "care-giving" ministries:

Our Wellness Committee has had to limit its direct care ministry of actively visiting our home-bound and nursing home-bound members; and

Pastoral services have shifted from full-time to part-time (40%) which means the pastor now has limited time for personal visits.

As a result of our shifting to a part-time pastor, assistance from the lay membership of St. Matthew's will be needed to ensure that our various ministries remain vital and effective. To meet our changing needs, we would like the visitation component of the work done by the Wellness Committee to be conducted by a "new" care-giving team.

Pastor Gerry will meet with prospective team members to orient everyone to the program and to answer any questions. He will provide the level of training necessary to make each team member comfortable with his/her responsibilities. He has also volunteered to accompany each team member, if desired, on the first visit with your care-recipient. Although this ministry could require only an hour or so of your time each month, you may find that you enjoy spending more time than that with your care-receiver.

Those in other churches who have served as care-givers have said this about their experiences:

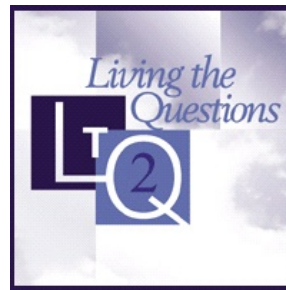
**"It has helped me develop a deep personal relationship with my care-recipient."**

**"Meetings with my care recipient have developed into a deep friendship."**

**"Being a member of the Care-Giving Ministry has provided me an opportunity to make a difference in another person's life at a very personal level."**

Please consider becoming a member of our Care-Giving Team. Contact any one of the Elders to ask further questions or to express your interest in joining this ministry.

~ The Elders of St. Matthew's UCC



## Sunday Morning Lenten Study Series for Adults

- Six Sunday Morning Sessions – 9:30 a.m.  
March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, & 13
- Possible Repeat of series during the week -  
Date and Time to be Announced

Living the Questions 2.0 –

An Introduction to Progressive Christianity

March 9 -- Restoring Relationships

March 16 -- The Prophetic Jesus

March 23 -- Evil, Suffering and a God of Love

March 30 -- Practicing Resurrection

April 6 -- Debunking the Rapture

April 13 -- Reclaiming the World

*LtQ2* is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Featuring acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts, *LtQ2* consists of sessions which will be offered in sequence over six sessions during Lent, 2011.

The topic to be addressed in this series is: "Reclaiming the World". *LtQ2* includes a 20-minute video, which includes conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines.

**Leader: Pastor Gerry Hanberry**

## Prayer Concerns

There is now a prayer concerns book on the table in the entry hallway. You may place someone on the prayer list by writing in the book. Anytime Betty Gragg or the church office receives a prayer request, they will write it in the prayer concern book. People will be listed on the prayer list for 30 days. You may continue to have a person listed by writing their name again in the book, contacting Betty Gragg or the church office.

## It's Time to Order Easter Flowers

**Easter Lilies 4 - 6 blooms...\$9.00 each**  
**Grower's Choice Tulips (yellow, red, pink, white)**  
**6" pot \$8.00 each \***

**Grower's Choice Easter Mums**  
**(yellow, white, pink/purple) 6" pot \$8.00 each\***

Please fill in the bottom portion of this sheet and give it to Sharon Chapman or Susie Gist (410-848-2187), along with your **check made out to St. Matthew's UCC**. You may also mail your order and check to Susie Gist, 1903 S. Pleasant Valley Road, Westminster, MD 21158.

**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Please Print Legibly

Ordered by \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

(How many) \_\_\_\_\_ **Easter Lilies @ \$9.00 ea.** Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

(How many) \_\_\_\_\_ **Tulips @ \$8.00 ea.** Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(How many) \_\_\_\_\_ **Easter Mums @ \$8.00 ea.** Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*No Color Choice.*

*\*Grower selects colors in exchange for reduced price of \$8.00.*

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes & Thank Yous

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - Thank you all for sharing some of your soup with the Souper Bowl of Caring! The weather made it difficult for folks to get to church, let alone get to the store, so they could participate. We collected 75 cans or boxes of soup that was taken to Carroll County Food Sunday. Thank you again for your generosity to help those in need.

**Homewood Stamps** - We recently sent a very fully stuffed box of cancelled stamps to Homewood at Plum Creek. We received this response for our donation:

Dear St. Matthew's UCC,

Thank you for your recent donation of stamps. It is greatly appreciated as it benefits Homewood Benevolent Fund. We can see that great care has been taken in preparing the stamps! Perhaps in the future, if continued donations are likely, you could simply tear the envelopes in half. It is best if the envelopes are cut leaving a 2" paper border around the stamp to prevent damage. Currently, we have approximately 15 volunteers working on this exciting and productive endeavor on a weekly basis.

Again, such an incredible donation is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Staff and residents of Plum Creek

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**Caring Carroll, Inc. -**

Dear Friends of St. Matthews's United Church of Christ:

On behalf of Caring Carroll, I would like to thank you for your generous support (\$125.00) for the year 2013. The demand for Caring Carroll's services, especially rides, continues to increase. We will use your contribution for volunteer recruitment, training and support, to increase the number of volunteers and the number of older and disabled adults we can serve.

We also use some funds for repair. While our volunteers can do small repairs, such as installing grab bars, we sometimes pair with volunteer groups to provide repairs, building, and yard work beyond what we at Caring Carroll can offer, with financial contributions from our organization. These projects would not have been possible without our donors.

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Tekoa Robinson

Caring Carroll Program Coordinator



## Giving In Our Community...



St. Matthew's U.C.C. donated \$600.00 to Carroll County Food Sunday during Sunday worship. Pictured left to right are Pastor Gerry Hanberry, Betty Cree, and Edward Leister who accepted the donation on behalf of Carroll County Food Sunday.



## Annual Basket/Bag Bingo



Saturday, March 22, 2014 at  
Carroll Lutheran School  
1738 Old Taneytown Road  
Westminster, MD 21158  
Doors Open 12:00 Noon  
Games Begin 1:00 PM



Food and Refreshments Available  
Door Prizes & Raffles (including 50/50 & purses)  
All Baskets/Bags Generously Filled  
Liners and Protectors with Nearly All Baskets

*\*Bring a non-perishable food item to be entered to win a special prize\**

Your Home Show Vendors and Businesses will be present for your shopping convenience.

Admission is by Ticket Only

### Tickets

Advance ticket price until March 22nd, 2014 \$15/\$20 at the door  
to purchase tickets, contact: Karen Zentner at (410) 857-1440

All Proceeds benefit Carroll Lutheran School  
Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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## Kids' Corner

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).

Y L X Y P K W G P R X I F L W  
D B A R H V N E S P I C E S K  
P W V S L I P U E F Z S Z U T  
A R W A N U S V T K Q A E F N  
G D O R C K T Z O W T J O N A  
Y R O L T Q O K M B O D Y L Z  
G M O W L D N E B S S T B Q J  
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## The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2a (NIV)

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faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day


desert	hungry	bread	world
tempted	stone	worship	angels



Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.

## March 2014

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Upcoming Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Transfiguration of Our Lord - White (Sacrament of Holy Communion) A - Elena Geiman L - Sharon Chapman G - Justin Geiman Family U - Susie Gist, Betty Cree, Justin Geiman, Mike Smith N - Vicki Huber-Geiman O - Deanna Lui	3  <b>Elders Meeting</b>	4  <b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 4:30 - 7 p.m.</b>	5 Ketti Dutterer Baleigh Geiman  <b>Ash Wednesday @Emmanuel UCC - 7p.m.</b>	6	7	1  8
9 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Purple A - Vickie Green L - Phyllis McKenzie G - Pat Desautels U - Allen Dutterer, Donna Geiman, Genny Rhorback, Mel Starner N - Justin Geiman O - Deanna Lui  <b>Youth Group Following Worship</b>	10  <b>Church Council Meeting- 7 p.m.</b>	11  <b>Search Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.</b>	12	13 Jack Wagner Richard Coppersmith  <b>Wellness Committee - Noon</b>	14	15  Thomas McKenzie
16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent - Purple A - Nicole Green L - Carolyn Smith G- Betty Cree U- Ketti Dutterer, Betty Gragg, Carolyn Smith, Dick Smith N - Linda Fausnet O - Deanna Lui	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19  <b>Newsletter Deadline - 2:00 p.m.</b>	20	21  	22
23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent - Purple A - Kaitlyn Blizzard L - Hayden Shaw G- Jean Means U - Timna Shaw, Angie Bowersox, Donna Geiman, Susie Gist N - Phyllis McKenzie O - Deanna Lui	24	25  <b>Search Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.</b>	26	27	28	29 <b>Noah Geiman</b>
30 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Purple A - Taylor Blizzard L - Lynn Walter G - Betty Gragg U - Dale Geiman, Bob Smith, Lynn Walter, Sharon Chapman N - Susan Bowersox-Blizzard O - Deanna Lui  <b>One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering</b>	31	<b>Anniversaries:</b> <b>Bart &amp; Lynn Walter - 3/2/80</b>		<i>Please list your upcoming meeting dates &amp; times on the master calendar located on the bulletin board in the entrance hallway.</i>		<b>Key:</b> Acolyte Liturgist Greeter Usher Nursery Organist

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