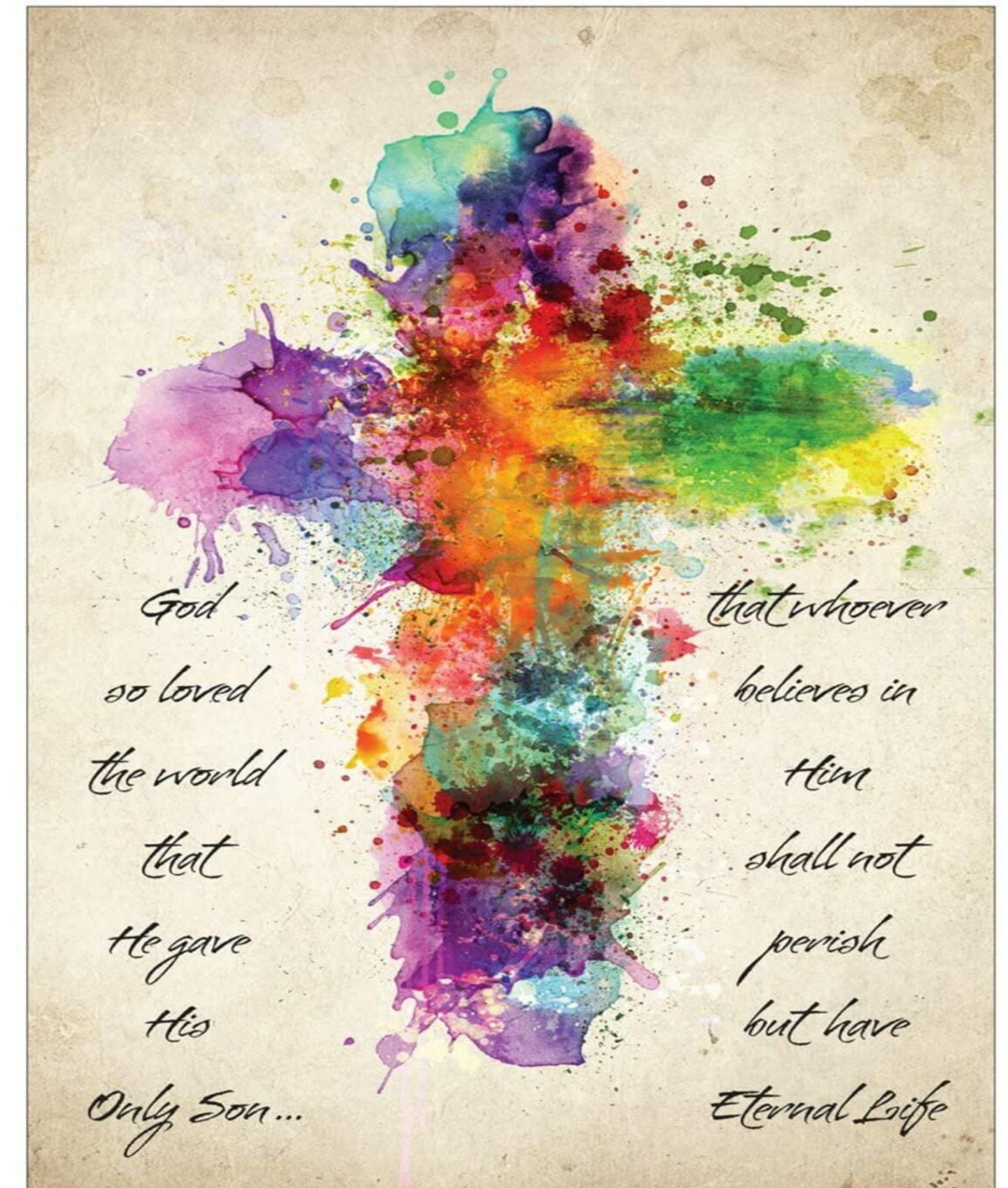


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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

"May your days be many
and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings
descend upon you.
May peace be within you
may your heart be strong.
May you find
what you're seeking
wherever you roam."

~ Irish Blessings

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*Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
May the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you until we meet again!*

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ZION?

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



IN OUR CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Bill Bertram, Dakota Miller, Marlene Rhueff, Elaine Panyi

➤If you would like to be remembered in prayer or know of someone who would appreciate being included in this list, please contact the church office.



March 3
March 15

Happy Birthday!

Susan Bullard
Rev. Walter Coy



PASTOR COY

If you would like to meet with Pastor Coy, please make an appointment with the church office at **740-282-1793**. If you would like to get a hold of Pastor Coy directly, his cell number is **330-301-0551**. Pastor Coy has **office hours Mon, Wed, & Thurs..**

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

In the event that the weather is bad and you are unsure if church is open please call Pastor Coy. His cell number is **330-301-0551**.

HOLY WEEK

Come join us **April 14, 11:30 AM- 1PM. for Maundy Thursday!** We'll have a **couple soups**, (including a vegetarian option), and **assorted desserts!** There will be a free will offering! Communion will also be available. **Come for food, stay for fellowship!!**

Good Friday, April 15, the sanctuary will be open from Noon- 1PM for music, scripture, and quiet reflection.

Easter Sunday, April 17, we celebrate our risen savior at 11AM.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flowers will be available for Altar rail. You may choose **Tulips, Hyacinths, or Lilies** at a cost of **\$13.00** each. Orders are due by **April 3, 2022**.

Let us love

not in word or speech,
but in truth and action

1 John 3:18

Pastor's Pen

Love is a choice, not a matter of destiny. It is a choice renewed each day!

-Dean Francis Alfar

We are starting into our journey of Lent. Lent is definitely a journey but as humans I sometime get the feeling that we work towards the completion of Lent rather than working on the journey through Lent to change our lives. Jesus' life was predetermined. He knew what his purpose was and what his end would be. Unfortunately we as humans did not surprise Him. Yet it was the fulfillment of His life that made the difference. It was not only what we were to be given in the end that mattered, as miraculous as that is, it was the journey of lessons He was giving us that mattered so much but sometimes goes right by us. It was the change in our lives He was trying to achieve! As He walked among us we had a chance to see and believe. Now it can be a bit harder because we need to believe to see. We have a forty day journey to remind us to work on us. Even though the journey is about what God has done for us, it can be a preparation for what we can do to honor what has been given to us through grace alone.

Our tradition is usually to give up something for lent. In the end we just replace whatever we gave up with something else. Giving up is teaching us self-control. Maybe it would be better to try to take on something to honor God. Usually if you are taking on something else in your life daily you end up giving up something to fit it in so same end result. But in the long run it changes your life? Have you ever thought about adding something into your life for positive changes? Reading the bible daily, going for a walk or an exercise program, or start back to church. Buy someone a cup of coffee when they need it. Joyce and I love the pay it forward where you pay for the person behind you in line at Duncan Donut or in any fast food drive thru. You are gone before they can thank you. We have had this done to us, the feeling it gives you is wonderful. Remember lent is about God and a chance to get your heart in shape before Easter. The part we all play is to get us in practice for God honoring habits along the way.

If you feel the need to give up something go ahead. I always laugh when I think of my wife Joyce. She does not eat sweets, they don't agree with her and she has been a vegetarian since 1995. For her to give up any more food would mean she would have only water left! She has always lived by doing things to make herself better tomorrow than she was today. Whatever you end up doing I hope it helps you to find your way closer to God and the Gospel this Lenten season as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is waiting for us if we make the journey day by day to prepare our hearts for Him.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Walter Coy