

WHITING COMMUNITY CHURCH BAPTIST LIGHT

From the Pastor

Invite a Friend Sunday!

March 20th

The Sunday before Easter is sometimes referred to as Palm Sunday. This year we'll hear the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem from Luke 19:28-40. This is also **Invite a Friend Sunday**. We all need to hear and be reminded of the good news of the Christian story. As part of this message, I'll be including a clear gospel presentation. Therefore, please help us and invite people you know to join us March 20th. What's the worst they could say when you ask them? "No." Whew, that rejection wasn't so bad now was it? Guess what, someone's "no thanks," to your not pushy ask, won't ruin your relationship or kill you. One accepted invite is well worth ten rejections.

Just think how God might meet us if we step out and simply say, "I'd like to invite you to join us at church this Sunday. Can I pick you up at 9:00am and we can sit together?" How wonderful it would be to see non-churched, once churched, and anti-church people join us on Sunday morning! It excites me to think about how God can use us in the Fox Cities to help break down barriers and unfavorable stereotypes people have about Christians and their faith. It all starts with a simple invite. Ready...Set...Go

~ Pastor Nick

Financials

Our 2016 General Fund Approved Budget is \$81,653.60 Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$6,804.47 per month in order to meet this budget. As of the end of January, we are \$1,175.54 over budget.

We do not make goal every month, so when we are over goal, please do not be shy on your giving.

Gen fund income: \$7,980.01

Gen fund expense: \$4,136.70

Phone Number

Church cell: 920-722-4312

Soda Machine

The soda machine has been removed from the church, we have had minimal purchase of soda. The remaining soda is in the spare refrigerator in the kitchen and available for purchase for .50/can.

Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

6:30 – 7:45 PM

Ephesians 3:1-21

Guest appearance ~
Barnabas

March Mission Project - America for Christ

This year's theme : Discipleship Becoming More Like Christ is based on Ephesians 2:10 “For we are what he has made us created in Christ Jesus's good works which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”

The theme is biblical reminder what Jesus’ public ministry was all about, engagement and compassion for people in need.

By supporting the America For Christ offering, we participate with our Lord in serving our churches and communities. The situations are there and waiting for us to recognize and act on them, as God has called you to do.

We have the opportunity to respond to the America For Christ offering of “ Becoming more like Christ.” We need to challenge ourselves and prepare our hearts to give and serve.

Parking Lot Replacement Project

We have a person who wishes to remain anonymous that has agreed to generously match up to \$3,000 for money that we raise for the parking lot from Feb 1- June 1.

In January, we had donations totaling \$555.00 (not eligible for match). For first 3 weeks in February we had donations totaling \$1,845.00 (eligible for match) Let's keep the momentum going and let's be sure we reach our matched amount goal.

If you have any ideas on fundraising ideas, please be sure to inform the governing body as they will help with fundraising ideas for the Parking Lot.

Spaghetti Supper & Game Night

On April 23rd, George Strohmeier and Jeff Steffen will be putting on a spaghetti supper at 5:30 with game night to follow for anyone interested. We are asking five bucks a plate for supper. We will have a sign up sheet in the front of the church that we will ask people to use so that there is a headcount for food. Games will played after dinner. Sign up, bring a friend, & bring your favorite game to play!

United Community

Do you have a VISA debit or credit card? If so, purchases you make can be free money to our parking lot fund with businesses that are in this program. If you use a debit card you would run the purchase as a Credit. The program is working with MasterCard to make those purchases eligible.

This does not cost you any money, the business that is in the program donates based on your purchase amount.

We only have 9 people signed up for this program and we made \$71.89 in 2015, so if we could get a majority of our congregation to utilize this program, just think how this could boost our parking lot fund.

Any questions, please see Kim Rose or any governing body member.

**Easter Week is Almost Here!
Maundy Thursday Worship**

Thursday, March 24th, 7:00pm (potluck 6:00pm)

On Maundy Thursday we will be holding a Tenebrae Service. What Does Tenebrae Mean?

Tenebrae (Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness') is a Christian religious service celebrated on the evening of Maundy Thursday. The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles during a series of readings.

The people who read Scripture snuff out candles when they finish their passage to represent the flight of the disciples and the approach of the dark hate of Jesus' enemies and the Passion of Christ. When the last passage has been read, the room is completely dark, and recalls the days when Jesus was in the tomb.

Finally, we relight a single candle to represent the hope of the prophecy of Easter.

If you can be a reader of one of the ten Scriptures, please sign up in the back of church, or contact Pastor Nick.

- Reader #1 Matthew 26: 20-25 _____
- Reader #2 Matthew 26: 26-30 _____
- Lord's Supper _____
- Reader #3 Matthew 26: 31-35 _____
- Reader #4 Luke 22: 39-44 _____
- Reader #5 Mark 14: 32-41 _____
- Reader #6 John 17: 1-14 _____
- Reader #7 John 17: 15-22 _____
- Reader #8 John 18: 1-5 _____
- Reader #9 Mark 15: 16-20 _____
- Reader #10 Mark 15: 21-32 _____
- Reader #11 Christ's Last Words Pastor Nick
- Lighting of the Easter Candle Pastor Nick
- Song: Were You There (vs. 1-3)
- Depart in Silence

Easter Breakfast
Breakfast served 8:30-9:30am
Easter Worship Service: 10:00am
\$5 per person, money raised goes to youth fund

Volunteers Needed

Food and kitchen supply estimator (cups, plates, etc): Mike Kesselhon

Bring one griddle: NEED 3 GRIDDLES

Get eggs: NEED 1 PERSON

Get sausage links: Mae Lichtwald

Grocery shopper: Mike Kesselhon

Saturday before Easter at church: making fruit salad, set up and decorate tables, 10:00am:
NEED 3 YOUTH and Pastor Nick

Bring egg casserole (dazzle us with your special creation!): NEED 6-8 DISHES TOTAL, Cathy
Strohmeyer (1), Mae Lichtwald (1)

Orange Juice, skim milk, 2% milk, chocolate milk: Pastor Nick

Kitchen set up: (8:00-8:45am): NEED 2 PEOPLE

Drink set up: (8:00-8:45am): NEED 1 MORE PERSON, Mae Lichtwald

Kitchen chefs Easter morning: (8:15-9:50am): NEED 4 PEOPLE

Hospitality- drinks + table clearing: youth (8:30-9:00am) NEED 2 YOUTH

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Dish washing: youth (9:00-9:30am) NEED 2 YOUTH

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Clean up wherever needed prior to church start: youth (9:40-9:55am) ALL YOUTH, Charlie Pfister

Clean up after church ends: youth (11:10-11:30am) ALL YOUTH

Volunteer sign up in the back of church, or talk to Mike or Roxane Kesselhon.