

## March Link

***Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. [Psalm 51:7- 10](#)***

These words from Psalm 51 remind us of the deep longing for renewal and forgiveness that lies at the heart of our spiritual journey. As we enter into the season of Lent, we are invited to open ourselves to God's cleansing and transformative love. Just as the psalmist seeks a pure heart and a steadfast spirit, so too are we called to lay aside our burdens and trust in God's mercy to restore us.

Lent is a time of preparation, and the Joy of Easter is the destination. The purpose of the season of Lent is to purify our hearts and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy. We truly, I believe, will never understand the joy of the Resurrection without traveling through the time of self-reflective preparation.

During Lent, we are called to turn inward and seek transformation. This season invites us to examine our hearts honestly, to let go of what separates us from God, and to embrace practices that nurture our spiritual growth. Through prayer, repentance, and acts of love, we open ourselves to the grace that leads us, step by step, toward the promise and hope of Easter morning.

I would like to encourage all of you to find a channel to keep a Holy Lent in a way that is meaningful to you. Perhaps arise a little earlier each day to read the Bible or to pray or to just sit quietly in the presence of God. Take a walk with God each day or do a small kindness. Find a way that is meaningful for your personal journey with Jesus,

We need to travel deliberately and consciously through the season of repentance in order to understand the gift of salvation received by the cross of Christ.

I Pray that each of you keep a Holy Lent.

In Christ,

Pastor Barbara



**Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church**

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year...

- 30,000 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2025
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 5,526 people all over the world
- Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$1,200

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,  
The Team at  
St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

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# Corned Beef Supper

Friday, March 13 - 5:00 - 7:00

Chef Ken prepares his famous Corned Beef and Cabbage, with special mustard sauce on the side. Potatoes, Onions, Carrots, soda bread.

And of course heavenly dessert!

Adults \$18.00      Children (6 and under) \$10.00

Takeout Available



**North Canton Community**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Cherry Brook Rd. & Case St.,  
about 5 miles north of Route 44/Route  
179 intersection.



**We have donated the proceeds for the Fat Tuesday pancake supper in the amount of \$141.00 to the Food Bank.**

**Food Bank Wishlist**

Spaghetti Sauce, Applesauce, Brown Rice, Oatmeal

**No time to shop for the food bank?? Donations can be made here:**

**<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/J36KTCUVNFYRY>**



## Gospels for March

March 1: John 3:1-17  
 March 8: John 4:5-42  
 March 15: John 9:1-41  
 March 22: John 11:1-45  
 March 29: Matthew 26:14-27

## March Schedule

March 1 March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29	<u>Cleaners</u>  Stephanie Stark Stephanie Stark Sandy Taylor Sandy Taylor Volunteers Needed	<u>Lectors</u>  Steve Bailey John Baum Kathy Baum Karen Dietz Suzanne Gerber	<u>Ushers</u>  Steve & Barb Bailey Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange Shirley Green & Volunteer Darlene Slater & Jennifer Lambour Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey
March 1 March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29	<u>Greeters</u>  John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange		<u>Coffee Hour</u>  Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed
March 1 March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29		<u>Counters</u>  John Lundy & Peg Palmer Peg Palmer & Volunteer Barbara Bailey & Volunteer Jennifer Lambour & Steve Bailey Barbara Bailey & Jennifer Lambour	



Volunteers are needed for the Coffee Hour and Cleaners. The sign up sheets are on the Besse Table in the Narthex.

# March

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
<p>1</p> <p>10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>11:15 AM: Confirmation Glass</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00AM Prayer Group</p> <p>8:00PM AA</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:45PM AA</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00AM Worship Service</p> <p>11:15AM Trustees Meeting</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>4:00 – 7:00PM Food Bank</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00AM Prayer Group</p> <p>8:00PM AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank</p> <p>6:45PM AA</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>10:00AM Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:00 – 7:00PM Food Bank</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00AM Prayer Group</p> <p>8:00PM AA</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank</p> <p>6:45PM AA</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00AM Worship Service</p> <p>11:15 AM: Confirmation Glass</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00AM Prayer Group</p> <p>8:00PM AA</p>				

## March Announcements

If you know of someone who is not getting the Link but would like to, please contact Re with their information and email address so they can be added to the list. If they don't have access to emails, just give us their mailing address and we will mail it out to them. We will also leave a few copies on the Besse table.

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital in need of a visit please call either Pastor Barbara or the Church office to schedule a visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer give out this information.

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Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

### Church contact info:

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“took branches of palm trees  
and went out to meet Him, and  
cried out: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed  
is He who comes in the name of  
the LORD!’ The King of Israel!”

*John*  
12:13  
NKJV

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