

# Countryside Trinity Church

## Dave's Moment

I share with you some thoughts about the season of Lent from the Mission Agency of our denomination:

*"The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.) In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship."*

Growing up, my house was one of two protestant homes in my neighborhood. All of my friends were Roman Catholic, so inevitably, even the ones who knew I was Presbyterian, would ask me, "What are you giving up for Lent?" When I was young I would just look at them rather quizzically as if to say, "What's Lent?" As I grew older I looked at them angrily or at the very least disdainfully and say, "I don't give up anything for Lent—I'm Presbyterian and we don't have to!" (so there). Years later, I discovered that the season of Lent is more than just giving things up, which in the original intent meant to "give up" sin. Now I think of Lent not so much as a time to "give up" but more as a time to "go deeper"

Hopefully we all spend our days with a sense of God present in our lives. Perhaps we say our prayers daily, or make it a point to come to worship regularly, and even seek to live moral and true lives and much of this we do without even thinking about it. If asked we would just say, "It's something you do" and not give it much more thought. I think that Lent challenges us to go deeper than faith being more than just something you do. What that more is depends on you. Traditionally, as stated above, Lent was a time of fasting, prayer and self-examination. More recently, people of faith have sought to look at other spiritual disciplines such as spiritual writing or the practice of "Lectio Divina" or Holy Reading, and even daily practice of mercy as ways to go deeper during this season of Lent. If you feel that a group practice would be more helpful, I would encourage you participating in a regular Bible study with friends, or attend the Wednesday evening Soup and Program based on the Ash Wednesday statement made when Ashes are imposed, "You are dust and to dust you shall return."

I would encourage all of you to seek out a spiritual discipline for this season so that as you practice it you might find your faith growing deeper and more satisfying to your soul as you draw nearer and nearer to the Christ. If you are not sure what one to pursue, please feel free to contact me so we can discuss how your spirit can go deeper in Christ. May you all have a blessed Lent,

*Pastor Dave*



Feb 14. 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 18 10:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Feb 21 6:00 pm Soup and Program "You Are Dust" Part 1

Feb 25 10:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Feb 28 6:00 pm Soup and "You Are Dust" Part 2

Mar 4 10:30 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Mar 7 6:00 pm Soup and "The Potters House"

Mar 11 10:30 am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Mar 14 6:00 pm Soup and "This Treasure"

Mar 18 10:30 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Mar 21 6:00 pm Soup and "Broken Places"

Mar 25 10:30 am Palm Sunday

Mar 29 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday

Apr 1 10:30 Easter Sunday

# MISSION REPORT



There will be a **Souper Bowl** celebration on Sunday, February 4th. Soup kettles will be available to receive your ESSK donations. This will be our mission of the month. The East Side Soup Kitchen began in 1979 serving 15 people lunch in a church basement. Now they serve an average of 300 meals each weekday, in their newer building. ESSK started the after school program at various schools in 1994.



## News from your Women's Association

This year our Blanket Sunday will be February 11.



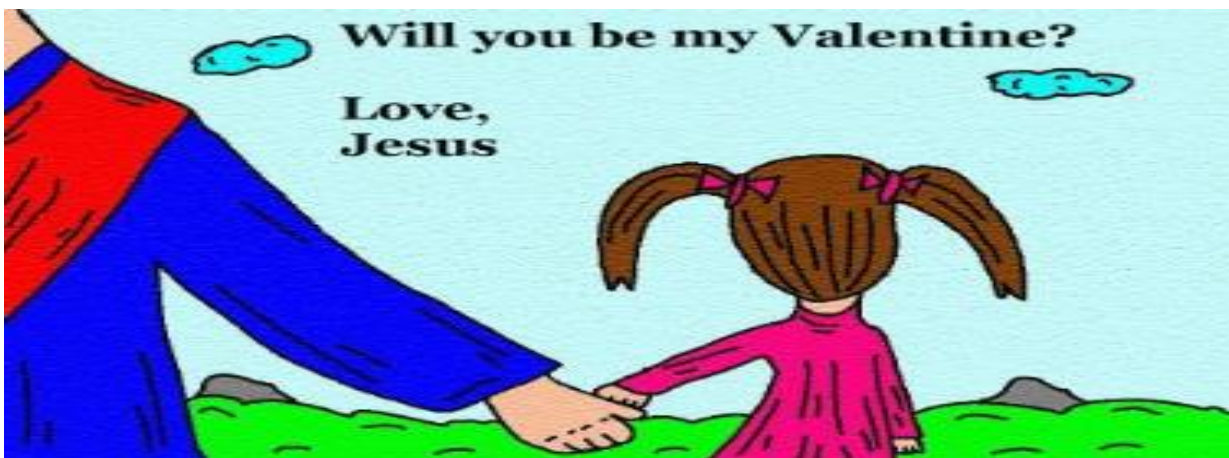
For people in great distress, CWS blankets can become all sorts of things: coat, bed, suitcase, privacy wall, warmth and the list goes on. Yet perhaps the most important is a symbol of hope.

There will be cards available for mailing to the people you want to honor with a blanket donation. These cards are free with a donation. We will have them available by Sunday January 28 so that you will have time to mail them.

Look for us in Fellowship Hall. Donations will be received until February 11.

The price of blankets has been going up. They are now \$10 each. You are welcome to buy half a blanket.

The women will host a special coffee hour honoring Blanket Sunday and Valentine's Day.



# ***From Clerk of Session***

*Mary Ann Parker*

## **YOUR SESSION/COUNCIL AT WORK**

Tidbits of information from Session/Council meeting of January 23, 2018, that you may find helpful:

**Opening:** Pastor Dave opened the meeting with a reflection and prayer.

**Clerk's Report:** Church membership is 97 with the passing of Bill Lacker on 12-27-2017. Thank you notes from Angie Mitchell, Mike Groom and Dan Groom for Christmas bonus were read and will be posted on bulletin board. Annual statistical report for Presbytery was read and approved before submission.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dave gave his report in serving the church, its members and friends and the community. He presented several ideas to help move the church forward. Discussion and questions followed.

**Building & Grounds:** Ed Halase and Kathy Loviska gave update on the switching of telecommunication and waste management issues.

**Christian Education:** Kitty Blehm reported about the Souper Bowl collection for East Side Soup Kitchen and the Muriel Lakey Scholarship Fund. Pastor Dave related that he had six youth at the first "Youth Group Gathering". Motion sustained to either take them bowling or tobogganing on a Saturday dependent on the weather and to have a lock-in in the next couple of months.

**Evangelism:** Mary Longstreth and Kitty Blehm with the help of Jackie and Dallas Williams will host Family Game Night on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance & Stewardship:** Mary Ann Parker reported that only 36 pledges have been submitted to the financial secretary with a total pledged of \$61,484.00. **Can we pay staff, including a minister, the heat and water bills and continue to keep the church running on that amount? We ask that you prayerfully consider turning in your pledge if you have not so. You could also increase your pledge to help your church at this time.**

**Mission:** Kitty Blehm reported January's mission of the month is The Forgotten Man Ministries. Several volunteers are packing backpacks with food at Weiss Elementary every other week. Several members have participated in an orientation to the READ program and are working with students at Weiss Elementary. **More tutors would be very helpful. Please call the church office if you are interested or want more information.**

**Personnel:** All employment agreements are signed by the staff and copies given to them and originals filed.

**New Business:** The following were elected by Session for the year of 2018 to serve your church in the following positions: Mary Ann Parker as Clerk of Session, Norma Patterson as financial secretary, and Lynn Groom as payroll treasurer only.

Submitted for your information,  
Mary Ann Parker, Clerk of Session



Piano, free - YOU must move.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

*Mari McKenzie*

	December				
	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers	Ending Balance
General	15,852.60	9,312.08	10,358.25	200.00	15,006.43
Building	-	100.00		(100.00)	-
Memorial	13,861.83	105.00		1,900.00	15,866.83
Special projects	585.69	1,600.00	1,035.93		1,149.76
Mission					
Hunger	602.54	210.00	193.44		619.10
Heifer proj (Church School)	158.46	2.60	158.46		2.60
UCC/PCU	188.00	220.00	117.50		290.50
Good Samaritan	2,608.28		100.00		2,508.28
Muriel Lakey Scholarship	3,844.36				3,844.36
Womens Association	-	2,850.00	850.00	(2,000.00)	-
Local	152.00		152.00		-
Bricks	1,325.40				1,325.40
	39,179.16	14,399.68	12,965.58	-	40,613.26
Endowment	174,363.20				174,363.20
	213,542.36	14,399.68	12,965.58	-	214,976.46



**In Memory of William A. Lacker "Bill"** - It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. A part of us went with you, the day God took you home. If tears could build a stairway, and heartaches make a lane, we would walk our way to heaven, and bring you back again. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no one could ever fill. November 26, 1929 - December 27, 2017. From Your friends at Countryside Trinity Church.



*Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers, kind words, cards and deeds upon the death of Bill. The church community is a great support.*

*The Lacker Family*





# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Autobiography by Kathy Loviska

*Since none of you have stepped forward and volunteered any information about yourselves, you are stuck with reading about "Me", Kathleen Sue Schobert Mahan Loviska!*

I was born in Saginaw, Michigan in 1949 to Doris and George Schobert and was the baby sister to Joanne and Barbara Schobert. You now know Barbara as Barbara Groom, our cook/baker extraordinaire. I attended Stone Elementary, North Intermediate and graduated in 1967 from Arthur Hill High School. Two weeks after graduating from High School I was married to Donald Mahan, Jr. This marriage only lasted a little over three years, but produced my beautiful daughter, Michelle, in 1970; more about her later.

I worked part-time from the time I was 14 years old and after a couple of miscellaneous positions, began working for attorneys. When I was a Sophomore at Arthur Hill, I began the school's work program where I was released early each day from school in order to go to my job. This continued throughout highschool. After graduation, I took a full-time job working for a Saginaw attorney and my legal career was underway spanning the better part of the next 45-50 years.

My only child, Michelle Mahan (Martinez), was born in February of 1970 and her birth gave my life real purpose. Michelle has been married to Vincent Martinez for almost nine (9) years and they are both members here at Countryside. Being a mother and later a grandmother has been the most rewarding experience in my life. I have had a very close relationship with my child and subsequently all of my grandchildren (and now great-grandchildren) and they all mean the world to me. Most of you have met or know all of them. My oldest grandchild is Alexa Mahan and she is the proud mommy to Lysithea and Zayden Evans. Then, there are the "Twins" Ainslee and Aubree Mahan who will be graduating this year from Heritage High School. They are both working at Bob Evans Restaurant and making plans for their future. They are truly an inspiration and a joy to be around.

When my daughter was about 14 months old, I met the love of my life, Larry Loviska. We married a year or so later in August of 1972. Together we raised Michelle and built our life together. After working for about 30 years at Saginaw Steering Gear, Larry decided to take an early "Buy-Out" and freeze his retirement. Michelle graduated in June of 1988 and we moved to Florida to try out the "Sunshine State". At first Michelle didn't think she could leave Michigan, but finally after about four years, she joined us there. We stayed in Florida until September of 2002, when we decided to return to Michigan and our families. The weather was beautiful in Florida, but Michigan was and is still home! While living in Florida I began "Clog Dancing" and had the opportunity to perform at places all over Florida as well as in Disney World and Dollywood! Our clogging group even opened for Ricky Skaggs at a County Fair in LaBelle, Florida. It was great fun and good exercise. Sadly, in September of 2005, about three years after returning to Michigan, my husband Larry suffered a fatal stroke and passed away joining the other angels in Heaven. I miss him every day - he was a good man and wonderful husband and father.

Over the years working in law offices in Michigan and in Florida, I primarily worked for attorneys who practiced in transactional, real estate or estate planning areas of the law. For the last twenty or so years I worked as a "Real Estate Paralegal" in Florida and then an "Estate Planning Paralegal" in Saginaw.

From May of 2014 to the end of April, 2016, Michelle and I opened up a ladies' boutique/gift store in Saginaw Township. It was a lot of fun and we really enjoyed doing it - but unfortunately the overhead was more than the income. We always felt that we wouldn't know until we tried so we gave it our best for those two years. Now, in order to keep busy, I do some sewing and crafting and over the holidays, I participate in many area Holiday Bazaars selling my wares.

My passions in life, other than being a mother and "nana" has ALWAYS been golf and dancing. As a youth I enjoyed playing softball and there was a time I was a pretty good bowler, but for my whole adult life I have and am still chasing that elusive "Hole in One" that most of my golfing friends have already had but I have not yet attained. I never tire of playing golf and hope to continue for many more years. I love to dance and, while don't get the chance much anymore, never turn down the chance.

I have been attending Countryside Trinity Church for approximately twelve years and have found such peace and comfort in the friends and family I have made since joining that it is overwhelming. And . . . as you know, I am now acting as the Administrative Assistant and, I truly love serving in this capacity. I am currently an Elder and have served as a Deacon in the past as well. Even before joining the church, my brother-in-law, Dan Groom, recruited me to sing in the choir and I have been there ever since and love it! I haven't always been in the forefront like it seems I am getting to be more and more lately. I give Dan some of the credit for pushing me a little along the way . . . but fondly, I have to give most of the credit for turning me into the "Servant" you see before you today to our own Nancy Woodke, may she rest in peace. Nancy never let me skate by on anything. She would simply say "Here is the part you are going to play, learn it." Or, "next Sunday you will be singing this solo" and she would hand me a sheet. She told me once that God gives us all a gift to share and that I OWE it to him to use my voice in this way. I know I am not anything special, but I do try. Nancy would be happy to know that most recently, I have begun acting as the "Liturgist" during the worship service and while I was initially frightened to take on this job, I am enjoying it as well.

## Christian Education

### **Souper Bowl Sunday** - Sunday, February 4, 2018

Bring your spare change! The children will be collecting your change after service to help the East Side Soup Kitchen!

### **Muriel Lakey Scholarship** - Due March 1, 2018

Attention all college students, who are members of Countryside Trinity Church, pick up your applications for the scholarship from Sandy Redfield or the church office. Applications are due March 1, 2018 to Sandy Redfield or the church office.

**Thank you** to all children that participated in the Christmas Program! It was great to see so many children playing the bells and reading!

**Easter is fast approaching!** We will be handing out Fish collection boxes Sunday, February 18, 2018 for any child or adult that would like to collect money during the Lenten Season. The boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018.



### **Food Drive for Hunger**



We are collecting food for Easter Baskets. Please bring your donations to the church. If you would prefer, you can donate cash as our shoppers will be going out and purchasing the final items prior to filling the baskets. See Judi Westendorf for what items are needed or to make a cash donation.

## FELLOWSHIP



Family Game Night has been **RESTORED**. Next event is Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

Consider bringing a friend or two to this event and also, bring a snack to share.

Hope you can attend!

## GET INVOLVED

Fellowship and



Worship Opportunities

Express yourself and your faith by joining the worship, music, or usher team today.

There are so many meaningful and fun ways to get involved, and there is something for everyone to do and **YOU** are needed in order for CTC to continue to grow and move forward. If you are interested in becoming a worship helper, sing in the choir or have any questions about how you can help, please speak with Darren Woodke, Dan or Barb Groom.



**Bickford Assisted Living**

Elaine Kraenzlein

**Health Source**

Bob Gulliver

**Edgewood Assisted Living Center**

Betty Huber

**McBrite Manor**

Bob & Marie Lemmer

**Meadowview Manor**

Carolyn Pendell

**Swanhaven Manor**

Fern Evon Little

**New Hope Valley Independent Living**

Ed Iles & Dorothy Gray

**St. Francis Home**

Judith Lorenz

**Shattuck Manor**

Shirley Roof & Carol Williamson

**In Hospital or Private Homes**

Betty Burr, Dawn Curtis, Bessie Daugharty,  
Betty Hauk, Fran Preuter, Fred & Kathy  
Williamson



**February Birthdays**

- 6 Angie Mitchell (Organist)
- 9 Aaron Plater II (1989)
- 10 Victoria Parker (2000)
- 12 Jackie Williams
- 13 MariAnne Vega (1963)
- 18 Brady W. Groom (2006)
- 22 Gail Jacobson (1941)
- 22 Michelle Martinez (1970)



**February Anniversaries**

25 Sarah & Tony Gonzales

# UCC opening new Harvey worksite in Port Arthur TX; survivor testifies

January 22, 2018 - Written by **Carol Fouke-Mpoyo**



As Hurricane Harvey drenched the Texas Gulf Coast last August, Darcel G. felt safe at home in her Port Arthur apartment - until water started seeping out from under her bathroom closet door.

It wasn't long before water began pouring into her apartment from other places. Darcel threw as many belongings as she could into plastic garbage bags and put them in the attic. Many other belongings already were ruined, floating in the muddy water.

When the water level got to two feet, Darcel said to herself, "It's time to go. I'm going to drown." She waded in waist-high

water until a man in a truck offered her a ride to dry ground.

Darcel is a tenant in low-income rental apartments owned by the Southeast Texas Community Development Corporation, or SET CDC. Seventeen of SET CDC's 19 apartments suffered similar flooding, forcing their tenants to evacuate.

SET CDC has provided low-income housing in Port Arthur for more than 30 years, along with services that increase the ability of low-income individuals to become financially self-sufficient, but now is facing tremendous difficulties related to property repair.

UCC Disaster Ministries is partnering with SET CDC to repair affected apartments and restore their tenants to safe housing. While SET CDC has gotten Darcelle back into her apartment, the other tenants are waiting. Work may include but will not be limited to light carpentry, drywall, insulation, flooring, trim and painting.

Nearly 900,000 people along the Gulf Coast suffered property damage and displacement due to Hurricane Harvey. Rockport, Houston, Beaumont and Port Arthur were especially hard hit.

"Port Arthur was once a beacon of commerce along the Texas Gulf Coast, but years of economic recession and job outsourcing have rendered a precarious situation for many residents," said Joshua Lawrence, UCC Disaster Ministries' Hurricane Harvey Co-Coordinator. "For those already living on the margins, pre-existent problems transform into larger crises.

"The United Church of Christ has always sought to care for historically underserved communities, and supporting the mission of SET CDC is a unique way to meet the basic needs of recovery consideration - renters - in an area that has not received near the attention and resources of other populations affected by Hurricane Harvey.

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided significant assistance to many of the families affected, especially homeowners. But hurricane survivors who lived in rental housing get little help. While some assistance was made available initially, temporary housing has proven unpredictable at best. Consequently, many families forced to live in one hotel room after another have been left scrambling to find affordable rental properties and rental assistance."



# Churches and residents seek to recover saying they are 'Mountain Strong'

by Rick Jones / Presbyterian News Service



The Gatlinburg Presbyterian Church came out of last week's fire's unscathed aside from smoke in the building. (Photo by Greg Bennett)

LOUISVILLE – For Greg Bennett, hours seemed like days last week as he awaited the approval to travel into smoke-filled Gatlinburg to see if the church he's pastored had survived the flames. Bennett is a commissioned ruling elder with the Presbytery of East Tennessee as well as pastor of the Gatlinburg Presbyterian Church. After rains and firefighting efforts helped put out most of the fires near town, he and other home and business owners were allowed to go into the mountain community to assess the damage.

"Visibly, the church is in good shape. I walked in the door and there was some ash and debris on the floor that had blown under the doors," he said. The door to the roof had been blown off and the inside of the church smells smoky. I can't see any visible damage, but I don't know what it will take to get the smell out of the church."

Bennett says the church was lucky compared with structures nearby.

"You don't have to go very far from the church itself to see there is significant damage in the area," he said. "Down the street, the Church of Christ is completely down to the foundation as are several neighboring buildings, although there was a house next to the church that wasn't touched at all. It's really hit or miss throughout the town."

Members within the congregation of approximately 25 fared better than other residents in the area, according to Bennett.

"One man has been displaced and has been staying in a shelter for most of the week. I think he's found a complimentary hotel room," said Bennett. "Another family lost their home but, by the grace of God, his sister owns a cabin in the area and the family has a place to live for the next six months."

Bennett said the family has been hesitant to seek help saying they felt there were others who needed the help more. But he adds they are beginning to feel the burden of the loss.

"The husband had soaked the house with quite a bit of water before they left in an effort to try and save it," he said. "When they got back on Friday, they found it was gone. They had a concrete room in the house where they stored family valuables, but everything was lost. When I spoke with them on Saturday they were positive and hopeful when they learned they had a place to go."

Bennett has also been struggling to make contact with all of his congregation.

Communication has been difficult with power outages in the area. I've spoken to a few of them and they are certainly concerned about other members," he said. "Yet everyone has been cooperative and seems hopeful that they can meet the needs of their neighbors."



## Churches and residents seek to recover saying they are 'Mountain Strong', Continued:

As many as 14 people are confirmed dead as authorities continue their assessment. So far, nearly 1,700 structures have been damaged or destroyed and 134 people injured. Rain over the weekend has helped but the threat is far from over. Authorities say fires continue to burn in some of the higher elevations.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance deployed a National Response Team to the region to meet with presbytery leaders and help with the assessment for long-term support.

"We've been scouting out where volunteer host sites might be set up for long-term recovery," said Lynette Williams, NRT lead member. "Currently, these organizations and volunteers are not being allowed in Gatlinburg. We're being told the town may be open to the public by Wednesday."

Gatlinburg Presbyterian Church will host All Hands Volunteers, a non-profit organization that will be working to remove debris in the area. The church has a retreat center on site that will provide housing for the volunteers that come in to provide relief work.

"Although the church is willing to support the group, I'm concerned that it will take a huge toll on the church's already-strained ability to keep the doors open," said Bennett. "I know there are means through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to get assistance, but I will also seek help from area churches in east Tennessee to partner with us to help share the costs and perhaps help feed the first responders."

Williams and her team worshipped Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church in nearby Sevierville, where they met with members to discuss the situation.

"No one at the church lost a home, but they were concerned that some members might be affected by the loss of jobs at businesses destroyed by the fire. That's a big issue. It's their livelihood and their business no longer exists," she said. "Despite being a bit shell-shocked, everyone wants to know how they can help. We've been monitoring state emergency calls and there are a lot of organizations ready to go in to Gatlinburg when cleared."



Volunteers sort goods donated to Gatlinburg at the Sunset Gap Community Center. (Photo by Dave Doehnert, NRT member)

On Sunday, the response team visited the Sunset Gap Community Center just north of Gatlinburg and were surprised by what they found. "They had quite an operation going collecting food and clothes," Williams said. "There were two trailers full of water, canned goods and toiletry items."



Judd Shaw, general presbyter of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, said the community has adopted the slogan "Mountain Strong" to illustrate their resilience and determination to recover from the historic fires.

"One of the biggest struggles are the service people in the area who were living in economical motels and now they've lost their homes," he said. "We will be placing emphasis on helping them. We seek prayers and support from a denomination that is known for responding to very difficult situations."

Bennett says there are other ways that people can help the community recover.

"The city of Gatlinburg wants everyone to know that we are still here and want to encourage people to come visit. There are a lot of businesses in the downtown area that remain standing and there are still a lot of places for people to go," said Bennett. "We understand that a fire zone may not be your best destination, but I think the message has been made loudly and clearly, we want people to return."

"PDA realizes that though the immediate crises is over, the short and long term recovery is only beginning. The physical, emotional and spiritual needs will be great," said Jim Kirk, PDA national associate. "PDA will continue to stand beside the Gatlinburg community and the Presbytery of East Tennessee in the days, months and years ahead."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31 Book Study 1:00 pm Bring Lunch if Desired - "Hallelujah Anyway" by Anne Lamott	01 Bible Study 4:00 pm Short Stories by "Jesus"	02 OFFICE CLOSED	03
04 10:25 am-Announcements in Sanctuary; 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am - Souperbowl Sunday - Coffee Hour: Celebration of February Birthdays & Anniversaries 4:00-6:00 pm City of God	05	06 Family Game Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm Consider bringing a friend or friends and come prepared to have fun! Bring a snack to share.	07 Book Study 1:00 pm Bring Lunch if Desired - "Hallelujah Anyway" by Anne Lamott	08 Bible Study 4:00 pm Short Stories by "Jesus"	09 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 10:25 am-Announcements in Sanctuary 10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion Mission-Blanket Sunday 11:30 am - Coffee Hour:	12	13 4:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting	14 Book Study 1:00 pm Bring Lunch if Desired "Hallelujah Anyway" by Anne Lamott - Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:00 pm <b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!</b>	15 Bible Study 4:00 pm Short Stories by "Jesus"	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
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**Youth Group events will be posted on Facebook and announced in church. Please keep a lookout for them.**



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### BLESSINGS FROM COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

#### Mark 1:21-28 Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.