

# The Messenger

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## You Took My Place!

One day, a man went to visit a church; He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near, the driver got out and said,

“I always park there! You took my place!”

The visitor went in side for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the Church approached him and stated,

“That’s my seat! You took my place!”

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday school, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said,

“That’s where I always sit! You took my place!”

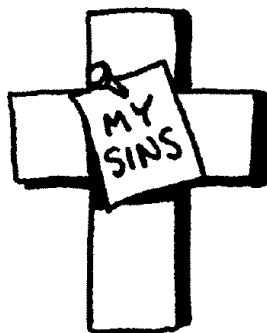
The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out,

“What happened to you?”

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye,

“I took your place.”



**Announcements**



**Rocket Club**

Kids don't forget to come to Rocket Club. Blast off into to some cool, hands-on Bible learning! It's so much fun and so good for you! March 3rd from 6:30-8:00. Want to make it even more fun? Invite a friend to come along! 3.....2.....1.....BLAST OFF!

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Great fun for kids of all ages! Don't worry parents, it's not a "fish year"! The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on March 27th at 10:00 am. There will be a puppet show, and eggs to hunt and plenty of games and prizes. Bring a friend along and share the fun.



**Join us for our Community Lenten Services**

March 7th—Salem United Methodist Church, rte 104

March 14th—Emmanuel UCC, upper street in Penns Creek

March 21st—Zion United Methodist Church, Zion Church Rd.

March 28th—Hummel's United Methodist Church

**Family Fellowship Event**

A pizza party will be held here at the Church on March 13th at 6:30 pm. All are invited to come for night of pizza, fellowship and fun!



**United Methodist Women**

March's meeting will be held on March 17th at 7:00. Theme for the evening is Speaking in Tongues/Interpretation. Activity for the evening is bring a baked item in an Easter basket for an exchange. Hostesses for the evening are: Joyce Dreese, Linda Smith, Theda Sanner, Janice Shambach, Sandy Spotts, and Karen May.

Each of these services will begin with a soup and bread supper at 6:00 pm. The services themselves will begin at 7:00. Each of these services will be by groups which come in to minister either in music or drama etc.

**Also Remember**

**Prayer Team** will meet March 8th and March 22nd at 7:30

**Quilter's Unlimited** will meet March 1st and March 15th at 6:30



**Walk the Walk** exercises every Monday and Thursday night at 7:00

**Scrapbooking Fellowship** meets March 9th and 23rd at 7:00 pm

**Small Groups** are continuing on, please refer to bulletin for time and place.

**Youth News**

On March 28th all youth may stay after Sunday School have lunch and a devotion and go to nursing homes to hand out teddy bears to the residents.

**Sundays**

March 7th—Mission offering: Susquehanna House of hope

March 14th—Building Fund

March 21st—Food Donation Sunday

March 28th—Bring a Friend Sunday

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:****3/1 Genny Stoltz****3/4 Kevin Bowersox****3/12 Ellen Eichman****3/13 Amy Bowersox****3/18 Pat Kreamer****3/19 Edna Hackenberg****3/20 Linda Hoffer****Zachary Kerstetter****Marge Smith****3/21 Leon Wagner****3/23 Mike Hibbs****3/28 Gary Fry, Sr.****Rebecca Harris****Laurie Kneller-Walter****3/29 Tiffany Fry****3/30 Elizabeth Brouse****3/31 Andy Walter****HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:****3/4 Denny and Patsy Krouse****3/9 Ray and Belle Perkinson****3/11 Joel and Carolyn Hauck****3/29 Bruce and Brenda Craven  
Donald and Norma Stahl***Congratulations!***Congratulations!**

To Chris and Lilly Groleau on the birth of their son, Greg Logan on February 3rd. Greg weighed in at 7 lbs 9oz. Congratulations big sister, Constance, and big brother, McKinny.

**Give Me Peace**

With eager heart and will on fire,  
I strove to win my great desire.  
Peace shall be mine,  
I said; but life  
Grew bitter in the barren strife.  
My soul was weary, and my pride  
Was wounded deep; to Heaven I cried,  
God grant me peace or I must die;  
The dumb stars glittered no reply.  
Broken at last, I bowed my head,  
Forgetting all myself, and said,  
Whatever comes, His will be done;  
And in that moment peace was won.

—Henry Van Dyke, Pastor

Please be praying for...

**Pray for our Nursing Home Residents**

Cathy Shrawder.....Bloomsburg  
David Kratzer.....Nottingham Village

**Pray for our Extended Family**

Rick Shipe  
Ethel Stuck  
Vance & Virginia Thompson  
Warren C. Johnson  
Mildred Shirk

**Recent Surgeries/Procedures**

Wayne Smith  
Jim Reich  
Jim Smith  
Ron Aucker  
Gail Krouse  
Nita Newman

**Recent Hospital Stays**

Jim Reich  
Wayne Smith  
Jim Smith  
Paul Howell  
Nita Newman

**Shut Ins**

Peg Gilbert  
Scott Smith

**Our College Students**

Amy Bowersox — 147 Peach Tree Rd., Selinsgrove, PA 17842  
Stephanie Brouse — 100 College Avenue, SMC #18, Williamsport, PA 17701  
Brandon Craven — 959 Tame Deer Dr., Winfield, Pa 17889  
Kim Dreese  
Yvonne Herbster  
Becky Hibbs — 928 One Club Parkway, Nashville, TN 37221  
Zach Royer — 415 W. College Ave., College Park Apts., Apt 503, State College, PA 16802  
Katie Stuck — Messiah College, Box 6233, One College Ave., Grantham, PA 17027  
Amanda Waite  
Casey Wendt



**With Sympathy**

Please pray for Bernice Tittle and Patsy Yarger and their families of the mourn the loss of their mother, Cora Master. Cora passed away January 29th and will be missed by many in our congregation.

Also keep in prayer Randy and Delight Swineford and their family as they grieve for Randy's father, George Swineford. George passed away on February 1st.

Praying that God's love would surround these families during their time of need.

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“The will of God will never lead you to where the grace, love and power of God cannot sustain you.”

Lead Me to Calvary

King of my life I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be;  
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary.  
Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy Love for me, Lead me to Calvary.  
May I be willing, Lord, to bear Daily my cross for Thee;  
Even Thy cup of grief to share, Thou hast borne all for me.

—Hymn: Lead Me to Calvary by Jennie Evelyn Hussey

A Feast For Lent

Fast from complaining and feast on appreciation  
Fast on negatives and fest on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures, and feast on unceasing prayer.  
Fast from hostility , and feast on non-resistance.  
Fast from bitterness, and fest on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern, and feast on compassion for others.  
Fast from shadows and sorrow, and feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip, and feast on purposeful silence.  
Fast from judging others, and feast on the Christ within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences, and feast on the unity of life.  
Fast from apparent darkness, and feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness, and feast on the healing power of GOD.  
Fast from words that pollute, and feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent, and feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger, and feast on optimism.  
Fast from personal anxiety, and feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement, and feast on hope.  
Fast from facts that depress, and feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy and feast on enthusiasm  
Fast from suspicion and feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken, and feast on promises that inspire.  
Fast from problems that overwhelm, and feast on prayer that undergirds.

—Author unknown



**Hosanna in the Highest**

Side Note

If you are 55 or older, with limited income, and seeking work, please call Experience Works. It may just be an answer to prayer for you.

Experience works offers paid training and job-seeking assistance, free of charge to all who qualify. If you lack education or job skills, or have limited physical abilities, Experience Works stands ready to serve you!

Call 570-321-5811 for more information.