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There was a boy by the name of Steve who was attending school in Utah. Brother Christianson taught at this particular school. He had an open-door policy and would take in any student that had been thrown out of another class as long as they would abide by his rules. Steve had been kicked out of his sixth period and no other teacher wanted him, so he went into Brother Christianson's class.

Steve was told that he could not be late, so he arrived just seconds before the bell rang and he would sit in the very back of the room. He would also be the first to leave after the class was over.

One day Brother Christianson asked Steve to stay after class so he could talk with him. After class, Brother Christianson pulled Steve aside and said, "You think you're pretty tough, don't you?"

Steve's answer was, "Yeah, I do."

Then Brother Christianson asked, "How many push-ups can you do?"

Steve said, "I do about 200 every night."

"200? That's pretty good, Steve," Brother Christianson said. "Do you think you could do 300?"

Steve replied, "I don't know...I've never done 300 at a time."

"Do you think you could?" Again asked Brother Christianson.

"Well, I can try," said Steve.

"Can you do 300 in sets of 10? I need you to do 300 in sets of ten for this to work. Can you do it? I need you to tell me you can do it," Brother Christianson said.

Steve said, "Well...I think I can...yeah, I can do it."

Brother Christianson said, "Good! I need you to do this on Friday."

Friday came and Steve got to class early and sat in the front of the room. When class started, Brother Christianson pulled out a big box of doughnuts. Now, these weren't the normal kinds of doughnuts, they were the extra fancy BIG kind, with cream centers and frosting swirls. Everyone was pretty excited—it was Friday, the last class of the day, and they were going to get an early start on the weekend.

Brother Christianson went to the first girl in the first row and asked, "Cynthia, do you want a donut?"

Cynthia said, "Yes."

Brother Christianson then turned to Steve and asked, "Steve, would you do ten push-ups so that Cynthia can have a doughnut?"

Steve said, "Sure," and jumped down from his desk to do a quick ten. Then Steve again sat in his desk. Brother Christianson put a donut on Cynthia's desk.

Brother Christianson then went to Joe, the next person, and asked, "Joe do you want a donut?"

Joe said, "yes." Brother Christianson asked, "Steve would you do ten push-ups so Joe can have a donut?" Steve did ten push-ups, Joe got a donut.

And so it went down the first aisle, Steve did ten pushups for every person before they got their donut. And down the second aisle, till Brother Christianson came to Scott.

Scott was the captain of the football team and center of the basketball team. He was very popular and never lacking for female companionship. When Brother Christianson asked, "Scott do you want a doughnut?" Scott's reply was, "Well, can I do my own push ups?" Brother Christianson said, "No, Steve has to do them." Then Scott said, "Well, I don't want one then."

Brother Christianson then turned to Steve and asked, "Steve, would you do ten push-ups so Scott can have a doughnut he doesn't want?"

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Doughnut Master cont'd

Steve started to do 10 push ups. Scott said, “HEY! I said I didn’t want one!” Brother Christianson said, “Look, this is my classroom, my class, my desks, and my donuts. Just leave it on the desk if you don’t want it.” And he put a doughnut on Scott’s desk.

Now by this time Steve had begun to slow down a little. He just stayed on the floor between sets because it took too much effort to be getting up and down. You could start to see a little perspiration coming out around his brow. Brother Christianson started down the third row. Now the students were beginning to get a little angry.

Brother Christianson asked Jenny, “Jenny, do you want a doughnut?” Jenny said, “No.” Then Brother Christianson asked Steve, “Steve would you do ten push-ups so Jenny can have a doughnut that she doesn’t want?” Steve did ten, and Jenny got a donut.

By now, the students were beginning to say “No” and there were all these uneaten donuts on the desks. Steve was also having to really put forth a lot of effort to get these pushups done for each doughnut. There began to be a small pool of sweat on the floor beneath his face, his arms and brow were beginning to get red because of the physical effort involved.

Brother Christianson asked Robert to watch Steve to make sure he did ten push-ups in a set because he couldn’t bear to watch all of Steve’s work for all of those uneaten donuts. So, Robert began to watch Steve closely. Brother Christianson started down the fourth row.

During his class, however, some students had wandered in and sat along the heaters along the sides of the room. When Brother Christianson realized this; he did a quick count and saw 34 students in the room. He started to worry if Steve would be able to make it.

Brother Christianson went on to the next person and the next and the next. Near the end of that row, Steve was really having a rough time. He was taking a lot more time to complete each set.

Steve asked Brother Christianson, “Do I have to make my nose touch on each one?” Brother Christianson thought for a moment, “Well, they’re your pushups. You can do them any way that you want.” And Brother Christianson went on.

A few moments later, Jason came to the room and was about to come in when all the students yelled, “NO! DON’T COME IN! STAY OUT!” Jason didn’t know what was going on. Steve picked up his head and said, “No, let him come.” Brother Christianson said, “You realize that if Jason comes in you will have to do ten push-ups for him.” Steve said, Yes, let him come in.” Brother Christianson said, “Okay, I’ll let you get Jason’s out of the way right now. Jason, do you want a doughnut?” “Yes.” “Steve will you do ten push-ups so Jason can have a doughnut?” Steve did ten push-ups very slowly and with great effort. Jason, bewildered, was handed a doughnut and sat down.

Brother Christianson finished the fourth row, then started on those seated on the heaters. Steve’s arms were now shaking with each push up in a struggle to lift himself against the force of gravity. Sweat was dropping off of his face, and by this time, there was not a dry eye in the room.

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Lenten Services Continue

April 3rd—Salem UMC, Rte, across from L and L

April 10th—Hummel's UMC

Palm Sunday—NO SERVICE

April 21st—Holy Thursday Service at Zion UMC—
(no soup and bread supper this evening)

Services begin with a Soup and Bread supper at 6:00, with worship time being at 7:00.

April 22nd—Good Friday Service, at Trinity UMC, Middleburg at Noon

Easter Egg Hunt



Preparations are being made for this year's Easter egg hunt. Thank you to all those who took bags of empty eggs to fill with prizes...PLEASE RE-MEMBER TO RETURN THEM by April 3rd. Prizes should be suitable for kids ages 3-12.

If you can help out with the Easter Egg hunt please see Brenda Craven. Your help is very much appreciated—we couldn't pull this event off without volunteers like you!

The Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 16th at 10:00 am. It will be fun for kids up to age 12! There will be a puppet show, the egg hunt, games and prizes! So, bring your kids and your grandkids.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service will begin at 6:30 with breakfast following.

8:45 worship will begin

No 11:10 service this week!



Specials this month

4/3 Mission offering goes to the Walters

4/10 Building Fund

4/17 Food Donation Sunday

4/24 Bring a Friend Sunday

Grace Notes practice/Rocket Club

Grace notes will practice before Rocket club starts on April 6th. Please be here to practice at 6:00 pm. Children of any age are welcome to join. If needed a practice will also be held at 6:00 on Sunday evening before Good news club.

Rocket Club will be held on April 6th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Children ages 3-12 are welcome to join us and bring a friend!

Group meetings

Men's Group: We will meet for breakfast on April 4th at 8:00 am at the Family Traditions Restaurant. Our group meeting will be held on Monday, April 18th at 7:00. We will be meeting in the old fellowship hall.

Women's Group: Will meet on April 20th at 7:00. Also don't forget our outing to Penn Lutheran to visit and help the residents play Bingo on April 3rd. We will meet at the Church at 12 noon and go for a light lunch (please bring money for your lunch). Please wear Blue or Brown. Invite a friend! Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

This year our Ladies Tea will be held on the 20th during our regular monthly meeting. Please invite a friend to this as well. Dress for the evening is "country style (cowgirl or farmer girl)". Please bring a tea cup. Sign up for this event is on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up by April 10th.



Our Tissue Drive continues...we are almost half way to our goal of 700 boxes. Tissues will be donated to local nursing homes.

Don't forget

4/4 & 4/18 Quilter's Unlimited meet at 6:00

4/11 & 4/25 Prayer Team will meet at 7:30

Good News Club and Youth meet every Sunday Evening at 6:30.

Please check your bulletin weekly for meetings or other events not listed here or changes to the above announcements.

Happy Birthday to:

4/2 Peg Gilbert	4/26 Esther Specht
John Hauck	Sandy Spotts
Nora Reich	
	4/28 Jon Boop
4/4 Suzy Smith	Halie Wilson
4/13 John Ulrich	4/29 Darlene Dauberman

4/14 Faye Kuhns	4/30 Eve Smith
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4/16 Steve Kratzer

Happy Anniversary to:

4/19 Rebecca Boop	4/12 Elwood and Doris Straub
Gavin Bowersox	
James Zerby	4/16 Mervin & Lillian Royer
	4/17 Bo & June Clotfelter
4/20 Grace Bowersox	4/20 Guy & Edna Hackenberg
4/21 Amy Stahl	4/22 David & Dianne Britton
	4/23 Leon & Darlene Wagner
4/23 Joyce Dreese	4/29 David & Shari Dunn
Gunther Wagner	

4/24 Mike Chisholm

4/25 Thelma Brouse

One Man

by Ryan Corbi

One man, kneeling
alone in the night
Blood and sweat mix
outflowing in fright
Kneeling, praying
prone on the grass
"From my lips, Father,
let this cup pass."

One man, standing
scorned, flogged, and beat
Harsh words still echo
there in the heat
"He is no king,"
he heard them cry
"Give us Barabbas!
and him -- CRUCIFY!!"

One man, hanging
dying with thieves
Of the thousands who followed,
for him, who grieves?
Friends watch at a distance
afraid to go near
Their whole worlds are shattered
their hearts filled with fear.

One man lived and died
in a rich grave was laid
For His blood was shed
that our debt be paid.
But death could not hold
Him
resurrected He stands
To him who is weary
outstretched are His hands
In Christ there is rest
a requiem from strife

To him who believes
He will grant eternal life.



"He ^{has risen,}
See he is not here.
^{the place where} they laid ^{him.}"
Mark 16:6

Please Pray for:

Pray for our Nursing Home Residents

Cathy Shrawder.....Bloomsburg
David Kratzer.....Nottingham Village
Peg Gilbert.....Manor Care, Sunbury
Christine Walter.....Penn Lutheran
Betty Mitchell.....Penn Lutheran

Pray for our Extended Family

Ethel Stuck
Virginia Thompson
Warren C. Johnson

Please pray for our Shut ins

Scott Smith

Recent Surgeries & Procedures

Peggy Kepner
Darlene Yetter
Debbie Reichenbach

Recent Hospital Stays

Peggy Kepner
Darlene Yetter
Adam Dauberman

Our College Students:

Amy Bowersox Stephanie Brouse
Brandon Craven Kim Dreese
Marissa Ewing Yvonne Herbster
Becky Hibbs Zach Royer
Michael Shirk Katie Stuck
Amanda Waite Casey Wendt



With Sympathy

Please pray for Ruth Mitchell and her family following Clarence Mitchell's passing on March 9th. Clarence was a member through the merge of St. Luke's with Hummel's.

Please pray for Faye Kuhns and Mervin Royer and the rest of their family as they mourn the loss of their brother, Donald. He passed away on March 11th.

May God comfort you, in a way no human could, during this time of grief.



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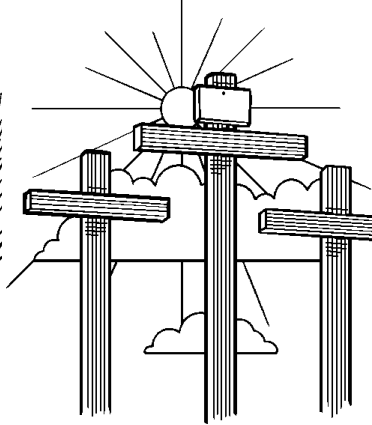
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...to proclaim the love of God to all people.

May you and your family remember Christ throughout the whole season of Lent and through Easter...may you be able to reflect on the full meaning of this season for your life....



Doughnut Master

The very last two girls in the room were cheerleaders and very popular. Brother Christianson went to Linda, the second to last, and asked, "Linda, do you want a doughnut?" Linda said, very sadly, "No, thank you." Brother Christianson asked Steve, "Steve, would you do ten push-ups so that Linda can have a doughnut she doesn't want?" Grunting from the effort, Steve did ten very slow push-ups for Linda. Then Brother Christianson turned to the last girl, Susan. "Susan, do you want a doughnut?" Susan with tears flowing down her face, asked, "Brother Christianson, can I help him?"

Brother Christianson, with tears of his own, said, "No, he has to do it alone. Steve, would you do ten pushups so Susan can have a doughnut?"

As Steve very slowly finished his last push-up, with the understanding that he had accomplished all that was required of him, having done 350 push ups, his arms buckled beneath him and he fell to the floor.

Brother Christianson turned to the room and said, "And so it was, that our Savior, Jesus Christ, pleaded to the Father, 'Into thy hands I commend my spirit.' With the understanding that He had done everything that was required of Him, he collapsed on a cross and died. And like some of those in this room, many of us leave the gift on the desk, uneaten."

*May his name endure forever;
may it continue as long as the sun.
Psalm 72:17*

