

# THE MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2017

## IMMIGRANTS

Where are you from? Where did your family come from? Are you married to an immigrant? Is a language other than English the language you heard and spoke as a child? What's your immigrant story?

Here's the truth: we are all immigrants in one way or another, and this reality invites us to remember that our entire faith story is bound together and interwoven with the theme of immigration. From the beginning of Genesis, when Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, all the way through the book of Revelation, where we find John, a migrant, exiled far away from home on the Island of Patmos, the Judeo-Christian tradition we live and embody is the story of being immigrants and strangers.

We mustn't forget, either, that Jesus Christ, the one we proclaim as Lord and Savior, was an immigrant himself. He and his parents fled from Judea, fearing for their lives, and settled in Egypt until King Herod died. The first Christians were mandated by God to open their doors, homes, and lives to people who were strangers from far away places ... and they did.

Immigration is a hot topic in our country right now. So let us remember that our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and to create a society in which immigration policies and practices are just, fair, and compassionate. And let us heed the words of Jesus, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Blessings,

Pastor Lee

## 25 FOR 25 CAMPAIGN

On the first Sunday of February, our "25 for 25" capital campaign will recognize one year of hard work and generous donations. As of now, we are approximately \$1,250 shy of reaching our goal of \$25,000. Although no time frame was originally set, the "25 for 25" committee would like to complete this effort in February. To accomplish this, we are seeking financial donations at our Super Sunday lunch on February 5th and at a bake sale hosted by our youth on February 12th. The bake sale will feature homemade candy, cookies, cakes, and dog treats. Thanks to everyone who has made this campaign a great success. Let's finish strong!

## OPEN TABLE DINNER

Monday, February 6th at 5:00 pm

Monday, February 20th at 5:00 pm

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated at this free community meal to serve food, clean up, and provide desserts. Sign-up sheets for both dates in February are located on the hallway bulletin board. Also, please note that we are in need of cooks throughout the year. Contact Pastor Lee if you are interested.

Do unto others  
as you would have them  
do unto you.

## SERVING IN FEBRUARY

### DEACONS

Bill Longest

Sandra Longest

Patrick Sieftring

Lily Haag

David Nash

Kelly Condra

Preparing Communion: Angie Keibler

### ELDERS

05—Bryan Condra (B) & Ruth Proctor (C)

12—Donna Poe (B) & Karen Crockett (C)

19—Gary Jacobi (B) & Joe Bradley (C)

26—Donna Nash (B) & Florence Cotner (C)

### YCM LEADERS

Sunday School K-4 Raul Rodriguez

Junior Church Pre-K Rachel Stephans

Junior Church K-6 Dawn Crawford

## ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

Monday, February 6th at 6:30 pm

On the first Monday of February, the elders and deacons will meet at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary for the first of seven worship and training sessions in 2017. The focus of this session will be on the roles and responsibilities of congregational leaders. If you have any questions or will be unable to attend, please contact Pastor Lee.

## FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 pm

On the last Tuesday of February, come to church and enjoy a deliciously fattening meal of pancakes, bacon, and biscuits before the beginning of Lent. The mighty men of Park will be preparing and serving the food, so mark your calendars and take part in this feast of food and friendship!

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend this mid-week worship service that marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The service will include responsive readings, scripture, a pastoral meditation, and the imposition of ashes on the forehead. Ash Wednesday occurs forty days before Easter, not including six Sundays (which are considered feast days), and recalls the Israelites' forty years in the desert and Jesus' forty days in the wilderness.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS: 4—Jack Jacobi, 5—Courtney Sieftring, 13—Sandra Longest, 15—Donna Nash, Matt Nash, 16—Jordan Crawford, 19—Eric Thurston, 23—Maxine Jacobi, 27—Karen Davidenkoff

ANNIVERSARIES: 4—Tom & Sherri Akers, Rodger & Diane Hoffman, 14—Eugene & Jan Helm, Scotty & Bette Lay

# February 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

| Sun                                | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|
|                                    |  |   | 1<br>5:30 pm 13th Film at FKCC<br>6:00 pm Chimes Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice | 2<br>9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack<br>7:00 pm 25 for 25 Meeting | 3<br>9:00 am Zumba  | 4  |
| 5<br>12:00 pm Super Sunday Lunch   | 6<br>5:00 pm Open Table Dinner<br>6:30 pm Elders & Deacons Meeting | 7<br>9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Zumba                       | 8<br>5:30 pm 13th Film at PCC<br>6:00 pm Chimes Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice  | 9<br>9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack                              | 10<br>9:00 am Zumba   | 11<br>9:30 am Prayer Blanket Ministry<br>11:00 am Fellowship Hall Reserved |
| 12<br>12:00 pm 25 for 25 Bake Sale | 13   | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY<br>9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Zumba      | 15<br>6:00 pm Chimes Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice                             | 16<br>9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack                             | 17<br>9:00 am Zumba<br>12:15 pm Gathering & Sharing at Hope | 18   |
| 19<br>Week of Compassion Offering  | 20 PRESIDENT'S DAY<br>5:00 pm Open Table Dinner                    | 21<br>9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Zumba                      | 22<br>6:00 pm Chimes Practice<br>7:30 pm Choir Practice                             | 23<br>9:00 am Blessings in a Backpack                             | 24<br>9:00 am Zumba   | 25   |
| 26<br>Week of Compassion Offering  | 27   | 28<br>9:30 am Women's Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner |   |   |   |  |