

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Newsletter March — April 2020

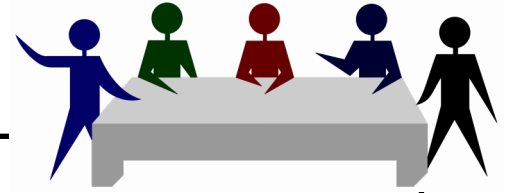
*On the following pages you will find
reports from our committee chairs. Enjoy!*

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Governing Council - Bruce Gilbert, Chair



Spring is almost here and exciting things are happening at Christ Community Church!

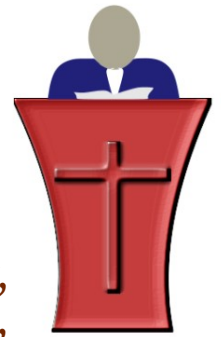
To name a few are that are planned, we have building and grounds improvements, expanded Youth activities and projects, Outreach plans, Bible studies, Vision and Mission planning, enhanced Church communications through Facebook and our newly remodeled website, and MORE. I am excited and hope you are too.

Thanks to all committee members for your hard work.

Last month, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Christ Community Church, and isn't it wonderful that our founding members, one of whom just went to be with our Lord in February, began another local fellowship of believers to help spread the word of God. Thanks be to God.

For The Governing Council,
Bruce Gilbert, Chairman

Pastor's Perspective — Derek Layman



“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or faultfinding or finger-pointing, but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store.” ~N.T. Wright

“Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.” ~ Pope Francis

Lent is upon us. Each year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the evening of Holy Saturday, lasting 46 days if you include the Sundays. Christians observe Lent in preparation for Easter. Without the resurrection of Jesus, the faith of Christians would be in vain. Historically, Lent has been utilized as a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of Lent is to set aside time for serious reflection on Jesus Christ, contemplating his suffering, sacrifice, life, death, burial, and ultimately, his resurrection (Fairchild, 2020). During this Lenten season, may we adequately prepare for the arrival of Easter. May we not be guilty of minimizing, or taking for granted, the sacrifice of God in the Flesh.

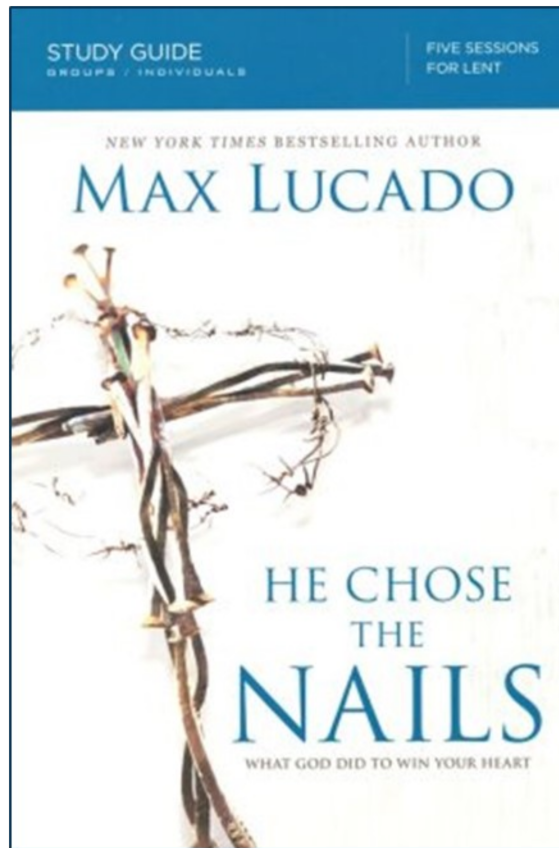
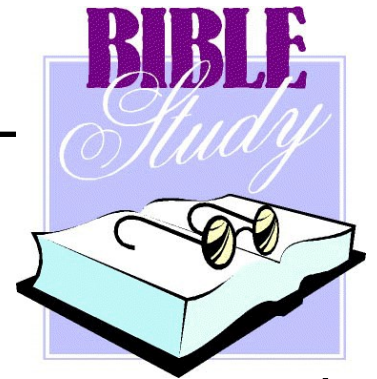
Blessings!

Pastor Derek

*Fairchild, M. (2020). Learn what lent means to christians. Retrieved from <https://www.learnreligions.com/what-is-lent-700774>.

You may reach Pastor Derek at 540.420.6836

Christian Education - Norma Gilbert, Chair



The March Lent small group Bible Study, HE CHOSE THE NAILS by Max Lucado, has been postponed to begin Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.

This is a 5-week class. Please sign up on the bulletin board and sign out a book from the classrrom.

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair



Amazon Smile, Kroger Rewards, Box Tops for Education, Coke Caps for Glade Hill School and Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Ministries all continue.

Thank you Emogene Weller and the Caring Crafters for all you do to help improve the lives of so many in our community.

The "Youth Enrichment Program" is helping young adults improve life skills for a brighter future. Thanks to Kim Cassada for her hard work and dedication to this important ministry.

Many thanks to the Barbara Armstrong and all the Quilters for bring joy and hope to many.

The next Penhook Food Pantry dates are March 12th and April 9th. Toilet paper and liquid dish detergent are in short supply. Please bring these items to CCC to help a neighbor in need.

Our Glade Hill School Ministry will continue to support kids and families in need with programs for weekend backpack food, school supplies and family food.

We continue to support the Franklin County Resource Center/Shelter, Faith Network, Helping Hands, Lake Christian Ministries and other local organizations with financial resources.

You can be specific with your donations to CCC Outreach Ministries. Donations to the General Outreach will go to local organizations and Caring Crafters. Specify your gift for the Family Outreach or the Y.E.P. Program and the funds will be used to help local families and youth enrichment in our community.

Please let me know if you have any questions about CCC Outreach (randyagee360@gmail.com).



We continue to collect Coke product bottle caps, can tabs, and box tops for Education. Donations may be left in the box on the Lake Christian Ministries table in the Narthex.

Comfort Quilt making meets on the third Tuesday of the months of January, February, March and September, October, November at Dill's Lakeside Marina office from 9:30 AM until noon.

Barbara Armstrong, Comfort Quilt Ministry

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair

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What is Caring Crafters?

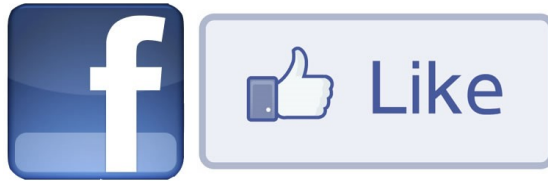
We are a group of people striving to help where we are needed. Our work has included specialty items for the NICU in Roanoke, gifts at the holidays for our backpack children at Glade Hill Elem. and also Rocky Mount Elem., birthday and holiday gifts for the elderly at Franklin County Health and Rehab Center, Veterans Day pins and visits to those at the VA home in Salem. We have made hats and scarves for the homeless, cuddle blankets for the children in the hospital; and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

You may be thinking you don't have the skills for this kind of group but there is always something you can do or learn to do. We all work together to provide a ray of sunshine to someone needing to know there are people out there that care. Come join us and check out our projects that need people like you and your friends to help accomplish our goals.

Meetings are listed in the bulletin but usually fall on the last Tuesday of the month. The location is 2182 Morgans Fork Rd, Penhook. It is about 2 miles from the church.

If you get lost call:
Emogene Weller @ 610-413-8299

Communications Committee - Laura Southall, Chair



Visit our Facebook page

“Christ Community Church of Penhook Virginia”

and Select **“Like”**, so you’ll be notified of all the latest news.

Then invite your FB friends to Like our page!

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Please visit the Christ
Community Church website.
Same web address as before,
but with a new format!

www.christfamily.org

Security Committee - Glenn Ulman, Chair



Making our Church
Safe for All

Quarterly security training was conducted in January. Gary Wood conducted the area threat briefing, Colton Marion Conducted threat reduction training in the sanctuary. Both did an excellent and thorough job with their assignments. Due to weather and other commitments weapons familiarization was conducted 2 weeks later. Our next training session will be in April. (TBD)

Since the last newsletter there have been no incidents where the security of the church was threatened. At this time there are no known threats to the church or the congregation.

If you would like to volunteer and be a member of the Security Team please see any member wearing an American Flag name tag for information. If you can hold a door open and talk on a radio you are qualified.

In Service To Our Church

Glenn O. Ulman

Worship Committee - Deborah Smith, Chair

Lent Season

Ash Wednesday, Feb 26 to Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Apr 9



As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... **'Repent and believe'** Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor—He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.

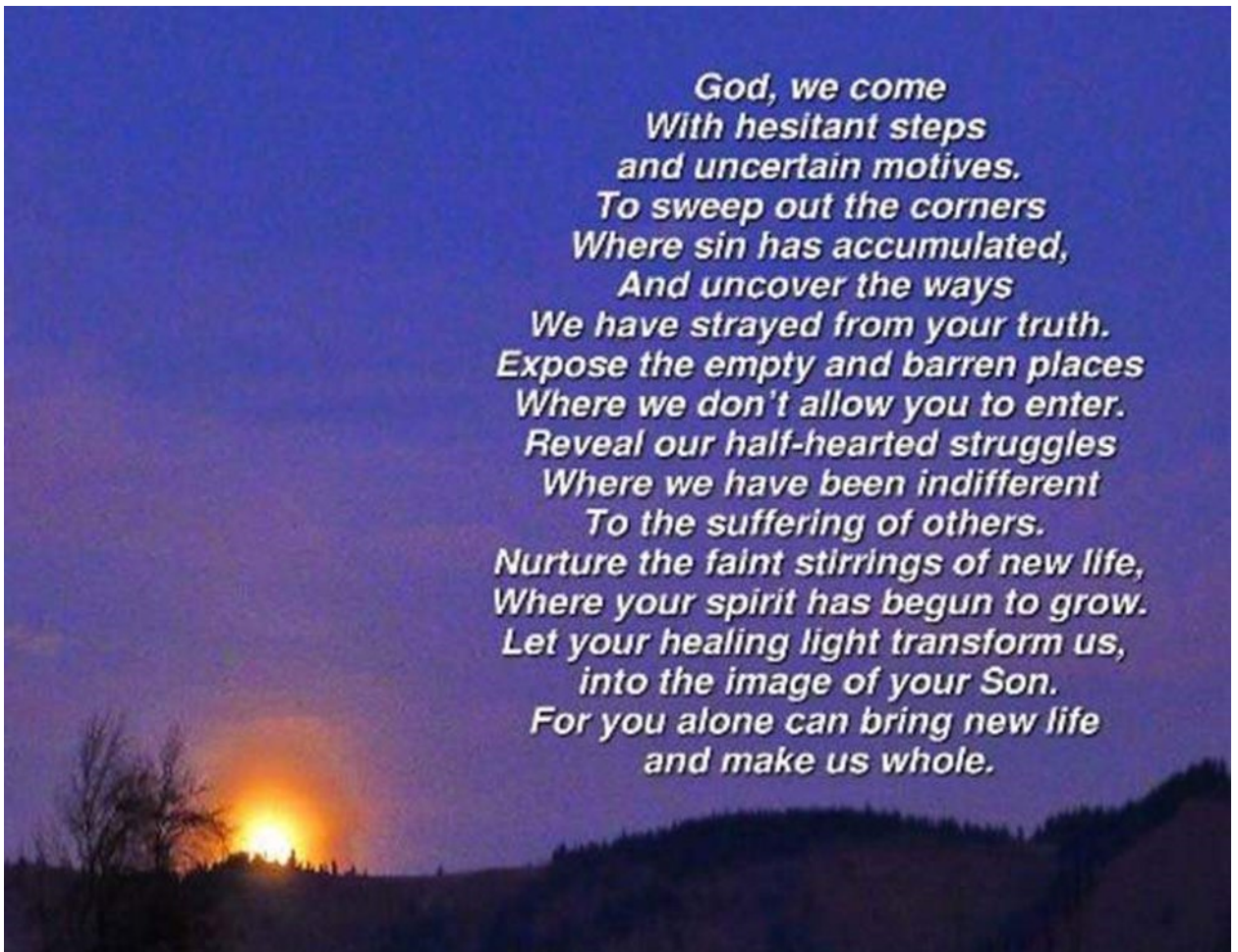
— Bl. Teresa of Calcutta



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A LENTEN PRAYER

God, we come
With hesitant steps
and uncertain motives.
To sweep out the corners
Where sin has accumulated,
And uncover the ways
We have strayed from your truth.
Expose the empty and barren places
Where we don't allow you to enter.
Reveal our half-hearted struggles
Where we have been indifferent
To the suffering of others.
Nurture the faint stirrings of new life,
Where your spirit has begun to grow.
Let your healing light transform us,
into the image of your Son.
For you alone can bring new life
and make us whole.



Worship Committee - Deborah Smith, Chair

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Sunday	03/15	Chili Luncheon after Service
Wednesday	04/08	Holy Wednesday 7:00 pm Service along with Penhook UMC, Crafts UMC, Sandy Hill Baptist Refreshments after Service
Sunday	04/12	Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am Breakfast following the service, provided by the "Bunny Boys" Worship Service 11:00 am
Sunday	04/19	Bible Study 9:30am He Chose The Nails (Max Lucado) Five-week class
Sunday	05/03	25th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon after Service Honoring our Charter members