**Sunday, March 4, 2018**

**Prelude** Jaci Greig

**\*Gathering Hymn** *Give Thanks* #170

**\*Worship Litany**  Ainslie Winton

 Leader: When we open our eyes, we see your glory, O God. **People: Sun, moon, and stars proclaim your magnificence.**

 Leader: When we open our ears, we hear your word, O God.

 **People: The voice of creation reaches the ends of the earth.**

 Leader: When we open our hearts, we receive your truth, O

God.

 **People: You fill us with joy and light forever.**

 Leader: When we open ourselves, we praise your holy name.

 **Unison: Praise God’s holy name.**

\***Invocationand Lord’s Prayer** *(using sins)*Ainslie Winton

**Scripture Reflection** Pastor Janet

 Exodus 20:1-17 “Relational Teachings”

**\*Hymn**  *The God of Abraham Praise* #23

**Worship Prayer** Pastor Janet

**\*Worship Litany** Jim Winton

 Leader: The universe proclaims God’s truth. God’s knowledge

flows night and day!

**People: We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend,**

**our hearts to receive.**

**Scripture Reflection** Pastor Janet

 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 “Proclamation”

**\*Hymn** *Victory in Jesus* #353

**Discipleship Opportunities**

Birthdays/Anniversaries Jim Winton

Giving of Tithes and OfferingsUshers

\*Doxology  **#**815

 \*PrayerJim Winton

 ***\*Please stand if you are able****.**CCLI # 1631733*

**Communion Hymn** *Let Us Break Bread Together* #460

**Communion** Deacons and Pastor Janet

**\*Closing Hymn** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*#426

**\*Benediction** Pastor Janet

**Postlude** Jaci Greig

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 **Leadership and Leadership Development**

The Leadership and Leadership Development Lenten Study meets on March 5th and March 12th from 6:30-8 p.m. Come join in the fun!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Janet

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**Hearing Assistance Headsets**

Hearing assistance headsets are available for use during worship. Please see a Deacon if you would like to use one.

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**Prayer Chain**

Jennifer Alvarez (see Greg West); Phyllis Baird family; Charlene Briggs (see Barbara Fengya); John Ellison (see Greg West); Marilyn Gleason family; Pat Hall; Tom McAvoy family; Joe McCurdy; Cathy Rush (see Doug Hiner); Linda Schmidt family (see Janet Smith); Sue Stockwell; Sherry Sunderman (see Kevin Winton); Autumn Wallace family (see Kevin Winton); Kevin Winton; Robby Yaw (see Jean McGee); and victims of violence and their families.

Remember our shut-ins and care facility residents: Virginia Compton; Ethel Humphrey; Dick and Betty Morgan; Betty Rabourn; Helen Walker; Billie Whittle; and Delcia Windsor.

Our Military:1st Lt. Matt Knox and Captain Robert Shoemaker

**Calendar**

Today Fellowship Discussion Class Refreshments

 Worship Team Meeting after church

5 6:30-8 p.m., Leadership/Leadership Development

7 10 a.m., Bible Study, Romans

11:30 a.m., Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

8 1-6:30 p.m., God’s Bounty open to clients

10 8:15 a.m., Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at Wheatley’s

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**Looking Ahead**

11 Daylight Savings Time Change (1 hour ahead)

13 5:30-7 p.m., CE Board meets

6:30-7 p.m., Trustees meet

 6-7 p.m., Deacon and Mission boards meet

 7 p.m., Church Council meets

18 Footsteps of Hope will join us for worship

25 Palm Sunday

29 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday

30 Good Friday Community Choir practice

 7 p.m., Good Friday Community Service at Zion

31 10-11:30 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt at NBBC

April 1 Easter Sunday

7 a.m., Sunrise Worship at Zion UCC with youth

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Rev. Janet Hoover, Senior Pastor

Jan Nagle, Church Secretary

 Wi-Fi password: NBBC8624381



**Welcome to New Bethel Baptist Church**

**We are blessed by your presence!**

March 4, 2018

Guests and Members: Please sign the attendance register in your pew. Remember to include your address, e-mail, and telephone number. Please leave the signed sheet in the register.

If you have questions or would like more information about New Bethel, please contact the church office.

Thanks!

**Lenten Bible Study – *Embracing the Uncertain***

There is a special Lenten Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. in the Discussion classroom. The name of the book is *Embracing the Uncertain* by Magrey R. deVega. Just turning on the news lets us know we are living in uncertain times. This study will help us learn to follow Jesus with courage, hope, and obedience. Come join us for coffee, fellowship, and study. All are welcome. See Barbara Fengya for more information.

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**From the Church Office**

If you move equipment from its original spot, or borrow items, please tell me. I want to be able to help people find what they are looking for, and I can’t do that unless I know where things have gone.

The Euchre club is missing one or two beige colored card tables. It would be very helpful if they were returned.

I need any address changes, e-mail updates, phone numbers etc. for the new directory. It would help me if you would check the old directory first, then e-mail me any changes to the church office at newbethelbapt@att.net.

 Thank you, Jan Nagle, Church Secretary

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**From the Deacons**

The Deacons are beginning a new program to encourage and invite our young people to periodically participate in worship as Junior Lay Leaders. They will assist the adult Lay Leaders with the worship service.

There is only one copy of the Lenten devotional booklet left in a holder that is located on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall.

Sue Winton, Deacon Chair

**Community Good Friday Worship and Choir**

Greetings Pastors and Music Directors,

I am Martha Main, choir director and organist at Zion UCC, and I am excited to invite all of your choir members and musicians to join in providing anthems for the Franklin Township Ministerial Association Community Good Friday service at Zion United Church of Christ (8916 E. Troy Avenue).

Bob Cook, who has served with you many times, will be conducting one anthem, and I will be conducting a second. The Bell/Chime choirs from various member churches will be playing in the service as well. We will be using chimes to help set the mood of the service.

Please join us for the following rehearsals or contact me at 317-459-6584 to receive copies of anthems if you cannot attend rehearsals. As long as you come forty-five minutes early Good Friday evening, feel free to sing with us.

* Rehearsals are at Zion UCC (8916 E. Troy Avenue, corner of Post Road and Troy Avenue) in our sanctuary.
* Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons, March 18th and 25th from approximately 3-3:45 p.m. and on Good Friday evening, March 30th at 6:45 p.m.

We hope you will join us for this Good Friday’s service honoring the gift of life that Jesus died to give us.

 Martha Main

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**Information for You**

Please see the information posted on the bulletin board by the nursery about the World Day of Prayer 2018.

For Senior Adult Day, see the article and the sign-up form on the bulletin board by the nursery.

**International Ministries**

We will be hosting a young adult mission trip to Costa Rica from June 19th to July 8th.

Join International Ministries staff, missionaries, and Costa Rican brothers and sisters in sustainable farming and construction actices; learn about the state of a country pioneering creation care, and dialogue cross-culturally about how love of nature is an expression of love for God and neighbor.

Return with your peers to Green Lake, Wisconsin, where you will examine your experiences in a retreat format and present at the 2018 World Mission Conference.

* Designed for ages 19-29
* June 19th - July 8th Costa Rica and Wisconsin
* $2,000 total includes \*airfare, room and board, ground transportation, insurance, leadership (\*Houston, Texas, to San Jose, Costa Rica, to Appleton, Wisconsin)
* Other expenses include passport, travel to Houston, Texas, and travel from Appleton, Wisconsin
* Limited, six-person team
* Contact Emily Ferrin at Efferin@international ministries.org or call 610-768-2245
* Non-refundable deposit of $200 due with application
* Final payments due May 1st.

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**Maundy Thursday Rehearsal Schedule**

Maundy Thursday Last Supper drama rehearsals are as follows:

Sunday, March 25th, 5 p.m., Homebuilders classroom to fit and select costumes. Following that, there will be a run-through in the sanctuary.

Tuesday, March 27th, 7:30 p.m. will be a dress rehearsal (without costumes).

**The Music, Drama, and Worship Team**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the following areas:

1. Running sound on Sunday morning
2. Turning on the sound system for weekday events, such as funerals (These events typically only require making sure the system is on and microphone is live beforehand and then turning system off after the event has ended).
3. Running sound for weddings
4. Video recording the sermons on Sunday morning.

All training will be provided by Rob and Julianne Thomas for anyone who would like to learn. It is not difficult to run — it only looks like it is.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let Rob or Julianne know. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this ministry opportunity.

Thank you, Julianne Thomas

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Easter nears our choir is going to begin practicing so they can share with us during our Easter service. We would like to add more voices to the choir.

Choir will be practicing on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. Even if you don’t know how to read music but love to sing, please consider joining us. If transportation is a concern for you, please let me know, and I will see what we can do. We would love to have a large choir to help us in celebrating the triumph of Easter morning.

Blessings, Julianne Thomas

**Easter Lily Order Form**

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily and honor a loved one or friend on Easter Sunday, please complete this form to secure your lily(s).

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_Easter Lily(s) for Sunday, April 1st.

My Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I want the card(s) to say: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Each Lily costs $10. Please enclose the correct amount for your lily(s) with this form, and make any checks payable to New Bethel Baptist Church.

The total amount enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please place your completed form and money in an envelope, and drop it in an offering bag.

The last day to order your lily(s) is March 25th.

Thank you,

Liz Ballard, Flower Committee

**Missionary Visit**

 On Wednesday, March 14th at 7:15 p.m., ABC missionary in Thailand, Kyle Witmer, will be at the Crooked Creek Baptist Church. The church is at [5540 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis](https://maps.google.com/?q=5540+N+Michigan+Rd,+Indianapolis&entry=gmail&source=g). All are welcome.

From the International Ministries website: “The Witmers work in pastoral education and leadership development. Karen young people attend the school with the goal of following the call of God on their lives to be pastors and evangelists among the Karen villages in the hills of Thailand. Kyle is also involved in continuing education with TKBC pastors and evangelists.”

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*The beginning of love is the will to let those we love*

*be perfectly themselves, the resolution*

*not to twist them to fit our own image.*

 *If in loving them we do not love what they are,*

*but only their potential likeness to ourselves,*

*then we do not love them:*

*we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them.*

 — Thomas Merton

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**Year-to-Date Finances and Attendance**

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| **2018 Finances and Attendance** | **Month of** **February** | **Year-to-Date** |
| Tithes/Offerings |  $ 5,444.69 |  $ 18,201.98 |
| Expenses Paid |  6,798.62 |  17,595.42 |
| Budget Needs |  13,145.00 |  26,290.00 |
| Average Weekly  | 61 |  60 |