

***First United Methodist Church  
Decatur, Indiana***

***Worship & Praise 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, March 7, 2010***

**WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH  
*Third Sunday of Lent***

***Lent: The forty day period between Ash Wednesday and  
Easter Sunday (excluding Sundays) is a time of  
preparation and penitence.***

***Prelude: (As the service starts, take time to be in the presence of God.)***

***Focus: Series on the Old Testament. Today we are in the book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy is Moses last  
sermon and it is a repetition of the law. Moses is calling the people to "Choose Life".***

***Joys Shared: (Please take time to sign the registration pad)***

***Today: Is Holy Communion. All are invited to receive  
Communion.***

***Wed.: Every Wed. of Lent you are invited to take a moment  
of prayer and then receive Holy Communion.***

***Wed. 7:30-8:30 am - Ken serving this week.***

***Sat.: Lenten Breakfast for Men at St. Mark's UMC. (All men  
are invited.) Dr. Stanley Rich will speak on Haiti.***

***\*Greeting: (remain standing)***

***\*Chorus: "Days of Elijah"***

***There's no god like Jehovah. (repeat as directed)***

***These are the days of Elijah  
declaring the Word of the Lord.***

***And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,  
righteousness being restored;***

***And these are the days of great trials,  
of famine and darkness and sword.***

***Still we are the voice in the desert crying,  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."***

***Refrain:***

***Behold, He comes riding on the clouds,  
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,  
and out of Zion's Hill salvation comes.***

***These are the days of Ezekiel,  
the dry bones becoming as flesh.***

***And these are the days of Your servant, David,  
rebuilding a temple of praise.***

***And these are the days of the harvest,  
the fields are as white in the world.***

***And we are the laborers in Your vineyard  
declaring the Word of the Lord.***

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**\*Deuteronomy 4:1**

**L:** Listen now, people of God,...

**P:** ...to the laws that I am teaching you...

**L:** ...follow them so that you may live!

**P:** Let us choose life! (Deuteronomy 30:19)

**L:** For God is life!

**\*Hymn:** "Standing on the Promises" (vs. 1, 4) #374

**Old Testament Lesson:** Deuteronomy 30:17-20 (pg. 147) "Life or Death"

**Gathering of Prayer Concerns and Call to Prayer:**

*(During the music, be in prayer. You are invited to the prayer rail. There are prayer cards on the rail that you are invited to sign.)*

**Prayer of Confession: (silent prayer)**

*Lord, I am stubborn and self-centered. You know it is true. But I want to be open and grow. I don't want to waste my life. I choose life!*

**Ministry of Giving:**

**Offertory Prayer:**

**Offertory: (10:30) Anthem: "Praise Him, Praise Him" Chancel Choir**

**(10:30) Children are invited to go to Jr. Church - (Pre-School-Grade 4)**

**Message:** "Choose Life" Ken Mahan

- These are Moses last words to the people.

- A trip that took 11 days took the Israelites 39 years.

3 theories that the law addresses

A) Be generous. (Laws that relate to being generous.)

- Tithes

- Sabbath year

- Jubilee

- Gleaning

B) Be joyful. (Laws about feast.)

- Passover

- Weeks

- Booths

C) Love your neighbor. (Head scratching laws.)

**Our Old Testament Challenge is to read the Old Testament and to find the God Jesus knew and saw in the Old Testament.**

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*Invitation:**

**\*Moment of Reflection:**

**\*Great Thanksgiving:**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** We lift them to the Lord.

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**L:** It is right . . . . .

*And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:*

*Unison: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!*

*(People may be seated)*

*Blessing:*

- All are invited.*
- Come when ready (by center aisle, return by sides)*
- Cup your hands - to receive the bread*
- Lift your eyes - to receive the cup*
- Stay as long as you desire*
- Let the servers know of those who need Communion brought to the pew*

*Music for Communion:*

*Organ: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

*(10:30) Solo: "Into My Heart" Lou Anne Stevens*

*(10:30) Chorus: "Fairest Lord Jesus" (sing together)*

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.*

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*(10:30) Chorus: "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" (sing together)*

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
was blind but now I see.*

*Refrain: (2x)*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns,  
unending love, amazing grace.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

*(to refrain)*

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*(10:30) Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" Chad Johnson*

*(10:30) Chorus: "How Great Is Our God" / "How Great Thou Art"*

*The splendor of the King clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice.*

*Refrain: (2x)*

*How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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*\*(8:15) Closing Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"*

*(vs. 1) #77*

*\*Benediction:*

*\*Postlude:*

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*WORSHIP this morning is enhanced by the ministries of:*

*Praise Team (8:15): Bev Stuck, Kelley Mies, Connie Snyder, Nateshia Howe, Mike & Linda Drake, Pat Briede*

*Praise Team (10:30): Jon & Lou Anne Stevens, Mary Pilkington, Connie Snyder, Chad Johnson, Ken Meyer*

*Percussion / Keyboard: Jody Paschal*

*Bass: Jason Brune*

*Sax: Maggie Hawkins*

*Piano: Judy Martin*

*Choir Accompanists: Jody Paschal & Judy Martin (10:30)*

*Liturgist: Logan Smith (10:30)*

*Communion Preparation: Doug & Cindy Rieth*

*Acolytes: Carrie Seitz, Leah Noble, Emma Hawkins (10:30)*

*Greeters: Ken & Deb Heyerly (8:15)*

*Larry & Gerri Jones (10:30)*

*Ushers: Jim Price, Harold Vanhorn, Leroy Walters, Jeff Miller (10:30)*

*Video Ministry: Kevin, Nan & Ashley Cook, Joyce Seip, Austin Tricker, Sherril Walters, Jeff & Rhonda McIntosh*

*PowerPoint: Clint Knaub*

*Sound: Joe Wolpert*

*Van Driver: David Collier*

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD!**

## *The Week at a Glance*

### *Today*

*8:00 am Worship Service Preparation (Church Lounge)*

*8:15 am Worship Service in Chapel*

*9:30 am Sunday School for all ages*

*10:00 am Worship Service Preparation in Chapel*

*10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary (Nursery Care)*

*3-7 pm Youth travel to Ultrazone in Fort Wayne*

### *Monday, March 8*

*6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Family Life Center)*

*6:30 pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)*

### *Tuesday, March 9*

*2:00 pm Bible Study (Church Lounge)*

*6:00 pm Men's Prayer & Share (Church Lounge)*

*7:00 pm A.A. Meeting (Fellowship Hall)*

### *Wednesday, March 10*

*6:30 am Men at West End Restaurant*

*7:30-8:30 am Communion in Chapel*

*5-6 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)*

*6:00 pm Finance Committee (Church Lounge)*

*6:00 pm Prayer & Share I (Church Library)*

*7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)*

### *Thursday, March 11*

*6:00 pm Weigh-in (Fellowship Hall)*

*6:30 pm Weight-Watchers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)*

### *Saturday, March 13*

*8:30 am Men's Lenten Breakfast at St. Mark's UMC*

*9:00 am Staff Parish Committee (Church Lounge)*

*5:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall)*

*6:50 pm Youth to go to the Pulse Contemporary Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church*

# *Prayer Notes*

**1. PRAYER CHAIN NO.:** Church office 724-3158 from 8-12 or 1-5  
Monday-Friday or Harriet Soldner at 724-7998 after office hours.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**2. Prayer Cards -**

- A. This Week** - Ralph Smith, Jacob Briede, Margaret Hann, Nancy Helm, Martha Lyon, Karen Tricker, Bob Gent, Bill Borrer, Bradley Combs, Ken & Deb Heyerly, Mary Heyerly, David Haggard, Eileen Wolpert, Dan Odell, Fred Jabaley, Janet Tharp, Judy Poling, Chad Poling, Carly Gilbert, Troy & Alicia Floor
- B. Sister Church** - Northeast District Church: Bluffton First United Methodist Church, Pastor: Lucinda Osgood
- C. Local Church** - Church of God
- D. Church Members** - Maureen Busse & Mary Call  
(Each week we will be praying for two members of the church.)
- E. Kids First** - Tana Sheets

**3. Homebound** - Mary Hefner, Fred Dellinger, Florence Brandyberry

**4. Those in the Military** - S. Sgt. Matt Hubbard  
6506 South Drive  
Louisville, KY 40272

**5. Retirement & Nursing Homes -**

- At Woodcrest:** Ruth Baxter-Room 932 Lenore Holtsberry-Room 903  
Betty Fifer-Room 973 Violet Kreisler-Room 975  
Phyllis Hite-Apt. 214 Dick & Vel Wasson-Room 911
- At Evergreen Ct. Apts.:** John Clark-Rm. 1001, Beulah Parrish-Rm. 1006
- At Village Oaks:** Marcie Merica
- At Village of Heritage:** Colleen Cook
- At Swiss Village:** Ann Blaney-Rm. 356A, Sara Lu Collier-Edelweiss 1387

**6. Missionaries:** Stephen Newnum (Brazil)  
Jennifer Sims (Campus Crusade/Jesus Film Project)

**Ministers.....God's People**  
**Pastor.....Ken Mahan**  
**Pastor/Choir Director.....Loren Felabom**  
**Children's Ministries.....Annette Gower**  
**Small Group Coordinator.....Mike Snyder**  
**Secretary..... Janet Frauhiger**  
**Music Coordinator/Organist .....Judy Martin**  
**Administrative Assistant.....Nancy Thompson**  
**Youth Directors.....Charlie & Jean Brune**  
**Custodian.....Esther Kline**  
**Hope Chest Manager.....Tammy Smith**  
**Kids First Child Care Director.....Tana Sheets**  
**Associate District Superintendent.....Charles Gast, Jr.**  
**District Superintendent.....David Michel**  
**Bishop.....Michael J. Coyner**

## *News & Weekly Articles*

**FIRST YOUTH NEWS** — Laser Tag at Ultrazone, today, 3-7 pm. Be at the Church to leave by 3:00 pm and travel to Ultrazone in Fort Wayne. Bring \$10.00 for two games. We'll eat supper in Fort Wayne, so bring enough money. Bring all your friends!!!

The Youth are planning to go to the Pulse Contemporary Worship - Saturday, March 13, 6:50-8:30 pm. Come to this community-wide worship with praise band music and a contemporary message. Meet at 6:50 at Zion Lutheran Church, corner of 10th and Monroe, then walk back to our Church afterward for pizza. Bring your friends!

If you are a new attender we would love for you to be included in the church directory, please call the church office with your name, address and phone number.

Wednesday A.M. Communion in Lent — Every Wednesday until March 31 Loren and Ken will be serving Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings in the Chapel. During the Lenten season you are invited to stop by the Chapel for a moment of prayer and Communion. The time will be 7:30-8:30 am.

Second Sunday Soups - Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class will be serving chili and chicken noodle soup Sunday, March 14 in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service.

Wisdom People will be meeting on Tuesday, March 16 at 12:00 noon at the Galley Restaurant.

Newsletter articles due to the Church office by March 18.

The Hope Chest (127 S. 2nd St.) — Spring is almost here! Please think of us when doing your spring cleaning!

Video Ministry Help Needed — We really do need more people on the Video Ministry Team. It takes 5 people per week to film, record, copy and deliver the tapes and DVDs each week. If we had an additional 3-4 people volunteer, we could be on a 3 week rotation schedule. If you think this is an area where you could serve, please call the Church office or tell Kevin Cook.

Operation Help -- A reminder that dishwashing soap is needed for Operation Help for the month of March. A large basket with a sign indicating Operation Help is located at the end of the hall between the Chapel and the Narthex. Thank you.

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