


## Mt. Summit Christian Church

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*Be the Kingdom*

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**Daylight  
Saving  
Time  
Begins**



March 10  
2 a.m.  
Spring Ahead



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# The Summit Messenger

March 2024



Dear Church,

If we want to be a growing church, we must be growing spiritually.

As a catalyst for our spiritual growth this month, we are thinking deeply about spiritual practices. Our Lenten teaching series is called “Meeting God.” We are focusing on how we meet God through prayer, telling stories, God’s Word and world, praise, confession, and love. I pray that you will be encouraged to go deeper in your faith through Sunday worship and participation in our Spiritual Exercises Calendar. You can also join us in reading several books that I’ve recommended: Philip Yancey’s *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* and the devotional by Brian Zahnd, *The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey*. Take this time to be intentional in your walk with Jesus.

We will also celebrate Holy Week the final week of this month, from Palm Sunday to Easter. This period is overflowing with meaning. Of what is contained in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), a third attends to the details of what happened that final week. So that you are spiritually renewed by these key moments in the life of Jesus, I encourage you to attend Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday worship with us. You’ll find the details for these diverse worship gatherings within this newsletter.

We are also hosting our “Tacos & Talent” event, restarting our Christian Community Youth Rallies, and hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the Mt. Summit community. March is an exciting month to be involved at Mt. Summit Christian Church. Come grow with us!

Grace & Peace,  
Justin



**Maundy Thursday:** Pre-service dinner 6 p.m.  
Service 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Good Friday:** Service 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, New Castle

**Community Easter Egg Hunt:** 10 a.m. on the 30th

**Easter Sunday:**  
Breakfast 9 a.m. hosted by Hospitality Cmte. (no Sunday School)  
Worship service 10 a.m.

## Middle & High School

10th & 24th: 6-7:30 p.m.

### Christian Community Youth Rally

March 17th, 6-8 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Brian Mackie  
of White Branch Church, Hagerstown



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** For the next couple months, Rob Stevenson will lead the group in a discussion about Paul's letters to the Romans. All are welcome to join us weekly at 9 a.m. in the library.



Soup & Bread Home Group will resume meeting Sunday evenings at the Yoakum's (104 Maple St., Mt. Summit) on March 10th at 6 p.m.

**FREE COMMUNITY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 30  
10AM

Bring a basket and enjoy a morning of Egg Hunting, Games, Food, & Family Fun!

We'll have a plastic Easter egg in the Welcome Area for monetary donations to buy candy & prizes. We need volunteers to stuff eggs & help at the event. Contact Pastor James.



## Serving Sundays in March

**Elder:** Terry Yoakum

**Deacons:** Karan Kramer & Stefanie Petty

**Acolytes:** 3rd Jaxyn Hall-Clauson  
10th Kynnedi Edington  
17th Jaxyn Hall-Clauson  
24th & 31st Zoey Schwartz

### March Sermon Schedule

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 3rd  | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 / Psalm 19<br>"Meeting God: The World & The Word"    |
| 10th | Ephesians 2:1-10 / Psalm 107: 1-3, 17<br>"Meeting God: Praise!"            |
| 17th | John 12:23-26, 31-32 / Psalm 51:1-12<br>"Meeting God: Confession"          |
| 24th | Palm Sunday<br>John 12:12-16 / Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29<br>"Meeting God: Love" |
| 28th | Maundy Thursday<br>John 13:1-17, 31b-35<br>"A New Commandment"             |
| 31st | Easter Sunday<br>Mark 16:1-8 / John 20:1-18<br>"Whom Are You Looking For?" |



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### Attendance & Offering

|                         |    |         |
|-------------------------|----|---------|
| <b>1/28</b>             | 58 | \$2,031 |
| <b>2/4</b>              | 64 | \$3,060 |
| <b>2/11</b>             | 52 | \$3,035 |
| <b>Ash Wednesday 30</b> |    |         |
| <b>2/18</b>             | 40 | \$2,319 |



MSCC will participate in the second Special Offering of 2024, the Easter Special Offering, on March 24 and March 31.

Several times a year, congregations receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Easter Special Offering, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Your gift has the power to change lives around the world.

You may give to this special offering in person at worship on March 24th and 31st. You may also give through Givelify, by dropping off your offering at the church office, or by mailing it to the church. Please remember that your special offering is a sacrificial gift, separate from and over and above your offering that supports the regular ministry needs of the church. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

For more information about the Easter offering and the ministries supported by this offering, please visit [disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/Easter](https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/Easter).

Tony May  
Chair, World Outreach Committee



February 16-18 Pastor James and our youth attended the Winter Youth Retreat at Bedford Christian Camp.




## Wine & Dine Group

Join us for dinner at Wolfies Grill in Pendleton (710 W. State St.) on Thursday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend please contact Rob Stevenson.



**SUNDAY MORNINGS:**

-  Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m. (except Easter Sunday)
- Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
- Worship Service: 10 a.m.


# MARCH 2024

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue                                     | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|
|    |  |   |   |   | 1<br>BRV Latchkey<br>in FC<br>3-5:30 pm  | 2   |
| 3<br>Baptism Class 11 am<br>FH in use 2-3 pm<br><b>Tacos 'n' Talent 6 pm</b><br>                            | 4  | 5<br>Chords of Friendship<br>1-3 pm WA  | 6<br>Pickleball<br>9 am-Noon<br>CAF Noon<br>3 pm FH<br>EMPRCS Mtg<br>6 pm | 7<br>Wine & Dine Group at<br>Wolfies Grill /Pendleton<br>6:30 pm  | 8<br>BRV Latchkey in FC 3-5:30 pm  | 9<br>Move clocks forward<br>before going to bed!<br> |
| 10 <b>DST begins 2 am</b><br>Elders Mtg 8 am<br>Baptism Class 11 am<br>MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm<br>Home Group @ Yoakum's<br>6 pm  | 11<br>Board Mtg<br>6:30 pm   | 12<br>Chords of Friendship<br>1-3 pm WA | 13<br>Pickleball<br>9 am-Noon<br>CAF Noon<br>3 pm FH                      | 14<br>BRV Latchkey in FC 3-5:30 pm  | 15   | 16  |
| 17<br>Baptism Class 11 am<br>Home Group @ Yoakum's<br>6 pm<br>Christian Comm Youth<br>Rally 6-8 pm   | 18<br>Worship<br>Cmte Mtg<br>6:30 pm<br>(ZOOM)   | 19<br>Chords of Friendship<br>1-3 pm WA | 20<br>Pickleball<br>9 am-Noon<br>CAF Noon<br>3 pm FH                      | 21<br>BRV Latchkey in FC 3-5:30 pm  | 22   | 23<br>FH in use<br>12-4 pm  |
| 24 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br><br>Baptism Class 11 am<br>Home Group @ Yoakum's<br>6 pm<br>MS/HS Youth 6-7:30 pm | 25   | 26<br>Chords of Friendship<br>1-3 pm WA | 27<br>Pickleball<br>9 am-Noon<br>CAF Noon<br>3 pm FH                      | 28 <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br><br>Pre-service meal<br>6 pm<br>Joint service here<br>with NC First<br>Christian 6:30 pm FH | 29 <b>Good Friday</b><br><br>Joint service<br>at NC First<br>Christian 7 pm | 30<br><b>Community Easter Egg Hunt 10 am</b><br>   |
| 31 <b>EASTER Sunday</b><br><b>Breakfast 9 am</b><br>(No Sunday School)<br>                                | <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>CAF: Christian Adult Fellowship<br/>FC: Family Center<br/>FH: Fellowship Hall<br/>WA: Welcome Area</p> </div> |   |   |   |  |   |

## Birthdays

- Debbie Matney 4<sup>th</sup>
- Lilly Semler 6<sup>th</sup>
- Stacie Shelton 8<sup>th</sup>
- Jeremy Smith 13<sup>th</sup>
- Mary Lou Dye  15<sup>th</sup>
- John Dillman 17<sup>th</sup>
- Caleigha Pierce 19<sup>th</sup>
- Bud Shelton 20<sup>th</sup>
- Becky Radford 21<sup>st</sup>
- Celina Coffey 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Anniversaries

- Ron & Lisa Green  15<sup>th</sup>
- Brandon & Shelby Hall 15<sup>th</sup>
- Randy & Bonnie Hutson 16<sup>th</sup>
- Don & Donann Kissick 27<sup>th</sup>

## Prayer List

### IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

- Vada Collins (Glen Oaks)
- Mary Lou Dye (Forest Ridge)
- Marilyn Fellers (Glen Oaks - Legacy Wing)
- Bud Shelton (Glen Oaks - Room 511)

### HEALTH CONCERNS

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Susan Brown               | Don Hoopingarner  |
| Linda Clausen             | Kacie Houser      |
| Steve Cloud               | Cheryl May        |
| Brent Crockett            | Mark Miltenberger |
| John & Mary Jane Dillman  | Mark O'Brien      |
| Barb Fye-Johnson & family | Susan Phoenix     |
| Jessica Hall              | Bill Pracht       |
| Mary Hall                 | Ethel Province    |
| Shelby Hall               | Vern Snyder       |
|                           | Diane Veritas     |
|                           | Susan Waymire     |

Thank you to all who donated food or money to the Soup-er Bowl Canned Food Drive to benefit the Prairie Township food pantry.



Prayer requests remain on the list for one month. Let the office know if you'd like them to be on the list again after that time.




2024 Family Directories are available to pick up in the Welcome Area. You may also contact the church office to have a copy emailed to you.



**Board Meeting**  
March 11th - 6:30 p.m.  
Please submit reports to office the Thursday before meeting.

# Spiritual Exercises Calendar

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY   |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
|                 |  | <b>ATTEND</b><br>Ash Wednesday Service<br>@ 7 p.m.                                     | <b>Galatians 5:19-21</b><br>What things do you need to deny?                            | <b>Galatians 5:22-26</b><br>What fruit of the Spirit do you need to embrace better?       | <b>Set your goal for Lent:</b><br>What do you need to deny or embrace?                               | <b>ATTEND</b><br>Worship Service @ 10am<br>(Mark 1:9-15 // Psalm 25:1-10)                        |
| <b>1 Timothy 2:1-6</b><br><b>PRAY</b> for yourself (wisdom, direction, help w/Lenten goal, etc.) | <b>PRAY</b> for our church and the Church  | <b>PRAY</b> for the Leaders around you   | <b>Spend</b> your prayer time in a Thanksgiving attitude (no complaining!)              | <b>PRAY</b> for our community   | <b>PRAY</b> for those who don't know Jesus   | <b>ATTEND</b><br>Worship Service @ 10am<br>(Mark 8:31-38 // Psalm 22:23-31)                      |
| <b>Philippians 3:1-14</b>  | <i>(Write down)</i><br><b>WHO</b> was instrumental in getting you to church or lead you to Christ? | <i>(Write down)</i><br><b>WHERE</b> did your faith journey begin?                      | <i>(Write down)</i><br><b>WHEN</b> (or what season) in life did you accept Jesus?       | <i>(Write down)</i><br><b>WHAT</b> led you to this decision?                              | <b>PUT</b> your story together from your journaling.<br><b>HOW</b> does it connect with God's story? | <b>ATTEND</b><br>Worship Service @ 10am<br>(1 Corinthians 1:18-25 // Psalm 19)                   |
| <b>Isaiah 55:6-11</b>  | <b>HOW</b> does God work through his Word?   | <b>TAKE</b> a drive/walk.<br><b>WHERE</b> do you notice God's presence?                | <b>WHERE</b> do you notice God's activity is creation today?                            | <b>WHERE</b> is God active in your life?  | <b>WHERE</b> is God active in those around you?  | <b>ATTEND</b><br>Worship Service @ 10am<br>(Ephesians 2:1-10 // Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22)            |
| <b>Philippians 2:5-11</b><br><i>(First Christian Hymn)</i>                                       | <b>WHAT</b> is your favorite hymn/praise song?<br><b>WHY</b> are you drawn to this song?           | <b>THINK</b><br>Why do we praise God?  | <b>BE</b> more mindful today in your prayers to be more thankful (no complaining today) | <b>LISTEN</b> to the YouTube MSCC Praise Team playlist sent in the church's weekly email. | <b>WHAT</b> song from the playlist resonates the most with you?                                      | <b>ATTEND</b><br>Worship Service @ 10am<br>(Hebrews 5:5-10 // Psalm 51:1-12)                     |
| <b>1 John 1:5-10</b>   | <b>CONSIDER</b> your own sins.<br><b>WHERE</b> have you sinned against God, others, and yourself?  | <b>2 Corinthians 5:11-21</b><br><b>CONFESS</b> and <b>SEEK</b> reconciliation with God | <b>WHAT</b> action do you need to forgive and reconcile with yourself?                  | <b>CONFESS</b> to others you have wronged (and apologize)                                 | <b>Matthew 5:23-26</b><br><b>SEEK</b> reconciliation with someone who has something against you      | <b>ATTEND</b><br>Worship Service @ 10am<br>(Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 // Mark 11:1-11)                |
| <b>Mark 11</b>   | <b>Mark 12</b>   | <b>Mark 13</b>   | <b>Mark 14 / John 13</b><br><b>ATTEND</b><br>Maundy Thursday service                    | <b>Mark 15</b><br><b>ATTEND</b><br>Good Friday service at FCC New Castle                  | <b>Mark 16</b><br><b>HELP</b> with the Community Easter Egg Hunt                                     | <b>CHRIST IS RISEN!</b><br><b>ATTEND</b><br>Easter Service @ 10am<br>(Psalm 118 // John 20:1-18) |

\*When you see scripture listed, please read and meditate on those passages. If you choose to journal throughout the Lent season, write down your thoughts and reflections on those passages.

