



What does the word *hope* mean to you? Often due to a problem translating a word from another language, we assign meanings to words that are off the mark, and therefore, less impactful. For example, as renowned pastor Tim Keller stated during a recent interview, the word hope is often used as a pleasant sort of wish. In fact, the way we use hope leaves open the possibility for the opposite of hope, which is uncertainty. When we express that we *hope* something will happen, we leave open the option that this something will not happen. But that is not what the word hope really means. The Greek word for hope is *elpis*, which means *the assurance of the future*. The true meaning of *elpis*, or hope, doesn't leave any wiggle room.

Why share the word hope with you as we journey through March, and therefore, Lent?

Because along with the work of spiritual self-examination during Lent, along with the “giving things up” nature of Lent, Lent is also truly a season of hope. At the end of our Lenten journey we find Easter Sunday, the day we embrace and celebrate resurrection. Easter represents the completing work of the new covenant provided to mankind, made possible through the birth, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus. In this covenant, we find peace, purpose, assurance, and security for today and the future. Easter is our, in the Greek sense of the word....HOPE....guaranteeing an assurance of our future.

So along with the work and what at times seems like the toil of Lent, let us also celebrate the *elpis/hope* made real to us by God in Christ. Easter will be here soon, friends!

well hello,
march



PFP contact info: 24-Hour helpline: 1-800-863-9909 or Partnersforpeace.org.

For the month of March the requested item is: laundry detergent

Thank you for your continued faithful support and generous participation.

As the Corinth UMC "You've Been Graced" campaign continues, on Monday, January 30th Pastor Steve dropped off thank you notes and Dunkin' Donut gift cards to three locations: to the workers at Safe Place Food Pantry, the Corinth Northern Light Medical Center, and to the staff at Maine Savings Bank in Corinth. The folks at all three locations were very grateful, and delighted to receive words of appreciation from our church family.



From your Lay Leader

Boy you folks have had some “wicked” cold weather! So glad I was in North Carolina. It was “cold” here for these folks, low 40’s. I was on the deck in shorts and a light jacket. Told them if we had 40 degree temps all winter we’d be very happy. Grass is still green here and birds are singing. It is 68 degrees today (2/8), I’m on the deck in the sun and shorts. Loving it, but missing you all. I’ve attended the Wesleyan church and a UMC here some while watching CUMC live service. Worshipping God can be done anywhere with anyone as long as it is done with reverence and honor, no matter what the sign above the door reads. Our worship takes many forms. We sing, pray, share the sacraments, read aloud or listen to Nancy A. Bond, LL

sermons, share joys and concerns. We must make a conscious effort to give daily times to worship God. He created one day each week for us to rest as He did on the Sabbath. We enrich our Sabbath by turning our full attention to Him in worship. He blesses us through these times of worship and it strengthens our relationship with Him. Worshipping God should be foremost in our minds always. The times we spend with God will be our reward when we leave this world. The Gospel of Luke chapter 4 verse 8 reads ~ *Jesus answered, “It is written in the Scriptures: you must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him”.*



Meals for Friends memo

The next Meals for Friends luncheon is scheduled for Monday, March 13th. Come join with others for a hot and delicious, sit-down meal or choose a take-out meal! Invite a friend to join you.

The kitchen crew enjoys preparing the meals. They also look forward to seeing familiar and new faces. Call 285-3557, between 9:30 – 10:30am on that Monday to reserve your place.

REMINDER: during these colder, unpredictable weather months this event could be cancelled due to inclement weather or a school cancellation.



From the Administrative Assistant

Food for thought ~ a word in due season!

Proverbs 16:24 - *Kind words are like honey - sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.* NLT

Proverbs 25:11 - *Like apples of gold in settings of silver, is a word spoken at the proper time.* NASB

Del Januskiewicz, AA



Please be in prayer for the following:

(possible cardiac issues), Wendy Pullen (Christine M. sister), McCorrison's son (arm burn), a patient of Marcia C, Andy and Laura Nilsen (health), Heather Cox (miracle), Joyce Boone (surgery recovery), Charlene & John French (strength and stamina), the family of Barbara Strout, the earthquake victims of Syria and Turkey, Pastor Steve's mother-in-law, healing of our nation, an end to school shootings, prayer for our state and federal officials, those dealing with illness or life crises, the peaceful resolution of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

Linda Voisine (health), Nancy Bond



23 Don & Betty Brewer

1	Susan Leighton	19	Gloria Giles
2	Doris Smith	22	Robert Norman
10	Nancy Campbell	27	Theresa Voisine
14	Patti Stevens	30	Julie Dunton




Daylight savings time begins at 2:00am Sunday 3/12. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday evening so as not to forget the *springing forward* change.



AWE-FULL BLESSING

On the surface, the phrase “the fear of the Lord” found repeatedly in the Bible, sounds scary: a paralyzing dread of a powerful, terrifying God. In fact, that phrase means a profound and healthy respect due God because of who He is. It is a respect one gives to a superior, not a colleague or friend. The fear of God is an awe that inspires one to obedience, submission, and worship. Solomon wrote, “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*”. Proverbs 9:10. This reverence keeps a right perspective on an infinite, holy, all-powerful God and finite, flawed weak people. This is good news not bad news, because people need a God who is greater than they are. God pronounces blessing on those who fear Him: fulfillment, deliverance, descendants, God’s goodness, God’s mercy, salvation, blessing, confidence. life, and satisfaction.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 6-7pm Girl Scouts	4
5 9AM in-person Worship or on Facebook Communion Sunday	6 Office open 9am-12noon 6-7pm Cub Scouts	7	8 Office open 9am-12noon	9	10	11
12  9AM in-person Worship or via Facebook Discretionary Fund received	13 Office open 9am-12noon 12noon Meals for Friends 6-7pm Cub Scouts	14 W.I.C. 9am-6pm	15 Office open 9am-12noon	16 6:00pm ADCO mtg.	17  6-7pm Girl Scouts	18

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It's almost time to start: dusting off those gardening tools, preparing your indoor seedlings, checking to see if your lawn mower needs servicing and pack those snow shovels and snow brushes away for another year.

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