



The Rock

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped us."

1 Samuel 7:12

A Feast for Lent *Author Unknown*

Fast from complaining and feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives, and feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures, and feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility, and feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness, and feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern, and feast on compassion for others.

Fast from shadows of sorrow, and feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip, and feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from judging others, and feast on the Christ within them.

Fast from emphasis on differences, and feast on the unity of life.

Fast from apparent darkness, and feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness, and feast on the healing power of GOD.

Fast from words that pollute, and feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent, and feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger, and feast on optimism.

Fast from personal anxiety, and feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement, and feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress, and feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy, and feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion, and feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken, and feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from problems that overwhelm, and feast on prayer that undergirds.

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A Moment with Pastor Susan

We have just entered into the season in the church that we call Lent, which lasts for a period of forty days, and is a time for fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter.

Forty is a number that appears frequently throughout the Scriptures. Forty years was the amount of time that the Israelites wandered in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, and forty days was the time that Jesus spent in the desert facing temptation at the hands of Satan.

As we journey through these forty days of Lent, my prayer is that you and I will use this time to examine our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to make it a priority to spend time with Him in prayer and in studying the Word of God.

Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Susan

Missions Update

Your Loving Choices

The first Mission Sunday for 2010 was January 31. Kathy Leamont, Executive Director for Your Loving Choices, was our guest. The offering of **\$1541** will help them in their ministry to make a difference, one life at a time. Precious babies have been born. Clients have been told of God's great love for them. Needs have been met. The message of forgiveness and sexual integrity has been proclaimed. If you would like more information about this ministry, please visit www.yourlovingchoices.org.

Dear Pastor Susan and all at Ebenezer,

I have the honor of going to many area churches to represent the ministry of Your Loving Choices. My visit to your church will always be one that stands out! Your lovely, welcoming hearts; doing the Hokey-Pokey; and your amazing generosity will warm my heart and encourage me for as long as my memory holds out. Thank you, I'm blessed to have met you all.

Many Blessings,

Kathy Leamont

A Message from France

Dear Friends at Ebenezer,

As we look back over 2009, we are reminded once again of the Lord's faithfulness and your precious prayers and support. It has been an honor to partner with you over the past years.

As our ministry expands so does our dependency on Him. Thank you for praying as we travel miles to care for our missionary personnel throughout the world.

Just this past weekend, a neighbor, who rarely talks, came over to tell us of a deep need. What an opportunity to bring the Gospel to her heart. Please join us in prayer.

May He richly bless and encourage you this New Year,
Caroline & Carl Kishbaugh

**Next Mission Sunday
May 30**

Upcoming Special Offerings

- † March 14, **One Great Hour of Sharing** - This special offering enables UMCOR to keep its promise that 100 percent of your designated gifts goes entirely to specific causes. One Great Hour of Sharing means UMCOR will provide hands-on care for persons caught in the effects of storms, war, disaster and disease. Often UMCOR is the first to arrive on the scene and the last to leave. UMCOR's ministry is all over God's wonderful world.
- † April 18, **Native American Ministries** - These gifts fund urban ministries with Native Americans, provide scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist and other approved seminaries, and develop and nurture conference-based Native American ministries.
- † May 9, **Golden Cross** - Benefits the Benevolent Homes
- † May 30, **Peace with Justice Sunday** - This special offering supports programs that advocate peace and justice at home and around the world. Since half of the offerings collected by your annual conference is retained to fund local peace with justice programs, you can see a difference made locally. In addition, half of the offering is remitted to the General Board of Church and Society to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education and advocacy.

Offerings & Ministry Expenses*

December

Offerings: \$5,891.28

Expenses: \$4,904.86

January

Offerings: \$7,192.75

Expenses: \$3,949.50

February

Offerings: \$3,785.10

Expenses: \$4,629.84

* Does not reflect special offerings for Building Fund or Memorial Fund or expenses paid with monies from these funds.

Youth Fellowship



The Youth Fellowship will meet on **Good Friday, April 2 @ 10 AM** to color Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt.

Easter Services

Please join us for our
“Easter Celebrations”

Thursday, April 1

7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 3

10:00 AM - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 4

6:00 AM - Sunrise Service

7:00 AM - Breakfast, prepared by the Youth

8:30 AM - Worship

Sunday School Will Not Be Held



Calendar of Events

All events at Ebenezer unless otherwise noted.

MARCH

- Sunday, **March 7** - Special Missions Envelopes
- Sunday, **March 14** - Food Bank Sunday
- Sunday, **March 14** - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- Sunday, **March 28** - Fellowship After Worship
- Sunday, **March 28 @ 10 AM** - Orangeville Nursing & Rehab Center

APRIL

- Thursday, **April 1 @ 7 PM** - Maundy Thursday Service
- Saturday, **April 3 @ 10 AM** - Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday, **April 4 @ 6 AM** - Sunrise Service/Breakfast
- Sunday, **April 4** - Special Missions Envelopes
- Tuesday, **April 6 @ 6:30 PM** - Trustees Meeting
- Sunday, **April 11** - Food Bank Sunday
- Sunday, **April 18** - Native American Awareness Offering
- Sunday, **April 25** - Building Fund Sunday
- Sunday, **April 25** - Fellowship After Worship
- Sunday, **April 25 @ 10 AM** - Orangeville Nursing & Rehab Center

MAY

- Sunday, **May 2** - Special Missions Envelopes
- Monday, **May 3 @ 6 PM** - Administrative Board
- Sunday, **May 9** - Food Bank Sunday
- Sunday, **May 9** - Golden Cross Offering
- Sunday, **May 30** - Mission Sunday
- Sunday, **May 30** - Peace With Justice Offering
- Sunday, **May 30** - Fellowship After Worship

Every Sunday: Worship 8:30—Sunday School 9:45

Remember Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 14.**

Do not forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed! **You would not want to miss Church!**



Do you have items for the Summer Issue of “The Rock”

DEADLINE: May 23, 2010

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Birthdays

3/9 Betty Williams
3/16 Melonie Naugle
3/20 Katelyn Slusser
3/24 Katie Knorr
3/24 Douglas Slusser
4/2 Bart Gunther
4/11 Gene Powlus
4/15 Tami Wenner
4/23 Jacob O'Neil
5/6 Dale Whitenight
5/7 Joe O'Neil
5/8 Diane Whitenight
5/14 Sylvia Powlus
5/17 Jared Oman
5/18 Doyle Shetterly
5/21 Mavis Heller
5/22 Kent Slusser

5/22 Kurt Slusser
5/24 Mary Shelhamer
5/26 Janet Slusser
5/27 Susan Knorr
5/31 Iris Eckroth

Anniversaries

Ed and Susan Knorr 3/3/1984
Doug and Gena Slusser 5/25/1985

***Is your birthday/anniversary
incorrect or missing?***

Let Us Know!

Prayer List

Bill Arner
Mary Lou Arner
Kermit Heller
William Slusser
Donzella Smith
The Family of Robert Whitmire
Pastor and Leaders of Columbia
Circuit

***Please remember to pray for
Steve Livziey and his family while
he is deployed to Kuwait on the
day of the month that you signed
up for.***