



## Handling Pressure

The Associated Press reported in 2012 that movie director James Cameron went to the deepest depths of the ocean. It took about 90 minutes for his ocean submersible to go down 35,756 feet. The scale of Mariana Trench is hard to grasp — it's 120 times larger than the Grand Canyon and more than a mile deeper than Mount Everest is tall.

One of the risks of a dive so deep is extreme water pressure. At 6.8 miles below the surface, the pressure is the equivalent of three SUVs sitting on your toe. In places that deep, the water pressure would crush a conventional submarine like an aluminum can. Cameron's craft was constructed with plates of steel several inches thick. Those thick plates keep the water out but make the submersible extremely heavy and much harder to maneuver.

When crafts like this one descend to the oceans floor, they often find they are not alone. When the lights are turned on and they look through specially designed cameras, what do they often see? Fish!

These fish cope with extreme pressure in an entirely different way. They don't build thick skins; the fish remain supple and free. They compensate for the outside pressure through equal and opposite pressure inside themselves.

Followers of Jesus don't have to be hard and thick skinned. They just have to be filled with and employ God's power within to equal the external pressure.

Together with You!

Les

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

**Monday, March 4**

6:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

### Teachers This Sunday

**Nursery**

Evalyn Fate / Sydney Collins

**Kids' Time**

Deb Klopfenstein / Darcy Isch

**LOL**

Remain in service

### Stewardship Report

Feb. 24, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses 2806.00

Missions 100.00

Building/Maint Fund 160.00

Match Fund 1500.00

**Total \$ 4,566.00**



## Prayer

Melanie Shady has agreed to be the person to start both prayer chains. Beginning now, if you have an urgent prayer need, please call Melanie at 260-820-2729. She will get the email and calling prayer chains going.



## Choir Schedule

In just a couple of weeks we will begin rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. The exact dates are March 13, 20, 27, and April 3. Then, we will sing in the worship services on April 7, 14, and 21. Plan to join us!

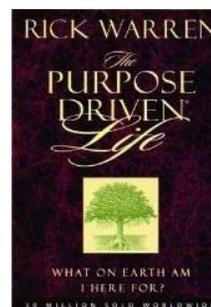


## Women's Bible Study

Join us for a Bible study based on the book *Encouraging One Another*. It is a 12 week study in the Women of Faith series. We will have a kick-off lunch together at Hughes Bakery and Coffeehouse on Tuesday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. Then, we will begin our study here at the church on Monday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m. Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer, so we know how many books to order. If you have questions, talk with Jan Jones or call the church office.

## Books

I am looking to get or borrow some copies of the book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren for a group of men to use. If you have a copy and would give or loan it for 4 months, please tell me. Loren Wanner



## Movin' Up Bowling

All students in grades Kindergarten and older are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 6, for bowling. We will meet at the Bowling Alley at 5:15 p.m. We will also eat hotdogs, chips, and a drink. All is provided by the church; no money is needed. Pick up your student at the Bowling Alley at 6:30 p.m. Please come inside to get them.

# Springtime in the Spirit

“The flowers appear on the earth;  
The time of singing has come,  
And the voice of the turtledove  
Is heard in our land.” (Song of Songs 2:12)

Like us, ancient Israel also looked forward to the seasonal transition to warmer weather. But they would say, “Cue the turtledoves!” Different birds and flowers, but exactly the same longing.

On Monday morning, as I write this article, it’s 15 degrees outside. This year has been brutal weather-wise since around Christmas. I know most of us look forward to the warmer temperatures and additional sunlight of spring. Say it with me, “Cue the robins!”



Tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils will soon start popping up. Hallelujah! Watch for those songbirds to begin gathering material to build their nests. All signs that “old man winter” is finally passing the proverbial torch to “sister spring.” Our most treasured literature always equates the vibrancy of spring with new life.

You are aware that God gives us special revelation through His written word, the Bible. The LORD also gives us general revelation through nature, His glorious creation. David wrote about that general revelation.

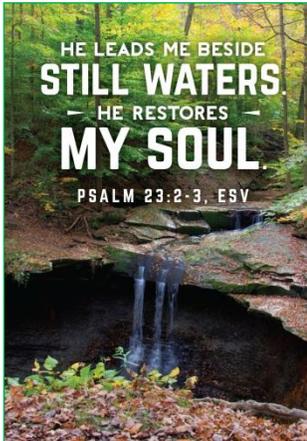
“The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world” (Psalm 19:1-4, NLT).

God is constantly speaking through stars, and flowers, and birds. Let us hold on to hope together. Brighter days are approaching!

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## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

### Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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