

Bible Study will meet on Mondays at 7:00 PM at the Ransomville Church.

Fillmore Chapel Administrative Council will meet today after worship

Fillmore Chapel paper retriever bin is located behind the church. Please save all your newspapers, junk mail and magazines

Ransomville Coffee Hour will be held on the first Sunday of each month. Please sign up to serve. Doug and Shirley Canfield will be in charge April 1st.

Ransomville United Methodist Women will meet March 22nd at 1:00 PM in the church library. Ellen Truesdell is in charge of Devotions and the program.

On April 21st there will be a concert in memory of John Earl Kennedy. The concert will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown. The concert starts at 2:00 PM.

On April 28th there will be a concert *Spring Forward With Opera* at St. Pauls Episcopal Church, 400 Ridge Road in Lewiston. Jessica Spring is a featured soloist with Ann Kennedy and Friends.

Worship Attendance
Fillmore: 33
Ransomville: 31

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**Fillmore Chapel
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Ransomville
United Methodist Church**
**Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Worship of God**

As the music begins, prepare yourself for worship in silence and prayer
9:30 & 11:00 AM **March 18, 2007**

The Gathering

The prelude
The Greeting & Announcements
The Sign of Peace (RC)

***The Call to Worship**

Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting covenant.

Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability and preparation.

Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.

All: Let us worship God.

*Song of Praise

O Worship the King

No. 73

Acts of Faith & Praise

Morning Prayer: *Call us forth, O God, to tend the places of beauty long forgotten, to plant gardens in the deserts of hurt, to pick flowers of hope when others see only despair. Take us deep this Lent and let us discover some boldness for action, some rest for our weariness, some healing for our wounds. Let forgiveness flow like a gentle river, and let our tables overflow with bounty and friendship. Let memories linger like fragrant roses and our hearts be connected to the well-spring of your love and grace. God of all life, deepen our walk with you during these days of Lent. Amen.*

Red Praise Book *Bind Us Together* No. 43
The Children's Moment (RC)

The Litany of Faith

Come back quickly to the Lord; just come back to the Lord,
Though how grave your sins may be, or how burdensome they seem.
There is no sin he cannot bear, nor sinner not accept,
For the bosom of our loving Lord is much greater than all the skies.
Come back quickly to the Lord; just come back to the Lord.
Our Lord waits every day with his doors kept open wide.
He is anxiously waiting for you every day and every night.
The Lord is waiting through the night for a child who has gone astray.
Come back quickly to the Lord, just come back to the Lord.
Though you think that you have sinned and aren't fit to be his child,
God will celebrate with a big feast when repentance brings you home.
So, come back to his open arms; come back quickly unto the Lord.

*The Gloria Patri

The First Reading *Luke 15: 1 – 13*
The Children's Moment (FC)
The Affirmation of Faith: *God of all times, Creator of each season, we know how hard it is to keep company with our fears and sorrows, storms and clouds. We are guilty of rushing through life, looking for the bright days, the sunny experiences skies. Yet Lent offers us the space to explore the dry places, the rocky ground, the turbulent waters and to find again the wellspring of God's constant love. Holy God, journey with us this Lent so we may discover the hidden spring in every wilderness, and hear your word in the midst of every doubt and question. Open us to a deeper awareness as we walk with your Son. Amen.*

Time of Prayer

Song of Prayer *It's Me* No. 352
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Red Praise Book *Cares Chorus* No. 48
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Giving Thanks to God

The Sign of Peace (FC) The Giving of Our Gifts to God
The Offertory
*The Doxology

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Telling of God's Word

The Scripture
The Message

Going Out

Trust and Obey No. 467
*Song of Faith
* Word of God's Love
*The Closing *O Sacred Head Now Wounded vs. 1* No. 286
*The Postlude

* Congregation Please Stand
Organist/Pianist: Jeanette Brooks & Alan Spring

Remember in Prayer

Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marjorie Jeffords, Dorothy Lane, Janet Fedek, Rick Diez, Gary Alger, Fred Lederhouse, Marge Rushton, David Bills, Shirley Williams, Doug Canfield, Elaine Baia, Diane Cameron, Gloria Wiepert, Nancy Trank, Mary Ellen Belschner, Chris Bunce, Sylvia McNair, Dawn Upshaw, Ray Henderson, Family, Colleagues of Lorne Henry. *Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces (Bruce Schultz, Timothy Truesdell, Jeff Kramer, Ian Zerby, Kurt Mieth, Chris Hamby, Christopher Smith, Benjamin Smith, Christopher Latta, Adam Zerby, Eddie Jackson, Duane Jacobs) and the families who have lost loved ones in conflict.*

Announcements, Activities & Meetings

Fillmore Chapel sent out two big boxes of "goodies" to our troops this week. We would like to thank everyone who brought things in. We will try to send out another care package later in the spring. We had our first meeting of our new adult group at *Knead the Dough Restaurant* this past week. We had a turnout of 15. The next event will be Friday April 13th at 6:30 PM at **Laurie Koeppen's** home. It will be a game night, such as board games, cards etc. Everyone 18 or older is welcome. If you would like to bring an appetizer, it would be appreciated.

