

# CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Come Grow with Us!*

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

February 28th, 2016

*A Christ Centered Fellowship*

**“WE GATHER TO WORSHIP!”**

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

**PRELUDE**

**Jerry Post, Organist**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**GREETING AND NEWS OF THE LORD’S WORK** *Your presence and record of attendance is very important to us. Please Print your name and pass the Attendance Registration Pad to your neighbor. Visitors, may you always feel welcome as our “Special Guests!” If you will give us your full address, we would like to send you a small token of our appreciation for your worshiping with us this morning. May you always feel welcome to return!* **PRAYER REQUESTS**-Your joys and concerns are very important to us. Please feel free to share with the Pastor/Lay Leader before or during worship.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**“Psalm 63:3 & 4”**

**Liturgist: Bill Warren**

Liturgist: “Because your steadfast love is better than life,

**Laity: my lips will praise you,**

Liturgist: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**Laity: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.”**

Liturgist: “Come, let us worship our Lord!”

**INTROIT**

**“Give Me Jesus”**

**Chancel Choir**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

**No. 158**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” - **Matthew 19:14** *(All 3-10 year olds who are present are invited following our “Children’s Time” to attend Church School in our “New Addition”.*

**SKIT**

**“After God's Own Heart”**

**Jerry Post, Director**

**based on Acts 13:22**

**ANTHEM**

**“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

**Chancel Choir & Solina Warren, Flute**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Scripture, Offertory**

***Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**“OUR MINISTRY OF CARING AND SHARING!”**

**FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER**

*(Please feel free to share your Joys and Concerns.)*

*Pastoral Prayer, Personal Meditation*

***“The Lord’s Prayer”***

*Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen!*

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**No. 526**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**“Luke 13:1-9” (NIV)**

**Liturgist: Bill Warren**

**SERMON**

**“The Time to Get Serious About the Future Is . . .”**

**Rev. D. W. Meister**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

**“Thy Word Is a Lamp”**

**No. 601**

*(During the singing of this hymn, please feel free to come forward with your monthly “World Hunger Offering”.)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Closing Choral Response:**

**“Go to the World”**

**No. 3158**

*(to the tune of For All the Saints)*

***“Go to the world! Go into all the Earth.***

***Go preach the cross where Christ's renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia, Alleluia.”***

**POSTLUDE**

**We Respond to God’s Word and Depart from this Service to Do God’s will...**

**Children’s Church School:** All 3-10 year olds are invited to our educational wing for Sunday School immediately after our “Children’s Time” in Worship.

**Lenten Classes & Services:**

Our Men's Lenten Saturday Breakfasts and Sharing Group on Saturday mornings, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. you are invited to join our “Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Dave”. During Lent we will be studying Rev. Adam Hamilton’s new book entitled “John... The Gospel of Light and Love”.

Sunday’s Bible Study after Sunday Worship with Larry and Kathy Yankee.

**Fellowship Time...** Please feel free to be our “GUEST” in Fellowship Hall following worship for a goodie and beverage. Let’s get better acquainted! May you always feel welcome.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup></u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am  11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Skit Sunday <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday World Hunger Offering</i> Sunday Bible Study w/Larry & Kathy Yankee
<u>Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup></u> <i>Leap Day!</i>	10:00 am	Senior Exercise ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )
<u>Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup></u> <i>Bulletin Items Due by 9 a.m.</i>	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group Quilting Group (see Gay Carrier for location) Senior Cards/Games ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> ) Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am	Hand2Hand Backpack Packing Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor Dave
<u>Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	H2H Delivers Food Senior Exercise ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> ) “Pie with Pastor Dave” ( <i>Village Market</i> )
<u>Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup></u>	9:30 am-2 pm	Casco Area Wellness Fair ( <i>Casco UMC</i> )
<u>Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup></u>	8:00 am	Men’s Lenten Breakfast & Study Group
<u>Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup></u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am  11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Holy Communion <i>One Great Hour of Sharing (special offering)</i> Lenten Bible Study w/Larry & Kathy Yankee

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Statement-  
“Building up  
the Kingdom of  
God... N.O.W.  
through Nurture,  
Outreach, and  
Witness!”**

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Assistant**



**THIS WEEK – 2/28**

Altar Flowers: Barb Raak  
Children’s Time: Volunteer Needed  
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers: Whitey Marr, Guy Rayon, Bob Oden, Larry LaRue  
Acolytes: Volunteer Needed  
Liturgist: Volunteer Needed  
Coffee Fellowship: Debbie Laraway  
Counters: Doug, Nancy, Rachel  
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon  
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet  
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

**IN HIS SERVICE**

**NEXT WEEK – 3/6**

Altar Flowers: Open  
Children’s Time: Volunteer Needed  
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers: Whitey Marr, Guy Rayon, Bob Oden, Larry LaRue  
Acolytes: Volunteer Needed  
Liturgist: Bill Warren  
Coffee Fellowship: Larry & Kathy Yankee  
Counters: Mike, Joan, Blanche  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

**Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers:** Sherry Grigg, Vern Long, The family of Beverly Meister, Elverta Maas, Jerry Jerrett, Ellen Appelhans, The family of Rodney Webb, The family of Chuck Ridley, The family of Mary Reames, Joyce Havens, Jim Zurawski, Pastor Mark, , Nicole Flora, Gary Flora, Jim Liepe, Jacob Grigg, Mike Scott, Ella Hogle, Don Spencer, Irene Ellmer, Lewis Mitchell, Tracey Dekker, David Clark, Jackie Welton, Irene Dukeschere, Barbara Sutton, Diana Kark, Larry Brush, Larry Ridley, Arlene Laraway. **Our Service men and women:** Dana Vermilye, Jayare Erickson, Robert Ulmer. **Members & Friends who are shut-ins, or living in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and health care facilities:** Roberta Alexander, Richard Barden , Judy Oden, Don Kark.