

# The Circuit Writer

Elkton United Methodist Church  
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2014

## *Lenten Study on Prayer*

using Brian McLaren's book:

# **Naked Spirituality**

*A Life with God in Twelve Simple Words*

Please join us at 7:00 PM on Sunday nights, beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup> as we seek to expand and deepen our understandings of prayer in ways that will lead to an enriched practice of prayer.

“It is a book that strips things down to the bare essentials, cutting through stale debates, old ideologies, and ethereal theology to unveil a simple love for God and neighbor that is worth devoting your life to... You will find something on these pages that will help you breathe again.”  
-- Shane Claiborne

From the book itself, paraphrasing Jesus' words to the woman at the well :

“Dressed-up de-ligion divides people based on arguments about mountains, but it sends everybody away thirsty. Naked spirituality invites people to a deeper level and unites them there, and their spiritual thirst is fulfilled. God is Spirit, and those who approach God must come to God in a spiritual and authentic way.”

I think you'll enjoy this class and find it enriching.  
Hope to see you there.

David

## LAY READERS (11:00)

February 23...Ed Turner  
March 2...Jan Lorette  
March 9...Winston Hensley  
March 16...Tamlyn Ogden  
March 23...Terri Davis  
March 30...Irene Jenkins  
April 6...Bob Bloomquist  
April 13...Sandy Cude  
April 20 ...Ed Turner  
April 27...Andy East  
May 4...Harvey Gasser  
May 11...Ormond Painter  
May 18...Jan Lorette  
May 25...Winston Hensley  
June 1...Tamlyn Ogden

## 8:35 Connection Hospitality Teams schedule THRU April 27

### TEAM I

Feb. 9 & 16  
March 23 & 30  
May 4 & 11

### TEAM II

Feb. 23 & March 2  
April 6 & 13

### TEAM III

March 9 & 16  
April 20 & 27

Blue Ridge Ministries is  
offering the following event:

### A Lenten Journey: Preparing for death and resurrection

*Leader: Kevin A. Clark, M.A., D.Min.*  
Held at "Hillside View,"  
Harrisonburg, VA

**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

*Cost—\$35 on or before Mar. 1;  
\$45 after Mar. 1 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
(\$10 for  
students,  
scholarships available)*

What would it mean to intentionally prepare for

death...to know your earthly time is nearly over...to face into the void between this reality and the next? You may be at that place now...you may know others in the struggle between life and death...you may be wondering about this time we all will face. Jesus knows something about the journey. In this Lenten retreat we will take time to be engaged by Gethsemane prayer (Matthew 26:36-46) as we set aside several hours for prayerful reflection on the Lenten journey of cross, death and yes, resurrection with Jesus.

Contact [blueridgeministries@yahoo.com](mailto:blueridgeministries@yahoo.com) or 540-560-1605 for flyer and to register.

## NURSERY WORKERS (11:00)

February 23...Anna Campbell  
March 2 ...Loretta Miller  
March 9 ...Jerri MacLennan  
March 16...Carol Hensley  
March 23..Terri Davis  
March 30...Anna Campbell  
April 6 ...Loretta Miller  
April 13...Jerri MacLennan  
April 20..Carol Hensley  
April 27...Terri Davis  
May 4 ...Anna Campbell  
May 11...Loretta Miller  
May 18...Jerri MacLennan  
May 25...Carol Hensley  
June 1...Terri Davis

## GREETERS (11:00)

Feb. 23...Marie Frey & Alice Hensley Parking lot-  
Joshua Gooden  
March 2...Alda Powell & Irene Jenkins Parking lot-  
Sam Gentry  
March 9...Betty & Richard Tavenner Parking lot-Bill  
Madren  
March 16...Allen & Kitty Young Parking lot- Harvey  
Gasser  
March 23..Ditman Flory & Jan Lorette Parking lot –  
Marie Frey  
March 30..Joshua Gooden & Sam Gentry  
April 6..Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
April 13..Don & Kathleen Grimes  
April 20...Alda Powell & Irene Jenkins  
April 27...Ted & Anna Campbell  
May 4...Marie Frey & Alice Hensley  
May 11...Betty & Richard Tavenner  
May 18...Allen & Kitty Young  
May 25...Bob Bloomquist and Harvey Gasser

## USHERS (11:00)

Feb. 23...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist,  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
Mar. 2...Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
Ed & Michelle Turner  
Mar. 9 ..Ted & Anna Campbell  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
March 16...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
March 23...Betty Tavenner, Tamlyn Ogden  
Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers  
March 30...Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
Ed & Michelle Turner  
April 6...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
April 13...Don & Sandy Cude  
Winston & Carol Hensley  
April 20...Harvey & Sharon Gasser  
Sam Gentry, Ditman Flory  
April 27...Mike Jenkins, Bob Bloomquist  
Dick Lorette, Joshua Gooden  
May 4...Betty Tavenner, Tamlyn Ogden  
Irene Reynolds, Carolyn Akers  
May 11...Marvin & Neil Hillsman  
Ed & Michelle Turner  
May 18...Ted & Anna Campbell  
Don & Kathleen Grimes  
May 25...Don & Sandy Cude  
Winston & Carol Hensley

## Project Crossroads 2014

The dates for our summer mission trip to Project Crossroads have been chosen. They are: Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. So, make your plans now, so that you can include this week in mission as part of your summer!!

## Don't Forget EAUS!

Don't forget that our congregation is collecting food for Elkton Area United Services (EAUS) every Sunday. Jeremy & Beth Hildebrand are heading up this mission effort and keeping us informed as to what items are most needed at the time. **Right now, we are currently collecting canned fruit!**

Don't forget. You can make a difference for people in Elkton who are having a hard time affording food.

## News from The Elkton United Methodist Women

Please continue to remember the shut-ins by your visits, cards and calls.

As always we love to have guests attend our circle meetings. Come join in fellowship and service.

Wesleyan Circle: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM  
Amanda Kite Circle: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday nights at 7:00 PM  
Elsie Cover Circle: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoons at 1:30.

## Some Plans for 2014

In *addition* to many on-going ministries, here are some *new* emphases and plans coming out of our Administrative Council planning session:

In the area of **worship**, we want the youth bell choir to play at 8:35 worship in addition to 11:00 and we want to develop a church events calendar.

In the area of **Evangelism/Invitational Ministries**, we want to use our cross the street banners for more events, work more closely with our scout troops, and plan more fun events as "easy entries" for inviting friends.

In the area of **Discipleship and Growing in Faith**, we are offering a Lenten class on Prayer, seeking to develop an on-going prayer group and encouraging participation in District prayer events.

In the area of **Fellowship and Belonging**, building on the success of the Chili Cook-Off, we want to offer more of such events, some we hope to see in 2014 include, a Wiffle Ball day, a Movie Night, a Gong Show/Talent show, and a Bingo day. We also want to move forward on plans for building a handicapped accessible bathroom.

In the area of **Sharing our resources for mission**, we felt the need to do a better job of celebrating all our successes in that area.

## 2014 Lent & Easter Calendar

Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>...12:00 noon: Ash  
Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes.

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>...8:35 AM & 11:00 AM:  
Palm/Passion Sunday worship.

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>...6:30 PM: Beef & Barley  
Soup "Silent Supper," with scripture readings.

**7:00 PM:** Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion, with special music from the Chancel Choir.

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.. **6:30 AM:** Easter Sunrise worship.

**7:00 AM:** Covered-dish fellowship breakfast.

**8:35 AM:** Contemporary Easter Worship

**11:00 AM:** Traditional Easter Worship

## Church Yard Sale

Please start setting aside any items that you are willing to donate for the annual church yard sale! This year it is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. All proceeds go to help defray the costs to send children from our congregation for summer camp at Camp Overlook, this summer!

## Prayer Concerns...

(as known)  
Jenna Turner  
Bud & Pat Fitzwater  
Bill Madren  
Anita McGregor  
Ruby Hildebrand  
Woody Tutwiler  
Ruth Reynolds  
Nioka Morris  
the family of Lewis Lindamood  
the family of Nancy Flory  
Irene Reynolds  
Patty Life  
Danielle Mauck

## 8:35 Hospitality Teams Roster

### Team I

Sandy Cude – Team leader & Door Greeter  
Don Cude – Parking Greeter  
Carol Hensley – Hostess  
Terri Davis – Nursery

### Team II

Sandy Cabbage – Team Leader & Door Greeter  
Kenny Cabbage – Parking Greeter  
Travis Cabbage – Parking Greeter  
Richard Morris – Parking Greeter  
Amy Morris - Door Greeter  
Jerri MacLennan – Hostess  
Brian or Lisa Kriel – Nursery

### Team III

Pat East – Team Leader & Door Greeter  
Andy East – Parking Greeter  
Jan Lorette – Hostess  
Mary Ripley – Nursery