



March Birthdays:

1st...Melba Speelman,
12th...Shari Conley,
13th...Florence Hipple,
14th...Wilma Carroll,
26th...Susan Eichelberger,



Please help us to celebrate these special birthdays, this month, with a shower of cards:

Florence Hipple turns 99!

Wilma Carroll turns 94!

Mail cards to Florence at:

200 W. Eisenhower,
Waterman, IL 60556

Mail cards to Wilma at:

407 W. Comanche,
Apt.#126,



Thank you for your support.

The families that come to the NICE Center are very appreciative of all that you do. **We are now collecting for the month of March and we would like to collect jelly.** The items can be put into the collection box in the Narthex. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for what we will be

Thank You!!!!!!

... to our snow removers: Dave Stryker, Brent Monteiro and Linda Loudermilk.

...to all of you who helped out at the NICE Center in February and to the many food pantry donors to the NICE Center each and every month.

.....to the many hands that brought in goodies for our Annual Meeting

....to our February pulpit leaders

February 4th: Our Music Service with Sue Rood and Christine. To our congregation for your song requests, to our accomplished musicians, and the visual/audio specialist.

February 11th: Church service was cancelled due to inclement weather.

February 18th: Worship with CLP Charles Johnson, a lunch was served after the service, *Thank You Deacons!!* Our Annual Meeting was held with Reverend Blake Richter moderating.

Please Pray for: The Jimenez Family, Floyd Hunt, The Gaston Family, The Family of Gonwo Dahnweih (*Gonwo's father, Chief LorMeanu Augustus Dahnweih passed away*), The Conley Family (*in the passing of "Papa" George Claybaugh*), The Family of Paula Shuck Coe, Rev. Gonwo Dahnweih (*knee surgery*) Jodie Shuck, Frank Bilardello, Norm Johnson, Jennifer Hipple (*Florence Hipple's granddaughter*) and Our Church. **Our military personnel:** Staff Sgt. Vadon Loudermilk Jr., Major Garrett Slack & Major Bob Mitchell.



Pulpit Supply for Sundays in March 2018

March 4th: 9:30 am, a Special Joint Music Service at the United Methodist Church.

March 11th: 10:00 am Worship & Communion Service with Reverend Robert Conner at Waterman Presbyterian Church.

March 18th: 10:00 am Worship with CLP Charles Johnson at Waterman Presbyterian Church.

March 25th: 10:00 am Worship with CLP Wendy Keller at Waterman Presbyterian Church.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th... A Joint Worship Service with Communion. Pastor Paul Lee will conduct this service at Waterman Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm

April 1st: 9:30 am, a Joint Easter Worship Service at the United Methodist Church.



Why Do We Display Lilies at Easter?

As early as the 7th century, the Ven. Bede (673-735) likened the Virgin Mary to a white lily, the white petals symbolizing her pure virginal body and the golden anthers the radiance of her soul. We find reference again to Our Lady's purity when the great St. Bernard (1090-1154) described Our Lady as "the violet of humility, the lily of chastity, the rose of purity."

The Church taught the Annunciation [the announcement of the Incarnation by the angel Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:26–38)] took place in the springtime "at the time of the flowers." Also, according to the scholars of St. Bernard's time, the name Nazareth in Hebrew signifies a flower. Thus, he would write: "The flower willed to be born of a flower, in a flower, at the time of flowers."

The flower the medievals found to best symbolize the purity of Mary, was the lily, admired as a flower of purity since the time of the Ancients. Thus, by the 14th century, it became common to find the lily in Annunciation paintings and illuminations.

Beautiful legends emerged to explain the origin of the flower. It was told that the lily sprang from the tears of Eve, when she was expelled from the Garden of Eden. But it was yellow until the day that the Virgin Mary stooped to pick it, thus symbolizing the role of the New Eve in restoring to the world the innocence lost by Eve.

Thus, Mary came to be associated with the lily because it is white, untouched and noble. The lily was also reputed among the ancients to have the power of healing, and so in this too corresponded to the Woman who was to bring to the world the cure for its sins.

According to a pious legend, after the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord, some of these beautiful flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went to pray the night before His Crucifixion. Legend has it that these flowers sprung up where drops of Christ's blood fell as he prayed." Thus, they are sometimes called the "white robed apostles of hope."

It was only in the early 1900s that the lily became a common adornment in churches and homes in the Paschal season and began to be commonly used in Resurrection paintings and depictions. Truly, the flower lends itself readily as a fitting symbol of the Resurrection.

The seemingly lifeless bulb buried in the ground represents the tomb of Christ; from the cold earth new life is released, recalling Christ rising from the dead. Like Christ, the Easter lily is reborn to live again.

This glorious white trumpet-like flower symbolizes His life after death. The snowy white color stands for the purity of the Divine Savior, the gold represents his Kingship, while the trumpet shape signifies Gabriel's trumpet call to rebirth and new life.



2018 Easter Lily Order Form/ Lilies are \$8.00 for each potted plant.



Name: _____

of Lilies _____ @ \$8.00 each total _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Lily order deadline is Sunday, March 18th. Please make check out to Waterman Presbyterian



Reminder: Sunday, March 11th, Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am. **Saturday evening**, before you retire for the evening, set your clocks ahead one hour.....

Neighbors in Christ Ecumenical
346 S. County Line Road
PO Box 5
Lee, IL 60530-0005

NICE

Waterman Presbyterian Church
250 N. Cedar
Waterman, IL 60556

February 11, 2018

Emergency Clean-up Bucket. We have another bucket! It is unfortunate that there is a continued need for these buckets. This will be an on-going Mission for the Waterman Presbyterian Church. Please take a card or two or three, and bring the items to the church and place them into our bucket. Thank you for helping those in need!

On behalf of the Neighbor's in Christ Ecumenical Center, I would like to thank you for your generous donation.

Your gift of \$500.00 (Check# 238), will help our organization fulfill its mission. Wherever there is a need, we try to help as many families as we can in our NICE community with food, clothing, furniture and any need that arises. Sometimes all they need is a little love from us to help them keep going! We all get such a warm feeling from just listening and helping.

We rely on donations to keep our center functioning. The people of this community have been very generous with their help. "We are people helping people!"

We are very blessed by having so many caring people like you who give of themselves.

Our thanks for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

N.I.C.E

I was asked to prepare a brief statement on my involvement in Africa, Liberia in particular. My work will be in two stages, beginning with my upcoming dissertation trip and I hope the following information helps:

1. A three to four month trip beginning March, 2018. During this trip I will be collecting dissertation data at a rural public school. There I will be interviewing four students (two 6th graders and two twelfth graders); conducting focus or discussion group sessions with 12 graders; observing a 6th grade and a 12th grade class; and collecting artifacts. I will begin to analyze these data and then come to the US where I continue analyzing and then write the dissertation for graduation with a Doctorate in Education (Ed. D).

2. I then return to Liberia to do indigenous language literacy and language preservation work. a) fight to introduce bilingual education in schools, enabling native students to learn in their own languages alongside English, the official, national and only education language of the country. b) Write/produce native language materials to promote literacy. c) Collaborate with missionary Bible translators with the goal of completing the translation of the entire Bible into Liberian languages. Run a language institute for producing reading materials and training teachers.

I will simply say that ***I am going to Liberia to collect dissertation data*** and will return there ***to do language literacy work.***



MARCH 2017

It's March already! We are looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and St. Patrick's! Our math investigation leads us to patterns. In science, we will explore magnets and microscopes. Lastly, we will read about Palm Sunday and Easter.



Reminders:

Orders for Butter Braids are due March 5 & 6.
Delivery of Butter Braids is scheduled for March 22.
Spring Break March 26-30. We are back in school on April 2.
Be sure to check your parent pocket.

Please call or email if your child will not be in school.
815-264-3991 or ohpreschool1988@gmail.com

Thank You !!! A thank you to the board members for their time and support. Many thanks to all the parents and caregivers!