

# THE CUP



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CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*'Join us for a drink of Living Water'*



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## From the Pastor's Desk...

## MARCH 2022

Dear Cup family and friends,

When Jesus had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.

'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.'

John 13:12-15

This Lenten season, we are spending time with Jesus and the disciples in the upper room, taking a close look at our Lord's lengthy teaching to his inner circle who were filled with anxiety, confusion, anger, and grief. What does Jesus focus on, when he knows this is the last time he will talk with them before going to the cross?

For the most part, Jesus focuses on HOPE, HELP, and HOME. Some of the most precious promises in all of Scripture are found here. Yet at the beginning of it all, Jesus provides something in addition to his words – he provides action. Washing the disciples' feet, the job of the most menial of slaves that none of the disciples were willing to do for each other, Jesus demonstrates that HUMBLE SERVICE is the hallmark of leadership in the kingdom he rules.

During these days of crisis in the Ukraine, I am increasingly thankful for living in a country where leaders (at least most of the time) care for their citizens, and the truth is (eventually) brought to light. How much more thankful I am that our heavenly, eternal Lord and Creator has a character shown in Jesus!

Cup church is currently being invited to be a part of network team of care from several churches to provide resettlement care for refugees coming into our country from various places such as Afghanistan, the Ukraine, and elsewhere. While government and NGO agencies (such as Jewish Family Resettlement Services, who we are working with) do the heavy financial lifting of providing housing and transportation for families coming from elsewhere, often with little but the clothes on their backs, community members provide the initial help such as trips to the grocery store and doctor's office, navigating cultural differences and orientation, and some basic friendships to help bridge the complex process of making a new life in a new place. This can be inconvenient and confusing work at times – but deeply rewarding as well. Once our area churches come up with a list of 30 willing volunteers who are interested in receiving the orientation training (about four and a half to six hours in length), we can begin the process of helping some of the 'least of these' (Matthew 25:45).

Jesus himself and his family were refugees (Math. 2:13-23). What better way can we demonstrate our Lord's love than to reach out in this way?

May the comforting, powerful love of Christ be yours on our journey together this spring toward the cross and the empty tomb!

Blessings,

Pastor Scott

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On Saturday, March 5, pastors and leaders from churches across Beaver County joined together for prayers for our churches, county, country and world at Cup church. Pastor Scott and ruling elder Jale Haas were among those leading the time together, which focused on numerous topics, including racial reconciliation. The group 'Undivided in Christ' sponsors numerous cross-denominational and cross-racial events in Beaver County.



**SHINE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**  
Wednesdays at 4:00pm

**FOLLOWED BY FAMILY DINNER**  
at 6:00pm

**Upcoming SHINE SUNDAYS**  
March 20th



**This Sunday, March 13, 2022**

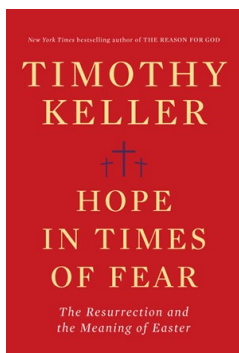


**Easter Flowers** on sale now! The last day to order is **March 20th**. Contact Nancy Hinzman with questions.



Join us for **SUNDAY SCHOOL** during Lent.  
Sunday Mornings at 9:15am

The adult class will be studying "Hope In Times of Fear" by best selling author Timothy Keller. Join them in the library.



The young adult class, located in the Bartholomew Room, will be studying the TV series, "The Chosen". Join them as they learn about the life of Jesus.

Childcare is available during the Sunday School hour.

In March the Deacons will be collecting for The Beaver County Women's Shelter. The Spring 2022 Wishlist is for "New items" only and "No food item". Items are needed for children/ teens, adult, and shelter items. A detailed list is available and attached to our collection box and in the bulletin. Let's join in helping to provide protection and cover for those in need. Thank you!



### March/April Calendar

<u>March 1</u>	7:00p Worship Committee 7:30p TRUSTEES
<u>March 2</u>	7:00p Ash Wednesday Service
<u>March 3</u>	6:00p DEACONS
<u>March 5</u>	11:00p Undivided—Prayer
<u>March 9</u>	1:00p Game Day/Lunch Bunch at The Grand Valley Inn
<u>March 15</u>	7:00p SESSION
<u>April 5</u>	7:00p Worship Committee 7:30p TRUSTEES
<u>April 10</u>	10:30a Palm Sunday Service
<u>April 13</u>	1:00p Game Day/Lunch Bunch at The Grand Valley Inn
<u>April 13-14</u>	Crosscurrent 30hr Famine
<u>April 14</u>	7:00p Maundy Thursday Service
<u>April 17</u>	10:30a EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE
<u>April 19</u>	7:00p SESSION
<u>April 23</u>	9:00a SHINE Dress Rehearsal
<u>April 24</u>	7:00p SHINE Spring Musical

### Weekly Meetings...

Monday Afternoon 1:00pm  
**Adult Bible Study (Library)**  
(Resumes March 14th)

Wednesday Evening 4:00pm  
**SHINE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**  
**Family Dinner at 6:00pm**

Thursday Morning 9:00am  
**Women's Small Group**

Friday Morning 6:00am  
**Men's Group @ Eat 'n Park**  
(every other Friday)

Sunday Evening 4:30pm  
**Confirmation/Inquirer's Group**

Sunday Evening 6:00pm  
**Crosscurrent Youth Group**

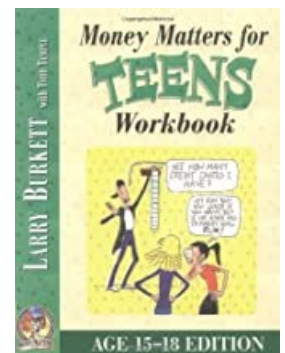
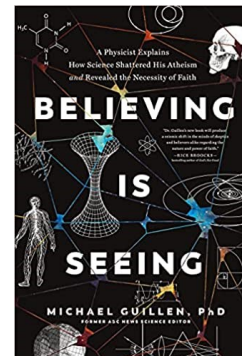


### CUP Library News

**Paula Keefer-Herter, Librarian**

We have recently added several books to the Cup Library shelves. Here is a list of the titles which may be of interest to you.

Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy  
The Scandal of Forgiveness by Philip Yancey  
Believing is Seeing by Michael Guillen  
Money, Possessions and Eternity by Randy Alcorn  
Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations  
By Jimmy Scroggins and Steve Wright

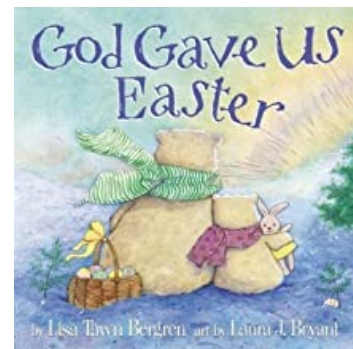


In our Youth Section you will find these new additions.

Money Matters for Teens by Larry Burkett  
Surviving Religion 101 by Michael Kruger

And on the Children's shelves you will find these new selections.

God Gave Us Easter by Lisa Bergren  
Isaiah and the Worry Pack by Ruth Goring  
The Celebration Place by Dorena Williamson



These and many others titles are available to anyone interested in checking them out.

Our library is open to you anytime the church doors are open (unless a meeting is scheduled for the room). If you are interested just remove the card from the back pocket, sign your name and place in the small basket next to the card files on the table against the left wall. Enjoy!



Spring is on its way!

“For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.” Isaiah 61:11

**Crosscurrent Youth Group** has been meeting Sundays and enjoying each others company as we continue to learn and grow. We had some wild weather which kept us apart but we are so looking forward to the cool spring days ahead. We had a great time at Winter Retreat last month. It was cold and icy but it was spirit filled! A handful of our kids are preparing for the upcoming musicals at their High Schools.

Blackhawk Presents Anastasia on March 10-13th tickets on sale online only.

Beaver Falls Presents Freaky Friday on March 25-27th. I highly recommend getting out and supporting our youth! Upcoming in April our youth will be partaking in a 30 Hour Famine. Please see more details in the bulletin soon. We are also still looking for any adults interested in joining us on our Summer Mission Trip to Kentucky July 2nd– July 9th. See Ms. Joel for more details

**Confirmation** class has been quite faithful in their class time. Please keep them in prayer as they continue to grow in their faith.

**SHINE** Our Spring Semester kicked off last month and we have 17 kids joining us weekly as we have already had our first Shine Sunday! We are excited to be continually growing and learning along side these kiddos!

**Children's Church** Children ages PreK-3rd grade will be invited to join Ms. Joel during the sermon for their own time of learning and growing. Children will still be apart of worship at the beginning and end. Children will be escorted with Ms. Joel after Pastor Scott's prayer before his sermon. We are looking forward to learning and growing together.

\*If you are interested in being a helper for Children's Church please see Ms. Joel.

As always I ask you to please keep all the children and youth in our community and beyond in prayer.

Your sister in Christ,

Joel Cuniff

CUP Children and Youth Director

