

March 2024

Conley's United Methodist Church



# THE CONNECTION

In essentials, unity

In non-essentials, liberty

In all things, charity



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## Special Points of Interest

- Poetry, Prayers, and Words of Wisdom
- Special Days in March



## The Pastor's Pen

*a word from Pastor Bill Davis*

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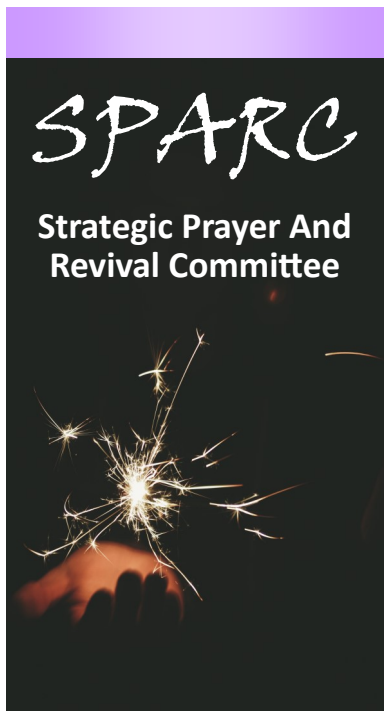
We are now well into the season of Lent. Growing up in a non-liturgical church, I did not experience this ancient tradition of the church until adulthood. When I began to observe the liturgical calendar, I found the traditions of Lent especially appealing. The long season does not solicit sentimentality or emotion in the same way that other holy observances often do. Rather, the season calls for thoughtful consideration of our humanity and a sober assessment of our (un)willingness to sacrifice our comfort for the sake of our beloved. It is a solemn season of reflection and repentance.

This year at Conley's we took part in a new Lenten observance; we produced a devotional book written primarily by members of our own congregation. The endeavor was a rousing success. Sincere thanks are due to those who donated their time and talent to put the book together as well as all who contributed to its contents. All of the essays, testimonies, and artwork were insightful, inspirational, and thought provoking. For me, even the cover was thought provoking; I must admit that I was a little taken aback at first. The title in bold letters: "Shout it Out;" beneath that, a biblical exhortation to "Sing to him a new song, play skillfully, and shout for joy" (Psalm 33:3) – all superimposed over a picture of worshipers with upraised hands. Sing a new song? Shout for joy?? Is this Lent or Pentecost?!

The more I contemplated this unusually-joyous-for-Lent cover, the more I liked it. I often remind people of the importance of Lenten Sundays. The Sundays in Lent are not included in the forty days of penitence, but that does not mean they are not an important part of Lent. To the contrary, they remind us that even in the wilderness experiences of life—perhaps especially in the wilderness experiences—we must not lose sight of the joy of the Resurrection. While this joy will culminate at Easter, we begin to live it now. Is this not the way of the Christian life? We walk through a broken world scarred by sin and struggle, and we look forward to the day that Christ will return to reign in joy and peace. But that does not mean life on this earth is something to be stoically endured as we sadly trudge toward a future glory. As Christians, we experience the steadfast love of our Creator in this earthly life; we rejoice in God's amazing grace right now; we are filled with gratitude to our merciful Savior today.

The joy of Lent is a unique type of joy – distinct from the celebratory joy we often associate with holy days and commemorations. It is the joy of the lost discovering the way out of the darkness. The path ahead may be difficult, but there is joy in the homebound journey. Lent is the joy of the broken being made whole. The path to recovery may be painful, but there is joy in the healing process. Lent is the joy of forgiveness. The path to reconciliation may be humbling, but there is joy in a relationship restored. The joy of Lent is the joy of the sinner knowing that God never leaves us or forsakes us. For forty days we symbolically join Jesus in his wilderness, and there we find the greater truth that Jesus joins us in ours. And that is, indeed, something worth shouting and singing about.

I pray that God is blessing you and all of Conley's Church as we journey together on the Lenten path to Easter.



## Do Not Worry – Trust in God

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ..... Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"*

*So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

(Matthew 6: 25-27; 31-34.)

*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*  
(1 Thessalonians 5: 18).

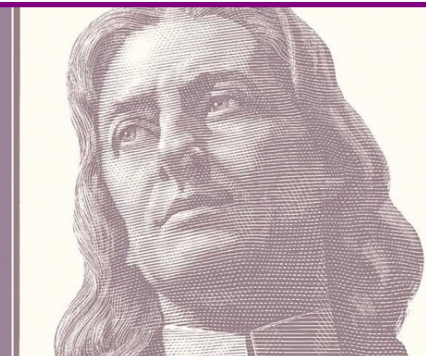
*Be still and know that I am God.* (Psalm 46:10)

Jesus tells us not to worry and yet how many of us do? If we are honest most of us will agree we do worry, fret and fuss. If we are truly faithful we will claim our faith and trust in Jesus. This should be our goal. It is God's will for us. I wish I were that person. I'm working on it. I'm getting better but it is not often my first response. I often cry out "What now God?" But do I ever listen? Do I concentrate on the promises of Jesus and remember God's blessings in the past? Not usually. I confess It is not my first reaction. But when I have exhausted myself and have nothing left but God, I find God is enough. I rest in my Father's arms as He comforts me. When I am still and know my God, I hear Him say, "It will be okay." I am assured that, as God has done in the past, He will do again. Whether the solution is immediate or long term, I am confident He will walk with me every step of the way and "it will be okay."

**Father God, Holy and Faithful, strengthen me in focus and obedience in full assurance knowing that you see and care. Forgive me when I fret and worry, forgetting Your love and faithfulness, forgetting You are the God of the ages , my ever present help. When I am agitated with worry, still me, wrap Your arms around me and assure me "It will be okay." Thank You, Father God for what You have done in the past and what You are going to do. I am comforted as I pray in gratitude and joy in my Savior's name, Jesus Christ. Amen**

*"Unless God has raised you up for this very thing, you will be worn out by the opposition of men and devils. But if God be for you, who can be against you? Are all of them together stronger than God? O be not weary of well doing!"*

—John Wesley







Something new is growing in the Enclave! In case you are curious, an enclave is just a distinct area within a larger territory. It is the affectionate term for the area behind Conley's with a U-shaped asphalt walkway surrounded by trees. If you look closely while you are out walking, there are three crosses hiding in the trees, remnants from the years when Conley's congregation put on a live Nativity that brought hundreds of local people in to see the wonder of Jesus's birth story. Recently, it has been largely unused, except by our furry neighbors,

the groundhogs, and Steve and his dog Aries! This land is beckoning us to come, to cultivate a space that will once again welcome the community and reflect the peace that we freely receive from being in relationship with Jesus.



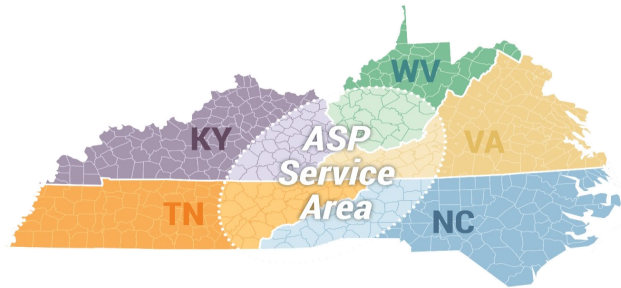
Building off the momentum captured at the prayer walk (summary in Feb newsletter), the Vision team is partnering with avid gardeners in the congregation to plant a colorful peace garden in front of the Enclave.

We plan to add a couple benches and maybe some birdhouses too. It will be a symbol of our shared vision. One team member sketched out the initial idea and called it a "spark that will light the fuse of imagination and ideas" to extend our sanctuary beyond the church building. We met on Sunday to rough out a couple ideas in the grass to guide the work. If you squint you can see some twine in the shape of a cross below.

We will be clearing a few beds in the coming weeks as well as germinating seeds for planting as soon as the earth warms up. We welcome anyone who likes to garden to help us stoke this little flame into life. Stay tuned for announcements on how you can help.



## Greetings from the Missions Team



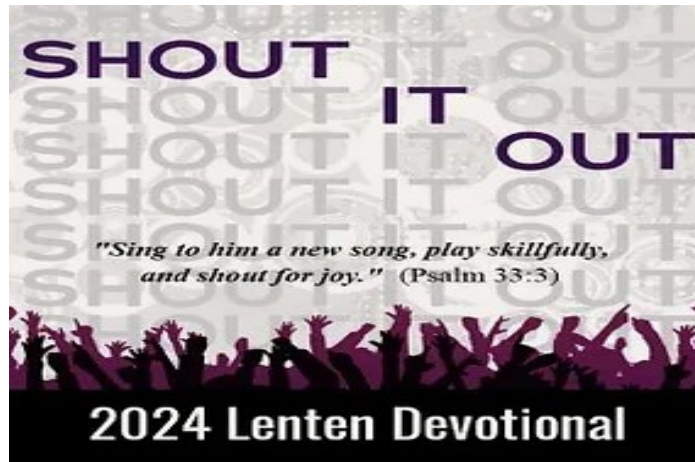
### Did you know?

Conley's distributes 10% of all income from church offerings to local, national, and international missions programs.

### What You Do on an ASP Mission Trip

- ♦ Complete home repair projects for low-income families in Central Appalachia
- ♦ Form relationships with homeowners and community members
- ♦ Learn about the Appalachian region, its complex culture, history, and unique gifts
- ♦ Explore the beauty of the region and its people
- ♦ Enhance your spirituality and grow closer to God
- ♦ Become empowered—YOU can make a difference

## Evangelism Team News



- Over 140 copies of Conley's 2024 Lenten devotional book have been distributed since February 11 th just before Ash Wednesday!
- Have you passed Conley's 2024 Lenten devotional book with anyone yet such as a neighbor, friend or relative?

The Conley's 2024 Lenten Devotional book (with devotions through March 30, Holy Saturday) is still available at the church office and narthex. There is also an Online edition available at:

[https://www.conleysumc.org/files/ugd/dc6575\\_0b2d965a6e9740e5b4ca6a7a1770765d.pdf](https://www.conleysumc.org/files/ugd/dc6575_0b2d965a6e9740e5b4ca6a7a1770765d.pdf)

Thanks to all contributors and to Sandy Shipe and Kathie Meredith for their assistance.

Conley's will be producing a Lenten Devotional book for 2025 so gather your thoughts and experiences and be ready to share!

**Conley's had a second successful Bring a Friend Sunday** on February 11th with 150 total people in attendance including 30 Visitors. Please mark your calendar for the **next Bring a Friend Sunday in May on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.**

- Did you notice the two new welcome flags on Conley's driveway and that we now have designated visitor parking spaces in the front of the church?

- Did you know that Conley's is observing National Day of Prayer on May 2?

Look for more details in the April newsletter.





## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### The Latest from Conley's Social Concerns Team



#### Soup Social

The kitchen and the fellowship hall have been bustling on Wednesdays. Soup Social has been hosting between 35 and 50 people for lunch and fellowship since the beginning of the year. Dale Kehrner heads up the teams of people who prepare and serve the lunch. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for those wishing to donate soup and/or desserts. Contact Dale if you can help.

#### Feeding the Flock (s)

God has blessed this ministry with a growing number of people receiving our bag lunches on Mondays. We have restructured the way we distribute the lunches. Instead of remaining at one location and expecting people to come to us; we now go to the Old Landing Apartments from 11 to 11:30, Millsboro Village 1 & 2 from 11:30 to 12, and the Hickman Motel from 12 to 12:30. In just a few short weeks, we have begun to develop relationships with more people. As Pastor Bill has mentioned, there is an epidemic of loneliness in the world. We see that in the number of people who want a hug or who just hang out to talk for a few minutes. I confess that on occasions, we find it difficult to leave. Reflecting on how we started out 3 years ago, giving out 25 lunches twice a week, it's difficult to wrap my head around giving out 120 to 150 lunches and all the other meals. I'm glad I answered the call to serve.

We are planning to start up the Friday lunch distribution sometime in March. We are in need of two more volunteers who can help Judy and Charlie Parson with assembling the lunch bags and with distribution. This is four hours each Friday, 9AM – 1PM.

Feeding the Flock is made up of an amazing group of volunteers. Join us! The Siesta 2 motel on Long Neck also gets 15-20 meals per week. There are a number of families living there.

Higher Ground Outreach relies on us for helping with about 60 meals per week; and we are helping to provide food for meals at the Douglas Street encampment and the Ace Peer Resource Center in Georgetown.

Our church food pantry has also been busy. There are several "regulars" who come each month and we have others who come by sporadically. This ministry is kept thriving by the generous donations from you, our faith family; donations from Panera Bread, Wawa markets, the Historic Lewes Farmers Market (April to December) and most recently by food from the Food Bank of Delaware.

Blessings,  
Cheryl

**Solitary religion is not to be found . . . The gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social religion; no holiness but social holiness. Faith working by love is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christian perfection.**

*(From John Wesley's intro to "Hymns and Sacred Poems.")*



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## NEWS from CONLEY'S THRIFT SHOP

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### CAN YOU CROCHET

OR KNIT???? You can be part of our prayer ministry. The thrift shop is in need of a couple of people to crochet or knit prayer patches for us. We will supply the yarn, all you need to do is make about 20 business card size patches a month and another person will attach the prayer cards. This ministry has been going on for 4 or 5 years and we have given out over 5000 prayer patches. Please see Pat Vogt for more information or call 301-873-7472.

February got off to a little slow start with the cold weather being a major factor for us. Hopefully with spring just around the corner, business will pick up and we will be busy every day. We have had several opportunities to assist with donations to families in need and to Higher Ground (they work with the homeless in Georgetown and near by areas). We gave them a sofa and 8 various chairs recently. The thrift shop also donated a really nice sofa and loveseat to our Youth Program's new class room. It's so nice to be able to answer the call for needed items. The room is a work in progress. Be sure to stop by on Sundays and take a peek.

March brings around our spring cleaning and clothing switch over. Please check your calendars and volunteer to help out on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin around 9:30 and usually stop around 2/2:30. We need about 12 women to help. We will have a male person available to more/lift the heavier tubs of clothing. The thrift shop will provide a nice luncheon for all of those who volunteer. Please see Pat or Sally or call the shop at 302-945-5566 for more information.

Please save your larger paper bags (non stained and in good condition) and drop off at the thrift shop's donation center.

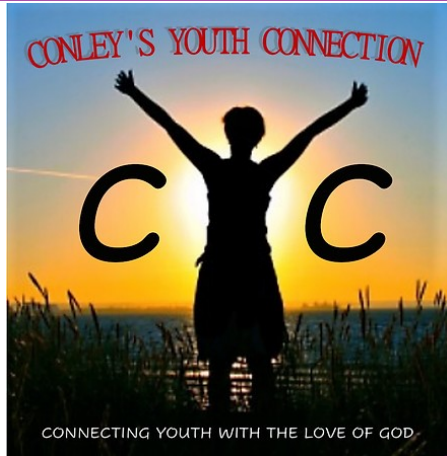
Each usable bag will save us 4 cents. Thanks in advance.

Please keep the staff and volunteers in your prayers.

### Did you know?

Conley's Thrift Shop donates 10% of all income to local charities.





Providing a safe and fun environment  
where young people can  
learn about God,  
build their faith,  
and form friendships.



Where did February go?!?! Ready or not, March is here! March is a month of transition - 'In like a lion out like a lamb.' I like this analogy a lot because it reminds me of Jesus - So strong, yet so gentle. March brings the first day of Spring on the 20th and we will celebrate Easter this month, as well - so much to look forward to - new beginnings, longer and warmer days, fresh air and beautiful new flower blooms. I intend to embrace the sense of renewal throughout this upcoming month and trust God to lead the way.

It is a joy and blessing to lead confirmation class each Sunday. I am so grateful for this opportunity. I look forward to our gathering each week where we continue to learn and grow in faith together. We have tentatively scheduled the class to be officially confirmed during Worship Service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. Our youth group is something special, I am excited to see the plans God has for us.

Speaking of new - Our youth group has a new place at Conley's to enjoy! Please be sure to come see our Youth Room in the educational wing. Doug did a wonderful job with sprucing it up and rejuvenating it with a fresh coat of paint. Conley's Thrift Shop generously contributed furniture that fits perfectly. It is coming together nicely! The Youth Room is our own special place where we can gather together to bond, relax, laugh, learn and enjoy being in the peace and comfort of His presence at Conley's.

Our eyes were recently opened while studying scripture in Job. Our lesson was based on Who God Is. As Spring quickly approaches, I encourage you to read Job 38:4-39:30, When the Lord Reveals His Omnipotence to Job. We were left in awe over the detail in which God reveals the wonders of His creation. Thank you, God, for the beauty you continue to display throughout your creation for us to admire during the changing seasons. Amen.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement for Conley's Youth!

-Jess Mastriana





## Join Us at Tommy Town!



We're so pleased to announce a really fun and quite wonderful fundraising event for Camp Hope. One of our partners, Kathy Engel from Bethel UMC, spoke with her son, Tommy, and he agreed to open up his vast collection of Americana for the benefit of Camp Hope. He has never shared his collections with the public before. Although he was featured on Coastal Life TV. This amazing compilation of antique cars, vintage signs, store memorabilia, and the original Post Office from Ellendale will keep you entertained for several hours!

While meandering through the collections you can get a bite to eat (from Fat Vinny's), stop to play Cornhole, buy a few of Conley's baked goods, and enjoy the weather. The event will be **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** (May 4<sup>th</sup> is the rain date.) And the best part is that admission is only **\$10**, and children 10 and under are free!

Don't hesitate – buy your tickets now. In line with Conley's reputation for hospitably – this is a *"Bring a Friend"* fundraiser! See me (Karen) or Sandy in the church office for your tickets. Tickets will be available at the gate. But why wait in line? Get your tickets now!

One more thing! Will you help us direct the cars to the parking, collect and sell tickets at the entrance, bake something for the Bake Table, serve as a "guide" to help us keep Tommy's collections secure, or help clean up? A sign-up sheet for two-hour shifts will be in the Narthex as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



As always, many thanks for your support!  
Blessings,  
Karen Lessey, Camp Hope Director  
***All praise and glory to God!***

# Camp Hope



## VINTAGE AMERICANA "A reminder of the past"

\* **FAT VINNY FOODTRUCK**  
\* **CLASSIC CARS & MOVIE CARS**

\* **VINTAGE SIGNS & ANTIQUES**  
\* **And LOTS MORE!**

**Come support Camp Hope Fundraiser, to raise money for underserved children from our community. Camp Hope provides kids with activities, food & field trips during the summer months!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH**

{Rain Date May 4th}

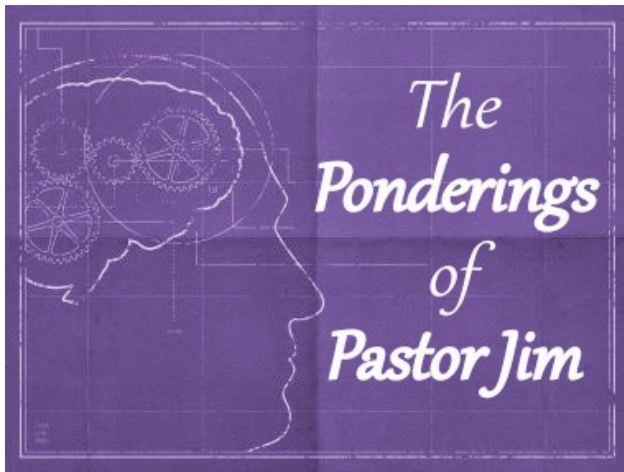
**11am - 3pm**

**"TOMMY TOWN"  
20104 DODDTOWN RD  
HARBESON**

**\$10 ADMISSION**

**Kids 10 & under free**





In church, we use the words “mercy” and “grace” frequently but are we aware of how those terms are different from one another? Let me illustrate with a story.

One day a son directly disobeyed his father. The boy looked his father in the eye and defiantly declared, “I’m not going to do what you are asking me to do.”

The father’s heart was filled with a mixture of anger and confusion. He knew he needed to discipline his son, but when he entered the boy’s room, he found tears in his son’s

eyes. The child begged for mercy, not wanting to receive the punishment he knew he deserved.

Moved by his son’s tears, the father embraced him. He chose not to give the boy the punishment he deserved – that is mercy. But the father didn’t stop there, he decided to extend grace as well.

The father reached into his pocket and pulled out some money. He told his son, “Let’s go out for some ice cream.” The boy’s eyes widened in surprise. He hadn’t expected this additional kindness. That ice cream was grace – receiving something he didn’t deserve.

In the same way, God’s mercy is withholding the judgment we sinners deserve. When Jesus took the punishment for our sins upon himself, we didn’t get what we deserved. That is mercy. But God’s grace goes beyond mercy. He continually gives us what we don’t deserve – blessings on earth and eternal life in heaven. Grace is God giving us what we do not deserve.

Mercy is not getting the punishment we deserve. Grace is receiving that which we don’t deserve. Both flow from God’s love and compassion.

There are three aspects to grace: prevenient, justifying, sanctifying.

Prevenient grace means that God comes to us before we make any move toward God. When a mother-to-be is pregnant, she loves the baby she is carrying. She doesn’t know anything about the child. Will the baby be easy to get along with or more difficult? She doesn’t know or really care – she loves her future child just because it is. The baby hasn’t done anything to earn or deserve that love – it is just loved because it is. That is how God loves us. We are loved by God just because we are.

Then there is justifying grace. Once we grow up a bit, we learn the difference between right and wrong. And we don’t always do what is right. We try to be good, but we fall short of the goodness that is expected of us. So, we accept Jesus into our lives and the perfect life that Christ lived becomes a part of us. Once we accept Christ into our lives, when God looks at us, he doesn’t see our sin and wrongdoings but, instead, Christ’s perfection. Justifying grace is “just as if” I’d never sinned.

But there is a third aspect to grace. “Cheap” grace is saying, I’ll just go ahead and sin and let God forgive and forgive me, Sanctifying grace is saying, “God has forgiven my sins, so in response I am going to try my hardest to live a life pleasing to him.” We are sinners saved by grace, so when we fail to live as we should, we ask forgiveness and try again.

### The Journey

One thousand nine hundred and ninety-six years ago on Palm Sunday, Jesus began His final journey into the city of Jerusalem. His followers laid palms on the road as He came into the city on a donkey. His destination was the fulfillment of God's plan of redemption for mankind. He came to fulfill the scriptures that were proclaimed by the prophets of the Old Testament...Salvation was lost without a sinless sacrifice, so God gave up his only son to return his creation to his loving arms. Jesus knew what laid ahead for him. Did He agonize over God's plan for him? Yes, by shedding tears of blood in the garden on the night He was betrayed. But, because of His great love for us, He continued on the journey his Father had laid before him. We have a journey too. Ours is so small in comparison to Jesus. All we have to do is believe! Believe He died for our sin, paid the price of our redemption, rose from the dead, and reunited us with God, our Father. The greatest and most precious gift we could ever receive. Can we ever fully understand it? No, we can't, that's why its called faith. Don't let another Easter of resurrection pass by without thanking Jesus for dying in your place. Ask Him into your heart and your life. We know not what day or hour we may be called upon to appear before Him. We are one breath away from eternity, accept this gift today.

—Submitted by Sandie Wysocki



### Let It Shine!

"The light of the righteous rejoices."—Proverbs 13:9, NKJV

We are holding a light. We are to let it shine! Though it may seem but a twinkling candle in a world of blackness, it is our business to let it shine. Light dispels darkness, and it attracts people in darkness to it.

We are blowing a trumpet. In the din and noise of battle, the sound of our little trumpet may seem to be lost, but we must keep sounding the alarm to those who are in spiritual danger.

We are kindling a fire. In this cold world full of hatred and selfishness, our little blaze may seem to be unavailing, but we must keep our fire burning.

A light, a trumpet, a fire...they seem so little amidst the darkness and violence of the world. But "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26), and He will bless our efforts to bring the good news of Jesus to a weary and strife-torn world.

### Hope for Today

A single flame may not be much, but a multitude of flames would be unstoppable. There are no solo acts in the body of Christ. Who do you need to link arms with today?

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## Words of Wit & Wisdom

Change before you have to. —Jack Welch

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself. —Leo Tolstoy

Since we cannot change reality, let us change the eyes which see reality —Nikos Kazantzakis

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often. —Winston Churchill

The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any. —Alice Walker

Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact. —William James

Life is not a problem to be solved but a reality to be experienced. —Soren Kierkegaard

Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive. —Elbert Hubbard

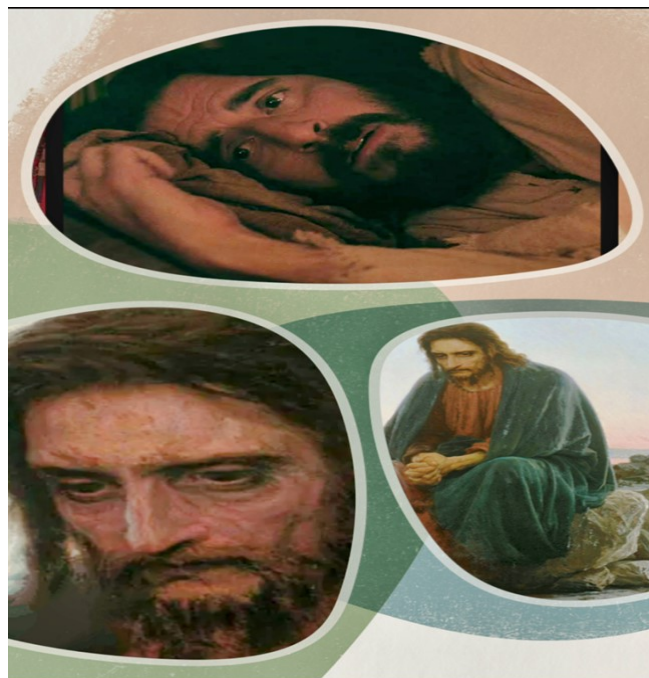
My Poetic narrative for March 2024, by *Ron Starich*  
**Famous Russian painting: “Christ in the ‘Wild’-er-ness”** (hyphen accents mine)  
(‘forty- **NINE**’ days actually includes the Sabbaths)



Ivan Kramskoy – self portrait

### **“The Chosen**

Phew! Glad we got all the hard stuff out of the way in Episodes 1-3.  
Enjoy nothing but smooth s...”



Top tri-picture is from The Chosen series, with their comment on Season 4, and includes this photo as Jesus in his bed contemplates the torturous journey ahead. The bottom two pictures show Ivan Kramskoy’s painting’s facial close-up and the far-inclusive.

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'Contemplative' absorption into some of the world's most famous paintings can render us into another world, and deeply spiritual at-oned with it. God loves art, after all he created this awesome, wonderous, entire corporeal world and our five senses! And so, such is **this** painting by Russian artist excellence' Ivan Kramskoy. I actually stumbled upon this in my internet wanderings of all things, '**Lenten**' (to *lengthen*), "**40 day**"- ish!

**From a commentator:** Kramskoy's final stop was the Crimean peninsula in the south-west of the Russian Empire. It was the closest thing he could get to the climate of Palestine. He walked the terrain from sunrise to sunset, trying to decode the feelings of someone who was left one-on-one with his reveries in a rocky, bare and mountainous desert." ... " Kramskoy explores also his own ecstatic understanding of the painting, reading into the painting and offering his own explanation even as he asks for one:

**And now, I give you over to the artists' own pondering:**

*"The features that you gave to your creation, in my opinion, do not at all serve to excite pity for the sufferer"...No, they immediately amazed me as an expression of enormous moral strength, a hatred of evil and a complete determination to fight it.*

*He (Jesus) is absorbed with what the actions that he must undertake, he searches in his head all that he will say to the despicable and unfortunate people, those whom he had left when he went to the desert to think in freedom."*

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*"Suffering does not concern him now: it is so small, so insignificant in comparison with what is now in his chest, that the thought of it doesn't come to Jesus' head.... For each person who, however imperfect, was still created in the image and likeness of God, there comes a moment in life when he falls into contemplation: should he go to the right or to the left? Should he 'take a rouble' in exchange for the Lord God or not to yield a single step to evil?" "Towards the morning, weary, exhausted, suffering, he sits alone among the stones, the sad, cold stones; His hands are convulsively and tightly clenched, legs injured, head bowed down ...He is thinking hard, He has been silent for a long time, for such a long time that His lips are baked, His eyes no longer notice objects ...He feels nothing, neither that it's a bit cold, nor that He has become all stiff from long and motionless sitting.*

*And around Him, nowhere and nothing quivers even slightly, only the black clouds swim from the east on the horizon... And he is still thinking, thinking, it all becomes frightening...*

*How many times have I cried before this figure!?"*

**'In These Times'**, in chance or intent, may we be found in tear, these '49' Days. **RS.**

## Worship With Us This Month

Worship with us on Sundays at 10am. You may join us either in-person or online. Our worship service is livestreamed on Vimeo and Youtube; links are provided on our website.

When joining us online, please check-in using the “Connect Card” located under the worship tab at the upper left corner of our homepage — we want to know you’re worshipping with us!

The “Connect Card” may also be used to submit prayer requests and/or praise reports during our worship service or any time.

You may give your tithes and offerings to the Lord through the church via the “donate” button at the lower left corner of our homepage.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving — we believe God is doing great things through the ministry of His church!

## What’s Happening

### On-Going Weekly Events

#### Sunday

**Adult Bible Study** taught by Rev. Jim Vanderwall in the Library, 8:30-9:30am.

**Youth Bible Study** taught by Jess Mastriana, 9:00am in the Youth Room.

#### Monday

**Conley’s Choir** rehearses 6:00pm-7:15pm in the choir room.

**Conley’s Bell Ringers** rehearse in the Fellowship Hall, 7:30-8:30pm.

#### Tuesday

**Over 50 Yoga** in the Fellowship Hall, 10:30—11:45am. Bring your own mat and bottled water. Cost is \$10 per session, cash only.

#### Wednesday

**Soup for the Soul** provides free lunch and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, 11am-1pm. Contributions are welcome; sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

**Adult Bible Study**-6:30pm, The Path to the Cross, led by Pastor Bill & Susan Davis in the Missions room.

#### Thursday

**Adult Bible Study** 10-11:30 am in the Sanctuary, led by Louise Finn & Karen Lessey.

**Cemetery clean-up** by the 4H club will be on March 7th. If you have decorations that you wish to keep, please remove them.

### Happening This Month

**Trustees** will meet Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30pm in the Library.

**United Women in Faith** will meet Saturday, March 9, 8:30am, in the Library.

**Vision Team**— meets Mar. 19th, 6:00pm in the missions room.

**The Church Council** will meet Thursday, March 15, 6:30pm, in the Library.

**Defensive Driving Refresher Course**-Mar 22nd, 12-4pm in the missions room. \$20 pp AARP members, \$25 for non-members.

### Reminder

**Daylight Saving Time** begins Sunday, March 10th. Don’t forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

# Opportunities to Be a Blessing

## New Opportunities

### Become an Office Volunteer:

Join the office pool of volunteers to fill-in when Sandy needs a day off.. Duties would be: answering the phone, assisting friends who come in to the food pantry, greeting & directing visitors, etc.

### Join Conley's Sight and Sound Team!

We are in need of people on Sunday mornings to operate the soundboard, screen projection computer, and livestream computer. Are you computer literate; are you willing to learn? Our friendly Sight and Sound Team will train you so that you can take a turn in this ministry that supports Sunday worship.



## On-Going Opportunities

### Greeters

A friendly welcome at the door makes a great first impression—both for new comers and regular attenders. Help get people ready for worship with a warm welcome to all and helpful directions to visitors.

### Ushers

You can help worshipers by directing them to open seats and bringing a microphone for prayers and praises, and providing helpful directions as needed.

Contact the church office if you would like to serve your Conley's Church family in any of these capacities; 302-945-1881

**Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.**

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

if it is serving, then serve;

if it is teaching, then teach;

if it is to encourage, then give encouragement;

if it is giving, then give generously;

if it is to lead, do it diligently;

if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

**ROMANS 12:4-8**



**Conley's United  
Methodist Church**

began as a Methodist society in 1800 and was incorporated as a Methodist church in 1838.

**Our Mission:**  
To make disciples  
of Jesus Christ.

## Notable Days in March

1st	World Day of Prayer
2nd	John Wesley died (1791)
10th	Daylight Saving Time begins
10th	UMCOR Sunday
17th	St. Patrick's Day
19th	First Day of Spring
24th	Palm Sunday
28th	Maundy Thursday
29th	Good Friday
29th	Charles Wesley died (1788)
30th	Holy Saturday/Easter Eve
31st	EASTER SUNDAY

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