

## **HENSON VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

(Disciples of Christ)

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### **HVCC March 2018 Update**

#### **Pastors Message**

Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is." 1 John 3:2 (NLT)

My dear Henson Valley Christian Church family, I am honored and humbled that you called me to be your Senior Pastor. Thank you. I am excited about the possibilities before us, there is so much work to be done for us to work together to build, edify and uplift the kingdom of God. God has called us beyond membership to discipleship, which means we will be stretched beyond our comfort zones to please God.

I also am grateful to Rev. Dr. Martha A. Brown for her leadership as my predecessor and her continued support and guidance as our Associate Pastor and mentor.

I look forward to talking to each of you one on one, so that we can become more acquainted as the vision and mission of this branch of Zion is shaped and fully realized.

See you in church!

Pastor Charles Lucas, Jr.

#### **Maundy Thursday Services**

On Thursday, March 29, at 7 PM, Bethany Christian Church at 7128 Allentown Road is hosting a Maundy Thursday Service. Henson Valley is invited to attend and participate in the service.

This is a yearly event where Henson Valley and Bethany unite and have one service. Please plan to attend.

#### **Good Friday Service**

A group of Churches in the Fort Washington, Oxon Hill and Temple Hills area, is conducting a Good Friday Community Service at the Unity Presbyterian Church, Friday, March 30 at 7 PM. The church is located at 4401 Brinkley Road in Temple Hills, Maryland.

The churches participating in the Good Friday Service are: Oxon Hill Lutheran

Church; Bethany Christian Church; Bells United Methodist Church; First Baptist Church of Camp Springs; Unity Presbyterian Church; Southminster Presbyterian Church; and, Henson Valley Christian Church.

All are invited to attend. Please come and join the other churches at the Good Friday services.

*...But one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal...  
~ Philippians 3:13.14*

## Retirement Celebration

On Sunday, February 18, a retirement celebration was held for Pastor Martha Brown to celebrate her years of service at Henson Valley Christian Church. Reverend Allen Harris the Regional Minister preached at the 11am service.

A reception for Pastor Martha was held immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Attending the celebration: Rev. Allen Harris, Regional Minister; Rev. Charles Lucas, Pastor of Henson Valley; Rev. Robert Perry, Interim Senior Minister First Christian Church of Falls Church; Rev. Brenda Cardwell, Pastor of Pilgrimage Christian Church; and Rev. Kathleen Moore.

The program at the reception included liturgical dancing, an instrumental piano selection, a dramatic poem

presentation, musical selections by the Henson Valley Community Choir, and the presentation of a plaque to Reverend Brown for her many years of service at Henson Valley. Rev. Harris also presented her with a Certificate of Service. Several people wished Pastor Martha a happy retirement.



## Change Your Clocks

Daylight Savings time starts on Sunday, March 11. Remember to "*spring forward*" so you will be on the correct time Sunday, March 11.



## March Birthdays

Eden Gaines - 9  
Zenas Washington - 15

## Congregational Care

The weekly prayer list found in your bulletin keeps us mindful of those in need of prayer. Please help us keep the prayer list up-to-date by calling the church office to let us know when a name may be removed.

## Box Tops for Education

Thanks to everyone who has been saving Box Tops for Education. Thank you for your support!



## Newsletter Deadline

All articles to appear in the Update must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

*Did you know that March 20 is the first day of Spring?*

## March Events



March 25 Palm Sunday  
Pancake Breakfast

March 29 Maundy Thursday  
Service, Bethany Christian

March 30 Good Friday  
Service, Unity Presbyterian

## Coming Soon

April 1 Easter Sunday  
Pancake Breakfast

## Lectionary

March 4<sup>th</sup> Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22  
Psalm 19

March 11 Numbers 21:4-9  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

March 18 Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33  
Psalm 54:1-12

March 25 Isaiah 7:10-14  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38  
Psalm 45