

Welcome, brothers and sisters! As we approach our loving Creator with love and reverence, may we experience a bit of the happiness of heaven and be open to the showers of blessings which God is able to bestow on us all.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

II Corinthians 3:12-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today the second offering is for the Ministerial Benevolence Fund.
- **February 17 - First Day of Lent** - Conference-Wide Day of Prayer and Fasting
- **February 23 - 25** - Interchurch Holiness Convention at Schenectady
- **February 26 at 6 :30 PM** - Winter Fellowship Dinner at the UMC hall. See Rachel Owens or Kathy Moltzen for details.
- **March 2 - 4** - Interchurch Holiness Outreach and Bus Convention at Lebanon, PA
- The Conference Council has created a Haiti Relief Fund, and the next two weeks we will be collecting donations for this fund, to help our Pilgrim Holiness churches in Haiti.

Meditation Questions from the old Methodist Class Meetings -

Am I walking in the light God shines on my way?

Am I experiencing the conviction for entire sanctification?

Am I progressing in my walk with God?

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 8:45 AM Morning Worship 9:30 AM, Cobleskill 4:00 PM, Evening 7:00 PM — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week we are praying for our sister church in **Pierrepont Manor**. The pastor is Perry Case.
- Continue to pray for our sister churches and pastors in **Haiti**.
- Pray for **revival** in our church and community.
- Pray for:
 - **Ed and Rosemary Snyder**, coping with fire losses.
 - The **Ford family, Bonita Mickle and Bill Snyder**.
 - Neighbors, relatives and friends for whom prayer has been requested, including Yvonne, Gloria, Julia, Butch, Barb, Wayne, and Tim.
 - **Our young people**.
 - The renovation of our church building.
 - Conference President Case and the Council.
 - Our armed services personnel.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical needs:
 - **Sandy, Steven Wigger** (back injury), **Kelly Sweet** (neck injury), **Kathy Moltzen, Lauren, Bev Fay, Jenny Schuyler, Barbara Kirwan, Joshua Cheatham, David Rice, Kathy Dendler, Ida Hunt, Gwendolyn Lecates, Earl Bickford, Susan Ford, Duane Maxey**
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
OT	Exodus 37:1-38:31	Exodus 39:1-40:38	Leviticus 1:1-3:17	Leviticus 4:1-5:19
NT	Matthew 28:1-20	Mark 1:1-28	Mark 1:29-2:12	Mark 2:13-3:6
PSA	Psalms 34:11-22	Psalms 35:1-16	Psalms 35:17-28	Psalms 36:1-12
PROV	Proverbs 14	Proverbs 15	Proverbs 16	Proverbs 17
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	
	Leviticus 6:1-7:27	Leviticus 7:28-9:6	Leviticus 9:7-10:20	
	Mark 3:7-30	Mark 3:31-4:25	Mark 4:26-5:20	
	Psalms 37:1-11	Psalms 37:12-29	Psalms 37:30-40	
	Proverbs 18	Proverbs 19	Proverbs 20	

In *A Book of Saints*, Anne Gordon tells the story of Father Maximilian Kolbe, who was a prisoner at Auschwitz in August 1941. A prisoner escaped from the camp, and in reprisal, the Nazis ordered that ten prisoners had to die by starvation.

Father Kolbe offered to take the place of one of the condemned men. The Nazis kept Kolbe in the starvation bunker for two weeks and then put him to death by lethal injection on August 14, 1941.

Thirty years later, a survivor of Auschwitz described the effect of Kolbe's action: "It was an enormous shock to the whole camp. We became aware that someone among us in the spiritual dark night of the soul was raising the standard of love on high. Someone unknown, like everyone else, tortured and bereft of name and social standing, went to a horrible death for the sake of someone not even related to him. Therefore it is not true, we cried, that humanity is cast down and trampled in the mud, overcome by oppressors, and overwhelmed by hopelessness. Thousands of prisoners were convinced the true world continued to exist and that our torturers would not be able to destroy it. To say that Father Kolbe died for us or for that person's family is too great a simplification. His death was the salvation of thousands ... We were stunned by his act, which became for us a mighty explosion of light in the dark camp."

—Bill Norman, quoted in *Leadership*, Spring 1995

St. Valentine's Day
A time for love
And no more lonely hearts,
We're sending cards
That say, "Be mine,"
For some, a place to start.
But we forget
The story of
The world's first Valentine —

But not by mail
Did this one come.
By way of sacrifice
It wasn't words
But deeds of love
Of one who gave his life —

The one who died
With arms outstretched
And simply said, "Be mine."

—Brian Roush, Excelsior Springs, MO