*Congregation is invited to stand as able

MUSIC WHILE GATHERING

TIME OF WELCOME & SHARING

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER
  I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You,
  O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
  May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

“I Love You, Lord” - Copyright 1978 by Laurie Klein; CCLI#1154612

*HYMN #193
  I Know Whom I Have Believed
  Children are invited to come forward as we sing the last verse

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

MISSION MOMENT

Vicki Hopper

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN GIVING

Weekly Offering Challenge Goal - $760

Congratulations!!! $887 (117%) was received last week

*Offertory Hymn #192
  My Faith Looks Up to Thee
*Unison Offertory Scripture (Mark 8:34)
  We must each put aside
  our selfish ambition, shoulder the cross and follow Jesus.
*Offertory Prayer
  Offertory
  Responding Through Our Tithes & Offerings
*Doxology #52

*SONG
  Children are invited to go to Junior Church after we sing

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-38
  Message - Who Is the Messiah?

*HYMN OF INVITATION #195
  Faith Is the Victory

*CLOSED PRAYER & POSTLUDE

Today’s Worship Service Helpers

Worship Service Coordinator - Pastor Woody
Scripture Reader & Junior Church - Diane Coy
Chorister - Laurie Coy
Pianist - Nancy Johnson

Last Week’s Stewardship Report

Sunday School attendance (11) & offering ($95)
Worship attendance (19) & offering ($887)

No Tuesday Bible study/prayer this past week

March Challenge Goal of 36 items of Hygiene Products
for the Rescue Mission/Way Station

Combined January/February 72-item Challenge Goal
of Paper Products for the Rescue Mission/Way Station

Congratulations!!! 90 (125%) items were given

Our emphasis missionary (American Indian field in Peoria, AZ) for the
months of March/April is Billie Sue Dunn (challenge goal is $300).
Larry & Sharon Carr were our emphasis missionaries for the months
of January/February. Congratulations!!! $509 (170%) of our $300
challenge goal was given for them.

We especially welcome Vicki Hopper, Executive Director of The
Way Station, who will be sharing with us during this morning’s Mission
Moment.

Please pick up a copy of The Daily Bread devotional (March-May,
2015) on the back foyer table.

Celebrations This Week

3 - Irene Woods
7 - Phil Coy

For Your Information

3, Free Community Church dinner @ New Springfield UMC (5-6 PM)

7, Be sure to set your clock(s) ahead one hour
    before going to bed!!!

8, Sunday School offering designated for Billie Sue Dunn
9, Ladies’ Craft Night (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
**Message Outline**

*Mark 8:31-38: Who Is the Messiah?*

I. Perception of the Messiah
   A. Human expectation  
      Matthew 16:23; 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12
   B. Godly expectation  
      1. “Suffering Servant” image  
         Isaiah 53; Matt. 20:28
      2. Future of general suffering  
         Matt. 5:10-11; John 15:21; 2 Tim. 3:12
      3. Rejection by specific groups
         Mark 8:31; Luke 7:30; 9:22; Titus 1:14

II. Rejection of the Messiah
   A. Corrective action  
      Mark 8:32
   B. Best way  
      1. Necessary - always listen to what God says
      2. Unnecessary - never tell him what to do

III. Passion of the Messiah
   A. Take up the cross  
   B. Lose one’s life to others out of faith
   C. End result
      2 Timothy 2:12

Conclusions: All of us, like sheep, have a great tendency to go our own way, but God caused all of our iniquities to fall upon His Son, Jesus Christ. He did not even open His mouth when He was oppressed, afflicted and led like a lamb to slaughter. He endured all sorts of atrocities even though He had done no violence - no deceit whatsoever could be found in Him. God’s Servant, the Righteous One, justified many people by bearing their sin. He poured Himself out to death and can therefore intercede for the transgressors.

March 3 Bible Study Focal Texts

March 1 Target for Reading Through the Bible - Joshua 11