



# The Circuit Rider



March 2022

## Temporary Shepherd

Moses was a shepherd. He knew what it was to tend the sheep that belonged to his father-in-law, Jethro - sheep that were not his own. He was a temporary shepherd tending the sheep for a season. Later Moses would take his shepherd staff to tend and lead a people that didn't belong to him - they belonged to God. Then with God's promised land in sight, Moses came to understand more fully that he was a temporary shepherd. Moses' time of shepherding God's came to an end and Joshua stepped into the role of leading and shepherding God's people, and he too was a temporary shepherd.

United Methodist Pastors and churches are invited into this holy imagination of a temporary shepherd because of our itinerant system. As God's kingdom continues to grow, expand and change, the Holy Spirit will bring a new pastor with his/her own unique gifts and graces to serve a church for a season of time. United Methodist pastors are temporary shepherds who commit to serving wherever the bishop appoints them. The focus is on building up the church as a whole by matching the gifts and graces of pastors and churches in each unique season of life of the church. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, wrote, *"We have found by long and consistent experience that a frequent exchange of preachers is best. This preacher has one talent, that another; no one whom I ever yet knew has all the talents which are needful for beginning, continuing and perfecting the work of grace in a whole congregation."*

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:6, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."* Paul knew he was a temporary shepherd and understood being part of something bigger than himself. The church belongs to God and God is the one who gives growth. One gift of the itinerant system is to continually help the church

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#### Sunday Services

8:30 AM Praise & Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

*Camp United Methodist Church is a community of faith whose mission is to seek and to serve God by praying, preaching and teaching the Gospel, making disciples and serving others.*

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and the pastor to not lose sight of the reality to whom the church belongs. Whether a pastor is at a church for 6 months or 60 years, he or she is always a temporary shepherd within the great universal Body of Christ and the flow of God's kingdom.

We are approaching Ash Wednesday and Lent. This season of the Christian year reminds us that we are all temporary. This reminder of mortality awakens us that each day, each relationship, each breath and each opportunity for mission and ministry is all a gift from God to be savored and cherished.

This summer I will be appointed to love and lead another congregation. I am honored that Christ called me to serve Camp UMC in this particular moment of the grand history of the church. I am grateful for all the ways you bore witness of Christ's love to me, my family, to each other and to our community. Truth is God has each of us here, for this moment, to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to join in the fruitfulness of God's kingdom that is happening right here. Maybe we are all temporary shepherds tending to the gift of relationships and resources that have been put under our care. May we receive as a gift from God each day and savor the moment, abide in Christ's love and love as Christ loves us.

I love you and Christ loves you!

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Steve



Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of the most successful Christian missionaries in history. He was Roman citizen of Britain who was captured by pirates at the age of 16 and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped back to Britain and was ordained as a bishop. He returned to the Ireland as a missionary circa 432 AD. He expanded literacy in Ireland and converted the country to Christianity. His influence on the laws and culture of Ireland was enormous as he championed the causes of women, the poor and slaves. The 17th of March is celebrated as the day he died, but the actual date is unknown. [www.worldhistory.org](http://www.worldhistory.org)

### MARCH GRINS OR GROANS

Why did the leprechaun go outside?  
To sit on the paddy-o

What do you get when you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover? A rash of good luck

What is a leprechaun's favorite cereal?  
Lucky Charms



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Although Ash Wednesday has ancient roots, it does not appear in the rituals of The United Methodist Church until the 20th century.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Ashes are an ancient symbol. In Genesis, we read that God formed human beings out of the dust of the earth (*Genesis 2:7*). After expulsion from the Garden of Eden, the first human beings are told by God, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (*Genesis 3:19*). Throughout scripture, ashes are part of rituals when people seek forgiveness and mourn their sin.

The imposition of ashes on the heads of Christians to mark the beginning of Lent can be traced at least to the 10th century. Marking the forehead with the sign of the cross is a more recent adaptation.  
<https://www.umc.org>

*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*



## LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Sponsored by  
Greater Shallotte Ministerial Assoc.

### March 2nd Ash Wednesday

Theme: "Wisdom Begs Repentance"  
Text: Matthew 6:1-6; 16-18  
Homilist: Rev. Laura Viau, Interim Pastor  
Shallotte Presbyterian Church

### March 9th

Theme: "Wisdom Proclaims God's  
Message"  
Text: Luke 11:29-32  
Homilist: Rev. Gene Cobb, Pastor  
Seaside United Methodist Church

### March 16th

Theme: "Wisdom Is Life-Giving"  
Text: Matthew 20:17-28  
Homilist: Fr. Farrell Graves, Pastor  
St. James the Fisherman Episcopal  
Church

### March 23rd

Theme: "Wisdom Bears Righteousness"  
Text: Matthew 5:17-19  
Homilist: Katherine Roberts Moore  
St. Luke Lutheran Church

### March 30th

Theme: "Wisdom Cannot Be Contained"  
Text: John 5:17-30  
Homilist: Rev. Steve Murphy, Pastor  
Camp United Methodist Church

### April 6th

Theme: "Wisdom Seeks the Fiery  
Freedom of Authentic Worship"  
Text: John 8:31-42  
Homilist: Fran Salone-Pelletier  
St. Brendan Catholic Church

**Services start at 12:00 PM**



## WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LENT?

Lent is meant to be a time of repentance and an awareness that sin separates us from God and of what it cost Him to be reunited with us. Repentant sinners seek cleansing from sin, but also freedom from shame.” True repentance leads” to a “180° change of direction”. Repentance starts with “regretful acknowledgment of sin with commitment to change.”

## WHAT ARE 3 WAYS A CHRISTIAN SHOULD OBSERVE LENT?

1. **Remove Distractions. (Fasting)** The first way Christians should observe Lent is fasting., the purpose is to draw closer to God by creating a reliance on Him. Traditionally fasting involves food by either fasting all food (drinking water and juice only), fasting 1 meal a day, or fasting a type of food, like meat or sugar. However, fasting from activities, such as, watching television, using Facebook or listening to non-Christian music, also fits within the purpose of removing distractions. Before you decide what to fast, pray and ask God to reveal the idols in your life, i.e. anything distracting you from a deeper relationship with God). Then listen for His prompting on what needs to be fasted from during this season.
2. **Focus on Spiritual Growth (Prayer)** Throughout the Bible, fasting is accompanied by prayer. The two practices work together, especially in observing Lent, to lead us towards spiritual growth. Fasting Begins the process by humbling us before God (see *Psalms 35:13 and Ezra 8:21*). As our idols are torn down, we repent of our sin and receive God’s grace and forgiveness. In our humbled position, we admit our weaknesses and rely on God’s strength. The void caused by our fast is then filled with reading God’s Word and seeking God in prayer. Without distractions, we allow God to meet our needs and bring us fulfillment. When we focus on spiritual growth, Lent creates dedicated time to spend in God’s presence, learning from Him and growing in His ways.
3. **Serving Others (Almsgiving)** Christians should observe Lent by serving others. As we prepare for Easter, we should remember why the Son of God became man in the first place. According to *Mark 10:45*, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **We serve because He served.** “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10) Lent is a time of intentional service. When we give of ourselves, our time, money, possessions, or talents, we reflect Christ within us. Serving others becomes the outward sign of the internal work being done through our prayer and fasting.

<https://arabahjoy.com>



## LENTEN SERMON SERIES



As we approach Easter during the season of Lent we will explore the Gospel of God in Christ coming to find and restore that which was lost. In understanding our "lostness" we will come to discover the significance of being found and how good the Gospel truly is. The gospels include stories of lost coins, lost sheep, and lost sons with the hope of God searching, finding, and celebrating our being found. One of the great hymns of our tradition is "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" beautifully turns the idea of being lost on its head as we sing about being "...lost in wonder, love, and praise." During Lent we will find ourselves wondering about the mystery of being lost and found.

**March 6** - Luke 4:1-13  
Lost and Found - Identity

**March 13** - Luke 13:31-35  
Lost and Found - Hiding

**March 20** - Luke 13:1-9  
Lost and Found - Change

**March 27** - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Lost and Found - Search

**April 3** - John 12:1-8  
Lost and Found - Blessing

**April 10** Palm/Passion Sunday  
Luke 19:28-40  
Title: Lost and Found - Praise  
Cantata at 11:00am



### CAN YOU ADD?

If so, we need volunteers to serve as tellers to count the offerings on Sunday mornings. You would be part of a team. There are several teller teams that work on a rotating schedule, so you will not be working every Sunday. You may only work every 6 weeks or so. For more information, contact Doug Hunter at [douglas.hunter@ymail.com](mailto:douglas.hunter@ymail.com)

### NEW STUDY



On March 3rd, Pastor Alex will start a four- week class on the book of Psalms. Classes will meet in the Salmon Classroom at 2:00PM. To register, contact Pastor Alex at the church.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy March! It's hard to believe that we are already into our third month of 2022!

In **February**, our children took a field trip to Chick-fil-a in Shallotte. They had an absolute blast! It was a humbling experience to see all of the volunteers, Chick-fil-a staff and parents come together to make a perfect evening! The church also hosted a Parents Night Out event and babysat 17 kiddos while their parents had a few hours to themselves. Finally, our children created flower bouquets and cards for our military and friends on the prayer list!

In **March**, our children will host a Dinner & a Show event for their families. The kids will perform various Easter skits and a few of their songs from music class! It is such a joy to serve the family as a whole and to watch them grow! Stay tuned for pictures from the fun event!

**Camp Kids** continues to meet every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30PM. A meal, music class, fellowship and Bible lesson are provided. Thanks be to God that our weekly meals continue to be funded through donations! God is good all the time!

Save the Date for our **Community Easter Bash** on April 3 from 3:00-5:00PM! Camp will host two egg hunts, various activities, and a free meal. Look for signage on our social media pages soon! This is a wonderful opportunity for our church to spread love in our community! We are looking for several volunteers! Please reach out to me additional information!



Happy kids at Chick-fil-a



Have a wonderful month gracious Camp friends!  
I am thankful for each one of you and the gifts that  
you bring to God's kingdom!

Allison Hunter,  
Director of Children's Ministry

## YOUTH

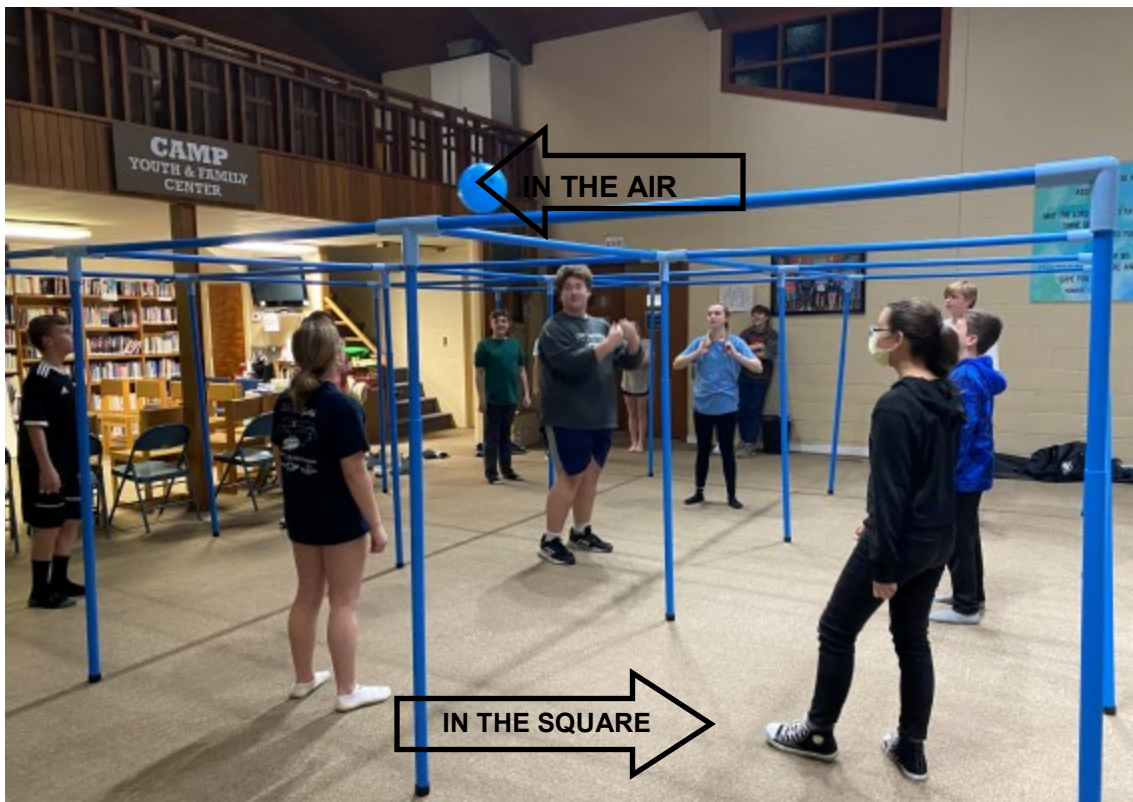
The youth just finished a four-week study on Identity Crisis where we learned that our identity is found in Jesus and is God-given. Our new series is Audacious. When we have audacious faith like Abraham and David, God can use us mightily too. It allows us to take a bold stand even when we find ourselves standing alone. Audacious faith means taking big risks to follow God-sized opportunities.

Many of our youth will be participating in the Adopt-A-Highway on March 12<sup>th</sup> participants will include our confirmation class (including mentors and mentees) and many others.

Our Confirmation class just had wonderful visit to St Brendan's Catholic Church as part of our learning experience. Father Mark was amazing and spent time with our class after mass to answer countless questions. We celebrated with a meal at San Jose after that. The class hopes to serve our family at Camp with other outreach opportunities so if you have a need that we can meet as a class, please let me know.

The youth will host a Shrove Tuesday dinner on March 1st in the Fellowship Hall. To-Go will be available. Meals will be served from 5:00-6:30PM. We will serve all-you-can-eat pancakes, (bacon and sausage will not be you can eat) and beverages for \$7.00/plate.

Please note the photo of the new game we purchased, 9-Square in The Air. We played for the first time on Feb. 16th and it was a hoot. Ask Shay Godwin. She got in on the play after youth group when no one wanted to leave.



Kelly Littlejohn,  
Youth Director



## A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

Often people will approach us and say, "You are doing wonderful work, how can I help?" We will reply, "We distribute food every first Saturday of the month. Just show up around 9:30AM to help. We typically finish by noon. There are jobs for every skill set from people aged 8 to 80. We are sure we can find you a job that you will be able to do" They will reply, "Oh, I don't want to do that."

Well, here are some simple, mundane things you can do to help:

**Pray for nice weather.** Distributing food in the rain is no fun.

**Bring clean, empty egg cartons to the food pantry.** Every family gets a dozen eggs with their food supply. There are times where we have to buy eggs in "bulk". When that happens, we have to unpack the eggs from a 5 dozen case into egg cartons that hold 12 eggs. We have to buy the empty egg cartons at 13 cents each. Every clean empty carton you bring to the pantry saves us money.

**Ask for paper grocery bags when you shop and bring the bags to the food pantry.** Every item of food is packed in paper grocery bags. We have to buy bags in bulk from a grocery store and while they sell them to us at their cost, we still have to have a cash outlay to purchase them.

**Finally, if you REALLY to help,** become a PORCH food collection site. People Offering Relief (POR) started out in Chapel Hill (CH) - hence PORCH. It started in one small neighborhood by asking their neighbors to bring food to one house and leave it on the front porch. That person would bring all the donated food to a food pantry. The Lord's Pantry gets hundreds of pounds of food and other items every month from the local PORCH sites. This saves is thousands of dollars every year. For more information on how you can become a PORCH site contact either Jim Antunes ([fusionjim1@yahoo.com](mailto:fusionjim1@yahoo.com)) (252) 904-2326 or Peggy Antunes ([paantunes0719@gmail.com](mailto:paantunes0719@gmail.com)) (910) 579-3288

Thank you.

The Lord's Food Pantry Team  
Marlene Mellis, Jim & Peggy Antunes  
Gary and Denise Concelmo

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

St. Mother Teresa



## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

The mission team will be sending St. Patrick's Day care packages to the military Members who are on the prayer list, and we need your help.

We will be collecting cards, packaged snacks and cookies, gum, candy, and playing cards and games like Sudoku. There will be a box in the narthex to collect these items.



Pickup will be on  
**March 12, 2022**  
from  
**9AM to 11AM.**

Meet at Big Oak Mobile Home Supply  
1309 Hale Swamp Road

**NOTE:** This will be the start of the 2nd year for this project. We picked up trash 4 times once a quarter) and averaged 25 volunteers each time. As a group, we spent a total of 250 hours picking up 125 bags of trash.

**Well done trash warriors!**

Hart Merriman

## Friday Night Meals

### MARCH MENU

#### March 4th

Barbecue (provided), baked beans, potato salad, bread, desserts

#### March 11th

Meatloaf (your favorite recipe), green beans, mashed potatoes, bread, desserts

#### March 18th

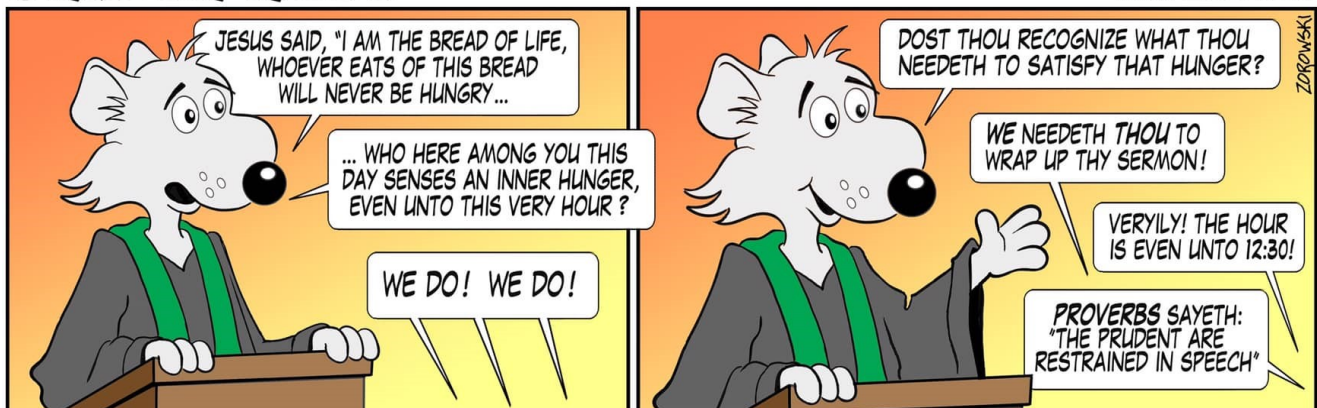
Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, salad, desserts

#### March 25th

Barbecued chicken (provided) mashed potatoes, corn, bread

## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski





### **Next Meeting**

Feb. 28th @ 6:00PM.

Stephanie Bowen of BFA (Brunswick Family Assistance) will be our guest speaker. Some of our members are very active with this organization. Our "Knowing your Christian Brother" speaker will be Ronnie Markum. The meal will be Sloppy Joes, green beans, mac & cheese. Please RSVP by Monday Feb. 21st if you plan to attend to ensure we have enough food.

Jim Wallace 910-880-2701

### **Our Mission**

"To Help Men Grow in Christ, So Others May Know Christ"

### **A PRAYER FOR THE CURRENT TIME**

Dear Lord, we pray for our troubled world. There is so much that we need to pray and intercede for. We pray for those carrying the spirit of anger and vengeance. We pray against the spirit of persecution that has been released in our world. Lord, just as Saul encountered a Damascus road experience, God we pray for those who are committing sinful crimes, that the spirit of murder be destroyed. We pray that there will be a light from heaven that shines around those who do not know You, Lord we ask all this in Your Name, Amen.

[connectusfund.org](http://connectusfund.org)



The next SALT activity will be on March 21st. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner of corned beef and cabbage dinner. Our speaker will talk with us about scams in our area.



### **MEALS WITH A MESSAGE**

These meals provide an opportunity for our members to gather in fellowship while sharing a meal. If you have choir practice, a class or another function on Wednesday evenings, think about having a meal with us first. There are 2 seatings for the meals - one at 4:30PM and one at 5:00PM. Cost for dinner is \$7.00. After the meals, there is a brief message. To ensure there is enough food is available, please register with Tamy at [cumc.tmunns@gmail.com](mailto:cumc.tmunns@gmail.com).

#### **March meals will be**

Mar. 2nd: Chicken Alfredo and broccoli,  
Mar. 9th: Beef Stew, veggie casserole  
Mar. 16th: Ham, Potato salad, succotash  
Mar. 23rd: Lasagna, Mixed vegetables  
Mar. 30th: Soups & Sandwiches

**ALL MEALS ARE SERVED WITH BREAD,  
SALAD AND DESSERT**



## ADVICE FROM AN OLD FARMER

- \* Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- \* Forgive your enemies, it messes up their heads.
- \* Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- \* It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- \* You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- \* Every path has a few puddles.
- \* When you wallow with pigs expect to get dirty.
- \* The best sermons are lived not preached.
- \* Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- \* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- \* Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- \* If you find yourself in a hole the first thing to do is to stop diggin'.
- \* Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got.
- \* The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
- \* Good judgment comes from experience and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
- \* Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
- \* If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- \* Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
- \* Leave the rest to God.

posted on Facebook

## DID YOU KNOW?

Apparently, thieves missed the "Thou shalt not steal" part of the Ten Commandments. According to experts, the Bible is the most commonly stolen book. The Holy Bible is available for free at many places of worship, so perhaps there's less guilt associated with pilfering a copy. Let's hope they make it to the part about "repentance" in their stolen copy of the good book.

[money.cnn.com](http://money.cnn.com)

When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance.

**NEW MEMBERS**  
**January 30th 2022 & February 13th, 2022**



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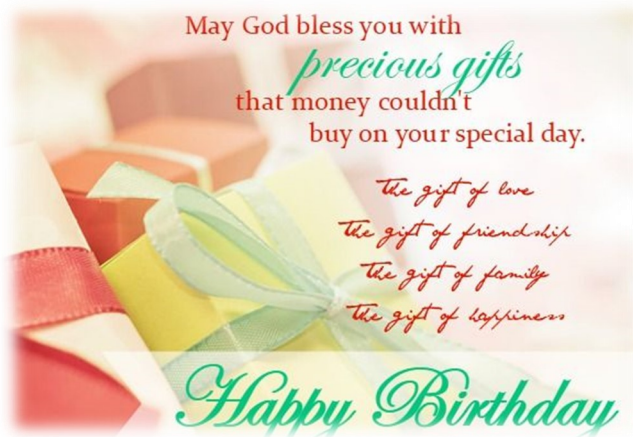


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Church membership is a gift. A gift must be treasured.  
It should not be taken for granted or considered lightly.  
Thom S. Rainer



# MARCH MILESTONES



Hal & Cheryl Mills	2	(38)
John Penny Radziewski	2	(44)
Franz & Jill Bryant	6	(41)
Kurt & Kathy Meissner	7	(52)
Mac & Ava Harris	15	(52)
Doug Burrows & Beverly Carlisle	15	(16)
Frank & Teresa Williamson	20	(30)
D.B. & Carol Grantham	24	(48)



Howard Varnam	1
Pam Batchelor	2
Carl Votik	4
Margaret Greene	6
Elaine Weiner	7
Amy Moore	8
Amy Tyner	8
David Inman	9
Pat Wolff	10
James Russ	10
Kate Dycus	14
Ted Hall	18
Susan Ballard	21
Eugene Medwid	21
Casey Savage	22
Hank Hecht	22
Sally Makay	22
Melody Stephens	25
Connie Richardson	25
Marlene Mellis	26
Mike Michelakis	26
Meleta Humbert	27
Burt Weiner	29
Alan Lewis	30
Hilda Hall	30
Kitty Reedy	31



## DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH

March 1st.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	5:00PM	Fellowship Hall
March 2nd	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00PM	
March 3rd	Psalm Class begins	2:00PM	Salmon Classroom
March 7th	SALT planning meeting	4:00PM	
March 12th	Adopt-a-Highway Pick-up	9:00AM	
March 13th	Daylight Savings Starts turn clocks ahead 1 hr.		
March 17th	Happy St. Patrick's Day		
March 21st	SALT Activity	5:00PM	Fellowship Hall
March 24th	Church Council Meeting	6:30PM	YFC
March 28th	United Methodist Men	6:00PM	Fellowship Hall



# MARCH



## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Confirmation Class	6:30 Prayer & Communion	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 9:30-11:30 Prayer Shawl/FH	4:30 Meal & Message 5:00 Youth/YFC 5:30 Kid Singers 5:30 -700 Camp Kids/TR/N/JN 5:55 Adult Choir 6:00 Adult Class 7:30 Bell Choir	11:00 Disciple 4 2:00 Psalms Study 7:00 Methodism Class	4:30-6:30 Friday night Community Meals/FH	10:00 Food Pantry/FH/BA
Discipleship Class						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 11:00 Grief Support 5:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	<b>2</b> Ash Wednesday 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00 Salt Planning	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Trustee Mtg.	<b>15</b> 11:00 Grief Support 10:00 Amazing Grace	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  6:00 Finance Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 Salt Activity	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 Church Council Mtg.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 UMM	<b>29</b> 11:00 Grief Support	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		