

Words from Our Co-Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Maybe you have noticed it: Spring is starting to peek through. Winter hasn't released its hold just yet, we are still having some cold and dreary days, but the signs of spring are evident. The days are getting longer, daffodils are bravely popping out of the ground, and trees are starting to flower.

As we sit in this in-between space, waiting for the seasons to change, it is fitting that we move into the season of Lent. We'll put ash crosses on our foreheads on Wednesday, we'll pull out the purple adornments in our worship spaces, maybe you will give something up for the next 6 weeks, and we'll probably sing in a minor key more than we do the rest of the year.

One of the ways our preschoolers understand the colors of the church year is that purple is the color of getting ready. They are anxiously waiting to see what color will fill the Sanctuary when they come for chapel this week, and one of them guessed it might be purple. Purple is the color of getting ready.

In this season of Lent, we are getting ready for Easter. Beginning with Ash Wednesday this week, Lent is the 40-day (not including Sundays) period of preparation for Easter – one of the most important celebrations in the life of the church. Often we think of Lent as a time to give something up. Abstaining from something we enjoy during Lent is a form of the Christian practice of fasting. Fasting turns our attention away from our own desires and focuses it on God. Fasting also creates space for us to deepen our relationship with God.

Though the 40 days of Lent might seem like an eternity, fasting doesn't happen forever. The Christian life is a rhythm of fasts and feasts, each just as important as the other. Lent is a season of getting ready. All of our fasting in this season; all of our self-denial; all of our penitence and self-examination; all of our creating space for and focusing our desires on God; all of this gets us ready for the grandest celebration of new life that the world has ever known.

We can't gloss over the fast, whatever that looks like for you. You may choose to give something up, to add a more intentional prayer practice, to fast from food or meat one day a week, or simply to adopt a spirit of reflection. Easter needs preparation. Our hearts need this time of examination to grasp the miracle of Easter. But when you see flowers braving the frost; when you pack your coat up and take it out again, know that life is ahead. I pray your fast is holy, that your feast may be glorious.

Grace and Peace

~ *Pastor Andrew*



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March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:15a Program Staff	2 *ASH WEDNESDAY See Schedule next page 10a Food Pantry 1:30p Pickleball Choir following Ash Wednesday service	3 6:30p NLW band 7:30p Pickleball	4	5 6p Feed Night Shelter
6 9a NLW/ Kids Worship 9:45a Sunday School/KOAM 10a Connections 11a Traditional Worship 11a Bahnar	7 MOBILE MEALS 9a 1st Mon- day Muffins/ PS 7p Pickleball	8 MOBILE MEALS 7p Lenten Bible Study via ZOOM	9 MOBILE MEALS 10a-12p Food Pantry 11a Lenten Bible Study Choir Room 1:30p Pickleball	10 MOBILE MEALS 6:30p NLW band 7:30p Pickleball	11 MOBILE MEALS	12
13 9a NLW/ Kids Worship 9:45a Sunday School/KOAM 10a Connections 11a Traditional Worship	14 6p Hospitality Team Mtg 7p Pickleball	15 10:15a Staff meeting 12:30p Traditional Worship planning 7p Lenten Bible Study via ZOOM	16 10a-12p Food Pantry 11a Lenten Bible Study Choir Room 1:30p Pickleball 6:30p Choir	17 10a PrimeTimers 6:30p NLW band 7:30p Pickleball	18 6p PSFD Banquet FLC	19
20 9a NLW/ Kids Worship 9:45a Sunday School/KOAM 10a Connections 11a Traditional Worship 12p ABT lunch	21 7p Pickleball	22 3p EC Job Fair FLC 7p Lenten Bible Study via ZOOM	23 10a-12p Food Pantry 11a Lenten Bible Study Choir Room 1:30p Pickleball	24 6:30p NLW band 7:30p Pickleball	25 6:30p Movie Night	26 1p Private event FLC (Gasque)
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RUMC Preschool M-F, 9a-1p	Weight Watchers Tues 5:30p					

News you can use and more!



MOVIE NIGHT Movie Night will be Friday, March 25 at 6:30pm. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. The movie will be announced soon. Invite your friends!

PRIMETIMERS will happen on Thursday, March 17, at 10:00am in the Family Life center.

FOR THE RECORD YTD

@1/31/22:

REVENUE = \$ 16,226

EXPENSES = \$ 23,325

DEFICIT = \$ <7,099>

LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 2

- Drive through ashes 12:00pm-1:00pm in the Sanctuary Building parking lot (cemetery side)
- Pancake Supper 5:00pm-6:30pm in the Family Life Center
- Worship Service and ashes 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Lenten Bible Study

Monday, March 8, 7:00pm via Zoom
Wednesday, March 9, 11:00am in person in Choir room
Nikki & Andrew will lead this study for 6 weeks ending April 13/14.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 2 10:00am, FLC (April 9, rain date)
We need donations of individually wrapped candy.

Palm Sunday April 10, 4:00pm, "We Would See Jesus" Presentation. A service of readings and anthems for Holy Week. The Chancel Choir will be conducted by Alice Ann Johnson and accompanied by Susan Bates, organ and piano; Sarah Womack, violin; and Andrew Baren, cello. All are invited to this special service.

Maundy Thursday April 14, Prayer Stations in FLC, times TBA

Good Friday April 15, services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Holy Saturday April 16, Easter Vigil Service, 7:00pm outside the FLC

Easter Sunday April 17, 9:00am New Life Worship in Family Life Center

Easter Sunday April 17, 11:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

Memorials & Honorariums: January 30—February 14

IN MEMORY OF:

BUDGET

Huong Le, Frances Dean by Wilson & Jean Elkins
Frances Dean by Bob & Betty Harris; Paul & Linda Williams; Sharon Kirkman
Belva McCuiston by Billy & Barbara Jones

BUILDING FUND

Frances Dean by Yvonne Gragg
Coach C.K. Siler by Doug & Jackie Jones

CONGREGATIONAL NURSE FUND

Frances Dean by Nancy Short

FOOD PANTY

Wilbur Covert by his family
Frances Dean by Dorene Yow

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Mr. Ray by Pinecroft Sedgefield Fireman's Fund; Hunter & Mindy Huffines

PRESCHOOL

Belva McCuiston, Dot McCuiston by Doug & Jackie Jones

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CHOIR FUND

Chancel Choir by Alice Ann Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL NURSE FUND

Lynda Hodges by Doug & Jackie Jones

PLEASE NOTE: The Honorariums and Memorials are not complete for this month. They will be included in April's Informant.

PRAYERS For our members, family & friends

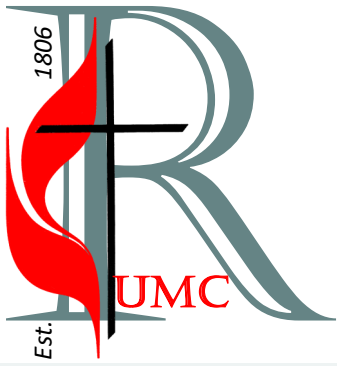
- Betty Batchelor
- Lina Brown
- Amber Hankeison
- Bob Harris
- Sandy Johnson
- Gwen Masters
- Mary Joyce Masters-Marks
- Cathy McGee
- Pat Millikan

- Megan Newman
- Sandy Newman
- Hazel Poe
- Jordan Price
- Audrey Smith
- Patty Showalter
- Terry Wood
- FOR OUR MILITARY**
- Madison Brady

FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES/REHAB CENTERS

Alpha Concord

- Carolyn Stone
- Barbara Ryan
- Ashton Place**
- Malinda Hodgkin
- Brookdale NW**
- Don & Gwen Masters
- Clapps Assisted Living**
- Mal Sheppard
- Tracy Sheppard
- Friends Home**
- Betty Harris
- Doris Barbee



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