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First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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The Power of Surrender

"...Not my will but thine be done" (Luke 22:42)

February 14th marks the beginning of the spiritual season known as "Lent." During the 46 days of this season (40 days of Lent plus 6 Sundays in Lent), one of the spiritual tools that we as Christians are invited and encouraged to use is "surrender," or (closely related to it) "fasting." It is the voluntary giving up of earthly things in order to focus more intentionally on spiritual things of God. Jesus showed us the fullest example of this practice in the Garden of Gethsemane when he prayed *"not my will but yours be done"* in reference to his own upcoming suffering and death.

Yet, both the Bible and Christian history are full of other examples of God's people willingly surrendering their own wants and desires so that God's will and plan could be accomplished through them. One of these was the founder of Methodism John Wesley. Listen to words of admonition he wrote to his Methodists in 1755:

"In so giving yourselves to the Lord...Let Him appoint you to your work. Christ has many services to be done; some are more easy and honorable, others more difficult and menial. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests; others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves, as when he requires us to feed and clothe ourselves. Indeed, there are some spiritual duties that are more pleasing than others; as to rejoice in the Lord, to be blessing and praising of God. These are the sweet works of a Christian. But then there are other works, wherein we cannot please Christ but by denying ourselves, as in bearing and forbearing, reproving men for their sins, withdrawing from their company; witnessing against their wickedness; confessing Christ and His name, when it will cost us shame and reproach; sailing against the wind, swimming against the tide, parting with our liberties and accommodations for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(--From Wesley's "Covenant Renewal Service", 1755)

Twenty-five years later, he re-wrote his very popular New Year's Covenant Service and ended it with a prayer that has come to illustrate the power of surrender for many Christians even today.

*"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
To thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."*

(--The "Covenant Prayer" from John Wesley's Covenant Service, 1780)

So, whether it's giving up watching TV or social media time so you can spend more time reading your Bible, in prayer, or with your spouse and family, OR whether it's giving up money that you'd normally spend on coffee each day and contributing it to our *"Change the World"* Lenten collection or *"Rise Against Hunger,"* OR giving up dessert and replacing it with time spent in exercise at the gym, OR something else, my hope is that you will use Jesus' simple prayer or one of Wesley's to inspire you to find something unique about yourself that you can surrender to God. You'll find power in doing so!

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian



What is a Spiritual Gift? What is Yours?

Uncover your Spiritual Gifts in this 4-week Lenten Study
February 25th and March 4th, 11th, and 18th
2:15 PM to 4:30 PM
Cost is \$18 per person
Led by Pat Gilbert and Pastor Brian

Explore these questions and more
Why Am I Unique?
What Spiritual Gifts Did God Give Me?
What Am I To Do With My Gifts?

To register return this completed form to the Church Office or
email churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org by February 5, 2018.

I am interested in participating in this spiritual adventure.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



Love one another, and be kind and humble
with one another.
(from 1 Peter 3)

Missions Committee

Update on Our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event

Our church received the following letter from Michael Ashley,
Program Director for Rise Against Hunger Atlanta.

Dear LaGrange FUMC,
It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination
of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on
11/12/2017. A shipping container, holding 243,432 meals,
has been sent to Belize for our partner Kidz Konnect 4 Jesus.

Kidz Konnect 4 Jesus is an organization that nourishes lives
through food assistance and other services in Belize. To learn
more, please visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact
Stories at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>.

Ending hunger is only possible if we continue to grow the
movement. We encourage you to share the news about this
shipment. Since 2005, volunteers like you have helped us
distribute over 310 million meals worldwide. We can end
hunger by 2030, but we can't do it without you.

Please visit our website www.riseagainsthunger.org and
continue your involvement.

Gratefully,
Michael Ashley



FUMC Family, the Student
Ministries at FUMC will be
continuing Blessings in a Book-
bag. This ministry provides kids
at Ethel Kight Elementary School
with extra food for the weekend.

This semester, we were given a
gracious gift of food, that includes
nearly everything we will need for
spring 2018, *except for drinks.*

So, Church Family, we are asking for packs of juice boxes to
be donated. We need 102 juice boxes per week. CapriSuns
and Juicy Juice are the best!



The Season of Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday, February 14th.
We will observe this special day with
2 services, one at **7:00am** in the
Chapel and one at **7:00pm** in the
Sanctuary.

Your Family Lenten Calendar is enclosed
in this issue of *The Flame*.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone on Easter Sunday, April 1, please
complete this form, return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate along with your check for
\$12.00, payable to the church and marked "Easter Lily" on or before March 15th. Lilies will be delivered to
shut-ins after Easter unless you indicate otherwise below.

*You may also write out at list of people you want to recognize and send that along with the money for the
lilies, or email churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org with your list.

In Honor _____ or In Memory _____

OF: _____

BY: _____

Pick up after Easter Service _____ or Deliver to a shut-in _____



It's been six months since I started working with all of you at LaGrange First. While there are so many of you whom I have yet to meet, I've been blessed by all those that I've met already. FUMC has the best kids, hands down, and I have the privilege to minister along side some of the best volunteers. If you serve as a Sunday School teacher, Wednesday night helper, prayer partner, committee chair, VBS supporter, or in any of the other greatly needed areas of Children's Ministries, you are a MINISTRY PARTNER and what you do is IMPORTANT! You are helping to shape the minds and hearts of children. You are helping to build a foundation that will last into eternity.

Thank You

The focus of our Wednesday Night Children's Program is to learn about how to live a life like Christ.
In February, we will learn about prayer.

To all Parents, as a ministry partner, I'd like to offer some ideas of ways you can continue to talk about prayer at home with your child/children. We know that prayer is a way to communicate with God and that it deepens our relationship with our Lord. I've found that your children love to talk to God and they enjoy prayer. I'm amazed that every time I ask for a volunteer to pray, I have multiple hands raised. Here are a few suggestions for keeping that relationship with God alive and growing:

1. Model prayer for your children and look for opportunities throughout the day to pray with them. A few suggestions
 - a. Pray together in the car when you see emergency vehicles responding to calls, offering prayers for the ones needing help and the ones going to offer help.
 - b. Pray together throughout the day, pray before a sporting event, or a big day at school.
 - c. When you see something remarkable, offer a prayer of praise; a simple "Good job, God" will be remembered by your child.
 - d. Offer prayers of thanks for the little things like a green light instead of red one, a short line at the check out in a store, or any of the thousands of things we tend to forget about.
 God wants us all to come to him with all things, big and small.
2. Keep prayers age appropriate and heartfelt. Children are great at offering heartfelt prayers. Let them see your sincerity and vulnerability as you pray with them to thank God for his unconditional love, forgiveness of our sins, and praises to him for the ways God has blessed you.
3. Pray blessings over your child. A simple "God protect Matthew at his practice today" as he gets into the car for baseball practice. Thank the Lord each day for something specific about your child, a particular attribute, an action or event, or a gift or talent he has. Pray for the fruits of the spirit in your children; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Upcoming Events

February 14th - Popcorn and Pajamas - Children's Valentine's Day Party

Children are invited to bring their favorite snuggle item, wear pjs or sweats, and enjoy popcorn and a movie together, from 5:45 - 6:45pm, in the Room 107 in the Children's Building.



February 25th - Family Worship Sunday

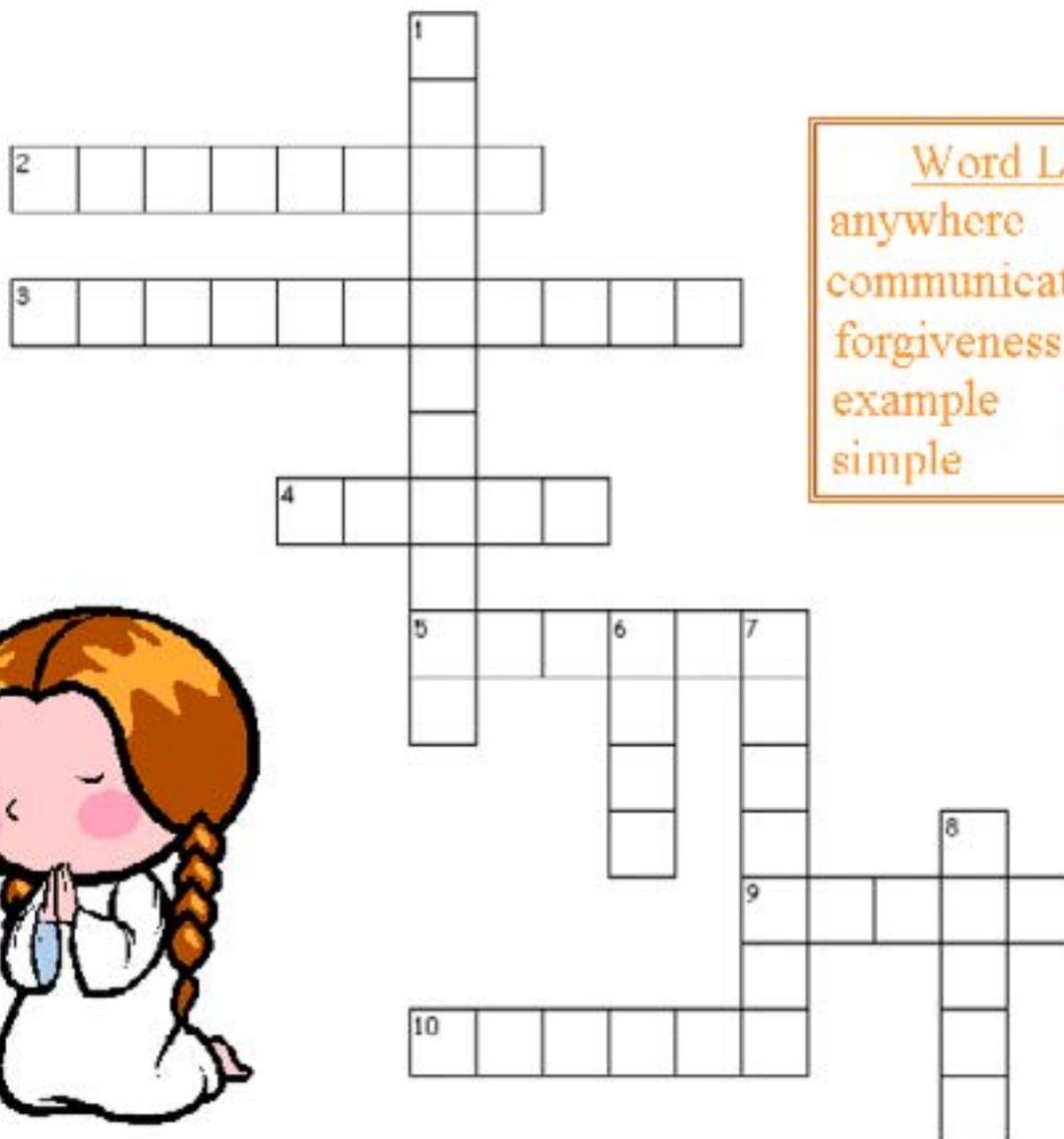
Look for children's worship packets available at The Bridge and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services.



We need your Paper Towel and Toilet Paper TUBES

For the next several months, please save your paper towel and toilet paper tubes for our Children's Ministry. As you collect them, please bring them to the Children's Building or Church Office. Thank You!

Lord's Prayer Crossword



Across

2. We can pray anytime and _____.
3. Prayer is the special way we _____ with God.
4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it's best to keep it this.
9. Praying has a lot of this because God can do anything.
10. Include this in your prayer to God because he deserves to hear it.

Down

1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
7. The Lord's Prayer is an _____ so we can know how to pray.
8. God always _____ us when we pray.

Your Change Can Change the World!



As Lent approaches, the Missions Committee is again asking **You** to **Change** the **World!** You can change that by simply setting aside your spare change every day during the Lenten season.

Last fall, **our church packed 20,088 meals** for the Rise Against Hunger global initiative of fighting hunger around the world. Each meal packed included enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and nutrients. We want to participate in this effort again in the Fall, surpassing last year's **20,000 plus meals**.

You can help and **Change the World** by

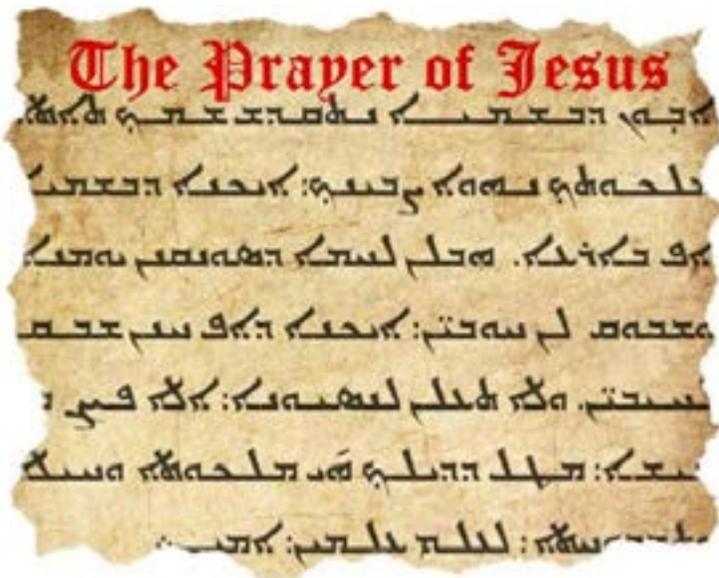
- Taking a *You Can Change the World* cup that will be given out at church as Lent begins
- Collecting your extra change and place in the cup
- Bringing your change-filled cup to church and empty it into the specially marked containers, *repeat*
- Praying and watching the meal count rise during Lent

Your cup of change will help pay for the cost of providing the materials and food to make the meals. Challenge yourself, your family, your friends, Sunday School class, and co-workers, to put change in the cups to feed **one more hungry person**.

Mother Teresa said, **"If you can't feed 100 people then feed just one."** See how many meals you can provide during the Lenten season because **You Can Change the World**, one meal at a time!

LENTEN 2018 SERMON SERIES

What did Jesus mean when he taught his disciples what is known today as "The Lord's Prayer"? Why was it radical and controversial in its time? And what relevance does it still have for our lives today? Join Pastors Brian and Blake February 18-March 25 at all three worship services for "The Prayer of Jesus" – one special series shared two unique ways – exploring the meaning and relevance of this powerful prayer, phrase by phrase.



Long Range Planning Committee Update January 2018

- A vision encourages unity.*
- A vision creates energy.*
- A vision provides purpose.*

The Long Range Planning Committee has been on a journey of discovery over the past year. We've used a tool kit entitled "Discovering God's Future for Your Church" from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership as our guide. This journey has included various exercises, community meetings, and discovery sessions that have helped us better understand our church history, culture and values; evaluate internal trends, needs, strengths and resources; and identify community demographics, trends and anticipated shifts, along with an exploration of our neighbors, community programs and evolving amenities.

This process took us through the summer and led us to a series of sessions toward discovering God's next vision for LaGrange First United Methodist Church. We're currently in the process of evaluating measurements for success and building a framework for developing benchmarks, setting goals and measuring progress. While we aren't quite ready to reveal the proposed vision, we are preparing for a series of Congregational Town Halls in March. We'll use this time to review the discovery process, share the vision, and request your input and participation in building out the framework.

We're excited to share our progress and will publish dates for the March Town Halls in the next Flame.

Rhonda Mitchell
Long Range Planning Committee Chair



March 1st

Michael Reno Harrell

*An Azalea Storytelling
Festival Teller*

Thursday Lunch Club
12 Noon
Fellowship Hall

\$6 per person
For reservations
call or email
the church

at 706-884-4635 or
churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org

Housing & Homeless Special Offering



On Sunday, February 25th, we will join all churches in the North Georgia Conference to receive this annual special offering. All money collected will go

directly to ministries that serve people who live in poverty and homelessness. *Please make checks payable to our church and mark your gift "homeless offering".*

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We always look forward to hearing from you.



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Need to Talk? Refer yourself or a friend in need to one of our church's confidential Stephen Ministers who can help walk one-to-one with you or them through crisis. For more information or for a referral, speak to one of our Pastors or email stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org.

**IN MEMORIAM
Charles Stevens
January 6, 2018**

We Welcome!
Phillip Rivenbark joined our church family on
Sunday, January 14th.

Men's February Special Breakfast

Please join us for the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 10th, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be presented by **Joyce Young and Pepper Hagebak**. All men in the church are invited and encouraged to bring your wife/girlfriend to this Valentine breakfast. Please call or email the Church Office at 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org.

OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Monday, February 19th, for the President's Day holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call 888-456-1203.

Supporting Our Ministries

In addition to traditional giving methods (cash & check), you can also donate to First United Methodist Church via Text-to-Give (Text LGFUMC to 73256) or online at lagrangefumc.org/online-giving.

It's time to share your passion for Christ.

The Worship Committee is beginning to work on the Lenten Devotional Books for our Lenten Season. The booklets for the last three years have received rave reviews. What a wonderful way to spread your faith. In order to make this happen, we need for you to write a devotional. It should be original and come from your heart and soul.

Please consider submitting a devotional to communication@lagrangefumc.org.

You may also hand write one and leave in the Church Office. These are due no later than February 10th. How much should you write? That's up to you. Suggested format is a title, scripture, devotional, and a brief prayer.

Thank you, Worship Committee



Soup for Sale
Sunday, February 5th, \$6 per Quart
9:45am till sold out (No pre-orders)

****Pick up in the Small Dining Room****

Soup Choices Available

Potato Vegetable Beef White Chicken Chili
Mexican Chicken Corn Chowder Creamy Chicken and Rice

January 23, 2018

Dear FUMC Church Family,

As 2017 ends and 2018 begins, we wanted to give you an update on our church's finances, and it's a good story!

First of all, 2017...

For most of the year we were running a positive variance of revenues, versus expenses, in the range of \$55-60k. As of November (the last numbers we had as we were making the final recommendations for the 2018 budget) that positive variance had dropped to about \$50k, but we felt like December's giving would drive that number back up. That is exactly what happened and thanks to very generous giving at year end, we ended up with revenues exceeding expenses for 2017 by \$145,000. That is wonderful and we would like to thank you for your faithfulness and generosity, not only at year end, but throughout the year.

Regarding 2018...

To talk about 2018, we would like to review what happened in 2016 to prepare for 2017. At that time, due to the amount of pledges received and projected revenues for 2017, the finance committee recommended a fairly strict budget which resulted in some staff reductions and other belt tightening. That hard and difficult work paid off in 2017 and was a big contributor to the positive results we shared above. You should feel good that your Finance Committee and Church Council were willing to make the decisions necessary to keep our church's finances strong.

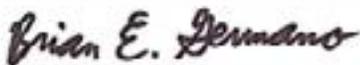
With that recent history in mind, and based on the very positive results from our annual stewardship campaign last October, we didn't want to have to take such strict measures again. So, for 2018, our Church Council actually adopted a budget \$60k more than our projected revenues. This "deficit budgeting" for 2018 is not unprecedented...we have done it a number of times in years past, but it's not something that we generally like to do. That said, the decision was made with faith that receipts for December of 2017 would come in strong (it did!) and that we would (hopefully) receive more in 2018 than we are projecting. In effect, that faith was rewarded with enough of a positive variance in 2017 to more than offset the deficit we were projecting for 2018. That is good news.

Use of Surplus Funds...

Overall, we believe that our church's finances are in fairly good shape. While we are blessed to be in this position, there is at least one big ticket purchase that we are planning to make in the near future: the badly needed replacement of the HVAC system in the Sanctuary building. A significant amount of planning has already been done by the Trustees so that work can be done. Additionally, a Finance subcommittee has already met to review a number of items related to how we are going to pay for the upgrade, as well as how we will manage our operating funds going forward, including potential use of surplus funds from 2017.

Consideration is being given to items such as the HVAC project, existing ministries we can better fund, additional ministries we might want to fund in the future, and a minimum reasonable amount of operating funds we would want to keep in the bank (less than we currently have).

Thank you again for your financial faithfulness in 2017 and for your continued faithfulness in 2018.



Brian Germano
Senior Pastor



Richard Ennis
Finance Committee Chair



Sam Graham
Stewardship Committee Chair



February 2018

Weekly

SUNDAY

9:00a Chapel Worship
10:00a Sunday School
10:55a The Bridge
11:00a Traditional Worship
Service

MONDAY

10:30a Meals on Wheels
11:30a Soup Kitchen
1:30p Staff Meeting
6:30p Cub Scouts

TUESDAY

9:00a Community Care
11:00a Dulcimers
6:30p Cub Scouts
7:30p Boy Scouts
7:00p The Bridge Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

9:30a Explorers Bible Study
11:30a Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch
5:00p Wednesday Evening Meal
5:30p Handbell Rehearsal
5:45p Children's Program
6:00p Mid & Sr. High Youth
6:30p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00a Community Care
9:45a Prayer Ministry
10:00a Dulcimers

FRIDAY

7:00a Men's Coffee & Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 12:00 Thursday Lunch Club	2	3
4 9:45a SOUPER BOWL Fundraiser 12:00 Pinewood Derby 5:00p Disciple II Bible Study	5	6 12:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	7	8	9	10 9:00a Men's Special Valentine's Breakfast
11 5:00p Disciple II Bible Study 4:00p Backstage Pass Music Fundraiser	12 Circles Meet	13	14 7:00a Ash Wednesday Service  7:00p Ash Wednesday Service LENT Begins	15	16	17
18 4:00p Cub Scout "God & Me" Class 5:00p Disciple II Bible Study	19 Offices Closed for The Presidents' Day Holiday	20 5:30p Worship Committee	21	22 5:30p Board of Trustees	23	24
25	26	27 5:15p Finance Committee 6:30p Church Council	28	March 1 12:00 Thursday Lunch Club	March 2	March 3

From January 2018

Remembrances Received

In Honor of

David Funk—Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

In Memory of

Charles Stevens—Dennis & Fay Riddle, Marion Towns, Bobby & Molly Carmichael, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Jerry & Nita Overall, Laura Shedd, Shirra & Hoyt Rogers, Mike & Cecilia Stevenson, Virginia Robertson, Heather & Sam Graham, Jackie Huckstep, Sylvia Davis, Jane & Gary Stephens, Lauranne Buchanan, Carole & Kelly Linch, Louise & Ben Parham, Debra & Dean Jackson, Lea & J.M. Rawlinson, Mike & Ellen Dobbs, Trish Smith, Nancy & Mike Peterson, Pat & Orren Gilbert, Margaret Camp, Jane Willey, Jennie Wadsworth

Flowers

Flowers in all worship services on Sunday, February 25th are from the wedding of **Rachel Ennis & Charlie deCelle, February 23, 2018.**

February's Worship Team Volunteers

Ushers: Jay Russell, Quillian Baldwin, Bobby Carmical, Richard Ennis, Danny Arp, Mack Reese, Bill Young, Wayne Shelnett, Dan McAlexander, Bowen Beall, Lenny Bateman

Altar Guild: Donna Ennis, Laura Holley, Patti Lybrand, Holly Reese, Dodie Patterson, Patsy Wynne

The Bridge: Heather Graham

Greeter/Welcome Team: Bill & Joyce Young, Jane Stephens, Joye Greene, Louise Kirby, Linda Frano, Ric & Joanna Selbie, Julianne Skipper, David & Angela Ochsenknecht, Trish Smith, Gary & Jane Stephens, Jean Edwards, Pat & Fred Bodine, Sharon Jones, Carolyn Day, James & Jennifer Emery, Lauranne Buchanan, Jane Willey, Steve & Caryn Cole, Jared & Loren Lovin, Bill & Susan Black, Dean & Nancy Larson, Mike & Denise Wilson, Terri Cook, Wayne & Beth Godwin, Laura Holley

February 2018

Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal Menus

WEW Meal on February 7

Menu: Baked Tilapia, rice Pilaf, Veggie, Salad Bar, Dessert.
Children: Nachos & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on February 14

Menu: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Corn, Salad Bar, Dessert.
Children: Spaghetti & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on February 21

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Veggie, Salad Bar, Dessert.
Children: Mini-Burgers & PB & J sandwiches

WEW Meal on February 28

Menu: Soup Bar, Grilled Cheese, Salad Bar, Dessert.
Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

Congratulations!

Logan Juan Thornton was born **January 4, 2018**,
the son of Jennifer & Jared Thomton.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 31

Worship Service.....160

Sunday, January 7

Sunday School.....185

Worship Service.....273

Sunday, January 14

Sunday School.....152

Worship Service.....261

Sunday, January 21

Sunday School.....173

Worship Service.....310

Special Lenten/Easter Activities:

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Palm Sunday, March 25

*9:00 a.m. Chapel Service
*10:55 a.m. The Bridge
*11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
*Palm Processionals
6:30 p.m. *The Lord's Prayer Cantata*
(Choir & Orchestra, Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion
Sanctuary

Saturday, March 31

10:00a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
The Field behind the St. Mark's Episcopal Church
section of The Thread

Sunday, April 1, Easter Services

7:00 a.m., Community Sunrise Service
(Sweetland Amphitheater)
9:00 a.m., Early Traditional Service, Sanctuary
10:55 a.m., The Bridge, Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m., Traditional, Sanctuary



*Journey
Through
Lent
2018*

2018 FAMILY LENTEN ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Post this calendar where it can be seen by the entire family during the season of Lent. Encourage all members to participate in the activity of the day. There are Bible readings for each of the 40 days of Lent.			February 14 Attend an Ash Wednesday Service. 7am or 7pm <i>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</i>	February 15 Share a Lenten devotional with your family. <i>Luke 4:1-13</i>	February 16 Invite a friend or family to have dinner with you. <i>1 John 2:1-6</i>	February 17 Fast from your favorite treat or snack. <i>2 Peter 2:4-21</i>
February 18 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Thank all who help with the services.	February 19 Pray for those suffering from illness. <i>Philippians 3:2-12</i>	February 20 Help someone you do not know. <i>Matthew 23:37-39</i>	February 21 Send an anonymous note of encouragement. <i>Luke 13:31-35</i>	February 22 Pray for those in military service. <i>Romans 4:1-12</i>	February 23 Display a cross inside or outside your home. <i>Psalms 105:1-15, 42</i>	February 24 Pray for the children and youth of our church & the world. <i>Luke 13:22-31</i>
February 25 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Invite a neighbor to church.	February 26 Pray for our church staff and volunteer leaders. <i>Daniel 3:19-30</i>	February 27 Do something extra nice for a classmate or co-worker. <i>Luke 6:43-45</i>	February 28 Pray for someone who has hurt you. <i>Luke 13:1-9</i>	March 1 Surprise a family member-do something nice for them. <i>Psalms 39</i>	March 2 Pray for missionaries around the world. <i>Ezekiel 17:1-10</i>	March 3 Light a candle and think about Jesus, the Light of the World. <i>Luke 13:18-21</i>
March 4 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Sit near someone you don't know.	March 5 Give up TV, iPad, & visual screens for one day. <i>2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5</i>	March 6 Take food to the Food Closet. <i>2 Corinthians 5:6-15</i>	March 7 Call an out-of-town relative. <i>Luke 15:1-10</i>	March 8 Thank a veteran for his service to our country. <i>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</i>	March 9 Pray for our community, state, and country. <i>Leviticus 23:26-41</i>	March 10 Weed someone's garden in preparation for spring. <i>Leviticus 25:1-19</i>
March 11 Attend Sunday School and Worship. Bring a Friend.	March 12 Help a friend. <i>Luke 9:10-17</i>	March 13 Tell someone you love him. <i>Philippians 2:19-24</i>	March 14 Donate clothes to the Clothing Center. <i>Philippians 2:25-3:1</i>	March 15 Share something with a brother, sister or friend. <i>John 11:45-57</i>	March 16 Share your faith with someone. <i>John 12:1-8</i>	March 17 Give up something to make someone happy. <i>Psalms 20</i>
March 18 Attend Sunday School & a Worship Service.	March 19 Volunteer to help with Meals on Wheels. <i>1 John 2:18-28</i>	March 20 Make an Easter gift for someone. <i>Luke 18:31-34</i>	March 21 Visit someone who has lost a loved one. <i>Hebrews 2:1-9</i>	March 22 Send someone an Easter card. <i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i>	March 23 Pray for all elected leaders. <i>Luke 22:1-13</i>	March 24 Decorate Easter eggs and give them away. <i>Luke 19:28-40</i>
March 25 PALM SUNDAY Attend a Worship Service & the Easter Family Event.	March 26 Pray the Lord's Prayer at 9am, noon, and 9pm. <i>John 12:1-11</i>	March 27 Make your own crown of thorns. <i>John 12:20-36</i>	March 28 Look for fresh flowers to bring to church on Sunday. <i>John 13:21-32</i>	March 29 Attend the Maundy Thursday Service. <i>John 13:1-17, 31b-35</i>	March 30 Meditate on the grief & pain Christ experienced on Calvary. <i>John 18:1-19</i>	March 31 Attend the 10:00am Easter Egg Family event. <i>Zephaniah 3:14-20</i>
April 16 HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN						