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World Day of Prayer - March 4

Our Chapel will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. this Friday, March 4, honoring World Day of Prayer. You may come, pray and meditate for as long of a period as you like.



Pantry Sunday is this weekend

Sunday, March 6, is our monthly Pantry Sunday. When shopping for you and your family, please purchase an extra item or two to donate to someone less fortunate. Non-perishable food items, paper and cleaning products and personal hygiene items are always needed. Please put your items in the wooden boxes in the entry area. Your donations will be delivered to one of our local agencies.

Looking for a place to hang out?

- D Disciples
- O Outreach
- O Open Doors
- R Responsibility

- H Heart and Hands
- A Action
- N Neighbors
- G Growth
- E Everlasting Love
- R Relationships
- S Servant

As you can see, door hangers mean much more than just hanging a piece of paper on someone's door.

Please join us on March 5 and/or March 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the church parking lot to go and invite others into our church home. If you can't participate at either of these times but would like to help — no problem — just call Donna Teachman at 358-0752 to get some door hangers so you can go when it's convenient for you.

Thank you for your support.

KOAM will start spring session on March 9

All children in grades 2-5 are encouraged to join *Kids-on-a-Mission* beginning Wednesday, March 9. The kids begin the evening with dinner at 5:30, followed by bells and music at 6:00 and mission meeting 6:30-7:30. The spring session will be "Celebrating our Differences" and learning about children with disabilities.

Please call Tammy Bartley at 816-455-6869 or the church office to register your child/children.

“Walking Jesus’ Path”

“Take time to be holy, speak oft(en) with thy Lord.” This is the opening line of a familiar old hymn. So what does it mean to be “holy”? There are probably none of us who are “holy”. However, we are capable of behaving in a holy manner.

To behave in a holy manner is to act and speak with reverence and humility. It is to listen, to show kindness, to act with patience and to show genuine concern. It is to walk with confidence remembering the source of your strength and certainty.

When was the last time you sat at your kitchen table, folded your hands, bowed your head and waited? Then when you spoke or prayed, you knew God was with you?

If you sit or stand with the Lord, you have found your connection with the One who is Holy. You will be spiritually fed and given peace. You will “be” holy.

... Cheryl

Time is running out to order Blue Ridge shirts

The Nurture and Fellowship Committee will continue to take orders for Blue Ridge shirts until March 6. Someone will be in the entry area to take your order on Sunday. Order forms are in the church office until that date. Sweatshirts, long-sleeve t-shirts and denim shirts are available. You must pay at the time you place your order. Profits from the sale will go toward apportionments.

G.I.F.T. group make plans for service project

The Growing In Faith Together group will meet at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 6, to clean pews in the Sanctuary. They invite anyone who wants to come and help to join them with a bucket and some Murphy’s Oil Soap. The rest of the cleaning supplies will be provided. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Anne Norton at 737-0064.

Men of Blue Ridge

Meet for breakfast at Monica’s on 40 Highway this Saturday, March 5, at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to come.

Attention Vacation Bible School volunteers!

Remember how much fun you had with the children at Vacation Bible School last year? Well, now is the time to mark your calendars for this summer!



VBS dates will be July 18-22. If you missed the adventure last year, consider this your invitation to come and be a part of our “Serengeti Trek” Where Kids are WILD about GOD! Please let Tammy know if you are planning to help. Questions? Call Tammy at 455-6869.

United Methodist Women meet March 9

Since the February Unit Meeting for the United Methodist Women had to be canceled because of bad weather, the program this month will be “Call to Pray and Self Denial.” Betty Hulse will give a legislative report at the March meeting. There will be a Sacrificial Brunch served by the Lydia Circle, beginning at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Coming Next Week...

Sunday, March 6

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- Blue Ridge shirt orders being taken
- 10:30-10:50 a.m., Angel Choir, Room 110, sing at 11:00
- 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel
- 1:30 p.m., Clean pews in Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m., Lenten Study, Chapel

Monday, March 7

- 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts, Hobbs Hall

Tuesday, March 8

- 6:30 p.m., Cornerstone
- 6:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m., Education Committee Meeting, Room 222
- 7:00 p.m., Cub Scouts, Hobbs Hall

Wednesday, March 9

- 10:00 a.m., UMW Unit Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m., *Kids-on-a-Mission*, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m., Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Ensemble
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 10

- 6:30 p.m., Alpha

Saturday, March 12

- Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall



Youth Information:

Sunday, March 6

- Sunday School Classes
- Check youth newsletter for evening activities

Place your order now for an Easter lily

Again this year, Easter lilies will be available for you to order in honor or in memory of someone special. We have ordered 40 plants. The price remains the same as last year, \$6.00 per plant. Please call the church office to place your order. We can accept only phone-in or walk-in orders. You will be able to take your plant home after the 11:00 service on Easter Sunday. If Easter Sunday is not convenient for you, you can pick up the lily on Monday between 8:30-4:30.



Candy needed for annual Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the church's back parking lot. We are in great need of candy to fill the eggs. Please bring packages of **small, individually wrapped candies**, the size that will fit inside a regular-sized, plastic egg. Thanks so much! You can drop off the candy in the church office.

If you have questions or would be willing to help prepare the eggs or hide eggs on Saturday morning, please call Allana Ross at 743-9033.

Youth Choir gets "special" recognition

Florence Hartman (who, by the way, will celebrate her 100th birthday in April) brought the following note by the church office a week BEFORE the Youth Musical. This is what Florence wrote: "We enjoy and appreciate our Youth Choir. Their choir numbers are so good. We enjoy the soloists, duets, quartets and musicians. Their plays are well done and have so much meaning in them. Are you happy the mornings they sing? Have you thought of all the preparation and time it takes for the musicals? If you haven't already told the choir members how much you appreciate and enjoy them, now is the time. Thanks to Linda, too."



Pastor's Corner:

There is a line from some musical I can't recall, where they sing about a dead man who loved his fellow men but he never let it show. How like a number of professing believers who profess love, but never do anything to show it. We who call ourselves "Christian" are called, to the contrary, to let it show.

An example of this is given in the story of a medical student in England, quite disinterested in religion, walking nonchalantly along a London street, when he happened to pass a hall at the very moment when hymn singing was in progress. He turned in to see what was going on and before he knew it was under the spell of the preaching of the noted evangelist Dwight L. Moody. The student was Wilfred Grenfell, later famous and knighted for his service as the Labrador doctor who provided medical service, the Christian gospel and education to isolated people in a forgotten corner of North America. He later said, "It is quite obvious to me, but not so to some who are perplexed as to my motivation, that my service to Labrador could only have come about because of my first being converted to the Christ who went about doing good and ministering to the forgotten people of His world."

During this Lenten Season, we can begin to act out Christ's commission to us by renewing our vows of service, prayer and support of His church's programs and ministries. It will not only make this a better place to live, but it will make our hearts a better place for God's Holy Spirit to dwell. We will begin to know His abundance.

Grace & Peace,

...Jim

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- As of February 28 , the following members have been reported in area hospitals: Georgene Stinnett and Paul Matthews at Research.
- Our sympathy to Edna Scahill and family for the February 25 death of her husband Tom.
- Congratulations to Gerrit Robinson who received his God and Family Award.
- We received the following thank you from Art Long: "Thanks to all so very much for prayers, cards and visits during my eight-week stay in the hospital."

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