

**THE MESSENGER**  
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## Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion.

Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).

- Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

~*The Newsletter Newsletter, March 2015*



**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

### **YOUTH CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, March 11**

5:30 P.M.-MYF, Activities Building

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Wade and Whitney Aldridge are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Evalyn Wade "Eva Wade" Aldridge. Eva Wade is also welcomed by big brother Chance. Eva Wade was born on February 26, weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Debbie Mehan of Batesville, the late Donnie Mehan, and Mickey and Gwen Aldridge of Batesville. Great grandparents are Mrs. Jean Polk, the late William H. Polk, Norma Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Arnold all of Batesville.

### **CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**

The annual Easter egg hunt will be at Gil and Nancy Bridges' home on **SATURDAY, MARCH 24 AT 1:30 PM.** Parents: Please bring a dozen candy-filled Easter eggs for each child attending the egg hunt to the church office by March 22.

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

See the church library for Easter related materials, such as Teaching and Celebrating Lent-Easter (A GRI); The Fellowship of Prayer (Lenten season devotions A BRU); Easter Garland (customs, traditions, etc. A LOR); Easter, A Pictorial Pilgrimage (A BEN); Prayers for Easter (A GUI); The First Easter (A GUID); We are an Easter People (A CAR). Don't forget the children's section too.

### **EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please call the church office (563-4534). The cost is \$16. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 1. Please make checks payable to FUMC and note "Easter Lily".

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** needs your help! UMW would like for everyone to bring birthday cards for UMW to send to the residents of Baddour Center. You can bring them to the church office.

## PRAYER REQUEST

**MEMBERS:** Margaret Haltom, Al Haberman, W. A. Allgood, Bubba Brame, Hazel Weed, Christopher Baker, Thurman Stone, Stephanie Mothershed, Willie Odom, Bonnie Land, Janet Flint, Trey McGovern, Steve Still, Frances Seale, Abbey & Alden Climer, Collins Bailey, Eloise Rollins, James Hardy, John M. Mothershed, Loree Tucker, Smylie Carothers, Ellis Byrd, Mary Moody, Asa Tucker, Brenda Pratt

**FRIENDS:** Dick Monteith, Family of Matthew Wilson, Martha Polly Bailey (mother of Vann Branch), Elliott Henson (grandson of Rev. Rod Borders), Sandra Bright (Anne McDowell's sister), Erica Gordon, Robyn Dansy, Aubrey Lauderdale (Ryna Smith's niece), Chris Aldridge, Vicki & Dalton Williams (friends of Frances Gibson), Durwood Gordon, Ella Maners (Jerry Knotts' granddaughter), Boyd Ford, June Sharp (Cindy Jones' aunt), Steve Durr (Linda Floyd's son-in-law), Preston Bright, Amanda West (Sabrina Morris' sister), Jim & Shelda Murphree (brother & sister-in-law of Vivian Bridges), Lee Harden (brother of Linda Floyd & Mary Jane Chapman), Dena Harrison (daughter-in-law of Shellie Harrison), Rose Bradford, Louise Gilbert, Bobby Burkhalter, Christina LaBorde (Loree Tucker's niece), Carly Griste

## SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Juli Lange, Jim Whitaker and family at the death of their aunt Stella Jo Whitaker of Tupelo who passed away on February 24.

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Wayne Land and Les Land at the death of their father-in-law and grandfather Colonel Rabon Gullick, Jr. of Oxford who passed away on February 26.

We express our Christian sympathy and love to Edee Temple and family at the death of her father Earnest Sanders of North Carrollton who passed away on Sunday, March 4.

## SINGING IS PRAYING TWICE- JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Did you know that singing makes you happier and is a great way to relax? Singing also is beneficial to your health by improving your memory, focus, ability to multi-task and math skills.

No auditions needed. No experience required. It's not even necessary to read music. All that's needed is a love to serve God through voice. All Vocal parts needed: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Call Davis Jones at 563-4535 or cell: 202-7172 for more information or if you have questions. Choir practice is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm in the FUMC choir room.

## UMCOR SUNDAY (Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) SUNDAY, MARCH 11

**Your gifts to the UMCOR Sunday Offering lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere.**

*"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." ~ Galatians 6:2, NIV*



**United Methodist Women  
Monday, March 12  
12 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring 5 or more Birthday Cards  
for Baddour Project  
Instant Pudding for Food Pantry**



## OWLS Don't forget your SPRING CHALLENGE! GOD IS ALIVE AND WELL IN BATESVILLE

- Your project is due at the next OWLS meeting on March 26.
- Your work will be displayed for our church on Easter Sunday in the activities building.
- Be your most creative and Christian self
- If you missed OWLS and need instructions for the project-Tracy has them in the church office.
- Any questions call or text Joanne Autrey 934-2887

## *Happy Birthday*

March 8-Jerris Roberson  
March 9-Miles Garner, Brenda Hamby, Pip Sergi  
March 10-Bart Broome, Diane Clark  
March 11-Chandler Llana, Audra Miller Lott, Kevin McDowell  
March 12-Jenna Grace Burnett, Caden Land, Drew Magee  
March 13-Jennifer Newcomb Wilson  
March 14-Alicia Flint, Zachary Keville, Georgia Pettit

## *Happy Anniversary*

March 9- M/M Henry Heafner  
March 10-M/M David McNutt  
March 11-R/M Pat Ludlam  
March 14-M/M Jay Carney  
M/M Eddie Nabors

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday, March 7

**12:00 P.M.-Lenten Lunch: Keith Keeton, Speaker**

**3:30 P.M.-Wonderful Wednesday**

**3:30 P.M.-Confirmation Class**

**5:45 P.M.-Handbells**

**6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir**

Thursday, March 8

**12:00 P.M.-Explorer’s Bible Study, Fellowship Hall**

Sunday, March 11

**8:45 A.M.-Early Morning Worship**

**9:30 A.M.-Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Activities Building**

**9:45 A.M.-Sunday School**

**10:55 A.M.-Morning Worship**

**5:30 P.M.-MYF Game Night, Activities Building**

**6:00 P.M.-Evening Worship: A Firm Foundation**

Monday, March 12

**10:00 P.M.-MAC**

**1:30 P.M.-Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, March 13

**9:00 A.M.-Staff Meeting**

**9:00 A.M.-Friendship Quilters, Activities Building**

Wednesday, March 14

**12:00 P.M.-Lenten Lunch: Vicki White, Speaker**

**5:45 P.M.-Handbells**

**6:45 P.M.-Chancel Choir**

**Financial Report for March 4, 2018**

2018 Budget	\$1,015,512.00
Budget Amt. Needed Weekly	19,529.08
<b>Budget Amt. Needed to Date</b>	<b>175,761.72</b>
Budget Amt. Offering	21,829.90
<b>Budget Amt. Rec'd to Date</b>	<b>138,256.61</b>
Good Samaritan	146.00
Lenten Lunch	116.00

**“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”  
(2 Corinthians 9:6)**

**Attendance for March 4, 2018**

Sunday School	172
Morning Worship	258
8:45 A.M.	158
10:55 A.M.	94
Nursery	6

**MORNING WORSHIP**

“Familiarity Breeds Contempt”

John 3:14-21

Ed Temple

**EVENING WORSHIP**

A Firm Foundation, Sanctuary

**March 11-Acolytes**

**8:45 A.M.**

Elliott Gray/Alex Jones

**10:55 A.M.**

Ella Rivers

**March 11-Ushers**

**8:45 A.M.**

Brooks Poland  
Mike Addington/Kevin Sayle

**10:55 A.M.**

Lee Garner/Daryl Neal  
Wade Meek/Calvin Flint

**Security Team**

Clint Egbert/Glen Gibson  
Steve McMinn

