

MARCH 2017



## March 2017

### The Lenten Season

On the first of March, we enter a new season, the season of Lent. Lent, is typically observed as a time of simple living, prayer and fasting that leads up to Easter and people usually “give up” something. This year let us also “take on” something. Recently I received a Lenten calendar from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. It gives the following suggestions to bring you closer to God each day in Lent.

March 1 – Attend a UMC Ash Wednesday service  
March 2 – Begin each day with prayer & devotion to God  
March 3 – Read Matthew 6:18 & Timothy 1:9  
March 4 – Fast from distractions and focus on God.  
March 5 – Read 1 Chronicles 16:25  
March 6 – Pray for God’s blessing in all the world  
March 7 – Repent of your sins and pray for Jesus to be your guide  
March 8 – Thank God for giving you life and for the promise of eternal life  
March 9 – Ask for forgiveness and apologize to anyone who you may have wronged  
March 10 – Give to a UM mission in a foreign country  
March 11 – Volunteer at your local homeless shelter  
March 12 – Read Luke 5:32  
March 13 – Sing a hymn of praise, like Amen, Alleluia!  
March 14 – Forgive anyone who has wronged you  
March 15 – Pray for our nation’s peace & prosperity  
March 16 – Read Mark 1:4-8  
March 17 – Lift up the mission & work of UMHEF in prayer  
March 18 – Rejoice in God’s creation on a nature hike today  
March 19 – Read 1 Corinthians 16:14  
March 20 – Share your story of Jesus’ love with someone  
March 21 – Pray for all UM related schools & students  
March 22 – Write a note of thanks to a soldier or veteran  
March 23 – Choose to follow Jesus today!  
March 24 – Give to help provide scholarships for UM students  
March 25 – Visit a shut-in and take them a meal

March 26 – Read 1 John 4:19

March 27 – Pray for our UMC leaders & future leaders

March 28 – Disciple a new believer

March 29 – Thank your parents, a friend or a mentor who has guided you spiritually

March 30 – Pray for God’s blessing on the UMC

March 31 – Invite someone to attend church with you

April 1 – Help an elderly person with chores

April 2 – Read Hebrews 13:5

April 3 – Pray for the growth of the UMC

April 4 – Decide what you will want your legacy to be & work toward it today

April 5 – Pray for UM Students who will be our future Christian leaders

April 6 – Ask God to lead you & show you how to serve

April 7 – Feed the hungry at a shelter or food bank

April 8 – Tell the story of Jesus to a child while decorating eggs

April 9 – Read Luke 19:28-44

April 10 – Study the story of Easter this week. Begin with reading Luke 19:45-48

April 11 – Glorify God in all you do. Luke 20:1-21; 38

April 12 – Serve as Jesus taught. John 13:1-20

April 13 – Worship at a Maundy Thursday service. Luke 22:1-53

April 14 – Remember the suffering & pain Jesus endured for you. Luke 22:54-23:55

April 15 – Be still and think of Mary & how she felt after Jesus’ death. Luke 23:56-24:53

April 16 – Easter...Rejoice! He is risen indeed!

As you journey through the Lenten season, no matter what you choose to do, the idea behind Lent is to choose to do something that will bring you closer to God. May these forty days draw us nearer to God and neighbor making us more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. - Pastor Margaret Currier



### Wesley's Wisdom

“Wesley was...convinced that hymns were effective for Christian instruction. He had great respect for the hymns of the church and a special regard for those written by his brother Charles, which were permeated with scriptural teaching, stirred people's faith, and knit the Methodists together in a worshipping and ministering community.” (John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life, pg. 25)

### Worship Schedule

#### Liturgists

3/5 Sue Sykes  
3/12 RoyAnn Rogerson  
3/19 Jim Coburn  
3/26 Sharon Sharrow

#### Sound

Bob Hatt  
Jim Coburn  
Mark Cieslak  
Dave Read

#### Counters

Martha Hatt, Tim Keegan

#### Ushers

3/5 Sheila & Nicole Holloway  
3/12 Carole Jacobson, Holly Russo  
3/19 Sue Sykes, Meg Sykes  
3/26 RoyAnn Rogerson, Carole Jacobson

#### Greeters

Lewis Prater, Stephen Long  
Irene & Jim Coburn  
Fran Brown  
Deb & Mark Cieslak

#### Social

3/5 Belinda Wagner, Patricia Zych  
3/12 Flansburg family  
3/19 Sean O'Sullivan  
3/26 Judy Swain, Sally Dean

#### Acolytes

Daegan Connors, Zoey Flansburg  
Alec Flansburg, Isiana Lugo  
Alec Flansburg, Zoey Flansburg  
Nicole Holloway, Rebecca Currier



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The Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study will meet each Wed. at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room to continue their study of the Psalms.

Ash Wednesday Service March 1st– at SUMC 7:00 pm.

Thank you to all who participated in the Shrove Dinner!

## SUMC IN MISSIONS

Scotia Glenville Food Pantry 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

-Go through your pantry and lend a helping hand-

**Keep bringing in** bottles and cans, Box Tops for Education, and Labels for Education. Box Tops collected will be donated to local elementary schools.

***Food Pantry Needs*** for February: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap.

***Regional Food Bank*** – We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 21st to volunteer at the Food Bank.

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## MARCH CALENDAR

**3/1 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm**  
**3/5 Communion Sunday**  
**3/5 Regina Caeli Academy Open House 1:30 pm**  
**3/6 Trustees Meeting at 7 pm**  
**3/9 Choir Practice 7:30 pm**  
**3/12 Daylight Savings Time Begins –Spring forward!**  
**3/12 Education Meeting after service**  
**3/17 St. Patrick's Day**  
**3/20 First Day of Spring! ☼☼☼☼☼☼**  
**3/21 Regional Food Bank 2:00 pm**  
**3/21 Finance Meeting 7 pm**  
**3/23 Choir Practice 7:30 pm**  
**3/26 Staff Parish Relations meeting after service**  
**3/27 Admin. Council meeting 7 pm**

## Coming Events:

## Palm Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday April 13th**

**Good Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Easter – Resurrection Sunday! April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday School info:**

During the month of February, the Sunday School classes focused on how we can demonstrate love, inclusion and acceptance in our daily lives as taught by Jesus. The students made a blanket for the Project Linus organization, an organization that collects hand made blankets for critically ill children.

March will bring Lent/Easter lessons. And watch for information on our annual Easter egg hunt!

**Church Treasurers Report**  
**31-Jan-17**

	<u>January</u> <u>2017</u>
Individual Contributions	\$11,199
	1,96
Building Use/Rent	6
Fund Raising/Interest Income	9
Other Designated Giving	-
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<u>\$13,175</u>
Wages & other employment expenses	\$5,089
	3
Church Operations/Program	63
	1,43
Parsonage Expenses	4
	1,68
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	5
	1,09
Church Building-Utilities/Water	3
	1,48
Church Building-All Other	2
	2,53
Apportionments	0
Benevolences	79
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>\$13,755</u>
<b>Shortage</b>	<b>\$</b> <b>(580)</b>

There was a shortage of (\$580) for the month of January 2017.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,  
please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.