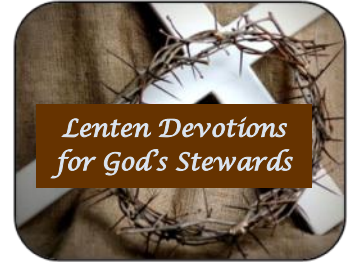


# The Connection



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*Lenten Devotions  
for God's Stewards*

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## **Church Staff**

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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

We are now in the season of Lent, a forty-day period that reflects the forty days Jesus fasted in the wilderness. Lent also calls us to remember Jesus' journey toward the cross and his suffering and death for our sins. For us, Lent is a time of spiritual self-examination that prepares us to not only observe His Passion, but eventually, to also celebrate His Resurrection.

The proven means for self-examination are the spiritual disciplines ... prayer, Bible reading, meditation, fasting, good works, confession, generosity and similar practices.

A "discipline," which comes from the same root word as does "disciple," helps us to see ourselves the way God sees us. These spiritual disciplines are channels God uses to answer the plea from Psalm 139, which is truly a prayer in the spirit of Lent:

***Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (vs. 23-24.)***

While we can readily understand why such practices as prayer, fasting and meditation support self-examination, we may have been surprised to see "generosity" on that list of disciplines. But generosity is a Bible-based discipline, as Jesus' words in Luke 14:33 show: "*So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you are not willing to give up all your possessions.*"

Granted, Jesus' words in that setting push the principle of generosity to the limit, but he spoke of possessions in a radical way because he knew possessions too often possess us, and that hurts our spiritual state. Thus, one of the ways we minimize possessiveness is by opening our hand wide, sharing freely with those in need, supporting our church strongly, and doing other acts of lavish generosity.

Lent is a time for a fresh opening of ourselves to God. It calls us back to our best character goals, and our commitment to follow Jesus. During this season, we invite you to use the booklet *Lenten Devotions for God's Stewards*, available in the church sanctuary or office, to assist you in meditation and prayer. But we also encourage you to work the full range of the spiritual disciplines, so that you may be truly Jesus' disciple and go with him as he journeys to the Cross, and the Resurrection beyond. May the riches of the Lord be yours!

Together with you in Christ..... *Pastor Gary*

### Easter Egg Hunt

**APRIL 8, 2017**



There will be refreshments served in Hardin Hall before the HUNT, and church members are invited to greet & mingle with the children and parents. The HUNT will follow after everyone progresses into the sanctuary for instructions. The children will then return to Hardin Hall to collect their prizes.

The CARING COMMUNITY is asking for plastic EASTER eggs and wrapped candy **\*\*\*NO CHOCOLATE\*\*\*** that will fit in them. Stuffing eggs and filling gift bags will take place **April 1st**—everyone is welcome to join in the fun. A basket will be in the rear of the church for the eggs and candy.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

**PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE HALLWAY**

It is a wonderful time to share with the children in our community and their parents.

Please contact Pat Tiffany (386) 426-5158.

[misspat10@hotmail.com](mailto:misspat10@hotmail.com)

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

### CAR SHOW & CHICKEN BBQ

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SAT., APRIL 22, 2017 10AM-3PM**

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ANY OF THE UMM for \$10 each.**



### **FOOD PANTRY**



**CEREAL is needed for third SUNDAY donations.**

***Sunday, March 19, 2017***

**This helps more than you can imagine!**



### **"Day On Campus" Sat., April 1st**

***All are welcome to this fun event.***

- 9AM.....Gates Open-Tour Campus
- 11AM.....Program in Gymnasium
- 12Noon.....Picnic Lunch under the Big Top  
Campus Tours Resume

If you would like more info contact:  
Joe Hale, LCR (386) 424-9407 or  
Lou & Charlene Giovanniello  
[lgiovanniello@msn.com](mailto:lgiovanniello@msn.com)

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Will host a **SPRING FLING Pot Luck Buffet**

**50 cents per dip (spoonful)  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Sat.,  
March 11th**



**4:30 PM-  
6:30PM**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



*To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens and leaders.*



*Rex Hoffman, Unit Director at EUMC*

*Mon.-Fri. 2PM-6PM (Summer 8AM-6PM)*



### **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**



**Thank you all for your support of Blanket+ Sunday! A total of \$236.00 was collected & sent to Church World Service!**

The Sanctuary will be opened from  
9AM-3PM on Wed., March 1, 2017



Please join us for our  
Ash Wednesday Service at 7PM.



Daylight Savings Time Begins  
2:00AM on March 12, 2016

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Sat., March 18, 2017

1:00 PM—Hardin Hall

Deb Korfage-Amborn

will come and speak about services that  
are available from



All are welcome to join us.

For more information contact Arlene Tilison.  
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**CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- Mar. 1 9:00 AM ASH WEDNESDAY Sanctuary Opened (9AM-3PM)
- Mar. 1 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Communion)
- Mar. 2 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
- Mar. 2 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Athens Restaurant)
- Mar. 2 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar. 3 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Card Room)
- Mar. 4 9:00 AM United Methodist Men (Choir Room)
- Mar. 5 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (Communion)
- Mar. 5 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (Communion)
- Mar. 7 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
- Mar. 9 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
- Mar. 9 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Athens Restaurant)
- Mar. 9 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar. 10 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Card Room)
- Mar. 11 1:00 PM Crafters (SS #1 1PM-3PM)
- Mar. 11 4:30 PM UMW Spring Fling (Hardin Hall)
- Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- Mar. 12 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (Cookies)
- Mar. 12 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (Cookies)
- Mar. 14 1:00 PM Dorcas Circle (Alice Lewis' Home)
- Mar. 16 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
- Mar. 16 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Athens Restaurant)
- Mar. 16 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Card Room)
- Mar. 16 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar. 18 1:00 PM UMW Meeting (Hardin Hall)
- Mar. 19 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Mar. 19 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar. 21 1:00 PM Ruth Circle (Patti Sulzbach's Home)
- Mar. 21 7:00 PM Naomi Circle (SS #3)
- Mar. 23 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Mar. 23 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Athens Restaurant)
- Mar. 23 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar. 24 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Card Room)
- Mar. 25 8:30 AM TOPS Workshop (Hardin Hall)
- Mar. 26 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Mar. 26 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar. 26 11:30 AM \*\*\*COVERED DISH\*\*\*
- Mar. 30 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Mar. 30 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Athens Restaurant)
- Mar. 30 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar. 31 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Card Room)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

17—*Johnnie Mae Jenkins*

18—*Mike Fry*

21—*Jack Haun*

23—*Gail Gilchrist*

23—*Al Wilkinson*

26—*Pat Tiffany*

27—*Joandel Jackson*

31—*Phyllis Sperry*



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

10—*Ken & Bobbie Steinhoff*



## **Christian Humor**

### **A FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY**

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The judge said, "the calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.....Court is adjourned..."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

Dolores Ace

Sara Alford

Gayle Allen

Dawn Anderson

Linda Baden

Elizabeth Baker

Johnathon Baldini

Viola Bankston

Becky Bowser

Dana Bromely

Pete Brown

Shanitra Brown

Frank Bryant

Thelma Buchard

Stan Buys

Theresa Champagne

Mildred Coburn

Peggy Cochran

Logan Cole

Sherrie Crawford

Lou Cunningham

JoEllen Curtis

Hilma Davis

Lynn Davis

David DeLoe

Meta Devlin

Billy Doherty

Judy Dorn

John Dunne

Cathy Elledge

Billy Elliott

Jeanne Foster

Jamie France

Jean Genco

Tom Gerald

Dianne Gilbar

Bill Goodwin

Jeff Goodwin

Tony Grand

Jeannie Haun

Donald Hockett

Scott Jackson

Jessica Jenkins

Marion Jillson

Freddie Jones

Erin Juliano

Ron Kalanquin

Michael Kelly

Tom Kelly

Mason Joseph Kiep

Matthew Kiep

Deanna Kimmel

Merridith Knox

Ellie Koenigsknecht

Debi Laibe

Sandy Langlois

Angel Lopez

Kacie Lowe

Julia Maddox

Rebecca Martinez

Audrey Makfield

Philip McFadden

Ashley Mason McCain

James McLean

Larry Meadows

Miles Gresham-Miller

Randy Miller

Nell Morgan

Patt Nerbar

Rod Newton

Carol Nogle

Ed Nunn

Jack Onie

Nancy Parris

Ruth Pawlowski

Harvey Plourde

Deborah Prata

Evelyn Reightmyer

Jared Richardson

Mrs. Riley

Aimee Rudd

Suzanne Sammons

Pat Sampson

Susan Santos

Bill Schmidt

Joann Schuler

Lynette Schwanke

Marie Scudder

Ava Slappe

Janice Spiller

Agnes Tarleton

Chuck Vacey

Shannon Vickers

Terri Wierz

Al Wilkinson

Rick Williams

Sharon Williams

Mary Wolf

Christy Wood

Chris Wood

Mary Young

Amy Zimmers & Family

### Please make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins:

Norma Cassada

Pat Chaney

Jeanne Foster

Betty Kormylo

Mary (Liz) McPherson

Louise Mills

Wilma Montgomery

Vivian Nunn

Bill Price

Lois Ann Rector

Nettie Secrest

Agnes Tarleton

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