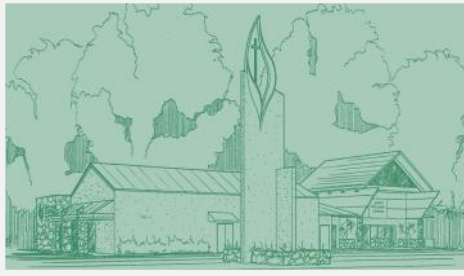


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It's hard to believe but the season of Lent is just around the corner, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th (yes, Valentine's Day). As in years past the sanctuary will be open from 9am to 3pm that day for anyone who wants to come in to pray, meditate, and the imposition of ashes on your forehead.

Lent is a time for Christians to contemplate what Jesus Christ did on our behalf when he suffered and died on the cross for our sins; contemplate the state of our relationship with Christ, the Church, and God's word; contemplate our sinful behaviors and bad habits and seek God's help in setting us free from them.

This Lent I would like to challenge us to contemplate, in particular, what God the Father and the Son gave on our behalf – and what we are giving (or not) in response to God's love and grace. God the Father was willing to sacrifice his own Son's life; and Jesus was willing to give up his very life, suffering a painful death on the cross so that we might be delivered from the punishment we deserve for our sins and the control of sin over our lives. What do we give in response?

Our church membership vows, which we all renewed in January, state that we will continue to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Are we living up to this pledge?

How much time are we giving daily to praying for the ministry of our church, the members and leaders of our church, the United Methodist Church, the universal Church? Christ gave his all – could we give more? How much time are we giving to attending weekly worship services, Sunday school, Bible studies, special services? Christ gave his all – could we give more?

The Biblical standard (minimum) for material support of the church's ministries is 10% of our income (tithe), regardless of the source – plus "offerings". I sincerely believe that if every one of our members was giving even 5% we would have more money than we would know what to do with, and yet in 2017 we barely broke even for the year in paying our bills. Christ gave his all – could we give more?

The Bible makes it distinctly clear that every person who puts their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, is given at least one Spiritual Gift for the purpose of contributing to the ministry of the church by some form of service. Unfortunately, as in many large organizations, about 20% of church members do 80% of the work. I personally believe that our ratio here at EUMC is better than that, but still there are many who give little or nothing in terms of service. Christ gave his all – could we give more?

Last Sunday we heard a testimony of how someone was brought back to the Lord and to the church as a result of simply observing how two of our members lived their daily lives. They didn't preach or pressure, but because of the witness of their Christ-like lives they brought this person back to Jesus – and I suspect he isn't the only one. We can also witness for Christ by supporting the ministries of our church and other outreach organizations monetarily and with our prayers. Christ gave his all – could we give more?

I want to try something a little different this year. I'm asking you to think about a particular sin you'd like forgiveness for; a sinful or bad habit you'd like to break free of OR a new good habit you'd like to form; or someone you feel like you need to forgive. Write these down on a piece of paper, and when you come into the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday to pray there will be a shredder at the altar where you can shred your concern and turn it over to God.

Have a blessed Lenten Season!..... *Pastor Gary*



UNITED METHODIST MEN
SWEETHEART BRUNCH

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018

11:00 AM ~ Hardin Hall

Tickets can be purchased from any UMM member for a \$12.00 donation fee.

ONLY 9 DAYS LEFT



Sunday, February 18, 2018
EUMC UMW will be collecting donations for BLANKETS & TOOLS.

Contributions to CWS Tools mean Church World Service will be ready to help people around the world gain the resources and develop the skills necessary to sustain themselves and their families and to build viable communities.



Helen Karl is now teaching a Confirmation Class to the Edgewater United Methodist Youth. These classes will be held every other week. She is asking the congregation to please pray for our youth.
Thank you.



PEANUT BUTTER

is needed for third SUNDAY donations.

Sunday, February 18, 2018

WE REALLY NEED THESE DONATIONS! WE NO LONGER NEED EGG CARTONS OR PLASTIC BAGS.

Easter Egg Hunt

Meeting: Wed., Feb. 7th 6:30PM SS RM#1

Filling the Eggs: Sat., Mar. 17th 9AM HH

Easter Egg Hunt: Sat., Mar. 24th 10AM

We will need volunteers for our EASTER EGG HUNT which is a great way for us to reach out to the community. Please come with some ideas on how our congregation can become more involved and extend our hands to the parents as well as the children.

In the meeting on Feb. 7th, we will also be discussing the Easter Breakfast covered dish.

We will begin collecting plastic eggs and wrapped candy (no chocolate) this week, Feb. 4th~see Pat Tiffany for more info.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

50 cents a dip SPRING FLING

Saturday, March 10, 2018

4:30-6:30 PM in Hardin Hall

All Down Home/Home Cooked Food

Please join us for

Fun, Food & Fellowship



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)

195 children were enrolled in 2017

FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME "DAY ON CAMPUS"

SAT., MARCH 17, 2018



**Please contact
Joe Hale
(740) 259-2452**

**or Lou & Charlene Giovanniello
lgiovanniello@msn.com**

We would like to send more volunteers to help out on this fun day.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN
CAR SHOW & CHICKEN BBQ**

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FROM ANY OF THE UMM**

SAT., APRIL 21, 2017 10AM-3PM

SAVE THE DATE!



& COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**Watch Bulletins & Connection
for more information**



CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Boys & Girls Club Mon.-Fri. 2PM-6PM

- Feb 1 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Mom's NSB)
- Feb 1 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Beacon Restaurant NSB)
- Feb 1 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
- Feb 1 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 3 9:00 AM United Methodist Men Mtg. (Choir Room)
- Feb 4 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (Communion)
- Feb 4 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service "
- Feb 6 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
- Feb 7 6:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Breakfast Meeting HH
- Feb 8 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Mom's NSB)
- Feb 8 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Beacon Restaurant NSB)
- Feb 8 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
- Feb 8 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 10 11:00 AM UMM Sweetheart Brunch (Hardin Hall)
- Feb 10 1:00 PM Crafters (1PM-3PM Sunday School Rm.#1)
- Feb 11 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (Cookie Sunday)
- Feb 11 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (80+ BD)
- Feb 13 1:00 PM Dorcas Circle
- Feb 14 9:00 AM Ash Wednesday~Sanctuary opened 9am-3pm
- Feb 15 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Mom's NSB)
- Feb 15 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Beacon Restaurant NSB)
- Feb 15 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Choir Room)
- Feb 15 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 18 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service BLANKET SUNDAY
- Feb 18 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service "
- Feb 20 1:00 PM Ruth Circle (Choir Room)
- Feb 20 7:00 PM Naomi Circle (Sunday School Room #3)
- Feb 22 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Mom's NSB)
- Feb 22 8:30 AM Women's Breakfast (Beacon Restaurant NSB)
- Feb 22 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Adult SS Room)
- Feb 22 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 25 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Feb 25 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Feb 27 10:00 AM United Methodist Women Meeting (HH)

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

**All women are invited to join us for breakfast.
It is not necessary to belong to a circle. March's
location is Beacon Restaurant 416 Flagler Ave.
New Smyrna Beach.
We will meet each Thursday at 8:30AM.**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01—Helen Karl

04—Jack Hayman+

07—Dorene Bava

09—Ellen Hisey

12—Joel Gilchrist

12—Randy Gilchrist

14—Estelle Smith+

24—Patsy Fry

24—Arden Sulzbach

27—Jim Oliver

+ = 80 or above



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14—Ed & Vivian Nun



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14th

Sanctuary opened from
9am-3pm for prayers
and meditation.

Feb. 18th 1st Sunday of Lent

Feb. 25th 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mar. 4th 3rd Sunday of Lent

Mar. 11th 4th Sunday of Lent

Mar. 18th 5th Sunday of Lent

Mar. 25th Palm Sunday/
6th Sunday of Lent

Apr. 1st Easter Sunday

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

Jerry Adams

Gayle Allen

Waylon Barnett

Greg Brice

Thelma Buchard

Ginger Clark

Leigh Clark

Tom Craig

Brandy Crisafulli

JoEllen Curtis

Willard DeLoe

Kevin DeVault

Myrle Ewing

Sabrina Facenda

Tom Freymuth

Eric Glass

Eva Goodrich

Donald Hockett

Lib Hudson

Joy Hughes

Inge Hunter

Scott Jackson

Richard Jordan

Erin Juliano

Mason Joseph Kiep

Brenda Kupris-Cary

Sandy Langlois

Judy Littorin

Angel Lopez

Catherine (Kitty) Martin

Kathryn Merrow

Ruth Michie

Miles Gresham-Miller

Randy Miller

Rev. Bob Moffat

Nell Morgan

Lorie Morris

Guy Moseley

Bill Myers

Ed Nunn

Susan Paul

Connie Peets

Jeff Peters

Maureen Powers

Nicholas Presutti

Kristina Reightmyer

Merridith Richardson

Ivan Rua

Carol Rutter

Suzanne Sammons

Nettie Secest

Buck Settle

Joann Schuler

Lynette Schwanke

Vicki Sheets

Jim Smith

Malize Smuts

Jennifer Snyder

David Sullivan

Patti Sulzbach

Yolandie Swanepoel

Rev. Charles Ternet

JoAnn Waikel

Sue Warren

Al Wiefeling

Lindsey Wiefeling

Christy Wood

Chris Wood

Bill Young

Amy Zimmers & Family



**Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit
or send a card to our shut ins:**

Norma Cassada

Pat Chaney

Meta Devlin

Betty Kormylo

Louise Mills

Wilma Montgomery

Vivian Nunn

Martha Petersen

Bill Price

Lois Ann Rector

Marie Scudder

Phyllis Sperry

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