

# The Connection



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We are in the season of Lent. The 40 days (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism for converts to our faith. Lent later became a time for penance for all Christians. It is a time for those who have drifted or turned away from the church to be reconciled and restored into the community of faith. It is a time to be reminded of God's mercy and forgiveness that Jesus proclaimed and the need we all have for renewal of our faith.

We are called during this time to examine ourselves and our lives and to repent. During this season we are called to pray, fast and deny ourselves. It is a time to read and meditate on God's Word and to reflect on God's call for all to seek forgiveness.

The Upper Room website has a good explanation of Lent by Rev. Penny Ford and includes this list of suggestions for practicing Lent in our modern world. I am sharing an abbreviated, paraphrased version of her list of suggestions for ways to practice the season of Lent. In order to access other resources suggested, go to the following site on the internet:

<https://www.upperroom.org/resources/lent-101>

## **TOP TEN THINGS YOU CAN TRY FOR THE LENTEN SEASON:**

- 10. Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, Facebook, texting, tweeting, email, and all things electronic for one day every week. (Or every day of Lent!) Use the time to read and pray.
- 9. Start a prayer rhythm.** Each day of Lent pray for another person.
- 8. Go deeper.** Take Bible study or online course *as a* part of your Lenten discipline.
- 7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)** Study on forgiveness
- 6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea, or coffee.** Give the money you save to help others
- 5. Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer.
- 4. Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank-you letter each week
- 3. Spend time reflecting on God's creation.** Spend time in visual meditation and prayer.
- 2. Volunteer** one hour or more each week with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, or prison ministry and pray for the world.
- 1. Pray for others** you see as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.

May you have a Holy Season of Lent!

Pastor Donna

### Worship Schedule



March 1, 2020  
Edgewater United Methodist Church  
Worship times are changing...

Praise Worship 9 AM

Sunday School 10AM

Traditional Worship Service 11AM

Sat., March 7th  
& March 21st

6:00 PM



### Atlantic Central District Meeting

Mon., Mar. 30th - 10:30 AM

Suntree United Methodist Church  
Melbourne, FL

Alex Shanks will share about General Conference 2020, the various plans (including [A Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation](#)) and legislation and resources for how churches can prepare their congregations.

If you are interested in car pooling, please contact the office.

### United Methodist Women's Cookbook

with 250 recipes is available now for \$15. Please call the office (386) 428-6552 or see Susie Lawson to buy your copy today.



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Under the Palms

Sat., March 28th

10:00 AM

If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Pat Tiffany (386) 847-2472.

We have plenty of plastic eggs, thanks to previous donations.

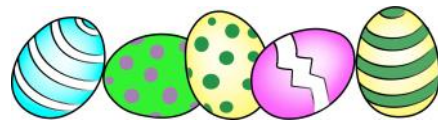
We are asking for donations of individually wrapped small candies that will fit inside of plastic eggs.

**\*NO CHOCOLATE!\*\*\* NO NUTS!\***

Please bring candy in by Mar. 15h

We will be meeting to sort the prizes on Fri., March 20th at 10:00 AM in the Choir Room.

We will be filling the eggs with candy on Sat., March 21st at 9:00 AM in the Choir Room.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+

CWS thanks you for your donations!

Total collected = \$293.90



### CEREAL

is **needed** for  
THIRD SUNDAY donation  
March 15, 2020



**THANK YOU!**

*This helps more than you can imagine!*

The pantry thanks you for your plastic bags! We are now overflowing and don't need them for awhile.

**CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Boys & Girls Club to Mon.-Fri. 2PM-7PM except**

**March 13th, 16th-19th ~ 8AM-6PM**

**Girl Scouts Meet Each Monday 6:30 PM**

**T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meet each Tues. 8:30AM**

**Food Pantry Opened each Saturday 8:30-11:30AM**

- Mar 1 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (Communion)
- Mar 1 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- Mar 1 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (Communion)
- Mar 3 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Mar 3 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)**
- Mar 4 10:00 AM Mercy Ministries (Office)**
- Mar 5 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Mar 5 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (C's Waffles, Edgewater)
- Mar 5 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 5 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 7 9:00 AM UMM Meeting (Choir Room)
- Mar 7 6:00 PM Praise & Worship Music Service**
- Mar 8 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (**Cookie Sunday &**
- Mar 8 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- Mar 8 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service **80+ BD)**
- Mar 10 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Mar 12 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Mar 12 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (C's Waffles, Edgewater)
- Mar 12 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 12 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 14 9:00 AM Mercy Ministry Training (9AM-Noon)**
- Mar 14 1:00 PM Crafters (1-3PM SS Rm. #3)**
- Mar 15 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Mar 15 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- Mar 15 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar 17 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Mar 17 1:00 PM Ruth Circle**
- Mar 18 2:00 PM Hedy & Group with B&G Club**
- Mar 19 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Mar 19 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (C's Waffles, Edgewater )
- Mar 19 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Patti Sulzbach's Home)**
- Mar 19 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 19 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 21 9:00 AM Prepare Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt (Choir Rm)
- Mar 21 1:00 PM Memorial Service for Phil Johnson**
- Mar 21 6:00 PM Praise & Worship Music Service**
- Mar 22 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Mar 22 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- Mar 22 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar 24 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Mar 24 6:30 PM Finance Meeting**
- Mar 24 7:00 PM Naomi Circle (Sunday School Rm. #3)**
- Mar 26 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Mar 26 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (C's Waffles, Edgewater)

**April happenings:**



**United Methodist Men**

**CHICKEN**

**&**

**COMMUNITY**



**YARD SALE &**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 25, 2020 ~ 9am-3pm**

**UMM Chicken, Yard Sale, and inside Rummage Sale using 1 classroom & 1/2 of Harden Hall, with two tents set up outside the doors.**

**Start collecting your unwanted treasures (No clothes or Christmas items). On Friday, April 24th, the items may be brought to the church. Mark your items if you wish. Tickets for outside spaces will be \$15 for 12'X12'. (Payment due by April 23rd, \$20 after the 23rd.)**



**Edgewater United Methodist Church will be 60 years old in 2020!**

LifeTouch and EUMC apologize for any inconvenience the date change may have caused you. Please save the **NEW** date for your photography session. Lifetouch has rescheduled your professional photo on **Mar. 30th, 31st & Apr. 1st**. If you were previously scheduled for Mon., Feb. 3rd, you are rescheduled for Mon., Mar. 30...etc. You will receive one FREE 8X10 standard print & one free printed church directory. You will receive a bonus FREE Shutterfly gift **with purchase**.

To book your session or if you have any questions about your time change, please call the office (386) 428-6552.

**Our directory will not be complete**

**without YOU!**



- Mar 26 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 26 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 28 PANTRY CLOSED**
- Mar 28 10:00 AM Community Easter Egg Hunt**
- Mar 29 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Mar 29 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
- Mar 29 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar 30 10:30 AM AC District Meeting (Melbourne, FL)**
- Mar 30 1PM-8PM LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Mar 31 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Mar 31 1PM-8PM LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Apr 1 10AM-5PM LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY**

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:**

<b>CANCER:</b>	JoEllen Curtis	Judy Littorin	O'Donoghue
Jack Bocus	Jim Feinning	Mauricio Martell	Maureen Powers
Tom Carrigan	Susan Hahn	Kim McCarty	Lisa Rothermel
Norma Cassada	Melinda Hamilton	John Miles	Carol Rutter
Ellen Chapman	Claudia Hansen	Randy Miller	Jim Townsend
Rick Chapman	Tom Heximer	Lorie Morris	Carolyn Walburan
Leigh Clark	Mike Hockett	Brytan Musgrave	
Kristine Culver	Scott Jackson	Bill Myers	
Linda Cunningham	Bob Lester	Tommie	

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Christopher Anderson	Travis Clayton	Ross J. Kelley	Samuel Roberts
Stephen Brindle	Christian Eckberg	Elijah Leary	Tyler Schooled
Lizzy Brown	Jillian Fuimano	David Lewis	Eric Shepherd
Matt Carpenter	Kayleigh Greenough	Joshua Mendez	Zac Tepfer
Nathan Chittick	Thomas Hansen	Mackenzie Milner	Josef Wojtiw
	Reese J. Kelley	Jesse Evan Oliver	

**GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Jerry Adams	Pat Lewis	Patti Sulzbach
Kim Davis	Linda McGinnis	Michael Warren
Luke Fisher	Nell Morgan	Spencer Weekley
Doug Jones	Darrell Plank	Eugene Wright

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 01—Alisha Mandoza
- 01—Dave Sanders +
- 04—Forrest Warren +
- 10—Mary Milligan+
- 18—Mike Fry
- 18—Jonnie Mae Jenkins
- 21—Jack Haun
- 23—Gail Gilchrist
- 23—Al Wilkinson+
- 25—Jeanne McQueen +
- 26—Pat Tiffany
- 26—Braeden Woods
- 27—Joandel Jackson+
- 31—Phyllis Sperry+
- + = 80 or above



**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 08—Dave & Nancy Sanders
- 10—Ken & Bobbie Steinhoff
- 17—TJ & Amber Coleman



Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 AM on March 8th!

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME**

If anyone is interested in going to the Jackie Robinson Ballpark in April, please let Bud Tilison or Vince Karl know. They are looking at the second or third week.



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

Charles Blythe	Wilma Montgomery	Martha Petersen	Marie Scudder
Norma Cassada	Tom Nelson	Bill Price	Nettie Secrest
Pat Chaney	Ed & Vivian Nunn	Lois Ann Rector	Estelle Smith
Meta Devlin	Nestor Olijnyk	Dave & Nancy Sanders	Phyllis Sperry
Jeannie Foster	Ruth Pawlowski		

**If you need an address or phone number please call the office: (386)-428-6552**

**MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES: Scripture & Sermon Title**

March 1st	March 8th	March 15th	March 22nd	March 29th
Psalm 32	Psalm 121	Psalm 95	Psalm 23	Psalm 13
<i>Happy Are Those</i>	<i>Going Out and Coming In</i>	<i>Worship and Bow Down</i>	<i>In Right Paths</i>	<i>Out of the Depth</i>