

The Connection



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Current Worship Services can be seen on
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Dear Church Family and Friends,

March is a month full of being in the Lenten Season this year. What a good time for us to reflect on the goodness of God during the past year. Last March 15 we shut down in-person worship for the pandemic. We learned how to worship in new and different ways all year.

March 15, 22, and 29-Worship we were only on Facebook

April and May-Worship on Facebook, You Tube and our Website

June 7 and 14-Online and Outdoor Services

June 21, 28 and July 5 and 12-Online, Outdoor and Indoor Services

July 19 Online and Outdoor only. No Indoor Service due to a COVID-19 Concern

July 26 and all of August-Online only due to the heat

Sept. through Feb.- Online, Outdoor and Indoor Worship

(Except for our Nov. 15th Outdoor 60th Anniversary Service)

Now we are online, outdoor and indoor for worship with adjusted social distanced seating indoors due to an increase in the number of parishioners who have had vaccinations for the coronavirus.

Who knew the church could go through so many changes, continue to survive and have a revival! God knew what was possible! As your pastor, I am thankful for our staff, our church members and guests who have been a part of worship this past year!

Like many other churches, we have had to tighten our belts, be creative with finances and appeal to our members to participate in new fundraisers and increase their giving. We have made it through but are very concerned about the coming year. Our high attendance winter months normally help carry us through our lower attendance in the middle of the year. We did not have that experience this past winter.

If God graces you with extra funds this year, it is my prayer that you will consider giving generously in any way you can in the coming year. The extra expenses of pandemic worship and ministry and the lack of a normal high winter attendance are the cause of my concerns and of the concerns of our Finance Committee. I am thankful for all who have given in any way to us this year. So far, our ministries remain intact, most of our bills continue to be paid in a fairly timely manner (except for some of our apportionments.) We are staying focused on our mission. Many have helped sponsor specific ministries and needs but the overall giving for our General Fund is down.

Please help more if you are able. We understand many are not able to financially help more. We trust God will see us through. We have cut many expenses in the past year. We have sold property before we knew about the pandemic and that has helped reduce our monthly expenses. Our proceeds from the sale of the property can only be used for the reduction of our mortgage and building expenses. Our General Fund, where salaries and the monthly bills are paid from, is where we need help. We are also in need of a new storage shed which will cost somewhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000. We currently are using the parsonage garage, the small old shed, the food pantry shed, the choir room, offices and every nook and cranny we have for storage lost with the sale of the office building and garage. Trustee emergency funds and other special funds cannot be used for this need. Meeting our payroll and keeping the lights on are priorities.

I am placing these needs before you. We will manage but hope we do not have to make cuts that negatively impact employees or our ministries as we go through the coming year. We should be receiving another coronavirus government forgivable loan but this will not be enough to meet the shortfall we are anticipating. Please pray about tithing if you currently are not participating in this spiritual discipline. You will be blessed by tithing in ways that are only explained by the grace of God. Please pray about ways you can help with your gifts, your time and talents to increase the income of your church. We trust God will help us make tough decisions if we have to. We covet your prayers during 2021.

Pastor Donna

DRIVE-THRU MEAL FUNDRAISER CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

carrots, potatoes, corn bread & cookies

Corned
Beef &
Cabbage
Dinner



Friday, March 19th

4:30PM-6:30PM

Tickets \$10.00 each

Hosted by members of Ruth Circle

Tickets available at the office & at the door.

EDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
BLANKETS+

**Thank you for your donations
for our BLANKETS & TOOLS.**

We collected \$340 and sent it to
Church World Service.

We will be sponsoring the baby bottles fundraiser for the Grace
House Pregnancy Center. If you wish to obtain a bottle,

please see an usher or contact

Arlene Tilison (386) 428-4351.



**Baby Bottle Collection for Grace House
Dedication~March 21st.**

Lenten Bible Study

Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton-6 week Lenten Bible
Study each Wednesday in March at 6:30 PM and
concluding on Wed., April 7th. Please call the office to
sign up and if you would like to purchase a book @ \$15.

(386) 428-6552

Movie Nights



Join us for a casual movie night in
Hardin Hall. The movie will begin at 6:00
p.m. Bring your own soda and enjoy free popcorn.
Movie nights are open to all. Invite your friends.
Mar. 14th—*Miracles from Heaven* is based on the
incredible true story of the Beam family. When
Christy (Jennifer Garner) discovers her 10-year-old
daughter Anna (Kylie Rogers) has a rare, incurable
disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her
daughter's healing as she searches for a solution.
After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary
miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue
that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family
restored and their community inspired.



10X10 Journey

In 2021 we are on a journey together called
the Journey of 10 x 10. It is based on John
10:10 *"I have come that they may have life
and have it to the full."* We are in the beginning stages of
recovery from the impact of COVID-19 on our lives. The church
needs to embrace a vital future and vitality does not just
happen. We will be planning for it, praying for it, and working
for it in our faith lives together. To help us regain our footing
and to get back on solid ground personally and as a church, we
are using this guide in 2021. It is a simple way to put spiritual
disciplines and practices into our lives.

If you would like to receive the materials that were handed
out at the beginning of this ministry focus, they are available
anytime during the year. We will be focusing on the spiritual
discipline of reading the Bible in March and items related to
this will be shared with all during worship.

Thank you to all who participated in our
recent revival with Rev. Matt Henson. Our
offering collected for his ministry,
Living the Adventure, was \$1,926.



Reservations can be made for the
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
Services by calling the office the

week before each service. No reservations needed for the
9:00 a.m. Praise Service outside. Rain will not cancel the
outdoor service. We will move inside for 9 a.m. service. For
all activities at the church, we will continue to practice all
CDC guidelines including wearing masks and
social distancing. (386) 428-6552

CEREAL

**is needed for 3RD SUNDAY donation
March 21, 2021 THANK YOU!**

This helps more than you can imagine!

Food Pantry



CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

SPRING BREAK B&G Club CLOSED March 22-26

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

- Mar 1 2:00 PM Women’s Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- Mar 2 9:00 AM Worship Team Meeting (Choir Room)
- Mar 2 10:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
- Mar 2 11:00 AM Nominating Committee Mtg. (Choir Rm)
- Mar 2 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
- Mar 3 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study (Choir Room)
- Mar 4 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
- Mar 4 6:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 4 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
- Mar 6 8:30 AM PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM)
- Mar 6 9:00 AM United Methodist Men (Choir Room)
- Communion SUNDAY :*
- Mar 7 9:00 AM Contemporary Outside Worship
- Mar 7 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar 8 2:00 PM Women’s Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- Mar 10 8:00 AM Free Biker Breakfast (outside 8-11AM)
- Mar 10 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study (Choir Room)
- Mar 11 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
- Mar 11 11:30 AM UMW Lunch (Goodrich’s, Oak Hill)
- Mar 11 6:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 11 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
- Mar 13 8:30 AM PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM)
- Mar 13 1:00 PM Craft Ladies 1-3PM (Choir Room)
- Mar 14 9:00 AM Contemporary Outdoor Worship
- Mar 14 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar 14 6:00 PM Movie Night *Miracles From Heaven* (HH)
- Mar 15 2:00 PM Women’s Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- Mar 16 1:00 PM Ruth Circle (Choir Room)
- Mar 16 6:30 PM Finance Meeting (Choir Room)
- Mar 17 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study (Choir Room)
- Mar 18 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
- Mar 18 3:00 PM Naomi Circle (Choir Room)
- Mar 18 6:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 18 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
- Mar 19 4:30 PM Drive Thru Meal (Corned Beef & Cabbage)
- Mar 20 8:30 AM PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM)
- Mar 21 9:00 AM Contemporary Outdoor Worship
- Mar 21 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Mar 21 5:00 PM Community Hot Meals (1st UMC NSB)
- Mar 22 2:00 PM Women’s Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- Mar 23 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)

Sermons during Lent

- March 7 John 1:1-5 “I Never Read the Bible”
- March 14 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “What Reading the Bible Does for You”
- March 21 Nehemiah 8:1-3 “Revival-Read Bible”
- March 28 Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11
9:00 a.m. Praise Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Easter Cantata

Holy Week Services

- April 1 Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m.
John 13:1-17, 31-35 “Love One Another”
- April 2 Good Friday, 6:00 p.m.
What Time Is It? A Good Friday Drama
- April 4 Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at George Kennedy Memorial Park
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Two services so we can socially distance.

Count Your Blessing “Tax” ~ Our Finance Committee has given us a light-hearted fun way to contribute to the church general fund this year. Please return these sheets to the church with your “tax” by April 11th. April 18th will be a day of sharing for those who would like to voice their blessings during worship.

March Calendar Continued...

- Mar 24 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study (Choir Room)
- Mar 25 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
- Mar 25 6:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Mar 25 7:30 PM Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
- Mar 27 8:30 AM PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM)
- Palm Sunday*
- Mar 28 9:00 AM Contemporary Outdoor Worship
- Mar 28 11:00 AM Easter Cantata
- Mar 31 6:30 PM Lenten Bible Study (Choir Room)

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+

26 —Pat Tiffany+

26—Braeden Woods

31—Phyllis Sperry+

+ = 80 or above



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

CANCER:	JoEllen Curtis	John Miles	Lori Rodgers
	Lana Brown	Randy Miller	Scott Stein
	Tom Carrigan	Lorie Morris	Jim Townsend
	Ellen Chapman	Brytan Musgrave	Carolyn Walburan
	Rick Chapman	Rhinda Naumann	Laurie Whipple
	Leigh Clark	Tommie	Angel Wootten
	Conny Cohn	O'Donoghue	
	Kristine Culver	Maureen Powers	
		Pete Rector	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Christopher Anderson	Nathan Chittick	Reese J. Kelley	Max Richards
Amy Blowers	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
	Thomas Hansen	Mackenzie Milner	Josef Wojtiw

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

08—Dave & Nancy Sanders

10—Ken & Bobbie Steinhoff

17—TJ & Amber Coleman



GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynette Coffey	Barbara Gudgel	Janet Nowlin
Ginger Clark	Kathy Jones	Kathy Oliver
Jennifer Colman	Eleanor Maimone	Micah Sutton
Barry & Glenda Criswell	Mary & Leon Merrow	Elke Thomas
Julia (Judy) Dawson	Ruth Michie	Mike Thomas
Deb D.	Miranda	Mark Vickers
Janet Fontano	Carol Nelson	

United Methodist Women

LUNCH on the 2nd Thursday of each month. March 11th, 11:30AM at Goodrich's in Oak Hill.



Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins: If you need an address or phone number please call the office: (386)-428-6552

Pat Chaney	Ruth Humphrey	Ed & Vivian Nunn	Dave & Nancy Sanders
Meta Devlin	Frances James	Nestor Olijnyk	Nettie Secret
Jeannie Foster	Edna Lupo	Martha Petersen	Estelle Smith
Bonnie Franke	Kitty Martin	Norraine Peterson	Phyllis Sperry
Joyce Gillisse	Wilma Montgomery	Bill Price	
Joe Hale	Tom Nelson		



Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 AM on March 14th!

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST'S LOVE