



The Faith Circuit Rider

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Scripture Thought:

FOR **GOD** SO
LOVED 

 THE WORLD

THAT HE GAVE
His only 
begotten **SON**

 THAT WHOSEVER
BELIEVES in **HIM**
should not perish

•BUT HAVE•
Everlasting 
LIFE 

JOHN 3:16

The season of the Christian Calendar called Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for 40 days excluding Sundays. Lent is a time of transition and preparation for a season that ends in death and, surprisingly, new life. The season of Lent historically has been a period of fasting and learning to be a disciple of Christ.

We are often asked what we will give up for Lent. We may think about giving up things, kind of like New Year's resolutions. "I will give chocolate" or "I will give up fried foods" or "I will give up swearing". But the season of Lent is about much more than giving up bad habits. Our spiritual foremothers and forefathers used this time before Easter as a time of spiritual preparation, as a time of repentance and reconciliation. Repentance means turning back, retracing one's steps in order to return to the right way. We turn away from sin and turn back toward God.

My challenge to all of you is this. Use this season of Lent as a time of repentance. Ask God for forgiveness for the things you have done, that you should not have done. Ask God for forgiveness for the things you should have done, but have not done. Turn away from sin, evil and worldly things and turn toward God. The specifics include this. Give up doing worldly things for ½ hour every day and focus on Godly things. Spend that ½ hour you saved reading scripture, prayer and service to others. God will do some amazing things during this time. I look forward to hearing the stories of how God is changing you and the church as a result.

I will be away for the first two weeks of March to spoil our new grandson (Gideon Tiberius) and visit family. When I return, we will be exploring the life and ministry of Simon Peter on Sunday mornings. Easter will be an incredible day of celebration, with welcoming new members and celebrating a baptism. If you are not a member and would like to consider this commitment, please see me.

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Sharon*

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. NRSV"

*From the Lay Leader
March 2020*

Our Lenten Journey of Prayer, Fasting, and Works of Love

I hope you have been in prayer for this meaningful time of the Christian year! This is a perfect time to reflect on your life - the good, bad, and ugly. This forty-day journey can bring you into a closer relationship with Christ.

Whether you chose to give up something or take on something, I pray your Lenten journey will be life changing for you.

Each day is an opportunity for us to give more time in conversation with God, to fast from those nasty habits or things that keep us from being the person God intends us to be, and to use our time, talents, and resources for works of love in the name of Christ.

May you receive a special blessing on this journey as we walk together toward the glorious celebration Sunday of Easter.

Susan

Treasurer's Report



February 29, 2020

"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness."

2020 Budget \$49,387.00

Needed to date for budget	\$ 7,901.92
Received to date for budget	\$ 6,737.00
Behind Budget	\$ 1,164.92
Paid out to date for budget	\$ 7,021.72

JIF Class (The Jiffers)

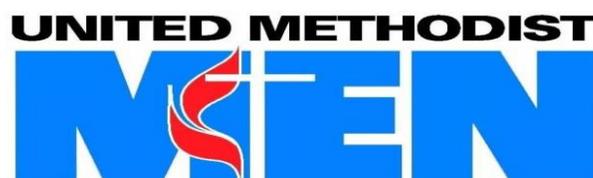


We invite you to join us for a six-week study entitled, "A Crown of Glory". This Bible Study for Older Adults will delve into the study of a society that values youthfulness.

According to God's word, "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life" (Proverbs 16:31).

We will examine the ways in which God works through the lives of his aging saints as they respond to his grace in love and service.

We look forward to having you share this experience with us!



The UMM will meet on Saturday, March 7 at the church at 8:30 AM.

Let Gerald know if you will be eating breakfast!



As we progress through lent people often "give up" something. This year why don't we combine spring cleaning with our sacrifices. Every day pick an object or item of clothing you don't use and put it in a bag. After Easter donate your bag to a thrift store or shelter and know that your sacrifices are doing great things for God's kingdom.

Beth



OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,
Waynesville, Saturday,
March 21st at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

Colorful ladies will color 10 a.m. until Noon.



If any changes or additions need to be made please contact me by calling 828-456-6944 or email jlf21@charter.net. Thanks, Judy

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15 Leadership Team
March 22 Membership Class
March 29 Membership Class



Visit our website at fumcwnc.org

It is updated weekly with the entire service from the greeting, announcements, prelude, prayer and hymns to the sermon, benediction and postlude!

Flowers for Faith



Sign-up for weekly flowers for our Sanctuary in celebration, honor or memory of special people in our lives. The Flower Calendar is on the Bulletin Board.

PANCAKE DAY AT CLYDE CENTRAL UMC



Please join our friends at Clyde Central UMC for their annual pancake day on Saturday, March 14th from 7 AM-2 PM. Proceeds will benefit their UMM.

Wesley Foundation Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Wesley Foundation for their ministry to young adults, please make out your check to the church and mark it for Wesley Foundation Ministry. Last day for giving is March 15. We thank you for your support!

March Servants:



Greeters: Walter Lee

Educational Entrance: Committee of the UMM



Our church now has assistance for the hearing impaired. If you have trouble hearing the service, please pick up a hearing aid in the narthex.

Rev. Robo Calling

Please be reminded to contact **Rev. Robo (400-7947)** if you have sickness, death, or any prayer needs.

It is a privilege for your Faith family to share your burdens or prayer concerns and lift you in prayer.

March Celebrations



2-John Davis

3-Kay Boen

5-Elizabeth Geiger

8-John Schrenk

9-Beth Williams

18-Terri Rogers

22-Mige Hambrick

26-Eduardo Villaveces

28-George Dixon



27-Beth & Don Williams

