

TRINITY TIDINGS

MARCH 2020

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For those of you who were unable to attend the Ash Wednesday Service, I'd like to share a few words with you about the meaning of Lent. It's a season that most of us have celebrated for many years but I'm often surprised by how little understanding there is of this, the longest of holidays.

Lent is a time for personal and corporate spiritual renewal, a pilgrimage with Jesus. While the word "Lent" comes from an Anglo-Saxon word which means "spring" (a time of the lengthening of days), on the Christian calendar it falls on the forty days (excluding Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. This season grows out of the Jewish Passover celebration and the rites of initiation and passage from many cultures. The focus of Lent and Easter in the Gospels is caught up in a simple expression: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ comes again."

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday, an ancient holy day in the Christian calendar. In scripture, ashes paradoxically signify grief, sin, and human mortality while also symbolizing joy, forgiveness, and victory over death. In ancient France, those who were recognized in the community as sinners appeared in public wearing ashes. Soon it became the custom that every Christian wore the sign of the ashes on the first day of Lent to signify that each person was a sinner and needed to repent and be forgiven. In some congregations, the ashes are traditionally created by burning the palm branches that were used in Palm Sunday celebrations the previous year.

The Lenten season continues in reflection and self-examination. We are called into the wilderness like Israel and Jesus before us to prepare for something new. In this wilderness we confront the most painful parts of ourselves, face our weaknesses, and search for our path to newness. The community gathers to study, share, and worship, providing support and structure for the journey. We travel together with Jesus toward Jerusalem.

At the end of the Lenten pilgrimage, on Easter Sunday, services sometimes begin in a somber tone and progress through the remainder of the scriptural story, building toward a climax of great joy in the resurrection.

During our 40-day Lenten journey, we are asked to do a self-examination and reflection of our walk with Christ. Just as we are tempted daily by the world we live in; Jesus walked and was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days in preparation for His ministry as depicted in the altar table decorations. My prayer for you is that this next few weeks will be a time of learning. Learning about yourself, and about your relationship with our Lord.

May God Richly Bless you and yours.

Pastor John

United Methodist Men

-Serving lunch for the Bread of Life, at the Presbyterian Church on MARCH 7th, 11:30-12:30.

-The annual church spring clean and breakfast on March 14, 2020

United Methodist Women

-Share & Care Circle will meet on Thursday March 5th at 7 p.m.

-Wesley Ann Circle meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9 a.m.

**No Wesley Ann Circle this month*.*

Bible Study

-Bible Study with Alice is in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

*-Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins is in her home on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
call- (386)-937-6475*

Did You Know???

On Sunday, March 8, Brad Hall, the executive director of Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, will present the morning message. He will be providing some information regarding the ranch and bringing a gospel message. We will have envelopes for contributions to the ranch in the bulletin on that Sunday morning and would encourage you to contribute if you are led. The United Methodist Men talked about having Brad come and we felt it would be good for the congregation to hear what is happening at the ranch. We encourage you to support the ranch with your prayers and finances. We look forward to seeing each of you at the morning service on March 8.

God Bless You,

Gary Simpson

--Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Finance & Ad Council meeting combined.

--Easter Sunday is April 12th this year. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lilly and dedicate it either "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" someone, please let the church office know the dedication by Monday, April 6th and have your Easter Lilly at the church office no later than noon on Thursday, April 9th.

Looking Ahead

*April 2nd, Share & Care Circle will have visitation starting at 5:30 p.m. then dinner afterwards.

*April 5th, The Chancel Choir will have their Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday.

*April 8th, Kids Klub will have an Easter Egg Hunt.

*April 10th, we will have our Good Friday Service.

*April 11, 8:30 a.m. UMM breakfast meeting.

*April 20, 9:00 a.m. Wesley Ann Circle meet.

*April 21, Trustee's meet at 6:00 p.m.

*April 26, 3-5 p.m. Church Picnic & Cake Auction
at Rodman Plantation.



CIRCLE OF CONCERN – *Those needing our prayers:*
Kerri & Jamie Mull; Samantha Hayes; Herb Dutour; Joe Dunn;
Carolyn Deel; Tia Lingle; Marilyn Reid; Charlene Cole;
Debbie Bacon; Carolyn Brown; The Pierce family; Leslie
Lewis; Chris Schmidt; Virginia Alexander; Those in the
nursing homes and our shut-ins; San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church in Cuba;
the persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School & teachers; Children at
the Methodist Children’s Home; our Nation’s leaders & military; your Pastoral
family & your church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 2/23/2020)

Total Budget	\$179,727.00
Estimated needed to date	\$27,650.31
Received to date	\$21,696.82
Percent of “needed to date” that has been collected	78.47%
Percent of Year that is complete Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	15.38% 12.07%

DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

Kids’ Klub	\$190.75
Cuba Covenant	\$200.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$833.32

KIDS’ KLUB CORNER

Wow!! What an awesome month March is going to be at Kids’ Klub. Kids’ Klub will be celebrating Lent and learning about Jesus and Easter. If you are a kid between three years old and seventh grade come and see what blessings God is showing us. We will learn about Jesus’ love, play games, sing, and pray together. Supper will be served each week. We are looking forward to seeing you from 5:00 to 7:00 each Wednesday afternoon.

Dates to Remember:

March 18th – Spring Break/NO KIDS’ KLUB

MARCH 29th– Kids’ Klub will be hosting a luncheon after church. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We will need you all!!!

April 8th – Easter Egg Hunt

Feasting with Levi & Jesus.



Playing matching pairs of activities in the Bible.



Third, Fourth and Fifth graders preparing Easter cards for mailout.



Sixth and Seventh graders helping younger children prepare Easter cards for mailout.



Praising God with songs.



Wish a Happy Birthday To:

- 8th - Stran Kellan Cahan
- 8th - Nickie Gill
- 9th - Colby Hudson
- 10th - Angela Brown
- 13th - James Beryl Peterson
- 18th - Robert Hare
- 18th - Wade Priester jr
- 28th - Robynn Hare
- 31st - Vicki Hare



- 12th - **Anniversaries**
- Errol & Renee Findlater



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Schedule Sunday School: 9:45 Worship: 11:00 a.m. Flame: 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir: 10:45 DS Jay Therrell 12:30 p.m. Presentation Holy Communion	2	3 11:00 a.m.—Prayer Group—Led by Pastor John all are Invited—Pastors Office 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Alice.	4- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins in her home. 5-7p.m. Kid's Klub Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 7th grade. -Flame Practice at 6:00p.m. -Choir Practice at 7:00	5 7:00 Share & Care Circle	6	7 UMM---11:30-12:30 p.m. Bread of Life Lunch served at the Presbyterian Church
8 -Brad Hall, from Rodeheaver, preaching this morning	9	10 11:00 a.m.—Prayer Group—Led by Pastor John all are Invited—Pastors Office No Bible Study in the with Alice. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Alice.	11- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins in her home. 5-7p.m. Kid's Klub Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 7th grade. -Flame Practice at 6:00p.m. -Choir Practice at 7:00	12	13	14 8:00 a.m. UMM-breakfast—Church spring clean
15	16 No Wesley Ann Circle this month	17-11:00 a.m.—Prayer Group—Led by Pastor John all are Invited—Pastors Office No Bible Study with Alice. 7:00 p.m.	18 - 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins in her home. No Kid's Klub -Flame Practice at 6:00p.m. -Choir Practice at 7:00	19	20	21
22 -Kids Klub luncheon after church in the Fellowship Hall	23 Wesley Ann Circle-9:00 a.m.	24 11:00 a.m.—Prayer Group—Led by Pastor John all are Invited—Pastors Office 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Alice.	25- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins in her home. 5-7p.m. Kid's Klub Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 7th grade. Flame Practice at 6:00p.m. -Choir Practice at 7:00	26 -Finance & Ad. Council combined 7:00 p.m.	27	28
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How much do you know about the Bible? Find out with this week's [Bible Quiz](#) and [Crossword Puzzle](#).

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