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The Lent Season- What are you taking up?

It is still early; the Lent season doesn't start until the last week of February. This year it begins Wednesday, February 26, which is known as Ash Wednesday, and continues for 40 days (excluding Sundays) until Easter Sunday.

During Lent, we enter into a season of reflecting on Jesus' sufferings and a time of our repentance and fasting. It is always a good thing to focus upon what Jesus has done for us and to focus on our relationship with Him. We usually hear of folks giving up something as a sacrifice for Lent. Maybe to relate to the sacrifice Jesus made fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and nights. It seems many folks respond to it for many different reasons.

There have been times that I fasted from food on certain days during Lent. One thing I try to do in fasting, and that is fast from other things other than food. For example, maybe fasting from certain things like, social media, Facebook, T.V. time, etc... Whatever I fast from, I want to do it to have more time with Jesus in prayer and reading the Bible. Maybe we ought to think of Lent as more than just giving up something for God, but to take up something for God.

I have a challenge for all of us at Randall's Chapel UMC. I would love for us during this Lent season to give more time to praying to the Father and reading our Bibles. Praying as a means of fellowship with God, not so much in petitioning or transactions with God, but going to Him in a state of rest and peace to just fellowship. Or maybe fast from something and give that time to reading from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Take some time every day, or 4 days a week and schedule time to read from your Bible. If you're going to give up something for Lent think of replacing it with time with the Lord praying and reading your Bible. In both prayer and Bible reading, do so with the expectation of hearing from Him. Because of His grace, Pat



February 26th is Ash Wednesday. Please join us in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm for our Ash Wednesday service. This begins 40 days of Lent and will end on Easter Sunday on April 12, 2020.



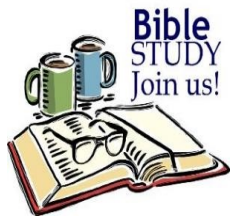
News and Announcements

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| 2-2 Communion Sunday | 2-14 Happy Valentine's Day! |
| 2-4 United Methodist Women's Meeting at 10 a.m. | 2-16 Anna Mahan will be sharing in both services. |
| 2-4 Grief Support Group from 10-12 noon. | 2-17 United Methodist Men's Food & Fellowship at 6 p.m. |
| 2-5 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00. | 2-18 Grief Support Group from 10-12 noon. |
| 2-6 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30. | 2-19 Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00. |
| 2-9 D.S., Tom Parrish will be sharing the message today. | 2-20 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30. |
| 2-9 SPRC meeting at 1:30. | 2-25 Grief Support Group from 10-12 noon. |
| 2-11 Grief Support Group from 10-12 noon. | 2-26 Ash Wednesday Worship at 6:30 . |
| 2-11 UMW Soup Day, 11-1:00. | 2-27 Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30. |
| 2-12 Hosting Room in the Inn. | |

United Methodist Women's Meeting - Tuesday, February 4th at 10 a.m.



SPRC Meeting - We will be meeting Sunday, February 9th at 1:30



Wednesday Nights at 6:00 & Thursday Mornings at 10:30. We will continue to study the book of Acts. Come join us as we get into God's word and fellowship.

Guest Preacher -

On Sunday, Feb. 9th, our District Superintendent, Tom Parrish will be sharing the message in both services. Come join us.



UMW Soup Day Tuesday, February 11

11:00 - 1:00

\$6 donation








Your support enables us to continue this annual winter community event. Sign-up sheet (front table) will let us know how you can help. Proceeds benefit missions.

FEBRUARY



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FEBRUARY GREETERS

- Feb. 2 - Eddie Allen
- Feb. 9 - James Green
- Feb. 16 - Trevon Smart
- Feb. 23 - Jeremy Hughes



G R E E T E R S



Nursery

NURSERY WORKERS

- Feb. 2 - Diane Prichard
- Feb. 9 - Sonya Shook
- Feb. 16 - Cindy Green
- Feb. 23 - Madison Wendlick

Room in the Inn -

Thanks to all of you who have helped and will help with hosting our guest. We will be hosting our guest Wednesday, Feb. 12th.



BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 TREVOR SMITH
- 2/2 BETTY WOOD
- 2/5 ANDY WADKINS
- 2/6 WENDY WILSON
- 2/7 CLAYTON GRIDER
- DEBBIE LIVESAY
- 2/12 LISA RICKER
- 2/15 KELSI WILSON
- 2/17 SHEILA WADKONS
- 2/18 KYLE WENDLICK
- 2/20 KELLY WALKER
- 2/22 GAVIN GARDNER
- 2/23 KAITLYN BIRK
- 2/26 JENNA RICHEY
- 2/27 SIERRA SMITH
- TERRY KUTAY

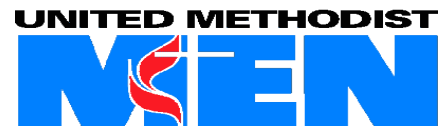


Guest Speaker -

Sunday, Feb. 16th, in both services, Anna Mahan will be sharing how the Lord has been moving in her life and her calling to Honduras to be a part of the mission's ministry, Heart for Christ. She will be heading to Honduras at the end of Feb. and spend almost three months there.

She is also in the process of asking folks to support her as a team member in praying for the ministry and praying for her as she shares what Jesus is preparing her for. Also, she is trusting the Lord with financial support through others. Please be in prayer for her in this mission's ministry opportunity and the opportunity for you to support her financially.

United Methodist Men's Food & Fellowship -
Monday night, Feb. 17th at 6:00, guys, come join us
for some good food and fellowship.



Grief Support Group



Theresa Kilgro of Southern Care New Beacon leads a Grief Support Group at Randall's Chapel UMC on Tuesday's from 10 am until 12 noon. If you have had the passing of a love one and would like to find support and encouragement, this group may be for you. If you're interested contact Theresa, or just show up.

General Conference of the United Methodist Church, May 5- 15, 2020

Well you may have already heard misinformation on the United Methodist Church splitting as a denomination. Last year, 2019, there was a 'Called General Conference of the UMC' to hear and vote on proposals for the UMC to change it's Book of Discipline on its stance against ordaining homosexuals and not to perform same sex marriages. No proposals were voted successful, so our stance as a UMC and it's Book of Discipline remain as it is.

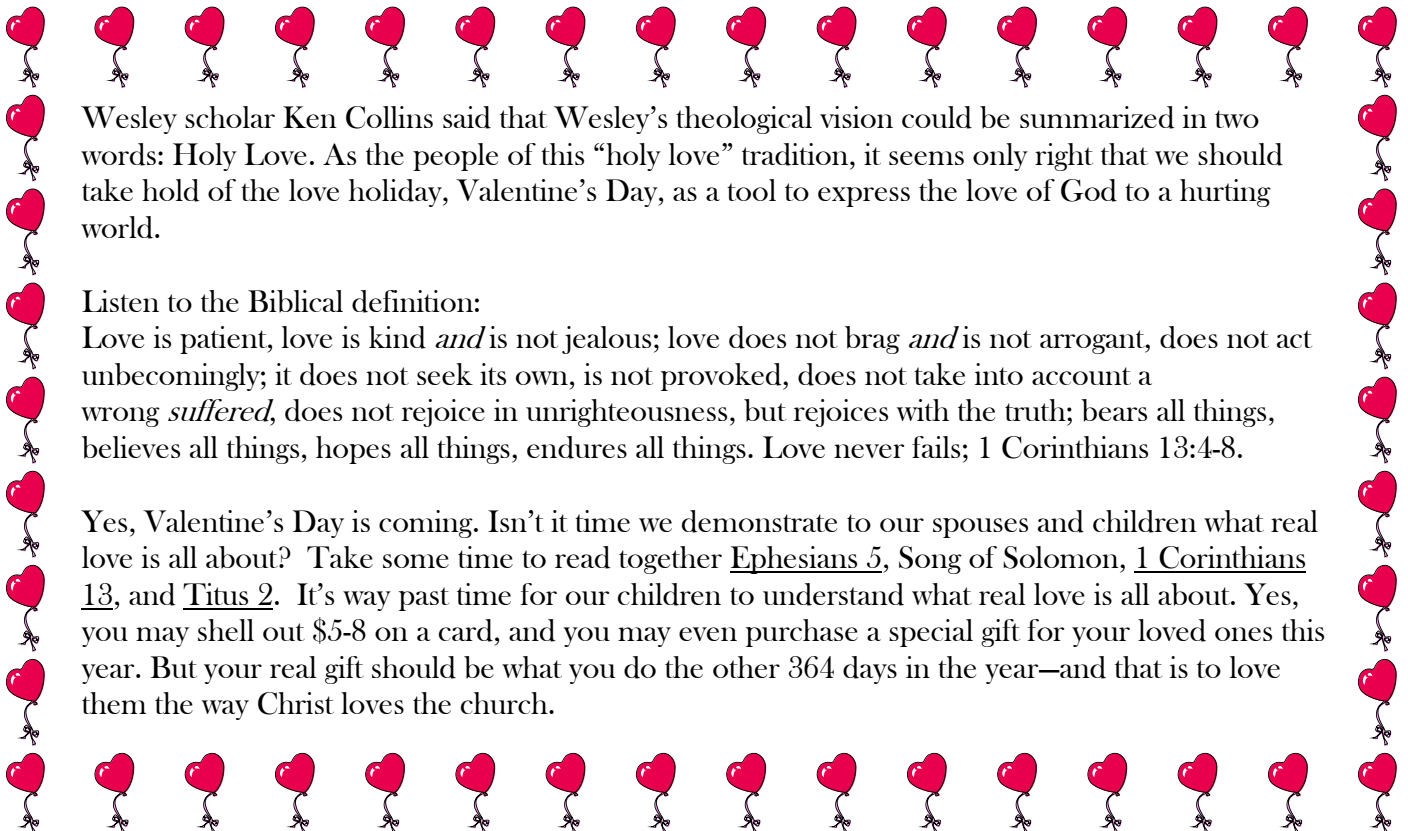
Now in 2020, there is again the General Conference of the UMC, which will be May 5- 15, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minn. Again, proposals will be heard and voted on to change the Book of Discipline on its stance towards not ordaining homosexuals, nor marrying same sex genders. No changes will be made unless a proposal is voted on and has won the vote to change anything. Yes, there is a lot of talk out there circling about; however, whatever you hear before General Conference in May, we are still the United Methodist Church, making disciples of Jesus Christ. If you have any questions about what's going on, feel free to ask me. Keep praying for all of our hearts as followers of Jesus Christ, who are United Methodist. -Pat



"Change for Missions" -



Get your Red Missions Cup and start collecting your spare change to offer on our Mission's Sundays. These Red Cups are available in the Lobby & Narthex. Mission's Sundays will be the last Sunday of every other month. Our next collection will be March 29th. So, start saving your spare change and put it in that Red Cup. Thanks for supporting this mission of the United Methodist Men.



Wesley scholar Ken Collins said that Wesley's theological vision could be summarized in two words: Holy Love. As the people of this "holy love" tradition, it seems only right that we should take hold of the love holiday, Valentine's Day, as a tool to express the love of God to a hurting world.

Listen to the Biblical definition:

Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

Yes, Valentine's Day is coming. Isn't it time we demonstrate to our spouses and children what real love is all about? Take some time to read together Ephesians 5, Song of Solomon, 1 Corinthians 13, and Titus 2. It's way past time for our children to understand what real love is all about. Yes, you may shell out \$5-8 on a card, and you may even purchase a special gift for your loved ones this year. But your real gift should be what you do the other 364 days in the year—and that is to love them the way Christ loves the church.



Beyond fasting: 10 tips for a more meaningful Lent



Lent is a time for self-reflection and deepening one's relationship with God in Jesus Christ. For many this season leading up to Easter will be weeks of giving up something they enjoy. Others will spend extra

time in devotions and prayer, while a few more will carry a cross or nail in their pocket as a reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for them and the whole world. If those practices work for you, wonderful! Others may want to find different ways of observing this holy season. Consider adopting one or more of the following creative uses of the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

1. Apologize to someone

Lent is a season of repentance. Most often we think of asking God for forgiveness from our sin, but that is only half of the story. Most sins include hurting others, which mattered to Jesus. He taught that if during worship if you "remember that your brother or sister has something against you... First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24 CEB). Lent is a great time to seek forgiveness from those we have harmed.

2. Perform random acts of kindness

Express your love for Jesus by loving others. Pay for the order of the person behind you in the drive-through. Give an extravagant tip. Carry gift cards to give away. Ask others how they are doing, then stop and listen to their responses. Share the love of Jesus in any way you can think of each day during Lent.

3. Delve into a book of the Bible

Enhance your devotions by getting to know a book of the Bible well. Read it repeatedly, at least once in a single sitting. Find articles about it. Meditate on it with a commentary. Memorize portions of it. Pray through it. Google sermons about it. Find hymns based upon it. In the six weeks of Lent, you could develop a deep understanding of a book of the Bible about which you have always been curious.

4. Serve people in need

Identify an organization with which you would like to participate. Sign up and get trained. Then volunteer to serve throughout the season of Lent. When Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper, he taught that we are called not to be served, but to serve (John 13:1-17).

5. Visit the lonely

Jesus also taught his disciples to treat others as we would treat him. This included visiting those who are sick and in prison (Matthew 25:31-36). Talk to a local nursing home about washing wheelchairs, or a children's hospital about visiting with parents of patients. Volunteer with a prison ministry, senior center, or any other place where people need some human contact. Play games, tell stories, look at photo albums, and enjoy those about whom Jesus said, "when you have done it for [them], you have done it for me."

6. Read Wesley's sermons about the Sermon on the Mount

These 13 sermons (available online) are central to the message of John Wesley. They make up a little more than one-quarter of the fifty "Standard Sermons" he gave to his Methodist lay preachers to teach them "the essentials of true religion" ("The Sermons of John Wesley – An Introduction"). Reading these sermons will have you focused on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and give you a sense of what it means to be a United Methodist in the tradition of John Wesley.

7. Tell others you love them

Some of us struggle to say those three little words. Maybe we assume others already know how we feel. Maybe we think we *show* our love and don't need to say it. Or maybe we are concerned it won't be reciprocated. Fight the fear and say "I love you" to friends, family members, and everyone else you love at least once during the season.

8. Throw a party for everyone

Jesus often used the image of a party to describe the Kingdom of God. He talked about wedding receptions and banquet feasts, and participated in several large group celebrations. Host your own Kingdom party by cooking for the neighborhood, or buying lunch for the entire office or your church. Feed everyone you can and give people an opportunity to be together.

9. Serve in worship

Your church needs you. Sing in the choir, usher, serve as a reader, work with the tech team, help a young family with their baby, or find some other way to serve your church. Don't wait for someone to ask you to use your God-given gifts. Offer yourself in service to your church for the season.

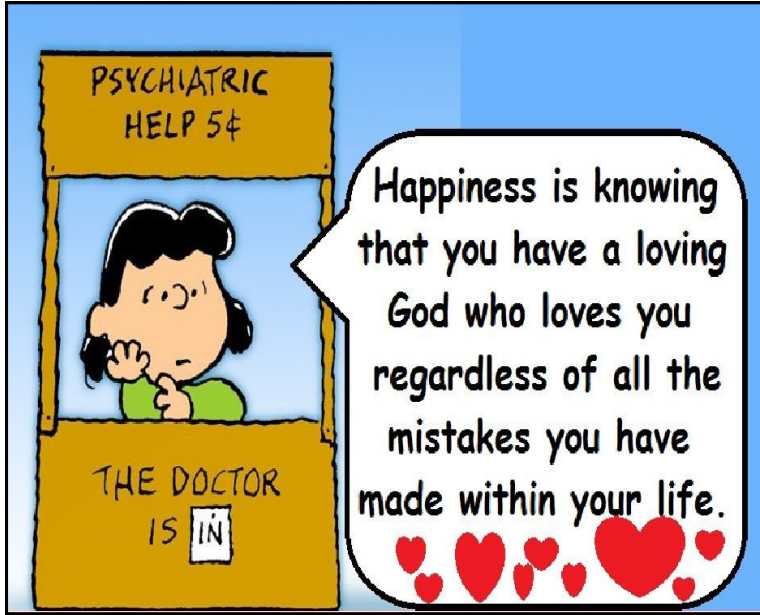
10. Say "thank you"

Parents, family members, mentors, coaches, teachers, authors, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and others have shaped you into the person you are. Each week during Lent, send a note of gratitude to one of them. Tell them how much they meant to you and how they inspired you. Consider including a small gift. Even if you do not know that author or speaker personally, draft an email of thanks.

There are many ways to be observant during Lent. Be original. Find yours.

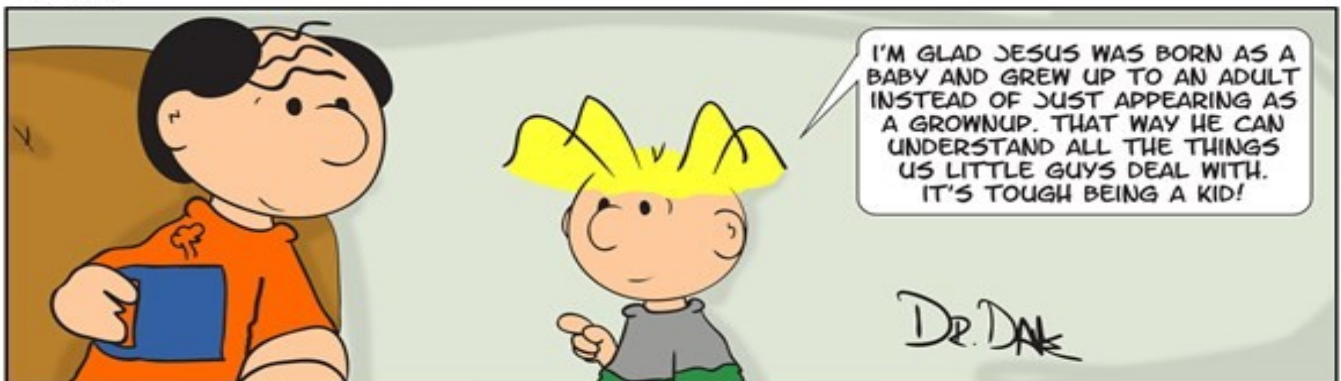
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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM

Classes for all ages - nursery provided

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6 PM

WEDNESDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

CHILDREN 6 PM

THURSDAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 10:30 AM

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