

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee in the Conference Room.

March 17 Emma Walters, Myra Davis, Sue Sites
24 Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank
31 Pastor Dustin & Carrie

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Sunday School: immediately after the 10:00 service in the conference room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a new video on the book of Joshua by Louie Giglio.

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

March 20 Potato Soup/Grilled Cheese compliment of Alisha & Rick
27 Black Bean Sup compliments of Martha and Carol
April 3 No Bible Study

Lenten Bible Study on Tuesdays at Noon and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Classes continue after church 11:30—12:30 pm.

Pecans: We only have the regular pecans left to sell. They are great for baking and snacking. See Mike Ballard to get yours today.

C.O.M.E.: This week we are collecting laundry detergent for Ebenezer Community Outreach and The House of the Carpenter.

Common Grounds: March 21 at 6:00 PM at Johnson Memorial UMC. Volunteers are needed.

Directory Pictures will be taken after Worship Service today and Sunday, March 24.

Prayers & Squares will meet on Friday, April 5 at 10:00 am in the parlor.

March 24: Palm Sunday. There will be an Easter egg hunt following service. We are collecting fillable plastic eggs and candy.

March 28: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 PM

March 29: Good Friday Service at 6:00 PM

March 31: Easter SonRise Service at 7:00 AM in the courtyard
Easter Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Asbury Woods Middle/Jr High Camp— June 30-July 4. If you plan to go to camp, register by May 1 to get the biggest discount.

Asbury Woods -Older Elementary Camp-July 14-19

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONGS OF PRAISE: Your Grace is Enough
Trust in God

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED BY MIKE BALLARD

L: LENTEN TRAVELERS, HOW LONG HAVE YOU TRAVELED THIS ROAD WITH YOUR GAZE POINTED DOWN AT THE DUST AND GRAVEL AND ASPHALT AS YOU WALK OR LIMP OR ROLL DOWN THE PATH?

P: SOMETIMES IT IS EASIER TO LOOK AT THE ROAD THAN AT THE PEOPLE WHO SHARE THE JOURNEY WITH US.

L: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS! LOOK, LISTEN, REACH OUT A HAND. WHO ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS ON THIS ROAD?

P: WE LIFT OUR HEADS AND LOOK TO OUR SAVIOR WHO JOURNEYS WITH US AND HELPS US NOTICE OUR NEIGHBORS ALL AROUND US.

L: THIS IS THE LENTEN JOURNEY—TO LEARN TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS JUST AS JESUS SHOWED US.

P: OUR JOURNEY TEACHES US TO LOSE OUR LIVES TO GOD AS WE FIND AND FOLLOW CHRIST IN OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS.

L: COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD WHO CARAVANS WITH US ON THIS ROAD TO THE CROSS.

P: COME, LET US WORSHIP! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY MIKE BALLARD

Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word. Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH MARTHA GILL

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

*SONG OF PREPARATION: CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

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SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 31:31-34 (NRSV) READ BY MIKE BALLARD

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD. DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

YES, WE BELIEVE IT.

MESSAGE: WRITE YOUR STORY ON MY HEART REV. DUSTIN McCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*A SONG OF INVITATION: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS UMH 140

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE