

Important Days/Dates to Remember

Each Sunday:

9:30 a.m. *Light Breakfast Fellowship*

9:45-10:30 a.m. *Sunday Schools (for all ages)*

11:00 a.m. *Worship Service*

Each Monday:

9:30-11:00 a.m. *Ladies' Bible Study, "He Speaks to Me"*

Each Wednesday:

3:30 p.m. *Acolyte Training (in the Sanctuary)*

4:00-5:30 p.m. *Children's Ministries*

5:00 p.m. *Prayer/Bible Study Ministry*

6:00 p.m. *Adult Choir Rehearsal*

Each Thursday:

5:30-7:00 p.m. *Ladies' Bible Study, "He Speaks to Me"*

February 17, 2010 – Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday – First Day of Lent

6:00 p.m. – *Ash Wednesday Service*

February 22, 2010 – Monday:

6:00 p.m. – *PathFinders "Valentine's" Fellowship*

March 3, 2010 – Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. – *Light Supper*

6:30 p.m. – *Trustees/Admin Council meeting*

March 4, 2010 – Thursday:

6:00 p.m. – *Trustees meeting*

March 6, 2010 – Saturday:

8:00 a.m. – *Relay for Life Flea Day (at Cuthbert Square)*



We are having a great time on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5:30. Thank you to all who have given their time and talents to help get things started. **We still need a few volunteers to help with small group Bible and journal time.** Call Patty Tucker 732-2582

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(11:00 a.m. Sunday services televised Mondays at 6:00 p.m., cable channel 17)

Why bother with Lent? It's not even in the Bible, right?

Those have been my questions, too, but my thoughts about Lent are changing.

Brief definition of Lent: the forty days leading up to Easter, days when followers of Jesus have for centuries observed a time of more intense spiritual seeking, often accompanied by acts of self-denial such as fasting, or more intentional Scripture study or prayer.

Frederica Mathewes-Green writes in *Christianity Today* about the benefits of such an observation of Lent:

"Spiritual disciplines such as fasting are analogous to weight-lifting equipment. One who uses them in a disciplined way will be stronger, not just when he's lifting weights, but also for every situation he meets."

The Apostle Paul reminded us about athletic training also: "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training." (1 Corinthians 9:25)

Lent is our version of "strict training"—not just religious busy work, but work that will prepare us for the real task of living faithfully and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus in all that we do.

So open up your Bible. Close your eyes and pray. Give away money you'd otherwise spend on yourself. Keep the fridge closed for the day. Notice Jesus, and notice how he's willing to make you stronger.

With joy,

Scott

THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, February 21, 2010
Last Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE *My Tribute (Crouch)* Eleanor Flathman
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Tucker
 CHIMING OF THE HOUR
 LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
 THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP Chancel Choir
On Eagles Wings (Joncas/Young/Brownlee)

***THE RESPONSIVE READING** Jimmy Gilbert
Psalm 91 **no. 810**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **no. 117**
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle's Creed*) **no. 881**
***THE GLORIA PATRI** **no. 70**
***THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Ann Stanford

HYMN OF PREPARATION **no. 395**
Take Time to Be Holy

MORNING PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Back inside cover of hymnal*)
 OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY** **no. 95**

SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir
Heavenly Father (*McGowan/Wright*)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: **Luke 4:1-13** (*NT p. 57*)
 SERMON Scott Tucker

***CLOSING HYMN** **no. 110**
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**
*May the love of God be with us as we go our separate ways,
 Serving God by serving others; finding hope and joy each day.*

POSTLUDE

*(Those who are able, please stand.)

*The flower arrangement on the altar will be given by
 John and JoAnne Barge for the glory of God and in honor of
 their children and grandchildren.*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

February 19 Charles Ferguson
 Jerry Flathman
 Ben Tucker

February 20 Esther Coffin Miller †

February 23 Bob Lovett

February 25 Patty Childress
 Fran Eubanks
 Mia Ferguson Parrish

February 26 Carter West Rowland
 Scott Tucker

February 28 Martha Ann Coffin
 Fred Patterson

COMMUNITY PRAYERFUL CONCERNS

*Our friends and Members in nursing homes
 and assisted living facilities:*

Elizabeth Brownlee, Louise Hester, Anne Moshell,
 Irma Patrick, Ruth Rainey, Sara Roberts,
 Dr. Marjorie Swanson, Elizabeth Wiggins

Other Prayer Concerns:

Margaret Bridges, Joyce Chellis, Bill Daniel, Jason Faulkner,
 James (Jimmy) Hague, C. D. ("Corky") Hamilton,
 Mary Hester, Rob Hester, Katie Hoyle,
 Heather Andrews Land, Leonard Lane,
 Charles ("Chuck") Lashley, Marshall Lindsey,
 Allene Nelson, Donald Parks, Evelyn Peak,
 Barbara Sealy, Nevaeh Sloan, Jimmie Stanford,
 Florence ("Flo") Trunnell Sikula, Lucy Wall, Grayson Ward

*Sympathy to the family of Mavis Hulse
 (Pastor Martin Loyley's mother)*

*Please call the church office to update our list of
 Community Prayerful Concerns.*

**THOSE SERVING
 SUNDAY:**

Breakfast
 Patty Childress
The Greeter
 Gay Mathews
Ushers
 Atlas Hester
 Walter McCrary
Acolytes
 Lizzie Stanford
Worship Leader
 Jimmy Gilbert
Children's Moments
 Ann Stanford
The Offering Stewards
 Nelson Coffin
 Charles Ferguson

Worship Attendance
February 14th: 44

**A RECORD OF
 OUR STEWARDSHIP**
as of February 14th:

GENERAL FUND

Contributions, 2/14:
 \$854.00

Needed YTD (budget):
 \$17,029.50

Collected YTD:
 \$15,319.38

CURRENT BALANCES:
 (not part of GENERAL FUND)

Choir Fund: \$1,266.09
 Faithful Stewards: \$ 451.41
 Methodist Men's: \$1,086.14
 Mission Fund: \$ 157.35
 Parsonage Fund: \$ 250.67
 Youth Fund: \$1,143.00

To My Church Family

*Thank you so much for the honor bestowed on me at the "Love Boat"
 program. I appreciate the thoughtfulness very much. I enjoyed my
 years in the choir and value the friendships I made there. I love our
 church and wish for her the best in future years.*

With grateful appreciation,

Anne Moshell

***We will be participating in the American Cancer
 Society Relay Flea Day on Saturday, March 6 on the
 Square beginning at 8:00 am for our Hunting for a
 Cure Relay Team. Michelle Bradley has graciously
 agreed to chair this project for us. You may begin to
 bring your "treasures" to the Fillingame Sunday
 School room. If you need assistance in getting your
 "treasures" to the church, please call Patricia
 Goodman at 732-2626.***