

THE BROADCASTER

February 22, 2023

Pastor's Piece

We are in February getting ready for Lent to begin. Ash Wednesday comes this year on February 22, and will begin that period of 40 days (not counting six Sundays) that leads to the celebration of Easter on April 9.

Lent is a season for all of us to humble ourselves through fasting, denying ourselves and putting others first and a deep communion with God through prayers so that we can learn to live the ways of the Lord while He was walking on earth. I believe fasting and prayers help us get closer to God. I invite all members of FUMCVC to slow down and reconnect with Jesus and join us in two spiritual practices, Fasting and Praying, during this Lenten season. There will be sign-up sheet in the foyer area to commit to specific days of fasting.

Here at FUMCVC we hope that you will find opportunities to make a Lenten pilgrimage of some kind so that you may strengthen your spirit and draw closer to God in faith.

Wednesday, February 22	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary
Sunday, April 2	9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday
Wednesday, April 5	6:00 p.m.	WOW ZONE! will experience Holy Week stations.
Thursday, April 6	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Prayer Walk
Friday, April 7	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 9	9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Traditional)
	10:45 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Contemporary)

Children will sing and play bells at both services.

Lenten Bible studies will be held during Lent. Please read our website and bulletin for more information.

Join us on Thursday, April 6, in the WCC for an opportunity to walk a prayer labyrinth and aside time to pray and to be with God. The prayer labyrinth will be open to parishioners from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a staff to explain how to walk the prayer labyrinth and to assist those who come to experience it!

We invite you to join us as we reflect on the death of Jesus at our Good Friday Service on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to leave this Lenten journey with us that will remind us how much God loves us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Marvin Kallenbach, Marci Law – Don and Susan Saylor’s daughter, Joy Page

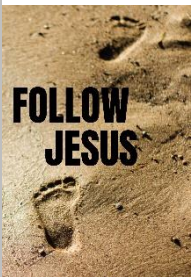
Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world.
God’s Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall’s son-in-law | † CPL Jay McDaniel |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann’s grandson | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman’s son-in-law |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier’s son | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards’ granddaughter |
| † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman’s grandson | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards’ nephew |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout’s grandson | † Erik Ralsten |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDaniel |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page’s grandson | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards’ grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | |

Sermon Series



We will begin a new sermon series on **Sunday, February 26** entitled “Following Jesus.” Following Jesus requires a commitment of us saying “Yes, I will follow you.” What happens after we say, “I will follow?” What does the following of Jesus look like? During Lent we are going to explore that and learn how following Jesus leads us to the core of what Jesus intended discipleship to be! Come and join us!

Spring Break Service Days

During Valley Center’s Spring Break we will have Service Days. Monday through Friday of that week from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. you are invited to join others at the church for service areas around the church and/or in our community. Service areas include kitchens, storage rooms, closets, and landscape. Cleaning supplies will be provided by the church. Come join in the fun!

March 13 – March 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

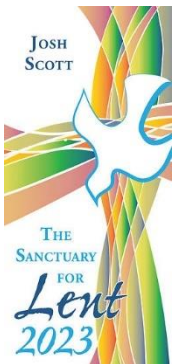




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| 1 Dan Seacat | 1 Julie Seidl | 1 Amanda Stauffer |
| 1 Drew Ellington | 2 Larry Clark | 3 Easton Reffner |
| 4 Erlene Morgan | 4 Jennifer Salas | 5 Mike Hogan |
| 5 Ed McCormick | 5 Tucker Ingle | 7 Nancy Anderson |
| 8 Marilyn Hammond | 8 Debbie Edwards | 8 Niki Miles |
| 10 Doug Vannaman | 12 Don Pearson | 12 Andy Spratt |
| 12 Emma Girtz | 13 Nancy Rusanowsky | 15 Bryce Burdick |
| 16 Bailey Miller | 17 Larry McHughes | 17 Benjamin Stiglitz |
| 18 Mike McNow | 18 Ande Armstrong | 19 Kirk Stanley |
| 19 Tim Lipke | 21 Bret Rogers | 21 Dawn Meyers |
| 21 Fred Held | 21 Janine Ingle | 22 Jennifer Youngers |
| 23 Kathleen Coons | 23 Annie Stockwell | 25 Kim Dellinger |
| 25 Brad Rice | 25 Colten Ingle | 28 Vicky Gooch |
| 29 Phyllis Neaderhiser | 30 Vickie Wilkerson | 30 Braeden Potillo |



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| 1 Paul & Aggie Melton | 14 Don & Susan Saylor |
| 20 Lonnie & Dorene Ruth | 22 Ted & Donna Schupp |
| 31 Dale & Arlene Guthrie | |



The Sanctuary for Lent 2023 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer—all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Along with being a great congregational resource, it is an excellent gift for family, friends, and those your congregation connects with through outreach. Devotions by Josh Scott for each day of Lent. Copies are available outside the sanctuary.



WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		JOY Group 9:30a FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN		
UMYF MS & HS 5:00p WCC			WOW ZONE! 6:00p		

SPECIAL:

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, March 10 11:00 a.m. WCC	Service Week Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 17 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch & Learn / Wellington Thursday, March 16	Book Club Wednesday, March 22 6:00 p.m. FS

SCOUTING GROUPS:

Adventure Crew First Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40021 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40316 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40870 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
	Girl Scout Troop 40037 First & Third Thursdays 7:15 p.m.	

FUMCVC'S GOINGS ON...

Mike McCormick and Amy Patrick Stamm have decided to step-away from the Youth Ministries position. Their last day will be Sunday, May 21, 2023. FUMCVC is actively looking for a part-time Youth Ministries Director. More information about that job position can be found on our website fumcvc.org. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, March 10** at 11:00a in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

Our March Lunch and Learn will be **Thursday, March 16** from 8:30 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. We're going to Wellington! Contact the office to get your name on the list.

March's Book Choice is *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. Bestselling author Kristin Hannah delivers a powerful epic about love, heroism and hope during the Great Depression, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. Centered on Elsa Wolcott, married to a Great Plains farmer whose land is ravaged by dust storms and drought, each day has become a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive. Elsa must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west in search of a better life for her family. *The Four Winds* is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and have-nots. We will meet **Wednesday, March 22** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The church has a limited number of books available for \$6 each.

2 Ways to Give

March's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is peanut butter and jelly. **Donations can be brought to the main foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

UMYF High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers Monthly Mission for March is Easter Candy for the FUMCVC Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring Easter candy donations on **Sunday, March 5**. *Candy can also be brought to the church anytime before Monday, April 3.*

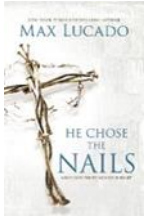
UMCOR – Relief for Turkey and Syria – As many of you have heard in news reports, a powerful 6.3 aftershock struck Turkey's Hatay province, near the Syrian border, on Monday, February 20. This was an aftershock to the deadly 7.8 magnitude earthquake from February 6 that killed more than 46,000 in Turkey and Syria. UMCOR reports that 4.1 million people are dependent on UMCOR and other sources of humanitarian aid, and the need is immediate. ***If you feel so led, you can write a check to First United Methodist Church Valley Center and write UMCOR Advance #982450 on the memo line. We will collect funds throughout March and mail a check at the end of the month.***

Lenten Studies

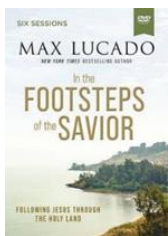
If you are interested in any of the following studies, please sign-up at Sign-Up Central (just outside the church office).

UMYF Donut & Devotions – Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. beginning **February 25**.

The Insight Class will begin their Lenten Study, *He Chose the Nails* by Max Lucado, on **Sunday, February 26**. This class meets in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and is led by June Marcy. In this five session Bible study, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at His crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross but also the gift of the thorns that pierce His brow. The nails that tore His flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where He forever defeated sin and death. As we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for His voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear Him whisper, "I did it just for you."



The Grace of Les Misérables – The Progressive Class will begin their Lenten Study on **Monday, February 27** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story. In the six-week study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world. **The cost of the book is \$6.00.**



Join us for "Tea and Lenten Study" We will enjoy tea with Pastor Ji and study Max Lucado's book "In the Footsteps of the Savior." With beautiful photographs and thoughtful questions for reflection, you will feel like you are walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Max Lucado will take you on a tour of the Holy Land, through places like Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, the Jordan River, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more. As you see the places Jesus walked from a new perspective, you'll also deepen your connection with the King of the universe who became the Savior on the cross. **Pastor Ji will lead this study on Wednesday afternoons beginning March 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**

Happy 50th Birthday, Pastor Ji!

We will celebrate Pastor Ji on
Sunday, February 26 with one
worship service at 11:00 a.m. and a
meal at 12:00 p.m. Sunday school will
meet at 10:00 a.m. that day.

Please no gifts!





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