

THE BROADCASTER

February 23, 2022

Pastor's Piece

Dear FUMCVC brothers and sisters in Christ,

For Christians, the season of Lent is as important as the season of Advent. It is forty weekdays and six weeks before Easter. The forty days is called Lent which is derived from the word 'spring,' the season of the year during which they fall. This is the season where we Christians prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time when we prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline. Lent is a time of renewal and ongoing conversion with a greater and more generous concentration on the gifts the Lord has given us. The purpose of Lent is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. Ash Wednesday comes this year on March 2 and that leads to the celebration of Easter on April 17. On Wednesday, March 2, our church will hold an Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, which will include the imposition of ashes. We invite you to join us in our journey to the cross through Lent and Easter.

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, March 2	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary
Sunday, April 10	9 & 11 a.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday
	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Donkey Walk
Thursday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 15	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Good Friday Community Service
Sunday, April 17	9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Traditional)
	10:40 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Contemporary)

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

We also invite you to participate in '40 DAYS OF SERVING, RENEWING, GROWING, & PRAYING'.

May this time of year be one when you prepare your heart for the joyous celebration of the rising of our Lord out from among the dead on the first day of the week. You are invited to join 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

Mike Norris & Phyllis Scarlett

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 | † SGT Bryant Leinen – Warren & Jeanne Leinen's grandson |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson | † CPL Jay McDoniel |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law |
| † 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 McDoniel – Glenn & Virginia Jost's granddaughter |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † David Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew |
| † Jeffrey Ju – United States Merchant Marine Academy | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband |
| † Sydney Lang – Navy | |



1 Dan Seacat	1 Julie Seidl	1 Amanda Stauffer	1 Drew Ellington
2 Larry Clark	3 Bruce Campbell	3 Miranda Dessenberger	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	9 Gavin Reeves	10 Doug Vannaman	12 Don Pearson
12 Andy Spratt	12 Emma Girtz	15 Bryce Burdick	17 Benjamin Stiglitz
18 Mike McNown	18 Ande Armstrong	19 Kirk Stanley	19 Tim Lipke
21 Janine Ingle	22 Jennifer Youngers	23 Susan Dunn	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

14 Don & Susan Saylor
22 Ted & Donna Schupp

20 Lonnie & Dorene Ruth
31 Dale & Arlene Guthrie





WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.	Progressive Class Lenten Bible Study 7:00 p.m. FS Beginning March 7		JOY Group 9:30 a.m.		
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.			Chancel Choir 5:00 p.m.		
Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m.			WOW ZONE! 6:00 p.m.		
Lenten Bible Study 3:30 p.m. FS Beginning March 6			Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. FS (beginning March 9)		
UMYF MS & HS 5:00 p.m. WCC					

SPECIAL:

Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Wednesday, March 2 6:00 p.m. SAN

Staff Parish Relations Committee
Thursday, March 3 6:00 p.m. FS

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever
Friday, March 11 11:00 a.m. WCC

~~Trustees
Wednesday, March 2 6:00 p.m. FS~~

UMW Executive Board
Monday, March 7 6:00 p.m. CR

Administrative Church Council
Thursday, March 17 6:00 p.m. FS

Book Club
Wednesday, March 23 6:00 p.m. FS

~~Fellowship & Missions Team
Thursday, March 3 6:00 p.m. 3A~~

Finance Committee
Tuesday, March 8 6:00 p.m. FS

Movie Night
Wednesday, March 23 3:00 p.m. SAN



Ash & Wednesday & Worship Service

Wednesday, March 2 / 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

The Insight Class will begin a new series on **Sunday, March 6**. This class meets in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. and anyone is welcome to join us. This series covers First and Second Timothy and Titus, here is a brief overview: Who is a mentor in your life? Who guides you through the ups and downs, helps you make decisions, and is there when you have questions and doubts? The apostle Paul knew the importance of this kind of discipleship. He mentored Timothy, a young pastor who was facing all sorts of challenges. He also pointed the way for Titus, a pastor who was shaping an early church. Paul's letters to these young leaders are packed with instructions, guidelines, principles, and encouragement. His practical words of wisdom are valuable key to discipleship to all generations. Grab a donut and pop-in!!



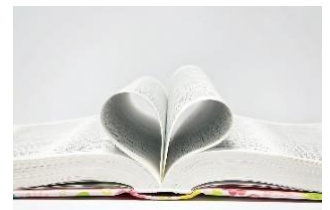
UMYF High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers are going to participate in a Monthly Mission. The first Sunday of most months, we will have a table set-up in the main foyer to accept donations for that month's mission project. Those donations will then be taken to the organization the next day. All of the organizations are local. Some are even in Valley Center. Please help as you feel led. March's giving



is peanut butter and jelly for UM Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry. Please bring donations on **Sunday, March 6**.

Book Club

March's Book Club choice is *For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre* by Sharon Risher. We will meet **Wednesday, March 23** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If you would like the church to purchase a copy for you, the cost is \$8.00.



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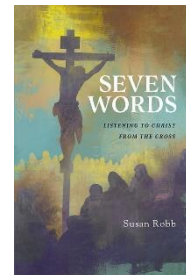


Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God
Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For those ages four-years-old (as of June 6, 2022)
through those entering fifth grade (fall 2022).

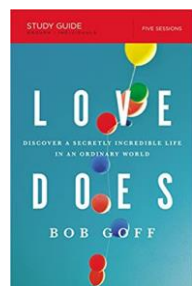
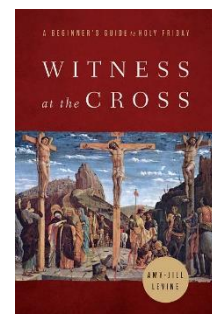
LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross – Examine the last seven words of Christ on the cross this Lent. The most difficult part of Lent is, of course, contemplating our Savior on the cross: the physical pain, the humiliation, and the undeniable injustice. Our hearts break. It's natural to try and avoid the reality of how Jesus died, but it is from the cross that Jesus shows his deepest love for us. As Jesus draws his final breath and utters his last words, it is then that his deep trust in the Father and his divine glory are revealed. In *Seven Words*, Susan Robb looks at Christ's final words from a biblical and historical perspective, showing how we can find life and hope in them. Join us for this six-week study on Sunday afternoons beginning **March 6** at 3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Books are \$11 each. This study will be led by Phoebe McCormick.



The Youth will begin a new series *Risen* on **Sunday, March 6** at 5:00 p.m. in the WCC. Throughout scripture a promise was made of a Savior that would conquer sin and bring salvation. That promise was fulfilled through Jesus. God sacrificed His son so that we can live with hope. Jesus was crucified, buried in a tomb for three days, and rose to life on the third day. This turning point in history is the foundation of our faith.

Witness at the Cross – Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die. Place yourself as a witness of the cross and determine what your own testimony will be! In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. Join us for this six-week study on Monday evenings beginning **March 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Books are \$13 each. This study will be led by Amy Patrick Stamm.

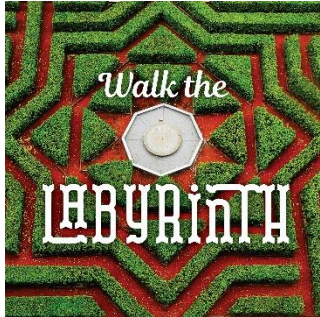


Pastor's Bible Study – Love isn't a feeling. It's an activity. It's something you *do*. And participating in the act of love is the secret to understanding God's love--the secret to a life well lived. Building on the foundation of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Love Does*, the *Love Does* video study is a case study in love done--a love that's practical, functional, active. Not a "love" that has all the right answers. Not a "love" with ulterior motives. Not a "love" that's all talk or paralyzed by doubt. But a radically alive love that's an intentional participation in God's world. Join us for the five-session study beginning **Wednesday, March 9** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Books are \$9 each.

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March 2	SERVING	Deliver pantry items to a local food pantry
March 3	RENEWING	Burn a candle in the dark and think about the light of Christ in your life
March 4	GROWING	Read one book of the Bible
March 5	PRAYING	Pray for those who are sick
March 6	SERVING	Deliver treats or write a note to a first responder
March 7	RENEWING	Clear your mind and sit quietly for ten minutes listening for God.
March 8	GROWING	Decide not to complain for the entire day.
March 9	PRAYING	Pray for those who have suffered loss.
March 10	SERVING	Deliver treats to a friend/neighbor.
March 11	RENEWING	Listen to a worship song and think about what it means to you.
March 12	GROWING	Think of three positive things about a person who frustrates you.
March 13	PRAYING	Pray for the first responders and their families.
March 14	SERVING	Send a note to someone special.
March 15	RENEWING	Take a walk or walk the labyrinth garden at church.
March 16	GROWING	Research a question you have about God.
March 17	PRAYING	Pray for those who are sad or lonely.
March 18	SERVING	Call or write an elderly person.
March 19	RENEWING	Sit quietly repeating "Be still and know that He is God" from Psalm.
March 20	GROWING	Memorize Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."
March 21	PRAYING	Pray for those who do not know God.
March 22	SERVING	Volunteer your time or send money to a local charity.
March 23	RENEWING	Watch a Christian movie.
March 24	GROWING	Memorize Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"
March 25	PRAYING	Pray for our church and church family.
March 26	SERVING	Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it.
March 27	RENEWING	Read Psalm 23.
March 28	GROWING	Write down Philippians 4:8 and put it on your refrigerator and read it several times today.
March 29	PRAYING	Pray for victims of violence.
March 30	SERVING	Sit quietly outside for ten minutes and enjoy God's creation.
March 31	RENEWING	Breathing prayer (2 Corinthians 12:9) – Inhale: "Be still" Exhale: "is enough for me" – repeat.
April 1	GROWING	Talk with another believer about where you need to grow in your faith.
April 2	PRAYING	Pray for those who are hungry or don't have shelter.
April 3	SERVING	Tip extra/leave thank you note for waiter/delivery person.
April 4	RENEWING	Send a note of encouragement to someone who is suffering, sad, or lonely.
April 5	GROWING	Memorize Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."
April 6	PRAYING	Pray for veterans and those currently serving in armed forces.
April 7	SERVING	Ask someone, "How can I help?" and then help them!
April 8	RENEWING	Breathing Prayer (Philippians 4:7) – Inhale: "Peace of Christ" Exhale: "guard my heart and mind."
April 9	GROWING	Practice thirty-second elevator speech as to why you are a Christian.
April 10	PRAYING	Pray for our community, our country, and our world.

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Notable Events



March 15 – *Take a walk or walk the labyrinth garden at church.* There will be a labyrinth set up in our south parking lot. You will be able to walk it between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. that day.

March 18 – *Call or write an elderly person.* For a list of our homebound members and their addresses, contact the office.



March 23 – Watch a Christian movie. We will offer the movie *The Case for Christ* for adults at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. *The Case for Christ* is about an award-winning investigative journalist -- and avowed atheist -- who applies his well-honed journalistic and legal skills to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife...with unexpected, life-altering results. ***Please contact the office before noon on March 22 if you plan to attend.***

The WOW ZONE! Kiddos will watch *The Story of Easter* during their regular time that night.



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