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THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20th, 7 pm
All are welcome to attend

Our Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8 am Early Adult Sunday School
- 9 am Worship
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School
- Adult Sunday School
- Choir Practice
- 6 pm Evening Worship

Just an item or two....

Please remember to feed our food bin in the Narthex. All items will be taken to the River of Life Food Pantry in Fairfield.



[Note: While compiling this month's newsletter, I came across this article on the UMC.org webpage, by Joe Iovino. I loved it and wanted to share it with you. I contacted Mr. Iovino and received his permission to publish it here. You can see this and many more ideas for Easter and Lent at <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/faqs-lent-easter>]

Beyond Fasting—Ten 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 as a sign of contrition for mistakes they have made. 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

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Our Church Directory is available to you 24/7.

That's right, we have a pictorial, online directory that you can access on your computer, laptop and mobile phone! The directory is password protected-you make up your own password so it is safe to use. Find it at:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

We've been using it awhile now, why not check out your picture and see if you need to update it? Call the Office at 903 599-3080 for help with the application, or to request a hard copy.

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text — right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



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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. [Note/Hint: We are always looking for Ushers, Greeters, & Communion Stewards!]

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.

-Joe Iovino

Giving up anything for Lent? Let this article inspire you to spend some time in self-reflection, prayer and finding joy in serving others to make Lent more meaningful this year.

Gearing Up to Start Our Children's Evangelism/Outreach Ministry

Our 2017 Planning Meeting is Tuesday, March 7th at 10:30 am. We need 12-15 people to make this year's children evangelism a success. Most of the work and time for interested individuals is just the day of the event.

We will also be planning our Bus Brigade for the Spring and our **Easter Basket Eggstravaganza**. Area children will receive a basket, a dozen eggs, gifts and goodies, but more importantly they will hear a part of the resurrection story as they receive each egg.

It will take a minimum of 14 people to make this event a success. It is very little work and time and workers will build great relationships with area children which is priceless.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 7th at 10:30 am to get our ministry started for 2017. We will also discuss plans for our summer events.

-Merle Hughes

Different Looks in the Sanctuary During Lent

Lent is the 40 days, not counting Sundays, starting from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. It represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptations of Satan, and preparing to start His ministry. See Matthew 3:16 – 4:11.

For Christians, it is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for Easter. Also, self-examination and reflection.

The brass cross and candlesticks are gone for Lent, replaced by wood, stone and natural fibers. Easter morning will have the return of the brass and the Easter lilies celebrating the joy of the resurrection of Christ.

-Sue Ander

Notice of I-45 Traffic Change—Ginger Moody provided this statement released by the Mayor of Corsicana on Feb 24th:

The Texas Department of Transportation has notified the City of Corsicana that a traffic change at the intersection of Interstate Highway 45 and the 45 Business Route north of Corsicana will begin next week [Feb 27th]. Cars will be routed in a two-way pattern, one lane each way, on the west side of the Business Route. Northbound traffic will cross over IH 45 on the recently completed bridge and enter the highway on the east side. Southbound traffic will exit at the existing frontage road exit and continue south on the two-way traffic detour to the Business Route. Semi-trucks or any trailers should not use the detour. **This configuration will last for 137 days.** All northbound traffic is encouraged to use State Highway 31 to access IH 45. Roane Road should not be used as an alternative route due to culvert construction.

Wortham Garden Club



Annual Fund Raiser ~Funds for Scholarships~ First UMC of Wortham

301 W. Main
Tuesday, March 7th, 11 AM until Gone
\$10 a plate-Takeouts Available
Includes Dinner Buffet with Salad
Dessert & Drink



We
PRAY
for

Bill & Laura Carlisle
Carpenters for Christ
The Family of Duane Chambers
Donny Cokerham
Billy Collins
Bette & Mike Cook
The Family of Glen Dolphin
The Family of Darian Eckhardt
First Responders
Clark Fritz
Mike Gaub and Family
The Rose Gilbret Family
Kim Gordoa's mother
Eve Hamilton's Family
Paul Hansen
Michael Hardin
Luke Harris
Marlene Holiday
Avery Hughes
Diane Hughes & Family
Jerry Jennings

Our Military and their Families
Tom Miller
Haleigh
Joyce Moore
Venida Norwood
The Family of Michael Patison
Charlie Ray
Jane Reeves
Linda Rhodes
Vic Rice
Ruth Robbins
Faye Robbins
Tom & Marlene Russell
St. Elmo Christian Youth Center
Jeff Sampson
Ed Scruggs
Louise Shelton
Jay Simmons
Paul Smith
Nicole Steffls
Roxie & Barry Steinburg's daughter-in-law Vickie
Sandy & Vickie Steinburg
Carla Stroud
Jay Suggs
Eileen Suggs' Son
President Trump
Debbie Woerner
Billy Young
Our Nation

Dorothea Atkerson
The Family of Oris Baldwin
Bateman Family and Son Spencer
Beverly Blalock
Angie Bledsoe
Brenda Cannon
Sherry Cappallo

John Joiner
Berty Jones
Ronnie Jones
Janet Martin
Dr. McCann
Jerry Meadows
Jackie Messer

Bible Study Opportunities

THE WAY by Adam Hamilton
Facilitated by Eve Hamilton, Saturdays during Lent at 9:30 AM. Books \$10

Upper Room Small Group Study
Join Pastor Thomas Q. in this prayerful study group each Wednesday at 9 am.

Weekly Bible Study, Wednesday mornings at 10 am, taught by Pastor Thomas Q.



SUNDAY MARCH 12th FOLLOWING WORSHIP HAM PROVIDED Bring your best side dish, relish or dessert & have a MARVELOUS dinner with fellowship!



Are You Interested in Working With Children?

Our Children's Ministry is very active and can use your help in connecting with area families. All volunteers working with children are required to take a training course provided by the MinistrySafe Institute on safety for children. This training is provided to us by the Central Texas Conference. This online training only takes about 45 minutes, and helps us keep all children and workers safe. If you are interested in joining our Children's Evangelism and Outreach Ministry, contact the Church Office to become certified by MinistrySafe. Thank you!



St. Paddy's Day is March 17TH

February Average Attendance
Worship 84
Sunday School 21
Nursery 0
Bible Study 8



Wednesday, March 1st

ASH WEDNESDAY
 9 am Upper Room Study
 10-11:30 am Bible Study
 6 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, March 4th

9:30 am THE WAY Bible Study
 5-7 pm SOVFD Chili Supper

Sunday, March 5th

COMMUNION SUNDAY
 8 am Early Adult Sunday School
 9 am Worship
 10:15 am Adult & Children's Sunday School, Choir Practice
 6 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday, March 7th

10:30 am Children's Evangelism Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th

9 am Upper Room Small Group
 10-11:30 am Bible Study
 5 pm Ladies Ensemble
 7 pm Bridge

Thursday, March 9th

Noon-2 pm GOOD TIMES

Friday, March 11th

9 am Clean Up Day
 9:30 am THE WAY Bible Study
 10:30 am Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Sunday, March 12th

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
 8 am Early Adult Sunday School
 9 am Worship
 SPRING POTLUCK
 6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, March 13th

10 am CCC at New Hope Baptist

Tuesday, March 14th

1 pm Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, March 15th

9 am Upper Room Small Group
 10-11:30 am Bible Study
 5 pm Ladies Ensemble
 6 pm CYC
 7 pm Bridge

Friday, March 17th

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Saturday, March 18th

9:30 am THE WAY Bible Study



Sunday, March 19th

COMMUNION SUNDAY
 8 am Early Adult Sunday School
 9 am Worship
 10:15 am Adult & Children's Sunday School, Choir Practice
 6 pm Evening Worship

Monday, March 20th

FIRST DAY OF SPRING!
 6 pm Finance Committee
 7 pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 21st

10 am FOOD FORUM
 1 pm Stephen Ministers
Wednesday, March 22nd
 9 am Upper Room Small Group

Thursday, March 23rd

10-11:30 am Bible Study
 5 pm Ladies Ensemble
 6 pm CYC
 7 pm Bridge

Thursday, March 23rd

UMW Day of Giving
Saturday, March 25th
 9:30 am THE WAY Bible Study

Sunday, March 26th

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY
 8 am Early Adult Sunday School
 9 am Worship
 10:15 am Adult & Children's Sunday School, Choir Practice

Monday, March 27th

6 pm Evening Worship

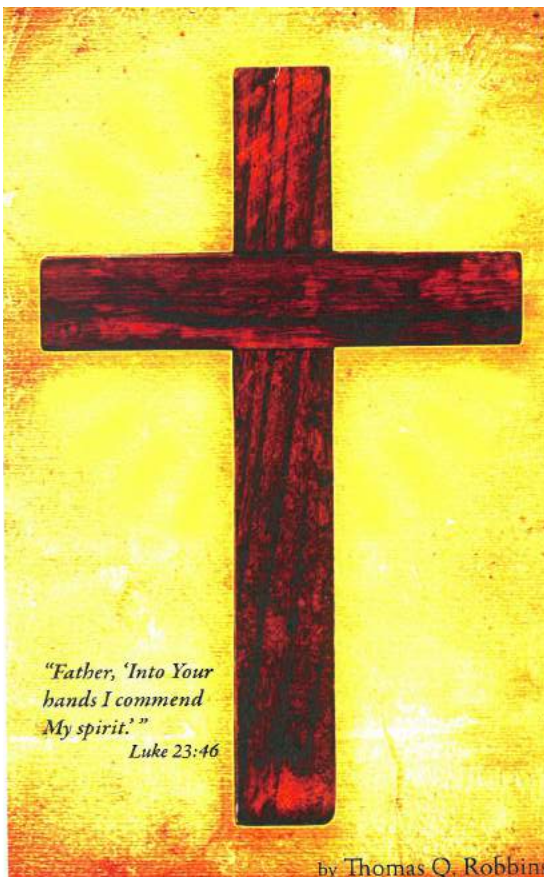
Tuesday, March 28th

10 am Cooking Forum

Wednesday, March 29th

9 am Upper Room Small Group
 10 am Bible Study
 6 pm CYC
 6 pm Games Night

Fairfield & Corsicana ISD
 Spring Break
 March 13-17



Free Lenten Devotional Guides Written by Thomas Q. are available in the Narthex. Please pick up copies for your friends and neighbors.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th IS



MAIN COURSE: TACOS! BRING BEANS, CHEESE & STUFF!

THURSDAY, MAR 9th—NOON TO 2 PM

GOOD TIMES!

Come by and have a delicious lunch, and then stay awhile and play some card games or dominoes or something. Get out of the house, talk, laugh, and have a GOOD TIME! Call Susan Pokorski for more information at 804 338-5989.