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DAN'S DOODLES

TO KNOW CHRIST TO GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS
TO GO IN CHRIST'S NAME

The season of Lent is upon us! We will observe Ash Wednesday (March 9th) with a worship service of holy communion and the disposition of ashes. I hope you will plan to be with us as we begin to prepare our hearts for this special season in the life of the Body of Christ.

The theme of Ash Wednesday calls us to a time of repentance and refection. This is a holy time to remember that we are not all that we should be, but He is all that we need. A time to offer our gratitude to God for the forgiveness of our sin and the wonderful opportunity He gives us DAILY to "begin again".

And this is a time to reflect upon ways in which we might intentionally develop our faith as we prepare to celebrate Easter (April 24th) once again! We have several opportunities for our spiritual growth this holy season, so let me suggest that you consider one of the following:

- attend worship each Sunday from March 6th thru Easter, April 24th
- attend a Sunday School class during that same period
- participate in the "early bird" Sunday School class offered at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center
- participate in the "membership class" for a renewal of your United Methodist faith understanding which will be offered during the Sunday School hour at 10:30 a.m. in one of the west wing classrooms
- pick up an Upper Room devotional for March/April and find a daily time to "be with the Lord"
- volunteer to pray with others in the prayer room for 15 minutes prior to the worship time
- choose to "fast" a meal or even for a day (with liquids only) so that you can spend meal time in prayer
- plan to give either financially or "hands on" to one of the volunteer ministries in our community/county that you will be receiving information on in the coming weeks

Anyway, as you can see there are many ways to take an intentional step toward honoring Jesus Christ during this "season of preparation", and I hope you will challenge yourself to "take a NEW STEP".

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MARCH GREETERS

*March 6 - Blevé & Jacqueline
Willoughby*

*March 13 - Marty Williams &
Bob Hearnés*

March 20 - The Taylor Burke Family

March 27 - Jane Jackson

*(If you can't greet on your Sunday,
please call Annette Robertson at
683-0742 or 683-4917)*

MARCH ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 6 - Dawson Snider & Victor Crisel
March 13 - James Naile & Anthony Klunk
March 20 - James Thurmond & Court Story
March 27 - Elise & Will Ferrell

CONFIRMATION CLASS COMING!!!

Pastor Dan would like to invite all of our youth 6th grade or older to the **Confirmation Class** this year beginning the first Sunday of March. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour and will run for 6 weeks, through April 10th. In addition, any adults who would like to attend the class with us to “refresh” their understanding of what it means to be a “Untied Methodist Christian” are also welcome.

EARLY BIRD CLASS

Pastor Dan has decided to hold an “**Early Bird Sunday School Class**” at 8:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, March 6th and running for the next 6 weeks. This will be a Lenten study leading us up to Palm Sunday. If you are “an early bird” not already involved in a Sunday School class, he would love to have you participate!!!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Beginning the first Sunday in March, Annette Robertson will be in the vestibule between the entrance to the overflow and the east aisle with 3x5 cards to write your **Joys and Concerns** on. Please place them in the collection plates so the ushers can give them to Pastor Dan following the offering.

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve **Holy Communion** at the Charleston Manor on Wed., March 9, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY BAND COMING!!!

The **Central Methodist University Band** will be in concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13th at the Newnam Auditorium (high school campus). This is a unique opportunity to hear an outstanding university band right here in Southeast Missouri. The concert is sponsored by the Charleston United Methodist Church and is FREE to the public.

MISSION MINUTE FOR MARCH

The Outreach Team of our church family deeply appreciates your financial support and strives to be good stewards of your gifts to the church. In January and February your financial gifts have gone to support the Susanna Wesley ministry in East Prairie, the Charleston Ministerial Alliance (both the food pantry fund and the emergency fund), plus Mission Missouri, a drug and alcohol rehab residential unit in Sikeston. Our United Methodist Women have toured the Susanna Wesley facility to discover ways in which we might be of “hands on” assistance and recently Pastor Dan and a team from our church led a worship service on a Sunday afternoon at Mission Missouri. So, we are making a difference one small step at a time and we appreciate your support.

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Church Family,

Melinda, Jennifer & I want to thank you for all of the prayers, calls, cards and letter after the death of my father. Your kindness and support have been the wind beneath our wings during this difficult time. On behalf of my father, we would also like to thank the ladies of our church for the beautiful prayer shawl. It meant a great deal.

The Miller Family

Dear Members of Charleston United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the gift of \$750 that you gave to the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center. Your donation will help to continue the many programs that are helping people in need.

GED classes are being taught in the morning, afternoon and evening. Students can earn their GED at a time suitable for them.

The domestic violence area is used everyday by victims. A staff member is in the building 24 hours everyday.

There are other programs like the children safe exchange and the youth leadership program. A new program is the Elder Abuse Program.

Thank you for your help with the Christian work. Your donation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center Staff & Board

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

The older children have been talking about the **Lord's Prayer** in Sunday School. Sunday, February 6, these children led the congregation in praying the prayer: Will Ferrell, Elise Ferrell, Caitlyn Tinsley and Harrison Moore.

On Sunday, February 6, a **Valentine Extravaganza** was held in the Family Life Center for children. They decorated cookies, played games, heard a Bible Story and had refreshments. These children enjoyed the extravaganza: Thompson Willoughby, Stewart Coon, Brown Logan, Bennett Logan, Amelia Logan, Catie Austin, Victor Crisel, Will Ferrell, Elise Ferrell, Anna Riley Yoviene, Harrison Moore, Laurann Allgier and Layne Allgier. We hope more will join our Extravaganza in March.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jeff Raines, Mary Kirk & Sam Austin
- 2 - Julie Hankinson
- 3 - Susan White
- 4 - Josh Marshall & Whitney Delay
- 5 - Jane Griffin
- 7 - Sara Gerau
- 8 - Natalie Brewer
- 10 - Hamil Corse & Kati Luehmann
- 12 - Richard Frazier & Wilda DeField
- 13 - Samantha Ward & Bill Hunter
- 14 - Rabb Whitehead
- 16 - Faye Moxley
- 17 - Hetherington Story & Paige Huls
- 18 - Caitlyn Tinsley, Jimmy French & Lori Ann Malugen
- 19 - Maggie McNeary, Mari McNeary & Lorraine Stallings
- 21 - Bill Harper, Jennifer Moore & Leonard Cook
- 22 - Buck Story & Anita McInnis
- 23 - Mary Whitehead
- 29 - Suellen Fenton & Tim Burke
- 30 - Lindsay Burke
- 31 - Bob Hearnes & Thompson Willoughby

UMW NEWS

The **United Methodist Women** will meet Wednesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Dorothy Anne Brink is the hostess & Phyllis Halliday will present the program, "Call to Prayer & Self-Denial—Give a Gift of Love". After their meeting, the group will visit Susanna Wesley in East Prairie and have lunch at the East Prairie Nutrition Center. If you plan stay for lunch, please call Annette Robertson. Thank you!

The **Spring District Meeting** is planned for March 19 at Hobbs Chapel UMC in Cape Girardeau. Rev. Karen Nothdurft will present the program on her trip to the Holy Land. We will have special music from Hobbs Chapel. It will be a great day, and we hope for a large number of members attending. For more information, call Annette Robertson.

Finding Peace is the theme for the United Methodist Women this year. Finding peace is so often difficult in a world that encourages busyness, not silence, activity, not quietness; extroversion, not introversion. (Barb Meinke, District Coordinator on Spiritual Growth)

