

The Shepherd's Messenger



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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

"Thoughts on Repentance"

FROM
Pastor
Burt 

Grace and peace to you and yours in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This newsletter finds us nearly 1/2 way through this holy season of Lent. I would like to share with you some continued thoughts on REPENTANCE. Let me begin with this humorous anecdote.

"Jimmy had trouble with the pronunciation of the letter 'R', so his teacher gave him a sentence to practice at home:

'Robert gave Richard a rap in the rib for roasting the rabbit so rare.'

Some days later the teacher asked him to say the sentence for her. Jimmy rattled it off like this:

'Bob gave Dick a poke in the side for not cooking the bunny enough.'

He had evaded the letter "R".

The fact is that there are a lot of people today - including CHRISTIANS - who go to great lengths to avoid the "R" word of REPENTANCE.

Too often we substitute "Regret" that is "feeling sorry" for repentance like King Saul. Some substitute "remorse" for repentance, that is, feeling sorry mentally and emotionally like Jesus betrays Judas.

But true REPENTANCE is being sorry mentally, emotionally and volitionally like Matthew and others in scripture.

Ultimately, repentance is as Richard Trench describes it, "a mighty change in mind, heart and life wrought by the Spirit of God."

This remaining Lenten season don't avoid the "R" word of repentance like Jimmy. To experience the full joy of Easter - its victory, joy and love and the wonder of a resurrected Savior, Repent and Believe!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Burt

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
to those at other residences...

CUBA CMH

*Henny van der Horst

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

*Dawn Durkee

THE PINES IN MACHIAS

*Laura Clayson

Military personnel and their families...

Brandon Snyder - Afghanistan



Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation.



- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 3 - Desi Burdick
Casi Lockwood
Elizabeth Lockwood
- 4 - Clair Morris
- 8 - Shirley Poore
Ray Climie
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
- 15- Jeffery Zeh
- 17 - Cindy Dutton
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 21- Rachel Holden
- 22- Christianna
Reynolds
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 25 - Todd Young
- 27 - Jean Higby

Statistics		Needed: \$1,657	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
1/24	47	17	\$1,539.00
1/31	51	18	\$1,380.00
		Rothfus	\$ 143.00
2/7	44	12	\$2,017.00
Ash Wed.	26	-	
2/14	40	13	\$1134.00
2/21	37	8	\$1069.00

Others to keep in prayer:

- Chuck Brooks
- Joan Buddle
- Laura Clayson
- Veronica Clayson
- *Ray Climie
- Braden Currier
- Sid Emmons
- *Joyce Enderle
- *Art Higby
- Stephanie LaFever
- Bruce Metler
- Thomas Morris
- *Keith Pierce
- Kerigan Pierce
- *Lucinda Pierce
- Ann Santagelo
- Leroy Sherwood
- *Alice Sweet
- Laroy Spateholts
- Aprille Truax
- *Buster Van Valkenburgh
- *Connie Wandall
- Wally Watson
- Ken Wyant



*Sue Simmons, UMW's Cheer Person, sends cards one a month to these people.



- 18 - Arnold & Linda Nelson
- 28 - Mike & Fran Young



If you have a need for prayer, call the prayer chain.

**Call Sandra Allen
at 968-2137
or Ruth Holden
at 968-1933**

March Helping Hands

Ushers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick



Greeters:

- 3/6 *Open for you*
- 3/13 *Open for you*
- 3/20 *Open for you*
- 3/27 *Open for you*

Acolyte:

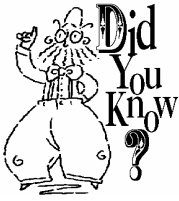
- 3/6
- 3/13
- 3/20
- 3/27

Coffee Hour:

3/20

Altar Guild

Thela Snow

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responded to the flood and tornado outbreak with emergency funding to the Central Texas, Mississippi, North Texas and Tennessee Annual Conferences. The agency is in contact with the Missouri and Great Plains conferences to provide aid for disaster recovery in those areas. UMCOR is also working with national partners in planning for additional flood response along the Mississippi River, where floodwaters are moving downstream.

According to Greg Forrester, UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response executive, Early Response Teams have been deployed to assess damages and provide recovery assistance in eight conferences, including the Oklahoma Conference, which in addition to flooding, was shaken, without damages or casualties, by an earthquake.

More than 2,500 cleanup buckets were shipped from UMCOR's Relief-Supply Network for distribution in the areas of need; another 720 cleanup buckets, plus 1,400 health kits, were delivered to flood-affected residents in Missouri.



Do you know _____ of someone who needs a note of cheer? Someone who might be sick, in the hospital, has a birthday, or has a loved one who has passed away?

If you do, please call **Sue Simmons at 585-968-1135**. She is the UMW's **Cheer person**. She sends out cards to those in need of some cheer, so please contact her to let her know.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 12. **Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday March 13.**

UMW MEETING*Submitted by Shirley Poore*

United
Methodist
Women

February 20, 2016

- Thela & Shirley provided refreshments.
- Thela opened meeting with a prayer.
- Were 8 ladies there.
- Ruth Holden was elected as Treasurer.
- A thank you was read from Genesis House for the toiletries they received. Also the elementary school for the hats, mittens & scarfs for the children.
- Discussed options for Missions we could do. Umcors had a few kits suggested, going to look at a few other options in March meeting.
- Will do prayer & self denial in May. Will be info in newsletter & bulletin at that time.
- Trash & Treasures sale in May. A No Bake Sale in June.
- We cleaned cupboards, Refrigerator & Dish Cupboards.

Next Meeting will be March 19 at 10:00



The Lamb Of God

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our sin,
He came the sinless Son of God
To cleanse our hearts within

He hung upon the blood-stained cross
Thinking of you and me,
Dying like some hardened criminal,
His body in agony

His blood flowed down from the cross;
His body tormented with pain
He cried out to His Heavenly Father,
But it seemed no answer came

People stood and jeered at Him,
Mocking to the end
Who Jesus was and why He came,
They couldn't comprehend

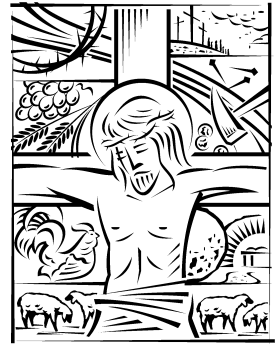
Their hearts were indifferent to the Lord;
Their consciences grew ever cold
His mother watched on - unable to bear it
As the sword pierced through her soul

As you try to grasp this picture,
The pain that Christ went through,
Remember that day you were on His mind,
He endured it all for you

Just so you could know His love
And forgiveness for your sins,
To know His resurrection power
And to have His life within

He cares that much about your life,
He endured the cross for you
Like those who jeered, or those who loved,
With Jesus - what will *you* do?

By M.S.Lowndes





Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

Prophecy #4: Abraham - great nation, great name, great blessing

After the Great Flood, Noah's son (Shem) had a son (Terah) who had a son (Abram). This was called the continuation of the Godly Line. God called to Abram, saying, "leave your country... and go to the land I will show you." (Gen. 12:1) God loved Abram because he was obedient, and he honored, worshipped and loved his God. So God made a prophecy concerning Abram: 1) God would make a great nation from Abram's descendants, 2) God would make Abram's name great as well as God would bless those who bless Abram, and 3) all people on earth would be blessed through Abram. (Gen. 12:2) (It should be noted that Abram's name was later changed to Abraham, so, these prophecies are through "Abraham".)

(1.) Great Nation. When Abraham arrived in the land of Canaan, he was seventy five years old, and childless, yet God promised the land to his offspring. (Gen. 12:6-7) Then Canaan was called the Promised Land.

Abraham had children and became the father of the Jewish nation. Since then, the nation of Jewish people has grown, and still survives in spite of centuries of persecution and war.

(2.) Abraham's name became great. Throughout his life he continued to acquire wealth and influence. Generations after Abraham, the Jews continued to call him "Father Abraham"... and his name is mentioned in the Bible over three hundred times. God also promised to bless those who bless Abraham (and the Jews) and to curse those who curse Abraham (and the Jews). (Gen. 12:3a) Some examples of this include: The Jews in slavery in Egypt, (story of Moses), the Jews recapturing the Promised Land (story of Joshua), the Jews under the Jewish kings (stories of David, Solomon), the Jews deported from the Promised Land (Assyrian Empire, Babylonian Empire),

the Jews again living in the Promised Land (Grecian Empire, Roman Empire), the Jews scattered throughout the earth (and their treatment by the Allies vs. the Nazis), and finally , in 1948, refounding their country in the Promised Land (and their treatment by other Middle Eastern Countries).

(3.) Great blessing: "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (12:3b) Through Abraham came the descendants who led to Mary and Joseph, and ultimately, to Jesus Christ. God was anticipating giving blessing to His holy people, the Jews. But, even then, God said that blessing would come to ALL people. Most of God's people (Jews) rejected Jesus as the Savior and eternal King. So God provided his blessings of heaven and eternal life to believing Gentiles (non-Jews) as well as believing Jews.

So God's prophecy of Abraham becoming a great nation, a great name, and a great blessing (through Jesus) was literal and the prophecy came true.



The Leadership Committee is in the process of creating a **video (DVD) library of Christian movies**. They will be available for you to take home and view by signing them out. If anyone has an idea of where to set up the display, please tell one of the ushers.




WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM
 ADULT: 9:50 AM
 CONFIRMATION CLASS 9:45 am - 10:30 am



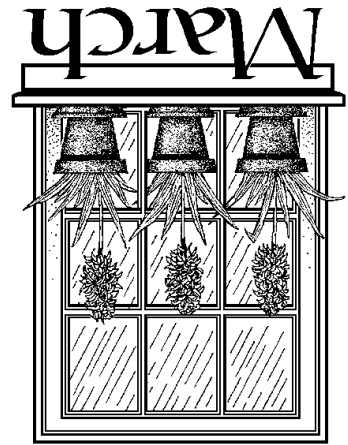
MARCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	2 Management Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	3	4	5
6 UMW Food Pantry Collection	7	8 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Fat Tuesday Party @ NPW Church 6 pm	9 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14	15 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	16 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	17	18	19 UMW Meeting 10 am
20 Palm Sunday Coffee Hour after worship	21 April Newsletter Deadline	22 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	23 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	24  Maundy Thursday	25 <i>Good</i> FRIDAY 	26
27 Rothfus Offering	28  EASTER	29	30	31		

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Why do you look
for the living
among the dead?

LUKE 24:5

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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