

# CHAPEL CHATTER

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## Lent Devotionals

The Sanctuary 2022 will be offered daily during Lent through email distribution. There are limited "hard copy" editions for those who do not have email access. If you have an email address and would like to be included, contact Pastor Carolyn. The email list for weekly Order of Worship and Prayer Concerns will be used for this daily distribution.

## Senior Circle

The March Senior Circle gathering is Wednesday, March 16, 2022. In honor of Saint Patrick, wear a little green. All our welcome. Food, friends, and a program to inspire or delight.

## Change Bucket

This month the Change Bucket will go towards UMCOR. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries. Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to Advance #982450.



## Ashes to Palms to a Cross and Beyond



March 2nd is Ash Wednesday. This season of Lent begins with a world still struggling with a virus. As I searched for pictures to accompany this devotional, I recognized our journey through these times is like our Lenten journey. On Ash Wednesday we will remember the fragility of our lives that we came from dust and will return. We will be asked to repent and be thankful for the cross. When the outbreak of the coronavirus began we were reminded of our fragility in the face of a threat we could not see. It also began our journey of retreat from the physical world.

### Shelter Meal for March

March 22 - delivery time is 6:45 p.m. - Contact Susan Sears to assist - 252-213-0250 (no pork - provide main dish, vegetable or side dish, bread, dessert, drinks for 10)



### The Bible Year 2022

It's here - the Bible Year. In March we go from Ruth to 2 Kings.

- Read daily - or as your schedule allows
- Journal if you are able
- Attend a small group to discuss what you are reading:
  - Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
  - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage
- Facebook Group - Bible Year where you can leave comments, questions, blessings, struggles

### FLOWERS

Do you have special dates you would like to remember through flowers on the altar for worship? Contact



Judy Wilson at [judith9563@gmail.com](mailto:judith9563@gmail.com), or 252-492-0624. If you would like a note in the bulletin about the flowers contact Pastor Carolyn's

secretary at [cnbroy@nccumc.org](mailto:cnbroy@nccumc.org). She will place in the bulletin that flowers were given to the glory of God and in honor or memory of...January 2nd would be the first Sunday available - claim it today!!!!

All calendar dates are open at this time - except for the poinsettia days (Dec 4,11, 18, 25) and Easter lilies (Apr 17).



In Lent we journey the 40 days reflecting on Christ's wilderness road and his earthly ministry. We have journeyed 714 days (Feb 25, 2022) wandering a wilderness road and learning how to continue Christ's ministry in the world.

Christ experienced three temptations in the wilderness. He was tempted to use his power for his personal hunger and he said no. He was tempted to change his allegiance and rule the earthly kingdom. He said no. He was tempted to test God and he said no.

These 714+ days have had their own temptations to turn us away from the One who died that we might be saved. These 40 days of Lent will be a good time to reflect on how we have traveled our wilderness road. What has been the spiritual cost for each of us?

If you are also embarking on the Bible Year Journey, our Old Testament readings continue to remind us of a chosen people who gave into the temptations around them. The God of the Old Testament sets harsh boundaries around disobedience. The people of God paid high spiritual costs and many lost their lives because their own desires were the idols that they worshipped.

The Shema, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart." (Deuteronomy 6:4-6 NRSV) was to be on their hands, their heads, their door posts, their tassels, and repeated daily, morning, noon, and night. They were to teach it to their children.

Jesus calls this the greatest commandment and then adds the second, to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus goes on to say that upon these two hang the law and the prophets. Consider with me as you reflect on the life and death of Jesus how your life is a testimony to these two laws. Where you fall short, ask the Lord for forgiveness and where you find you have been a good witness to a faith life well-lived, give God the glory and the praise.

Christ died that we might live. As Lent ends with Christ on the cross, what have you died to in these past 714+ days that have drawn you closer to God? Where have you crucified Christ again by your words, thoughts, or deeds?

As people of the resurrection we know the world does not win, God does. We also know that Christ calls us to follow him into a new life, a new birth. Every day holds the promise of a resurrected life and a resurrected world. Do not be afraid to spend these 40 days reflecting on a future with hope. The world is emerging from the pandemic cocoon. We are slowly stepping out into social activities. Now is the time to consider the future God desires for us. On Easter may we celebrate the future that is before us as we give thanks for the one who holds that future in the palm of His hand.

Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn





### Community Prayers

For... Barney Bullock, Joe Robinson, Charles Woodlief, Joyce Edwards, Bob Beers, Billy VanZandt, Cameron Patrick Medlin, Juanita Harris, Tim Smith, Donald Rose and Johnny McGhee, Rod Inscoe Jr, Marvin Daniel, Brandi Dickerson, Kay Deans, Lillian Robbins, Skip Brown, Susan Babicz, Addison Rowan, Brandi Dickerson, Nancy Nieto, David Driver, Mike Hicks, John Allen, Natasha Aiken, Martha Rowland, Tilly Hughes, Freddie McGhee, Faye Young

For... healing, reconciliation  
 For... those facing medical procedures  
 For... medical professionals and first responders  
 For... those grieving  
 For ... those with addictions  
 For... those without food, jobs, shelter  
 For... the lost and afraid  
 For... Plank Chapel  
 For... God's church  
 For... Our local cities and counties  
 For... Our state  
 For... Our military, families, and veterans  
 For... all in harms way  
 For... Our nation

## Lenten Opportunities

- March 2 - 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday  
 Diminishing Light Meditations
- March 6 - Temptation
- March 13 - Resistance
- March 20 - Perpetuation
- March 27 - Squander
- April 3 - Condemnation
- April 10 - Betrayal
- April 15 - Crucifixion

### Special Worship Events

- April 15 - 7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae
- April 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Animals
- April 17 - 6:15 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Communion  
 11:00 a.m. - Easter Communion Worship

## Sunday School

We will be alternating between two different lesson plans. We will be working out of the Adult Bible Studies - Spring theme of "Follow" with two units "The Mark You Make" and "The Steps You Take." Our other lesson book is the Standard Quarterly

Lessons KJV. The spring themes are: God Frees and Redeems and the scriptures that explore those themes are: Deuteronomy, Ezra, Matthew, John, Romans, Galatians

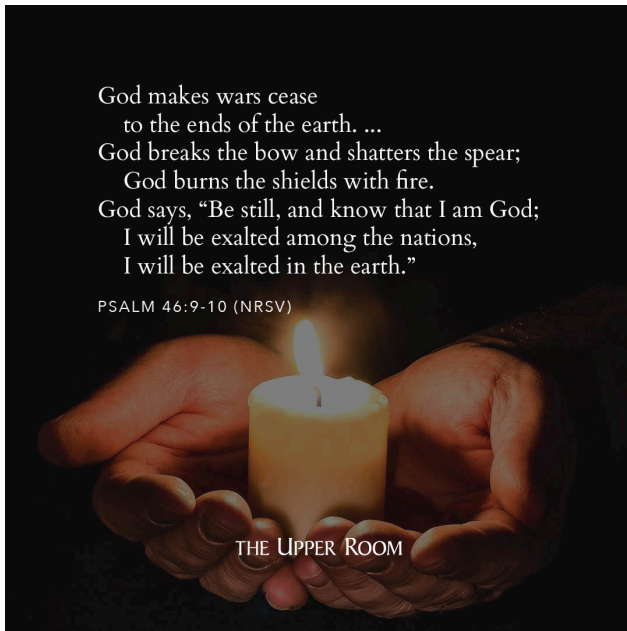
Each week we are recording the lessons so that those who are safer at home can have access to the lessons.

Tim would be grateful for any who would like to be substitute teachers should he be unavailable.

### Children's Church

It is a joy to have our children in church and in their own Children's Church, but right now we will wait another month before we start up again. As parents or grandparents are comfortable, children may attend at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. March 2nd begins Lent and the move towards Palm Sunday and Easter. Should all align well, we will see them waving palms and leading us into worship.





**Free Market Saturday**

**March 26**

**8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**What is Free Market Saturday?** A time to share with the community our own clothing, knick knacks, furniture, pictures, food, toys, outdoor equipment, and maybe in the spring surplus from our gardens.

**What can you do?** Bring items for the Free Market the week of March 21-25. We will use the youth room as our collection point. Do not bring items before the 21st. We will be sorting and arranging the night of March 25th. All items must go after 2 pm on Saturday. If you want your non “purchased” items returned to you - pick them up after 2 pm that Saturday, otherwise all remaining items will go to Salvation Army or Lifeline, or Safe Space.

**What else can you do?** Come help sort on Friday or come on Saturday to help our “customers” and get to know our neighbors. The more volunteers the merrier the work!

*ACTS Food Sunday - March 6th*

Drop off non perishable food items and paper goods for the ministry to the poor that is ACTS.



**Homecoming 2022**

July 10, 2022 will be Homecoming Sunday. Currently in the plans are our District Superintendent Rev. Ismael Ruiz-Milan as our preacher. At 2:00 p.m. we will have a concert on the lawn (or indoors depending on weather) with Unashamed.

What we need from you are pictures. We want to make a video of our history in pictures. We promise to return your photos to you after we have copied them to the files.

Also in the plans, a meal. As good Methodists that will be a covered dish meal with some of the main dishes supported by our UMM and UMW.

The July Chapel Chatter will also include stories. So start collecting those memories. We may even create a memory book. Does anyone know the story of the windows?

Then...take the time to caste a vision for our future. What will we look like in 5 years, 10 years and beyond.



United Methodist Women - March 20th - 3:00 p.m.  
 United Methodist Men March 20th - 8:00 a.m.



# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Transfiguration...nday - White Judges 6:1-8:35 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Bible Year Small Group	28 Judges 9:1-12:15	1 Judges 13:1-16:31	2 Judges 17:1-21:25 Ash Wednes...urple or Gray 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	3 Ruth 1:1-2:23 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	4 Ruth 3:1-4:22 World Day of Prayer	5 1 Samuel 1:1-3:21
6 First Sunday...lent - Purple 1 Samuel 4:1-7:17 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Bible Year Small Group	7 1 Samuel 8:1-12:25	8 1 Samuel 13:1-15:35	9 1 Samuel 16:1-17:58	10 1 Samuel 18:1-20:42 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study	11 1 Samuel 21:1-24:22	12 1 Samuel 25:1-28:25
13 Second Sun...gins - Purple 1 Samuel 29:1-31:13 8:30 AM Awakenings 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Bible Year Small Group	14 2 Samuel 1:1-4:12	15 2 Samuel 5:1-7:29	16 2 Samuel 8:1-10:19 10:00 AM Senior Circle	17 2 Samuel 11:1-14:33	18 2 Samuel 15:1-19:43	19 2 Samuel 20:1-24:25
20 Third Sunda...lent - Purple 1 Kings 1:1-4:34 8:00 AM UMM 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM UMW 7:00 PM Bible Year Small Group	21 1 Kings 5:1-8:66	22 1 Kings 9:1-11:43 6:30 PM CPOH meal	23 1 Kings 12:1-16:34	24 1 Kings 17:1-19:21 10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch	25 1 Kings 20:1-22:53	26 2 Kings 1:1-8:15 9:00 AM Free Market Saturdays
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