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PASTOR'S NOTE

An Overview of Lent and Easter Services and Serving Opportunities

On March 2, 2022, we will begin the 40 days of the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 and 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday begins this holy season which concludes on Holy Saturday the day before Easter. Lent is a time for personal growth through the practices of self-reflection, repentance, worship, prayer, study, fellowship, and fasting. To aid your Lenten devotions, Grace Church is giving each family a devotional booklet, so that we can read and pray over the same material. Please pick up a copy of David Boyd's devotional booklet, "In View of God's Mercy," to read daily during Lent. If you cannot pick one up while attending worship, please call the church office at (937) 323-9078, and one will be delivered or mailed to you.

During Holy Week we will observe Maundy Thursday, on April 14, with services at 12:00 and 7:00 PM. Special music will enhance our worship services during Holy Week as we move to Good Friday, April 15, with services at 12:00 and 7:00 PM.

Easter service is April 17th at 9:30 AM. A continental breakfast of Danish, fruit, coffee, and juice will be provided. I hope we all can come back together as a worshipping community this Lenten/Easter Season. We are now in the third year of the Covid Pandemic. We are encouraged that our church life can return to normal as the Covid rates for infection and hospitalization has dropped sharply in recent weeks.

In conversation with clergy friends, I hear that almost all churches continue to struggle with attendance lower than before the Covid Pandemic. I understand that some people have health issues that make their return to public worship difficult for them. However, I am equally aware that when we stop doing a regular activity, such as going to weekly worship, that we develop new routines for Sunday mornings.

We are so blessed that God is always faithful in listening to us, watching over us, and helping us. When we make prayer, study, worship, fellowship, and service a high priority our lives are more joyful and purposeful. Please prayerfully consider coming back to church for Sunday services. You are missed and your empty chair is ready for your return. Please consider bringing a friend, we have 200 chairs in our beautiful, remodeled sanctuary.

We are making 100 Easter "Baskets" for Eagle and Dove children again this year. Becky Frantz has agreed to be team leader for this wonderful project. A list of items needed for the baskets, times of assembly and delivery will be coming soon. If you have questions about how you can help with this project, please call Becky at (937) 206-5932.

May God fill us all with good humor as we navigate these challenging times. Blessing to all in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Pastor Vicki Downing



INFORMATION ON S PATRICK

Who was St. Patrick?

- **St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery.**
- **It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D.**
- **At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity.**



St. Patrick's Visions and Miracles After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)



Date Scripture Readings for March

March 1	Ephesians 5:2
March 2	2 Corinthians 2:14-16
March 3	Psalms 121:8
March 4	2 Timothy 4:18
March 5	Matthew 7:24-29
March 6	1 John 4:7-21
March 7	Colossians 2:6-15
March 8	Colossians 3:12-17
March 9	Isaiah 61:10-11
March 10	Psalms 13
March 11	Genesis 22:1-18
March 12	Matthew 4:18-22
March 13	Isaiah 53:10-12
March 14	Isaiah 52:6-8
March 15	Psalms 118
March 16	Romans 8:28-39
March 17	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
March 18	Mark 10:45
March 19	Proverbs 28:13
March 20	1 John 1:8-9
March 21	Luke 18:13
March 22	Luke 15:2
March 23	James 5:16a
March 24	Matthew 7:13-29
March 25	John 3:16-21
March 26	John 17:20-26
March 27	Galatians 3:10-14
March 28	Matthew 25:35-36
March 29	Matthew 7:14
March 30	1 Peter 4:8-10
March 31	John 13:1-7



Prayers Needed

John Ahlborn

Mary Ahlborn

Larry Garber

Phyllis Garber

Bob Keeton

March Shower of Blessings

Mary Collins

2655 West National Rd.

Springfield, Oh 45504



Homebound March Birthday

Becky Vogel

1611 Memorial Dr.

Springfield, Oh 45505

Happy Birthday to You!

March 19

MARCH

2022



		1	2	3	4	5
		11:00 Soap Making	12 & 7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service 6:30 PM West End Association Mting	10 Bible Study 6:00 PM Trustee Mting	closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 AM WORSHIP 7:00 pm NA	12 PM NA 7:00 PM Men's BS		6:30 PM Choir practice	10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM All Church Mt	Closed	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 AM WORSHIP 7:00 PM NA	12 PM NA 7:00 PM Men's BS	12 N UMW meeting	6:30 PM Choir practice	10 AM Bible Study	Closed	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30 AM WORSHIP Lay Speaker 7:00 PM NA	12 PM NA 7:00 PM Men's BS		6:30 PM Choir Practice		Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
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MARCH 2022 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9:30 AM SERVICE

ACROLYTE	MARCH 6 & 13	LARRY CAMPBELL
	MARCH 20 & 27	LARRY CAMPBELL
COMMUNION SET UP	MARCH 6	BETTY PROSSER
COMMUNION SERVERS	MARCH 6	RON & JAN STEVENS
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	MARCH 6	BETTY PROSSER
GREETER (FRONT DOOR)	MARCH 6 & 13	PATTIE MUMMA
	MARCH 20 & 27	TOM & MARILYN MARTIN
GREETER (SANCTUARY DOOR)	MARCH 6 & 13	CONNIE MITCHELL
	MARCH 20 & 27	PATTIE MUMMA
LITURGIST	MARCH 6 & 13	BECKY FRANTZ
	MARCH 20 & 27	MARILYN MARTIN
USHERS	MARCH 6 & 13	LARRY CAMPBELL & DAVE SPEAS
	MARCH 20 & 27	LARRY CAMPBELL & GREG HOSIER

COUNTERS

MARCH 7 MARY AHLBORN & DEB COOKE
MARCH 14 MARY AHLBORN & BARB SHEEHAN
MARCH 21 RON STEVENS & MARILYN MARTIN
MARCH 28 CINDY YEAGER & KIM STEHLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

MARCH 6 PAM RAMSEY
MARCH 13 JAMES MAYHUGH
MARCH 20 JAYME TATRO
MARCH 27 DJENIKA GUERRIER

*Thank you all for helping with the
Worship service!*



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW hosted a guest speaker on Feb 15, Fred, from the Springfield Soup Kitchen. He talked to the group of 15 about the ministry of the Soup Kitchen. Some donations had been given such as paper plates, Styrofoam cups, etc. The UMW also donated \$200.00 to this ministry. We are hoping to build a giving relationship with this ministry.

Contact Ramona Keeton or Marilyn Martin for any information.

Next meeting is March 15, at 12 noon.

Thank you.

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LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

The devotional book is available at the Sanctuary door. Please take one for you to use during this Lenten season. If you take one for a homebound person, please let Pattie Mumma know so it will not be mailed to them. Make note of these dates:

Ash Wednesday March 2 12 & 7 PM services

Palm Sunday / Easter Cantata April 10 9:30 AM service

Maundy Thursday April 14 12 & 7 PM services

Good Friday April 15 12 & 7 PM services

Easter Sunday April 17 9:30 AM service

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

I am working on the church directory. Please be patient with this process as I have not done this before. Meanwhile if anyone is in need of current addresses for mailing cards, etc, please ask me and I will get them to you.

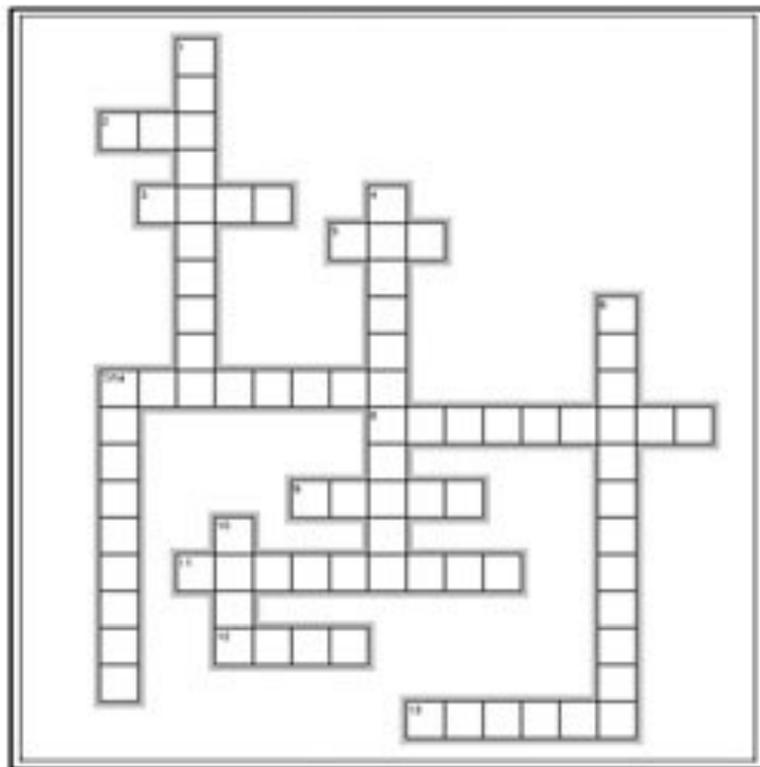
Thank you

Pattie Mumma



BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE!

THE BOOK OF ACTS CHAPTER 1-14



ACROSS

2. "MEN, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? WE TOO ARE ONLY ____ HUMAN LIKE YOU."
3. "THEN I REMEMBERED WHAT THE LORD HAD SAID: '____ BAPTIZED WITH WATER, BUT YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.'"
5. "MAY YOUR MONEY PERISH WITH YOU, BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BUY THE GIFT OF ____ WITH MONEY?"
7. THE CIRCUMCISED BELIEVERS WHO HAD COME WITH PETER WERE ASTONISHED THAT THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD BEEN POURED OUT EVEN ON THE ____.
8. HE FELL TO THE GROUND AND HEARD A VOICE SAY TO HIM, "SAUL, SAUL, WHY DO YOU ____ ME?"
9. IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE ____ DID NOT GIVE PRAISE TO GOD, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STRUCK HIM DOWN, AND HE WAS EATEN BY WORMS AND DIED.
11. "I HAVE MADE YOU A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING ____ TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."
12. "THEREFORE LET ALL ISRAEL BE ASSURED OF THIS: GOD HAS MADE THIS JESUS, WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED, BOTH ____ AND CHRIST."

13. "BROTHERS, CHOOSE SEVEN MEN FROM AMONG YOU WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE FULL OF THE ____ AND WISDOM."

DOWN

1. "LOOK," HE SAID, "I SEE HEAVEN OPEN AND THE ____ STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD."
4. BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE ____ COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."
6. IT IS BY THE NAME OF ____ OF NAZARETH, WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED BUT WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THAT THIS MAN STANDS BEFORE YOU HEALED.
10. THEREFORE, IN THE PRESENT CASE I ADVISE YOU: LEAVE THESE MEN ALONE! LET THEM GO! FOR IF THEIR PURPOSE OR ACTIVITY IS OF HUMAN ORIGIN, IT WILL ____ BUT IF IT IS FROM GOD, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP THESE MEN; YOU WILL ONLY FIND YOURSELVES FIGHTING AGAINST GOD."
14. WHEN PETER SAW THIS, HE SAID TO THEM: "MEN OF ISRAEL, WHY DOES THIS SURPRISE YOU? WHY DO YOU STARE AT US AS IF BY OUR OWN POWER OR ____ WE HAD MADE THIS MAN WALK?"