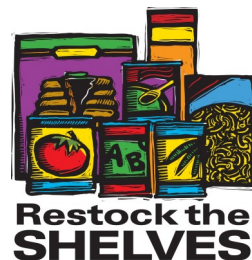


UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Backpack Program with a specific kind of food. For the month of February the food item is **nabs or small bags of chips**.



Join Us for Scout Sunday

Next Sunday is a very special time of worship. We are going to let our Boy Scouts lead the worship service. IN addition, three of the Boy Scouts will be presented the Eagle Kits during the worship service: Aaron Broyles, Jacob Goodman and Ben Higgins will receive this honor. Immediately following the worship service we are having a Pot Luck Pasta Meal in the fellowship hall in their honor. Plan to bring a pasta dish, a salad, an appropriate side dish, bread or dessert for this meal. To help us plan, give the office a call and let Ashley know what you will be bringing. Plan now to join us for this very special worship service and meal.

Black History Month Service

The Black History Month service will be Sunday February 25 at 5 pm. This service is always a blessing and very uplifting. Rev. Sandra Jones has a special guest speaker lined up for this year's service. Rev. Ronnie Hampton from Kentucky and his choir will be joining us for the service this year. Be sure to mark your calendars to not miss this event.

Community Meal

The District Office and Missions Trailer is planning a Community Meal on Saturday February 24 from 12 pm to 2 pm at the Dogwood Terrace Recreation Center. If you would like to assist with this meal, please contact the church office or Dennis Ashley for more information.

N.O.W. Team

The N.O.W. Team will meet Thursday March 1 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to get involved in the ministries within our church that reach out into the community. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the meeting.

Here is the Union Primary School Food List for 2018:

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| Jan —Pop Tarts | Feb —Nabs/Chips | Mar —Microwave Popcorn |
| Apr —Ramen Noodles | May —Chef Boy Ardee | Jun —Granola Bars/Raisins |
| Jul —Single Serve Fruit | Aug —Breakfast Cereal | Sep —Macaroni |
| Oct —Canned Soup | Nov —Juice Boxes | Dec —Canned Meat |
| Peanut Butter — May & November | | |

Please keep this list in a handy place and buy these items for the months they are listed. If an item is coming up soon and its on sale, that is a good time to buy some. Then just hang on to them and bring them to the church during the correct month.

LENTEN Schedule

February 22—Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Speaker—Elder Carolyn Smith
Music—Ron Shortt

March 1—Legion Memorial United Methodist Church

Speaker—Rev. Donald Childress
Music—Williams Chapel A.M.E. Zion

March 8—First Christian Church

Speaker—Rev. Ray Moore
Music—Patsy Mutter

March 15—First Baptist Church

Speaker—Rev. Terry Goodman
Music—Mychelle Lawson

March 22—Trinity United Methodist Church

Speaker—Rev. Greg Townsend
Music—Voices of Hope

March 29—Heritage Church of God

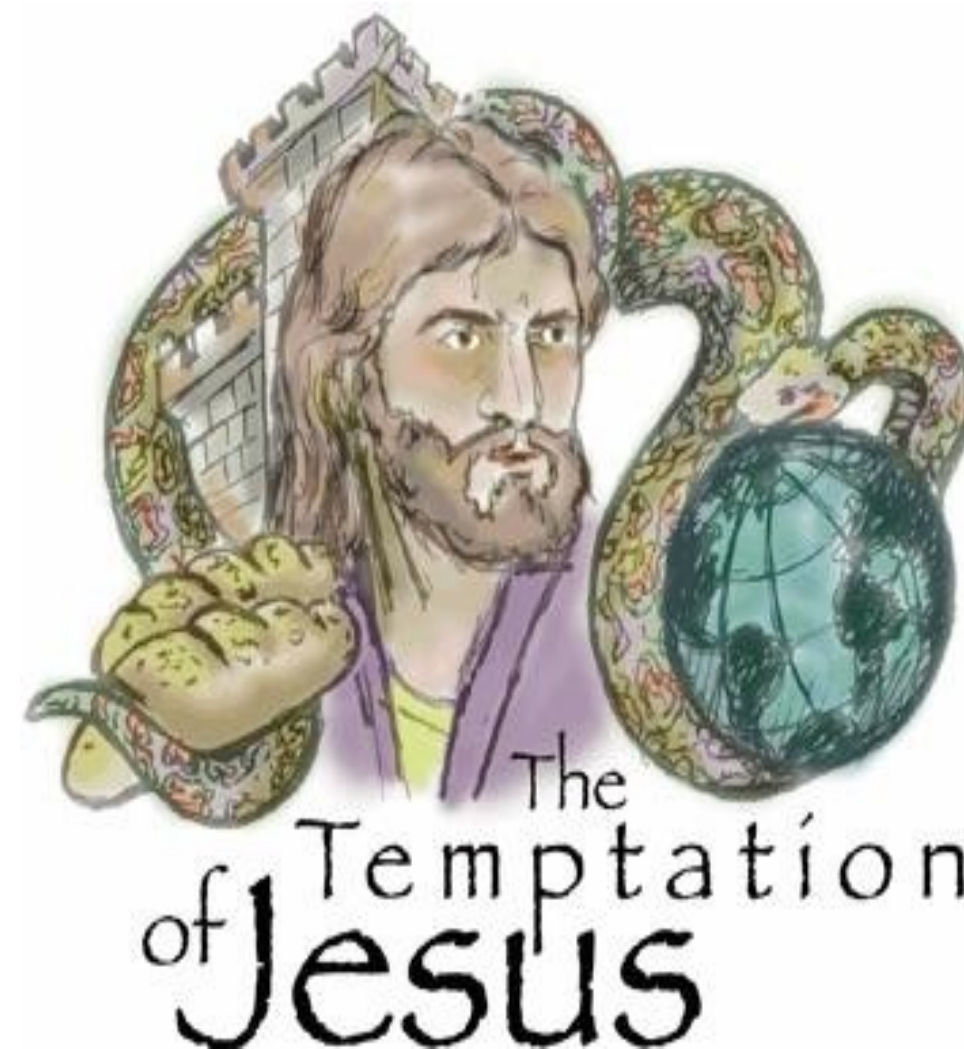
Speaker—Rev. Brad Stapleton
Music—Rita Hinkley & Friends

Each of these services begins at 12 noon and will be followed by a light lunch. Persons who need to return to work will go first in the refreshment line. An offering plate will be provided near the door to receive support for the Food Bank.

You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

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First Sunday During Lent

Announcements—Martha Spurlock

WORD AND RESPONSE

Mark 1:9-13

Translation by Taylor Burton-Edwards

Reader 1: And it happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And immediately, as he was stepping up out of the water, he saw the sky split and the Spirit as a dove descending to him. And there was a voice from the sky:

“You are my son, the beloved one. In you I delight.”

Reader 2: And immediately the Spirit cast him out into the wilderness.

Reader 1: And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tested by Satan.

Reader 2: And he was with the wild animals.

Both Readers: And the angels helped him.

(Silence)

Sermon

Wilderness

*Opening Hymn: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” No. 269

Reader 1: After John was handed over, Jesus went into Galilee publicly proclaiming the good news of God and saying:

Reader 2: The time is fulfilled. God’s kingdom has drawn near. Repent and believe in the good news!

Prayers of the People

(At this time you have the opportunity to share your joys, concerns, or thanksgivings with one another.)

We are in the wilderness.

As much as we have tried to map, domesticate, and routinize every inch of our planet and every moment of our lives, we know our maps do not tell us where we are with you, O God, and our schedules often serve to distract us from the reality that we ourselves and so many of our neighbors on this planet are in the wilderness, too.

And so we pray: **Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

With all persons kept in poverty or slavery, all who are in fear from abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, all who face addiction of any kind, and all who are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are; **Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

With leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; with our families, friends, and neighbors; and with all who work to sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders; **Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.**

With all who need your healing power, and with all who offer healing through their skill and presence; with all who have harmed us, and all whom we have harmed by our action or inaction; Here, in this wilderness, prepare your way, O God.

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, and free us for lives of joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

Pastor: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

People: **In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

All: Glory to God! Amen!

Children’s Message—Christy Smith

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Ushers: John Hagan, Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, Ruben Allman

Offertory Music:

***Doxology: as found at No. 95**

Choral Anthem: “I’m Goin’ Up A Yonder”

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Pastor: Forgiven and free, offer the peace of Christ to one another and your gifts to God. *(The peace is exchanged.)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We are yours, O God.

Bless the Lord!

God’s holy name be praised!

Praised in heaven, praised in earth, praised throughout your creation is your name, Holy Triune God.

The deserts rejoice in your salvation,
and the wild animals in your deliverance.

The stars above shout out your glory,
and the earth trembles at your presence.

Satan tries us, but your angels support us,
so we, with all creation, cry “Holy!”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Christ who comes in your name! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, showing us the way where we can

find no way. Cast out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, you made it your home. Facing every test from Satan, you trusted the wild animals as your companions, and angels as your counsel, and so were made ready to declare to all the world the great good news of God’s kingdom drawing near. **Blessed are you, Jesus Christ.**

Blessed are you for coming among us and for offering yourself to us in this holy meal to fill our hungry and wandering souls, and to empower us to break free from Satan’s hold and walk humbly with our neighbor and with God.

With your first disciples, on the night of your betrayal into death, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it, saying:

Take and eat this, my body given for you.

Then you took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it, saying:

Drink this, my blood of the new covenant for you.

Even so, here and now, come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these gifts and upon us. Make them be for us Christ’s body and blood, that we who receive them may be for all the body of Christ enlivened by his blood.

Come, Holy Spirit. **Make us one.**

Come, Holy Spirit. **Unite us with you.**

Come, Holy Spirit. **Revive us!**

Make us whole and holy on this day, as we await that day when we shall feast with Christ in the new creation. To Christ, to you, and to the All-Merciful Creator, One God, living and true, be all praise, and honor, and glory now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving after Communion

Pastor and People:

Jesus, thank you! You have fed us with yourself and bound us to you in love, that we may walk with you in the wilderness. In the power of the Holy Spirit, keep these bonds strong, through the days ahead so in this wilderness we, too, may make companions of the wild, and discover the angels at work in our midst. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn:** “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” No. 521

Pastoral Benediction:

The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. The Spirit drives us there as well. Settle in. Make strange companions. Endure the trials. Trust the angels. And learn the way. Go in peace.

Postlude

Variations on House of the Rising

Sun (*ad. Lib*)

* Indicates that you may stand, as you are able
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