

The Pastor has Ministers Convocation This Week

This week I will be at Ministers Convocation in Pigeon Forge from Monday, February 20th through Thursday, February 23rd. Please keep me in your prayers as I attend these meetings and as I travel to and from East Tennessee.



President's Day is February 20, 2017

The office will be closed Monday February 20, 2017 in observance of President's Day and will be open on Wednesday February 22, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Black History Month Celebration

Mark your calendars to join us Sunday February 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm for the Black History Month Celebration. This celebration will have musical offerings by several different local churches and will offer a history lesson on various African Americans who have helped shape our country.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Join us Tuesday February 28 from 5 to 7 pm for a pancake dinner. The UMYF is hosting this dinner to begin raising funds for Resurrection 2018. The dinner will consist of pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk and orange juice. This meal is all you can eat for \$5 and to go orders are welcome. We hope to see everyone Tuesday night!

Service of Ashes

Wednesday March 1 at 6:00 pm we will gather in the Sanctuary for the Service of Ashes to begin the Season of Lent.

March Fellowship Supper

Our March Fellowship Supper falls on the first day in the Season of Lent. Please help us to make this a light supper in observance of the Lent principle of a simple diet. Everyone is asked to bring simple foods like soups and sandwiches and to please not bring desserts.

Lenten Worship Schedule

The Lenten Worship Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the hall before you walk into the sanctuary. These services will take place each Thursday from 12 Noon to 12:30 pm from March 2 through April 13. The service will be followed by a light lunch (soup and sandwiches, etc.) for those who can remain and fellowship.

Trinity Will Host Lenten Worship on March 16

We will be hosting the Lenten Worship Service on March 16. Please contact Kathleen Gillespie if you will be able to help with the luncheon on that day.

Shrove Tuesday

Since I have been at Trinity, we have never celebrated Shrove Tuesday. Right about now, most of you are saying to yourself, "What is Shrove Tuesday?" It is the final day before the beginning of the season of Lent. From a secular viewpoint, we often call it Fat Tuesday. If we were in New Orleans, there would be revelry and celebration and excess. As with most secular events, there is often a religious counterpoint. For Christians, it is Shrove Tuesday.

According to the Catholic Website About Religion: "Shrove is the past tense of the word *shrive*, which means to hear a confession, assign penance, and absolve from sin. In the Middle Ages, especially in Northern Europe and England, it became the custom to confess one's sins on the day before Lent began in order to enter the penitential season in the right spirit."

With such a season of penance that lasted 46 days in front of them, the church instituted a one day celebration on the Tuesday prior to Lent. It was called Shrove Tuesday. One of the traditions associated with Lent was the removal of fat and other rich elements from your diet. So, on Shrove Tuesday (a.k.a. Fat Tuesday) people would often celebrate by eating high fat and yeast rich foods and they further sought to use up their eggs, milk and butter.

By the time it comes down to our day and age, in many Protestant churches, that means: Pancakes and Sausage. Which, thanks to our UMYF, we will be having during a special Shrove Tuesday meal on Tuesday February 28th. The meal will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. Take out will be available. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please put this event on your calendar and plan on joining us for this special meal and celebration.

We will begin the Season of Lent with a Service of Ashes on Wednesday March 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. That is also the night of our March Fellowship Meal. In observance of the Lent principle of simple diet, I am asking for simple foods: soups and sandwiches for the supper that night and that we forgo dessert for that meal. (No I do not have a fever and I did just ask us not to bring desserts.) So please plan on attending both of these events.

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The Trinity Companion Sunday February 19, 2017



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

Greeters: Peggy Beverly and Nancy Allman

Announcements: Martha Spurlock

***Prelude:**
***Call to Worship:** "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

***Opening Hymn:** "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 189

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings

(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving. After you state your concern, everyone will join together and say: Lord. In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.)

The Lord's Prayer (as found at No. 895)
Gloria Patri No. 70

Children's Message: Mary Beth Allen

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Phil Robbins, Jack Williams, Ruben Allman, Spencer Quesenberry

***Offertory:**
***The Doxology:** No. 95

***Special Music:**

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48 Rick Galyean

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Getting Even"

***Closing Hymn:** "We'll Understand It Better By and By" No. 525

***Pastoral Benediction:** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

***Postlude:**

****Please stand, as you are able***
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February Events and Activities

- ◆ **Sunday February 19, 2017**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle
- ◆ **Monday February 20, 2017—President's Day**
 - ◆ **Office will be closed**
 - ◆ Pastor at Convocation
 - ◆ 6:00 pm—Garden Club
- ◆ **Sunday February 26, 2017**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
 - ◆ 5:30 pm—Black History Month Service
- ◆ **Tuesday February 28, 2017**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March Events and Activities

- ◆ **Wednesday March 1, 2017—Ash Wednesday**
 - ◆ 6:00 pm— Service of Ashes
 - ◆ 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
- ◆ **Thursday March 2, 2017**
 - ◆ 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
 - ◆ 12:00 pm—Wesleyan Circle
- ◆ **Sunday March 5, 2017—First Sunday During Lent**
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ **Monday March 6, 2017**
 - ◆ 6:30 pm—NOW Team Meeting
- ◆ **Sunday March 12, 2017—Second Sunday During Lent**
 - ◆ DST Begins
 - ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
 - ◆ 7:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting

Black History Month Service
Sunday February 26 at 5:30 pm



February

Van Drivers and Riders

5—Christy Smith, Cathy Galyean
12—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts
19—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
26— Christy Smith, Donna Mahan

Children's Church

5—No Children's Church
12—Mary Beth Allen
19—Donna Mahan
26—Ashley Turner

Money Counters

5—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
12—Diane Botts, Christy Smith
19—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
26—Kenny & Martha Spurlock

Children's Message

5—Bill Cole
12—Christy Smith
19—Mary Beth Allen
26—Nancy Toney

Greeters

Peggy Beverly
Nancy Allman

Announcements

Martha Spurlock

Ushers

Phil Robbins, Jack Williams,
Ruben Allman, Spencer
Quesenberry



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark; Robert Holbrook; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister)

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Jim Cooper; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Elizabeth White; Terry Goodman; Karen West; Dotty Allen; Dell Williams

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Geneva Allen; Jennie Shupe; Matt Carroll; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Beth & John Hagan; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; John Wheeley; Louise Wright; Joyce Ann Harver

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.