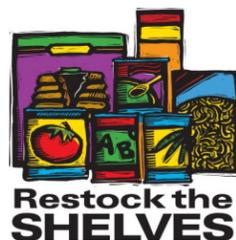


UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for March is Mac n Cheese.



Lenten Luncheon Service

Trinity UMC will be hosting the Community Lenten Luncheon on Thursday March 12 at Noon. The menu has been planned. Please contact Kathleen Gillespie if you are willing to help in the meal preparation.

Church Council

The Church Council will NOT be meeting this evening.

Wedding Shower

A Wedding Shower is being held for Katy Ringley and Randall Kilgore at the John Fox Jr. Museum (Fox House) on March 28 at 2 pm. The couple are registered at Belk, Amazon, and Walmart.

******Events this week******

March 9	Monday	Contagious Discipleship UMM (Beef Stew, Cornbread, Beets, Slaw, & Cobbler)	6:30 pm 6:30 pm
March 10	Tuesday	The Ugly Mug "The Shack"	11:00 am 7:00 pm
March 11	Wednesday	Bible Study Choir	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
March 12	Thursday	Lenten Service & Lunch	12:00 pm

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"The Field is the World, and the good seed are the children of the Kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one."

Matthew 13: 38

March



Fellowship Dinner Host
Pat Bowden & Alberta Mitchell

Van Drivers and Riders

- 1—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 8—Christy Smith & Cathy Galyean
- 15—Christy Smith & Diane Botts
- 22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 29—Christy Smith & Diane Botts

Money Counters

- 1—Pat Bowden & Kim Parsons
- 8—Christy Smith & Diane Botts
- 15—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 22—Bill Cole & Tiffany
- 29—Pat Bowden & Kim Parsons

Children's Message

- 1—Communion Sunday
- 8—Andrew Holyfield
- 15—Cindy Ashley
- 22—Diane Botts
- 29—Nancy Toney

Scripture Readers

- 1—Martha Spurlock
- 8—Andrew Holyfield
- 15—Christy Smith
- 22—Rob Moore
- 29—Alberta Mitchell

Greeters

Angela Tipton

Announcements

Bill Cole

Ushers

Ruben & Nancy Allman, Lana Prater, & Sandra Rich

Communion Ushers

Bill Cole, Andrew Holyfield, Lana Prater, & Sandra Marshall

Here is the New Union Primary School Food List :

Jan—Breakfast Cereal	Feb—Single Serve Fruit	Mar—Mac n Cheese
Apr—Juice Boxes	May—Juice Boxes	June—Cash Donation
July—Cash Donation	August—Soup	Sept—Chef Boyardee
Oct—Ramen Noodles	Nov—Breakfast Bars	Dec—Juice Boxes

Food Notes: *Soup (Chicken Noodle or Tomato) *Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or Ravioli) *Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef) *Breakfast Bars (Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry) *Cereal (Small bulk bag 7-9 servings) *Single Serve Fruit (Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail) *Mac n Cheese (Individual servings) *Juice Boxes (Apple or Grape)

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Welcome to The Wise Guys

Greeters: Angela Tipton & Tiffany Stallard Adams

Announcements: Bill Cole

Prelude: Melody Has Broken (Gaelic Melody) The Wise Guys

Lighting of the Candles: Jaxon Anderson and Maverick Webb

***Opening Hymn:** My Faith Looks Up to Thee No. 452

Divine Reading: Matthew 13: 27-30

Divine Reading Journal

Listen: List the Word(s) that capture your attention

Ask: Describe your heart-feelings and mind-thinking evoked by God's Word(s)

Receive: Ask, "What must I change about my heart-feelings and or mind-thinking to receive God's word?"

Amen: Father, I thank you for welcoming me into Your Holy Presence. Lead me now by the power of Your Holy Spirit to let _____ be revealed

through my heart-feelings, mind-thinking, and soul-actions.

Worship: Father, I give You thanks for _____.

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Blessing

Ushers: Ruben & Nancy Allman, Lana Prater, and Sandra Rich

Offertory Music: He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word by Paul Taylor (based on an Africa-American Spiritual)

Children's Sermon: Andrew Holyfield

Anthem: Londonderry Air (Traditional Irish) The Wise Guys

***The Parable of the Weeds:** Matthew 13: 24-30 and 36-43
Andrew Holyfield

Sermon: Denying Self the Work of Pulling Weeds to Bear Fruit

***Closing Hymn:** Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy No. 340

Invitation to Discipleship

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude: Impresario by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.
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"The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to..."

The image of the Kingdom of Heaven comes into view when we shift our focus from what we believe heaven to be like to see the King. Who is always more important than what and where. Jesus is the King (Who) of the Kingdom of Heaven (What and Where.) To set our eyes upon the King, let us first hear His Words. He taught us to repeat after him, "Thy "Kingdom" come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." The Kingdom of Heaven comes into our hearts and minds every time we live God's "will."

In today's Parable, we hear a sobering comparison to God's Will! A man sows Good seed. We are told the seed is wheat. Since this is a parable, we know that Jesus is talking about Himself. Jesus is the Son of Man. He is the King of the Kingdom of Heaven. (See the Parable explained in Matthew 14: 36-43).

One way of experiencing His Kingship is to participate in Holy Communion. Here, we encounter Him as Bread of Life. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught us to as for "Daily Bread." Bread, a staple of physical life, is made of wheat. Through Holy Communion, he fulfills the prayer. He took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, saying: "This is my Body broken for you, take and eat."

Returning to the parable, we discover that someone had sown weed seed among the wheat. The servants were likely worried that the weeds would take over and ruin the harvest. (Isn't this what we think and feel when our beliefs, doctrines, and traditions are challenged?) They asked if they should pull the weeds. The sower said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until the harvest..." Yes, he is saying that the fruit of salvation grows in the presence of evil. This is God's Will. The question is how do we keep our eyes on the King, not the evil?

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught us to ask, "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The "Daily Bread" is Jesus' body broken for our sins. The Cup of Forgiveness takes our eyes off of the weeds/evil/sin. This is Jesus' purpose for the New Covenant. His blood was poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

I teach that forgiving our neighbors has little to do with setting our neighbors free. Their freedom comes from God alone!!! Forgiving your neighbor for sowing weeds in your life sets you free from the tendency to let him or her be lord and king of your life. When we focus on either our personal trespasses or those of our neighbors', we soon find ourselves clothed in selfishness or enslaved to our neighbors' thoughts, words, and deeds. This is how we quickly fall from living the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. (See Matthew 7: 21-23)

Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ calls us to wait. We are to wait for the harvest. Jesus is the Lord, King, of the Harvest. While we wait, we live and grow in Christ with weeds all around us. While we wait we are

called to do "Good Works." The Good Works are to eat Daily Bread and drink the Cup of Forgiveness. These works turn belief into faith. Faith always gives us hope.

Our Hope in Christ never exempts us from experiencing broken hearts and troubled minds. Setting our hearts and minds on Christ opens our eyes to see that Jesus suffered for our neighbor, too. This is why Jesus tells us not to judge our neighbor. Judgment that leads to condemnation is the temptation to pull the weeds and uproot ourselves from the abundance of God's fruitful grace.

Lord, "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the KINGDOM..." While we wait for Heaven's Harvest; Jesus, King of Kings, open our eyes to see your Kingdom coming even now as our suffering is swallowed by peace, joy, kindness, and love. Amen.

One in Christ,

Robert

Suffering that leads to repentance: *The Breaking of the Bread*

- What is currently stealing God's peace, the joy of salvation, or HIS unconditional love from your life? These are the _____ growing in your heart and mind that cause suffering.
- Who would you like to get out of your life? (This is the _____ to pull the Weeds.)
- Describe what took place that broke your heart and troubles your mind. These are the Weed-_____ sown into your life.)

Confessing Jesus Christ is Lord: *The Cup of the New Covenant*

- What is Jesus' purpose in telling us NOT to pull these weeds? To prevent us from allowing evil temptation to be _____ of our lives.

Faith in Christ

- _____ my neighbor frees me from allowing him or her to be lord of my life.
- Who is lord or King of your life? Are you pulling _____ or patiently waiting for the _____ with mercy, love, joy, and peace?

Christian Witness

- Which is God's will? _____ from sin that produces the fruit of love, joy, and peace or the temptation to _____, _____, and pull _____?

Answers: Weeds, Temptation, Seed, Lord, Forgiving, Weeds, Harvest, Freedom, Judge, Condemn, Weeds

	Last Week	Last Month (February)	Year to Date
Worship Attendance	58	55 (AVG)	55 (AVG)
Offering to Budget	\$3293.77	\$15095.62	\$26776.79