

## Sighs Too Deep for Words

I am a preacher and I love words. I enjoy putting words together to say something meaningful or describe something beautiful. I've spent all of my life working with words. First, I studied them, and honestly, at first, it was hard for me to understand them and our English language. School didn't come easy to me at first, but still, I found something special in words.

I still remember back in Middle School when I had to write out and deliver a speech in front of my class. I worked hard preparing for that speech, got extremely nervous just before delivering it, and held my breath as I began to speak. It was like time stood still and those moments were exhilarating! I even included a small amount of humor in my speech and I remember the student aid actually laughed at what I said! It felt good. It felt right. And all this with words! The student aid graded my speech and evaluated it with me afterward one-on-one. She was extremely complimentary and even said I had a way with words. I was hooked!

I am certain that song writers feel this when they put words together to form the lyrics of songs. I continue to enjoy the challenge of putting words together and shaping phrases and sentences that communicate feelings and truth. Words can describe a tall, majestic snow-covered mountain or a quiet, rippling stream in the middle of the forest brimming with native brook trout. Words can share special experiences we have with our family at vacation in some special far-away place.

They say that a photo is worth a thousand words. This may be true, but words make us feel like we are right there in that special place and time. And words can bring back

memories from long ago when we had a special talk with our grandpa or grandma. I love words!

And yet, for spending a lifetime shaping and using words week in and week out, there is one place where words don't even come close to cutting it. That place is death.

How can we explain the suffering a person goes through as she battles cancer for two years and hears one disappointment after the next, and then leaves behind a family searching for words to explain what just happened?

And what are we to say when some one looks us in the eye and says, "I'm going to die." Death has a sting that can shake us to our core and words don't mean a thing. Words pale in comparison to the grief we feel, and in the end, we are simply at a loss for words to say.

At the risk of being a hypocrite, I am going to leave you with these words I just read in Romans 8:26:

*"the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."*



Bob Shank

# Daily Scripture Readings

**March 1**  
Ezekiel 12

**March 2**  
Ezekiel 13

**March 3**  
Ezekiel 14

**March 4**  
Ezekiel 15

**March 5**  
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Ezekiel 37

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Ezekiel 38

**March 28**  
Ezekiel 39

**March 29**  
Ezekiel 40

**March 30**  
Ezekiel 41

**Gather! Grow! Make a Difference!**

# MARCH

## To Serve You in March

**Greeters** 8:30  
2 Diane & Cliff Rogell  
9 Kirsten Lee  
16 Jackie Herrero  
23 Janet Woolever  
30 Carole & Dick Everitt

11:00  
2 Roy Pipher  
9 Betty Michelin  
16 B. J. Bachman  
23 Janet & Norm Marsh  
30 Joanne Reed

**Ushers** 8:30  
Brad Hildabrant  
Sue Scarborough  
Kirsten Lee

11:00  
Bob Cool

### Altar Guild

Eleanor Bentzoni & Carole Everitt

### Counters

Lynn Seip & Pam Price

### Soup Kitchen - Sunday at 4:00 pm

2 E. Stroudsburg Baptist Youth Group  
Pastor Doug Romaine  
9 McMichael UMC  
Pastor Ed Unangst  
16 Christ Hamilton Lutheran Church  
Steve Grimm  
23 Pocono Medical Center - PMI  
Nancy Frisch  
30 Readers UMC - GS Troop 5084  
Julie Krautkremer

**Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm**



## OUR CHURCH STAFF:

**Ministers** Everyone  
**Pastors** Bob Shank & Ted Good  
**Pastor Emeritus** Tom Anderman  
**Church Secretary** Jackie Herrero  
**Choir Director** Dave Lantz  
**Organist** Marti Lantz  
**Youth Leader** Vin Zelizo  
**Handbell Director** Lynn Seip  
**Custodian** Matt Parton

## OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

### Daniel's Dream Team

Chairperson, Boyd Butz

[boydbutz@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:boydbutz@stroudsburgumc.com)

### Worship

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Chairperson, Dick Seip

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### Servant Resource Team

### Stewardship

Chairperson, Carole Everitt

[caroleeveritt@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:caroleeveritt@stroudsburgumc.com)

### Missions

Chairperson, Alberta Weber

[albertaweber@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:albertaweber@stroudsburgumc.com)

### Membership & Evangelism

Chairperson, Peggy Stewart [bpstew@juno.com](mailto:bpstew@juno.com)

### Lay Leader

Beryl Hellgren



**March Birthdays**

- 1 Marge Chamberlin
- 1 Deborah Stanton
- 2 Karen Lewis
- 4 Richard Everitt
- 5 Zach Dougher
- 11 Allison Tucker
- 14 Hildegard Roeckendorf
- 17 Keeley Heller
- 20 Kirsten Lee
- 22 Lauryn Principe
- 26 Brad Hildabrant
- 28 Ron Bogart, Jr.
- 31 Logan Decker

If you would like a card on your special day, please call the church office  
570-421-6020



Dear Fellow SUMC Members,

I would like to thank all of you so very much for your concern and support during my recent surgeries and recuperation. Your prayers, cards and words of support were deeply appreciated throughout that most difficult time. Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,

Carole Burrus

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**Family Promise News**

March 1, 2014 - 8:00 am  
5th Annual Indoor Walk-a-Thon  
to help Monroe County  
homeless. Stroud Mall.

Registration is at 8:00 am - walk begins at 9:00 am  
(Zumba Warm Up and Free Refreshments)



The next week for SUMC to host families for  
Family Promise will be the week of May 25th.

## Stewardship

As I am writing this article for the March Courier and looking at the mounds of snow I am hopeful that with a new month closer to Spring we will soon be able to see our lawns and buds on the trees. It has been an “old fashioned” winter in the Poconos with increased costs for all of us with heating and snow removal. Thank you to all who have responded with the use of the energy envelope in your giving envelopes to relieve the church of some of those additional expenses.

Through the month of January our income, including \$570.00 for the elevator and \$140 in memorials, was \$14,749.64. Our expenses for the first month of 2014 were \$22,128.00 leaving us with a deficit for the month of \$7,378.36. All bills including our Conference apportionment are paid thanks to our reserve funds in Property and Building. Thank you to all who continue so faithfully giving to the elevator fund. With this month's donations \$301,212.31 has been designated to date for the elevator fund with an additional \$67,797.69 needed to totally fund the project.

As was reported last year the Stewardship Committee completed an Internal Control Policy that was mandated by *The Discipline* and requested by the Conference. The policy was presented to the DDT and adopted at the Charge Conference held in January. It is important that anyone ordering supplies for the church or church related activities or seeking reimbursement of same review the policy and use the appropriate forms. Due to the length of the policy a copy will be posted on the church webpage. A copy for review will be available in the church office as well as in the Stewardship mailbox by the water cooler. Additional copies will be made available upon request. Forms will be available in the church office and will be printable from the church website. The Stewardship Committee will be meeting with various church committees to explain the policy and forms. Please direct any questions you may have to a member of the Stewardship Committee or the church office.

As always the Stewardship Committee asks for your continued prayers for our church, its growth and programs as well as for our committee as we face the financial challenges for 2014.

Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Fran Harrison, Paul Edinger, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, Ruth Weber, Sharon Cottle

# **2014 Pocono Cluster Lenten Services:**

## **Lent Through the Psalms**

***7:00 p.m. Wednesdays (new earlier starting time!)***

*Offerings for PUMA & District Mission Projects*

*Fellowship & Refreshments Afterwards*

### **March 5, Ash Wednesday**

At Stroudsburg UMC, on Main St between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sts

Psalm 103 – Pastor Sharmune Burgess

### **March 12**

At East Stroudsburg UMC, on Business 209 b/t Henry & Day Sts

Psalm 150 – Pastor Deb Hoffman

### **March 19**

At Faith UMC, Chipperfield Drive off 611 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Left, Clause Dr

Psalm 137 – Pastor Bob Shank

### **March 26**

At Wooddale UMC, Wooddale Rd 3m from 191, R on Barren Rd

Psalm 51 – Pastor Amy Banka

### **April 2**

At Analomink UMC, Rt 191 five miles North of Stroudsburg on L

Psalm 22 – Pastor Paul Crikelair

### **April 9**

At Cherry Valley UMC, on Kemmertown Rd off Cherry Valley Rd

“Psalm 151” – Pastor Ed Kimes

PARABLE OF THE LAUGHING DAFFODIL

-KL VAUGHN

*Laughing daffodils*

*Waiting in the frozen ground*

*For Spring to come 'Round*

Why don't you get a cup of coffee and sit with me. I want to tell you about daffodils. Picture her in the cold, dark, frozen ground. You would think that she would wonder if she has a future. Actually she is laughing and reaches toward the light that is breaking through the warm soil. Her heart knows she has a purpose and at the time appointed by God she peaks through the ground and sees other daffodils. Joining together with the other daffodils they thank God for their new life and share their plans to bring happiness to God's creation.

Listen and learn what the Parable of the laughing daffodil means. The daffodil is you and me. When we are in a dark, cold, scary place we can remember that God has planned a way out. A new life is waiting for us.

PRAYER Dear God, Please thaw me out, warm me up and restore my sight.  
Thank you for my new life. AMEN

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The following people were welcomed as new members of SUMC on Sunday, February 23, 2014:

- Ana Caraballo
- Martha Herman
- Jessenie "Deannie" McDonald
- Gerald Neil
- Joycelyn Neil

If you haven't already done so, please take the time to introduce yourself to our new members and give them a warm welcome when you see them around our church.

Debra Clark of Women's Resources. Refreshments will be served with invitations extended to other churches.

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 & 11:00am: Blessing of the Christmas Totes before they are filled at November meeting.

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 & 11:00am services: Date confirmed. Blessing of Little and Big Quilts that have been completed. We are again inviting the Quilters who are not members of SUMC to be present.

### **More Housekeeping Items for Your Attention:**

- We are still filling our Christmas Totes every month. The March item is Bic-style pens. Please be generous and remember the Totes are given to Nursing Home Residents for Christmas.
- We have a supply of older inventory of RADA products which will be put out for sale at reduced prices on the following dates: April 6<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>. Come to our sales table ON THOSE DATES ONLY to shop for some great cutlery bargains. Please note, sale items will only be available on the above dates, after both services.
- In addition to making hand knitted and crotched 18" doll clothes for our Holiday Boutique table, we will be having other fundraising events during the year to meet our Annual Budget. Projects being planned include making and selling Jelly, Soups and Welsh Cookies. No dates have been set and we are looking for more ideas to generate income for 2014. We will also be looking for workers for these and any other fundraising projects we decide on. Please prayerfully consider giving some time to help beef up SUMW's bank balance so we can fund our programs and mission projects.
- Don't forget the needs of the Quilters regarding batting for all the quilts they make. As mentioned before, A.C. Moore coupons will be available in the Pocono Record Ads, which would be so easy to cut out and take to the store and purchase a quilt batting on sale. We all go shopping and probably pass A.C. Moore often. Just make a quick stop. This is an easy way to support SUMW. Remember, your out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed from our Treasury - IT'S ALREADY IN THE NEW BUDGET.
- We appreciate all the Campbell's labels and Weis Tapes. I am collecting them on a regular basis. Keep them coming! Thank you! Lois Shaffer



## MARCH UMW NEWS AND UPDATED CALENDAR

The UMW Board met on February 21<sup>st</sup> to prepare the 2014 UWM Budget. Watch the back of the Sanctuary for finalized printed copies from Treasurer, Sharon Cottle.

We have finalized some of our calendar dates and added others as follows:

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. Monthly meeting in Fellowship Room. The program will be on the 2014 Summer Mission School, speaker to be provided by the Mission School and to be announced at a future date. Watch for this in the Sunday Bulletin! If you don't know anything about Mission School, but want to learn more, Mission School this year is July 25-27 at the Inn of Reading, Reading, PA. Come here more and perhaps you will want to attend.

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm. Monthly meeting in Fellowship Room. Program on Child Abuse and Neglect. Speaker: Jesse Boe from Stroudsburg Women's Resources. We will have refreshments and invite several other local churches to attend.

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Church Women United Friendship Day to be held at Poplar Valley UMC.

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: Annual District Day Apart (NOTE DATE CHANGE) at East Stroudsburg UMC which has formed a new UMW Unit. It would be nice if SUMW could be supportive of our local friends starting a new group and hosting this event. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 & 11:00am services: Date confirmed. Blessing of Little and Big Quilts that have been completed. We are inviting all Quilters especially those who are not members of SUMC to be present.

Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm: covered dish dinner in Fellowship Room, with program on Alcoholics Anonymous. Speaker: Ellen Palsar of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 & 11:00am services: Date confirmed. SUMW to present worship services.

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, monthly meeting in Fellowship Room, proposed program on Foster Care. Details to follow.

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: UWM Northeast Ingathering and Annual Celebration, location to be announced.

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: UMW Conference Ingathering and Annual Celebration, location to be announced.

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm: monthly meeting in Fellowship Room. Program on Domestic Violence. Speaker:

## **Fasting**

Is this something you've thought of, or perhaps tried once or twice, but have never made it a practice in your Christian walk? Let us join together for this experience, to learn and grow and support one another. We will learn what the Bible says about fasting, and will use information from two books by Jentezen Franklin, who gives practical advice and has led successful fasts for twenty years. We will meet at Wooddale UMC on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 pm to learn the basics of fasting, with the goal being that each participant prayerfully chooses a type of fast to experience. We will then meet again on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 – 6 pm to discuss our experiences and to learn more about this important choice to draw closer to God. I hope you will join me. Pastor Deb Hoffman, Facilitator, Wooddale UMC, 100 Barren Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302. To sign up, please email me at [lashof@enter.net](mailto:lashof@enter.net) and put Fasting as the subject line, or call me at (570) 269-2000. There will be a five person minimum requirement to hold the class.

## **Giving Up Something Bad For Lent**

This class will use James. W. Moore's book of that title, which includes weekly Scriptures, reflection questions, and personal readings for participants to reflect upon giving up those bad habits or traits that often cause us to stumble in our faith. Offered at two different times at Cherry Lane UMC on Thursdays starting March 6<sup>th</sup>: Afternoon sessions, 3:00 – 4:30 pm; Evening sessions, 6:30 – 8:00 pm on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10. Interested persons should contact Pastor Heidi Silliman at [hmdax@ptd.net](mailto:hmdax@ptd.net) or (570) 517-1250, so that we can pre-order a book for you. Books cost \$7.00.

## **Religious Sign Language**

Come and learn the basics of American Sign Language and some of the signs that are used in church. This class is for all ages. We will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening from March 13<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup> at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church in the Children's Sunday School Room. Instructors: Jeff & Audrey Weber. There is no cost for the class, and all the materials will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeff Weber at [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net) or (570) 402-0931.

## **Technology in the Church**

Is technology in the church a good thing? How can technology enhance and improve what we are doing already? Join us for a four-week exploration on how technology can be used beneficially in the church today. We will explore the following topics: An overview of why technology in the church is a good thing, how to create an interactive Bible study, how to livestream your worship, using "The Table Project" to keep your church connected, tech-based devotional tools, and technology in worship such as video projectors, screens, and more! Information on how you can use this new technology in your church will be included. Join us on Monday nights, March 3, 10, 27 & 24, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Stroudsburg UMC, 547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Contact: Pastor Bob Shank, [bobshank@stroudsburgumc.com](mailto:bobshank@stroudsburgumc.com)

## **2014 Pocono United Methodist Academy (PUMA)**

### **Offers Seven Classes to Choose From!**

*For more information or to register for any class,  
please contact the Instructor directly as indicated.*

#### **Bard & Bible & Bread**

2014 is the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare. No other writer has had such a grasp of human nature and such an impact upon our English language. We will explore Biblical themes in Shakespeare by looking at one famous passage from each play and relating it to a relevant Scripture passage. Meets 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mondays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, in our own room at the Old Mill Restaurant on Route 209 in Sciota for dinner, Sonnet recitations and class. Optional extension in April to read and watch Macbeth. Nominal donation for class booklet, order your own dinner each week. Contact: Pastor Paul Crikelair, [pjcrikelair@gmail.com](mailto:pjcrikelair@gmail.com). *“To be or not to be, that is the question ...”*

#### **CHANGE the WORLD: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus**

Join us at Faith UMC for a six-week study as we explore and discuss Mike Slaughter’s charge to embrace the imperatives of Scripture and Rethink Church! Meets 7:00 – 8:00 pm Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24 at Faith UMC. This study is perfect for leadership teams, mission committees, Christ Servant Ministers, and anyone interested in reclaiming and living out Christ’s ideals in today’s world. Small group breakout sessions will help local churches tailor the discussions for their particular contexts. Participants should purchase Slaughter’s book prior to class and have read chapter one. Books can be purchased from Amazon.com or Cokesbury.com. Please contact Pastor Amy Banka at (570) 424-0712 or [amyebanka@gmail.com](mailto:amyebanka@gmail.com). United Methodist Pastor Mike Slaughter will be the keynote speaker at this year’s Annual Conference, May 15 – 17, 2014. Get a jump on his inspiring work at this study!

#### **Discernment**

Have you ever made a decision and later thought, “I should have made another decision instead?” Discernment is a process for deepening our capacity to move with God’s action in our world to effect individual transformation and social change. This four week study is based on two books “*Decision Making and Spiritual Discernment: The Sacred Art of Finding Your Way*” by Nancy Bieber and *Discernment: The Art of Choosing Well* by Pierre Wolff. We will explore the history, theology, psychology and spirituality of Christian discernment to learn how to deepen our capacity to use discernment to sustain healthy lives and ministries. The study starts Thursday, March 13- April 3, 2014 from 6 – 7 p.m. in Room 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Office Bldg of the East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church. Contact: Pastor Sharmune Burgess at [sburgess@esumc.net](mailto:sburgess@esumc.net) or call (570) 421-3280 ext. 12.

**More classes listed on back!**

# MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>1:00 PM</b> Experiencing God Small Group - Lounge <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>24</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Mostly Monday's Small Group	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> UMW Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Beginner Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Pack Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> SUMC Softball Team Breakfast Fundraiser-Dining Room <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Communion-Sanctuary <b>1:00 PM</b> Experiencing God Small Group - Lounge <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Mostly Monday's Small Group	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions - Lounge	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Meetings <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service-Sanctuary	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>1:00 PM</b> Experiencing God Small Group - Lounge <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Mostly Monday's Small Group	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> M & E Meeting-Lounge	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Beginner Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Meetings <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Service-ESUMC	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>1:00 PM</b> Experiencing God Small Group - Lounge <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Stewardship	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Stitch & Pray Small Group - Lounge	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Beginner Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Meetings <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Service-Faith UMC	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> United Methodist Men Breakfast - Speaker Gar Pollard
<b>23</b> <b>Music Festival-Sanctuary</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>1:00 PM</b> Experiencing God Small Group - Lounge <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>24</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Mostly Monday's Small Group	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room <b>7:00 PM</b> UMW Meeting-Lounge	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Beginner Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Pack Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Service-Wooddale UMC	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Fantastic Fifth Fellowship Dinner
<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship-Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School-Children through Adult <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship/Sanctuary <b>1:00 PM</b> Experiencing God Small Group - Lounge <b>4:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen-Dining Room	<b>31</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Mostly Monday's Small Group	<b>1</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Kitchen <b>7:00 PM</b> Digging Deeper Small Group-Conference Room	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study-Lounge <b>6:00 PM</b> Beginner Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scout Meetings <b>7:00 PM</b> Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Service-Analomink UMC	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> My Brother's Keepers/Little Quilts-Downstairs Dining Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

*Everyone is invited to a*

## *Fellowship Dinner*

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm

### **MENU:**

Italian Wedding Soup, Tossed Salad,  
Beef-A-Roni, Bread & Butter,  
Fruit Cobbler

### **PROGRAM:**

Membership & Evangelism – What We Do for You

**\$2.50 per person**

So that we can plan accordingly,  
please sign up at the rear of the sanctuary.

*We could use assistance with set up (10:30 am Sat.)  
**and** cleanup after the meal.*

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