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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The week prior to the final Sunday in February was a very busy week for our church. We had a church cleaning day on Monday, followed by a joint meeting of Session, Trustees and Deacons that night. The next day we had a funeral service and luncheon that included pie. Wednesday we had a potluck with pie that was followed by the Ash Wednesday service. Thursday and Friday were spent getting ready for the Presbytery meeting on Saturday. Some of the Presbytery committees needed the church on Friday as they were meeting before the Presbytery meeting on Saturday. The Presbytery meeting itself required preparations before and after the meeting; some workers arriving at 7:30 in the morning and others not leaving until 4:30 in the afternoon due to preparations for Sunday.

All in all, it was a dizzying amount of work by many people. The work made possible a funeral service with luncheon, a fun potluck and meaningful Ash Wednesday service, a clean church for Presbytery committees to meet and the entire Presbytery to meet, a service of commissioning for Brenda, and a worship service with communion on Sunday. I want to thank all those who worked hard to make all these things possible. It is written in Ecclesiastes

4:9-12, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." The bible speaks of the importance of God's people working together. It is amazing what can be done if we work together and God blesses the action.

One of the undisputed highlights of the weekend was the commissioning of Brenda Ransom as a CRE (commissioned ruling elder). As many of you know she has been preaching in some of the churches in our area and has completed a course of study with the Presbytery to enable her to serve these churches by being able to administer the sacraments when she preaches. Congratulations Brenda!

The month of March continues to be a time of study, reflection and prayer as the church celebrates the season of Lent. The season of Lent is an ancient practice of the church, a time of preparation as we work our way toward Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a

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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

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time when we meditate on the difficult teachings of Jesus about discipleship as we realistically assess how we are doing with respect to these teachings. It is a journey the church has historically believed is necessary to not only fully appreciate Holy Week and our Lord's death, but to enable us to embrace the new life he came to bring us. Let us join the church universal and the church throughout time in this journey of examination, appreciation and adoption of what Christ came to give us.

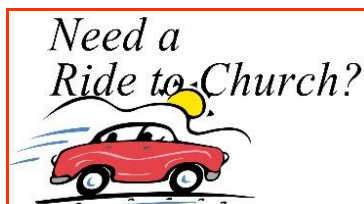
Peace in Christ,
Mark



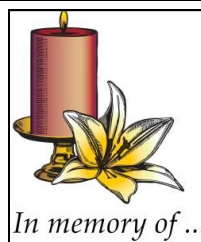
Family of Geraldine Leitz, family of Ruth Puska, Jean Smith, Carl Smart, Pat Whyte, Kady Love, Terry Begnoche, Kalan Mason, Terry East, Jim Schmidt, Delphine Porter, Don Dagnal,

Linda Boogerd, Ruth Thesing, Dorothy Smart, Gina Gough, Colleen Sibbald, Margaret Olson, Robert Jewell, Judy Knutsen, Ellen Woodgate, Jane Kellan, Susan Brock, William Kellan, Bea Woodgate, Wendy (Menard) James, Glen Tompkins, Margaret Vonderwerth and her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



Michelle Markstrom



Ruth Puska
02/03/15
Geraldine Leitz
02/04/15



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

Emily Hamilton
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Margaret Olson

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Jean Smith

June MacInnis
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Petoskey, MI 49770

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Vera Steffens
Lois Holton
Jeanne Gantz



**Our Sunday
Worship Service
starts at 10:00 a.m.
We hope to see you on
Sunday!**



**The Deacon's
to host Lenten Potluck**

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm.
before the 7:00 pm
Worship Service

Deacon



If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons



Food Pantry
**Ginger Stratton
and
Ruth Wilson**



**SUNDAY
MARCH 15TH**

Jeanne Shibley




Circle 1

March 15th

*Need a
Ride to Church?*

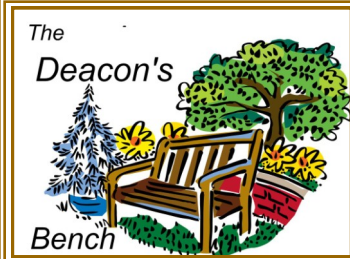


**Deacon's
Prayer Chain**



Carol Rohweder

Don't let the lack of a ride keep you from attending church services or events! If you need a ride, either occasionally or on a regular basis, please call the church office at 632-7771. The Deacons will arrange a pick up time for you.



MARCH. Is it "In like a lion, out like a lamb"? Or, as in the frequent case up here in the frozen north, "In like a lion, out like a lion"! In any event, March is a transition month - spring *will* be coming. The Deacons are also transitioning. With the addition of our new deacons, change is here. The new Deacon Chairman for the year will be Jeanne Shibley. I've enjoyed my year as chairman, but I believe to keep a group vibrant and energetic, new leadership, along with new ideas, is needed. We've already had some new ideas coming out. One I'm excited about is creating a "Wish List" of specific food items we need for the food pantry. With some specific things you know we need (in addition to cash) we hope you will add an extra item or two to your grocery basket when you shop. It will help us by receiving the things that go into our bags and give you a blessing because you know you are helping those who could use a bit of assistance in a meaningful way. You will hear more about our *Wish List* in the bulletin.

I thank you all for the help and encouragement I have had all year as chairman. We have a wonderful, supportive congregation. The deacons couldn't do their job without you and I know you will give Jeanne your total support.

Carol Rohweder, Deacon



David and Cheryl Bernier	03/11
Lee and Kristeen Mason	03/19
Terry and Danna Sanderson	03/25
David and Maureen Parker	03/28



Elders
 Doreen Gordon,
 Gordon Rohweder,
 Sue Trombley, David Pearce
 & Wendy Pearce

Deacons
 Cathy Akre, Doris Boogerd, Jaymie Guzzo
 Jeanne Shibley, & Ginger Stratton

Trustees
 Alicia Cottle, Lois Kenney, &
 Phyllis McKechnie



Year-to 2/28/15 offerings	\$23,200
Year to 2/28/15 expenses	\$26,995



HOLY WEEK



Jean Smith is now residing at
 Tendercare and would welcome visitors

Remember



**Our Homebound and
 Assisted Living Members**
 Short visits, mean much!

REMEMBER?



Set Your
 Clocks
 Ahead!



March 8, 2015

*Birthdays
 to
 Celebrate*



*Celebrating 80 Years
 Mary Jane Bernier
 and
 Virginia Moss*

Celebrating 90 Years Clyde Cross

Carolyn Trumble	03/02
William Bernier	03/03
James Lucas	03/03
Kathy Gerrish	03/05
Mary Jane Bernier	03/06
Amy Bosbous	03/07
Grace Capling	03/08
Ronald Meister	03/09
Janet Cardinal	03/10
Lee Mason	03/10
Judy Bawks	03/13
Lorne Sheppard	03/13
John Beamish	03/15



James Mackie	03/15
Nora Nurmi	03/15
Claudia Bernier	03/16
Lois Hillock	03/19
Mercedes Smart	03/20

Catherine Akre	03/23
Ardith Bawks	03/23
Clyde Cross	03/23
Virginia Moss	03/24
Ford Smart	03/24
Thomas Woodgate	03/24
Ashton McKee	03/25
Joel Hamilton	03/26
Jim Worsham	03/27
Gregory Gorsuch	03/28
Madeleine Rutledge	03/28
Riley Guzzo	03/29
Alice Soorus	03/30



It is interesting as we grow older how the "kids" seem to phone more regularly to see how the "old" folks are doing. It is gratifying to receive a call no matter what the news of the day might be.

Our son and one of our daughters, of the four, seem to call most frequently on their drive to work or on their way home. Our son in particular, always ends his conversation with "I love you." We might talk with him three times in a day but as we hang up he always ends up by saying, "I love you."

This got me to thinking about telling others how much we love them.

What if my wife died in her sleep and I had failed to tell her I loved her, when we kissed good-night? How would I feel the next morning? What if you hurriedly tried to get to one of your parents some 1500 miles away, and when you finally arrived, the hospital room that had been occupied that very morning was now empty? How would you feel if you were unable to say goodbye or tell that person, you loved them?

Just think, no more phone calls, no more hugs, no quit moments, or idle chatter, and meaningful conversations.

Now is the only time we have for sure, and we have to make the best of it. So while we have the time it is important to cherish the moment, protect the now for the future, and heal ourselves when we have the opportunity.

This is true for married people, old trucks like mine, dogs who have to limp to get around, aging parents and grandparents, and even children with disappointing report cards. We keep all of these things because they are worth it.


Life is important. Recently I asked a husband about his deceased wife, I told him I was glad I was able to meet her, and know her through him. I could tell the kind of couple they were after over a half century of marriage. Tears filled his eyes when he told me that I had been the only one outside the family who had come by to see her in her precious few days of life, on earth.

We have to live today because tomorrow is not promised. What if some morning you do not wake up? Do others know you love them? Determine now that you are going to tell others you love them, even if they fail to love you back.

And, just in case I haven't told you, "I love Y'all."



Don Myers, CRE

Adult Sunday School Class

9:00 am

Forgive yourself
If the Lord Jesus Christ has washed you in his own blood and forgiven you all your sins, how dare you refuse to forgive yourself?
—Francis MacNutt

Soup n' Sandwich

March 8th
Deacons

Congratulations !!!



Brenda Ransom, CRE



Join us in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 8, 2015 After the Worship Service for a Celebration of The Commissioning of Brenda Ransom, CRE.



Saturday, Mar 21, 2015 10am - 5pm
The Rotary Graver Auction will be on television and radio as well as display on the Internet. The all day-event will be televised live on Sault Ste. Marie's public access TV Channel 97 and broadcast simultaneously on radio station 1230 WSOO.

Please call to bid at 906-635-0562 or visit our Facebook page with photos of items at Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie.

You can participate in the Auction by making a monetary donation or by donating an item to be auctioned. Rotarians will be picking up donations or you can drop them off at 936 E. 3 Mile Road (Craig Flickinger, DDS) with the donor's name, the retail value and a description firmly attaché to the item. All items must be received by February 13, 2015. Checks must to made out to Rotary.

Please, whether or not you can support us this year, accept our thanks for considering Rotary programs.



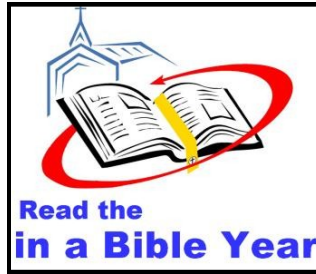
Bayliss Library
AARP Tax Aide. Call 906-253-9519 for an appointment on Fridays in February and March.



Sunday, March 29, 2015



March



Greeters

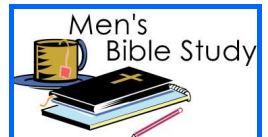
***Gordon Rohweder
and
Carol Rohweder***

1	Matthew 8:14-34	Leviticus 1-2	Proverbs 19
2	Matthew 9:1-17	Leviticus 3-4	Proverbs 20
3	Matthew 9:18-38	Leviticus 5-6	Proverbs 21
4	Matthew 10:1-25	Leviticus 7-8	Proverbs 22
5	Matthew 10:26-42	Leviticus 9-10	Proverbs 23
6	Matthew 11:1-19	Leviticus 11-12	Proverbs 24
7	Matthew 11:20-30	Leviticus 13	Proverbs 25
8	Matthew 12:1-21	Leviticus 14	Proverbs 26
9	Matthew 12:22-50	Leviticus 15-16	Proverbs 27
10	Matthew 13:1-23	Leviticus 17-18	Proverbs 28
11	Matthew 13:24-58	Leviticus 19	Proverbs 29
12	Matthew 14:1-21	Leviticus 20-21	Proverbs 30
13	Matthew 14:22-36	Leviticus 22-23	Proverbs 31
14	Matthew 15:1-20	Leviticus 24-25	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
15	Matthew 15:21-39	Leviticus 26-27	Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26
16	Matthew 16	Numbers 1-2	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
17	Matthew 17	Numbers 3-4	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16
18	Matthew 18:1-20	Numbers 5-6	Ecclesiastes 5
19	Matthew 18:21-35	Numbers 7-8	Ecclesiastes 6
20	Matthew 19:1-15	Numbers 9-10	Ecclesiastes 7
21	Matthew 19:16-30	Numbers 11-12	Ecclesiastes 8
22	Matthew 20:1-16	Numbers 13-14	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12
23	Matthew 20:17-34	Numbers 15-16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20
24	Matthew 21:1-27	Numbers 17-18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
25	Matthew 21:28-46	Numbers 19-20	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
26	Matthew 22:1-22	Numbers 21	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
27	Matthew 22:23-46	Numbers 22:1-40	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5
28	Matthew 23:1-12	Numbers 22:41-23:26	Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1
29	Matthew 23:13-39	Numbers 23:27-24:25	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3
30	Matthew 24:1-31	Numbers 25-27	Song of Solomon 6:4-8:4
31	Matthew 24:32-51	Numbers 28-29	Song of Solomon 8:5-14



**Deacon's
Corner**

The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on March 15th after the Worship Service!



**Men's
Bible Study**

Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00am.

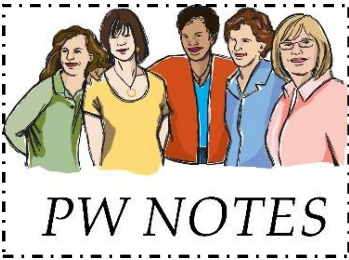
All men are welcome to join us!



**Women's
Bible Study**

Every Wednesday morning in the Library at 9:30 am.

All ladies are welcome to join us.



PW NOTES



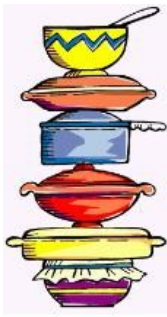
The next P.W. on March 8, 2015 at the after the Worship Service.



We are now on to our next project, the Annual Rummage Sale. This year's sale will be held on the second Saturday in April, the 11th. The time will be the same, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We are looking for gently-used, clean clothing for adults & children, working electrical items, clean baby items, furniture, dishes & other kitchen items, books, jewelry, and whatever else you don't need or use. (But, please, no cell phones or computers!) So, as you start your spring cleaning, please keep the Rummage Sale in mind!

Items can be dropped off at the church starting on Tuesday, April 7.



Dish Cloths For Sale

ULTIMATE CLEANING CLOTHS ARE BACK! ... The Ultimate Cleaning Cloths are here. The price remains the same 1 for \$6 or 5 for \$25. We also have the new dishcloths available for only \$1.00. They will be available in the office.



Hour



March 12th at 9:30 am.

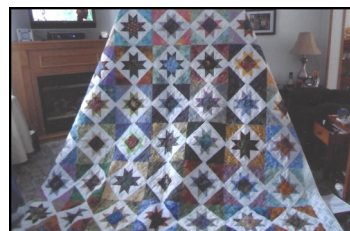
Ladies Coffee Hour

Tuesday at 9:30 am

March 17th

(the 3rd Tuesday),

All ladies are welcome to join us for an informal gathering.



A big Thank You to everyone who helped out with the February 21st Presbytery Meeting that was held at the First United Presbyterian Church. There were over 100 participants for this event and a lot of work went into the preparations and activities during and after the meeting.. We can't thank everyone enough for their help in cleaning, cooking, serving, setting tables, dishwashing, and everything down to the smallest detail.

QUILT RAFFLE

This year's quilt is a king size diamond pattern quilt made by Carolyn Shaw and Annie Hillman

Tickets will available in the near future

\$1 each or 6 for \$5

The drawing will be held on November 7, 2015

At the First United Presbyterian Church



The HABILITAT FOR HUMANITY ReSTORE is out of washers, dryers and refrigerators. If you have a used appliance, the ReStore would like to help you pass it on to someone who needs it. The ReStore winter hours are Tuesday 9 - 4 and Saturday 9 - 4. If you have a question please call the ReStore at 632-6616 during business hours. We can even use the appliance if it is NOT WORKING !!! We recycle metal and the money earned goes to build homes for people in need.

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Go INTO ALL the WORLd...
BAPTIZING
 ...IN the NAME OF the FATHER,
 AND OF the SON,
 AND OF the HOLY SPIRIT.



On February 8, 2015

Emmalynn Rosemarie Parker was baptized into the church family. Emmalynn is the Daughter of Matthew & Abigail Parker and the Granddaughter of Sue Trombley.



Thursday

March 5, 2015

At the Salvation Army

Lunch will be from Noon to 12:30 pm
 A service songs and prayer will follow.
 Both men and women are welcome.



Bible Quiz

When the Pharisees complained about the noisy crowd praising God as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, what did he say would shout out if the people were silent?

- A. The stones
- B. The trees
- C. The palm branches
- D. The donkey

Answer: (See Luke 19:40.)



Winter Farmer's Market

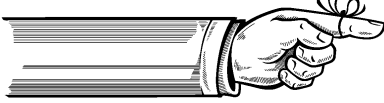
Sault Winter Farmers' Market at Bayliss Library
 Saturdays, from 9:30am - 12:30pm., until Saturday, April 25, 2015
 Location: 541 Library Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Bayliss Public Library, a member of the Superior District Library, and MSU Extension, Greening Michigan Institute, present their fourth annual Winter Farmer's Market Saturday mornings at the library in the community room.

For more information, contact the Bayliss Library at 906-632-9331, MSU Extension at 906-635-6368 or ssm.farmersmarket@gmail.com or check Facebook and www.baylisslibrary.org. **Think Local, Buy Local, Be Local!**



PRAYER REMINDER



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies



What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)



POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do – any time and anywhere.





Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

1 apple anxious artichoke	2 every eagle emu	3 purple pink prayer	4 Paul petition Peter	5 taste touch thanksgiving
6 rest requests relax	7 God George Greg	8 puddle peace pond	9 transcends train truck	10 unusual unique understanding
11 guard giraffe gorilla	12 hearts hold held	13 many minds more	14 Philadelphia Pennsylvania Philippians	

“Do not be _____¹ about anything, but in _____² situation, by _____³ and _____⁴, with _____⁵, present your _____⁶ to _____⁷. And the _____⁸ of God, which _____⁹ all _____¹⁰, will _____¹¹ your _____¹² and your _____¹³ in Christ Jesus.” _____¹⁴ 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00a Soup Kitchen	2 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	3 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	4 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	5	6 World Day of Prayer 9:00a Men's Study Grp 	7 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
8 3rd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:30a PW Meeting 11:30a Christian Education Mtg 11:30a Soup N' Sandwich 12:00a Soup Kitchen	9 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	10 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	11 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting	13 9:00a Men's Study Grp	14 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
15 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Library) 11:30a Coffee N' Cookies 2:00p Freighter's View	16 5:30p Trustee's Meeting (WR) 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	17 St Patrick's Day 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour 5:30p Session Mtg (WR) 	18 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	19	20 Spring Begins 9:00a Men's Study Grp 	21 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
22 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen	23 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	24 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry	25 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	26 6:00p Boy Scout Leader Meeting	27 9:00a Men's Study Grp	28 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
29 Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen	30 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	31 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry				

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Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jesse Witte, Sexton

Non-profit Organization

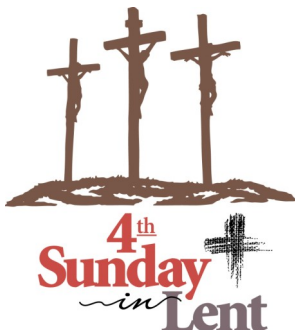
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March 19th**

SPECIAL DATES



- Second Sunday in Lent, *March 1, 2015*
 - ◆ World Day of Prayer, *March 6, 2015*
 - Third Sunday in Lent, *March 8, 2015*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 8, 2015*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 15, 2015*
 - St. Patrick's Day, *March 17, 2015*
 - First Day of Spring, *March 20, 2015*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 22, 2015*
 - ◆ Palm Sunday, *March 29, 2015*

