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Pastor's Message

According to the Christian Liturgical calendar, we are now in the second week of Lent. Lent is a time when Christians down throughout the centuries have taken up the call of a particular spiritual discipline. There are a number of important aspects to the journey that is Lent, one I would like to discuss here is self-reflection. Christianity warns against judging others and even ourselves too harshly. There is room, indeed a necessity, for sober self-judgment and Lent is a period of time we focus on such judgments. What areas of our life are we doing a respectable job of obeying the commandments to love God and love our neighbor? What areas of our life are not conforming to the image of the Son? If we need some direction reading Matthew chapters 5-7 might provide some help. This may well be the greatest single setting instruction of spirituality ever given. In these chapters Jesus does indeed open up secrets of the Kingdom of God to us as well as the very heart of God. I dare say anyone who reads these passages and doesn't find something he or she should be working on, well good luck to that person on the Day of Judgment.

For the rest of us, when we read Matthew chapters 5-7, we will often be convicted of parts of our spiritual life where we need work. We may even read some of these passages and be overwhelmed or despair of ever making progress in certain areas of our spiritual life. Why do I keep making the same mistakes? Why can't I be more patient, forgiving, faithful etc? There are times when looking is just so painful. It

is at these times we need to remember God is patient. God knows it takes us time to learn certain lessons. God knows there are certain things we will struggle with our entire lives. God tells us such through the prophet Isaiah 28:9-10;

9“To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast?

10For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”

The process of spiritual formation is a slow one; “Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little.” The good news is Christ died for us because it is a difficult process. The good news is our Lord is pleased when we struggle to get better. In God's eyes there is beauty in the struggle. As with our own children or grandchildren; we are more proud of them when they try and struggle with something that is difficult than easily sail to victory in something for which they did not have to labor. In this season of Lent if we take up the spiritual discipline of self-reflection, remember God is smiling and pleased with us in our struggles to be better disciples.

Peace in Christ,
Mark

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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

Newsletters are sent by email unless you have made other arrangements.



Gina Gough, Robert Johnston, Tony Paradiso, Debbie Stover, Scott Kallemeyn, Sandy Shaw, Andrea Klier, Della Porter, Joyce Cross, Shelby Myers, Joyce Pines, Donna LaPlaunt, Annie Andrews (Abbott), Matilynn Strange, Jennifer Veum, Jane Kellan, Aaron Corbiere, William Kellan, Tom Woodgate, Dave & Leslie Henderson, Patricia Farnhill, Lillian Donelson, Geraldine Carnahan, Tara Jean Brody, Wendy (Menard) James and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

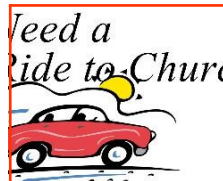
Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



Shopping & Bagging:
Doris Boogerd

Food Distribution:
03/09 –Cathy & Wanda
03/23 - Jeanne & Mary Frances

Backpack Program
Jeanne Shibley



Cathy Akre



March 15th!!!



Ardith Bawks
McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue 103E
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783



P.W. MEETING & COFFEE HOUR

Tuesday, March 16th
at 9:30 AM

Please join us for fellowship,
short meeting & treats.

All Ladies Welcome!



Freighter View Assisted Living
605 West Portage Avenue

Audrey Bush
Elva Hutzler

At Home

Mary Jane Bernier
Bev Ward

Medi-Lodge

1011 Meridian
Jane Kellan Room B15

Long Term Care

500 Osborn Blvd
Marion Osborn
Alice Soorus

McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue

Ardith Bawks
Vera Steffens
Peg Zenda

Out of Town

Della Porter
Cross Roads Village
6600 Constitution Blvd Room 605
Portage, MI 49024



The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held on
March 21st



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



Congratulations to New & Returning FUPC Officers!

Elders

Terry Lamb Alegra Soorus
Fred Michels Audrey Zane

Trustees

Jackie Johnson Michael Lussier
Tina Kay Jennifer Reattoir

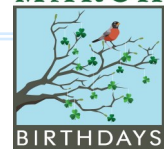


Currently Maundy
Thursday and Good
Friday Services have
been **cancelled**.

We will keep you up-to-
date on these two events.



MARCH



Carolyn Trumble	03/02
Kathy Gerrish	03/05
Mary Jane Bernier	03/06
Pat Newhouse	03/06
Ronald Meister	03/09
Suzanne Stevenson	03/09
Lee Mason	03/10
Judy Bawks	03/13
Lorne Sheppard	03/13
James Mackie	03/15
Lamar Styer	03/20
Catherine Akre	03/23
Ardith Bawks	03/23
Alice Soorus	03/30



Lee and Kristeen Mason	03/19
Terry and Danna Sanderson	03/25
David and Cheryl Bernier	03/11
Ronald and Lisa Meister	03/10



Memorial Easter Lilies are available this year at a cost of \$8.00 each. Dedications will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The deadline to order your lily is March 24th. Please have your forms turned in to the office by then so we may acknowledge your lily on Easter Sunday.

Forms and payments may be placed in the offering plate, mailed in, or dropped off at the church office.

These Lilies are given to the Glory of God and in loving Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

From:



Women's Bible Study

March Mission Project

Continuing with our monthly missions project for the month of March, we have chosen "West Bridge Apt." which can hold 28 families that are transitioning into suitable housing. West Bridge is located on W Portage Avenue.

During the wait time some of the items needed include; towels and board games. All items must be new because of COVID.

If you wish to give monetary gifts, please make checks payable to CLMCAA and fill out the memo line with West Bridge Apartments.



Circle 3
Meeting

Thursday

March 11th



Sunday, 03/07	3rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/14	4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/21	5th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, 03/28	Palm Sunday
	One Great Hour of Sharing



We challenge you to see Lent as a time of action.

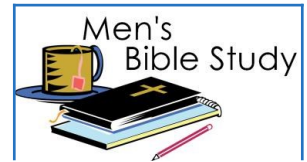
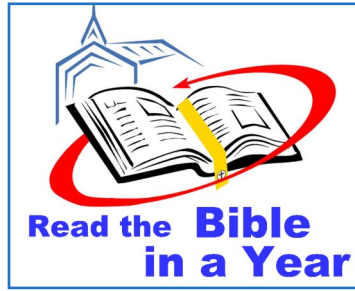
It's easy to think of something to sacrifice or give up – an indulgence or treat that we figure we can go without for six weeks. Most likely, they are things that should be given up anyway and are to our benefit.

Taking on a task that we've been avoiding is a sacrifice of something we've been avoiding and finally have to face. Forcing ourselves to find time to exercise, watching what we say and being nice to those who aren't necessarily nice to us, doing a chore without being asked, not being argumentative. These are sacrifices of time, thought and care and take a lot of effort. What we are currently doing has become a habit, and breaking those habits is like breaking an addiction. It's tough and difficult. But imagine what it will be like to turn them into new habits that aren't just beneficial for us, but for those around us as well.

Jesus' sacrifice wasn't for himself – it was a benefit for all of us. Take action, and "Do Something" for Lent. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1: 7

Yours in Christ,
Your Deacons

March



The study group meets every Friday morning at 9:00 am.

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



Greeters

Audrey Zane

&

Connie Lawrence



Good Friday



Cathy Akre



Women's Bible Study

Meeting every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Youth Room

No Meeting in the week that Circle 3 Meets

Make a Snack to Share With a Friend

You will need:

- 🥣 large bowl
- 🥣 small bowl
- 🥄 spoon
- 🔪 fork
- 🥣 4 cups toasted oat cereal
- 🥣 1 can (6-1/2 oz.) peanuts*
- 🥣 1 cup raisins
- 🥣 1/4-cup margarine
- 🥣 1 package (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 🥄 plastic sandwich bags

How to make the treats:

- Mix the cereal, peanuts* and raisins in the large bowl.
- Melt the margarine in the small bowl using a microwave oven. *(Please ask an adult to help with this step.)*
- Pour the margarine over the cereal mixture.
- Use the fork to lightly toss the mixture until it's coated with margarine.
- Sprinkle the chocolate chips into the mixture and toss again.
- Spoon the mixture into the bags and share them with friends for a snack.

**Caution: Some people are very allergic to nuts. You can leave the peanuts out if you need to.*

Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)

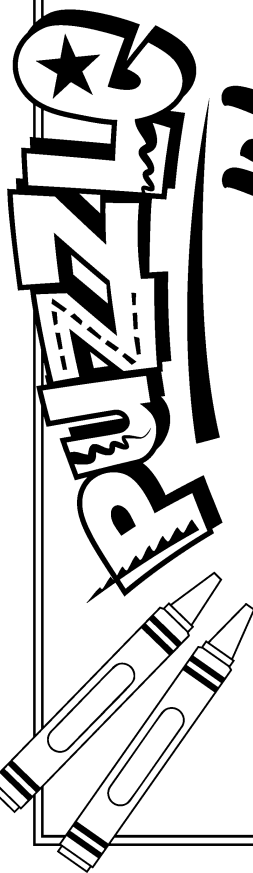
Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)



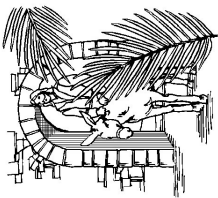



Jesus gives us life

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

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| People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8) | |
| Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3) | |
| Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26) | |
| This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2) | |
| Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24) | |
| Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17) | |
| Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25) | |
| While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29) | |
| This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1) | |
| These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56) | |
| These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7) | |
| Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15) | |

Answer: palm branches, perfume, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	2	3 9:30a Women's Bible Study	4 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	5 9:00a Men's Study Grp	6
7 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	8 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	9 4:00p Food Pantry	10	11 9:30a Circle 3 Meeting (SH)	12 9:00a Men's Study Grp	13
14 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School	15 5:30p Session Meeting 5:30p Trustee Meeting 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	16 9:30a Ladies Coffee Hour (SH)	17 St. Patrick's Day 9:30a Women's Bible Study	18 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	19 9:00a Men's Study Grp	20
21 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting	22 7:00p Boy Scout Meeting	23 4:00p Food Pantry	24 9:30a Women's Bible Study	25 10:00a Textile Social (SH)	26 9:00a Men's Study Grp	27
28 Palm Sunday OGHS Offering 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 10:00a Worship/Communion Service 10:00a Sunday School	<div>    </div>					

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday
(closed 11:30-12)

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

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister
Brenda Ransom, CRE
Kay Boyne, Music Director
Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Witte, Sexton

**Deadline for April issue:
March 15th**



Third Sunday
IN LENT



Fourth Sunday
IN LENT



Fifth Sunday
IN LENT



Palm Sunday