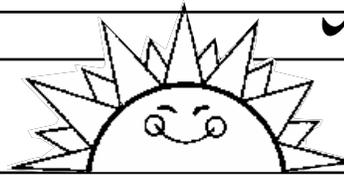
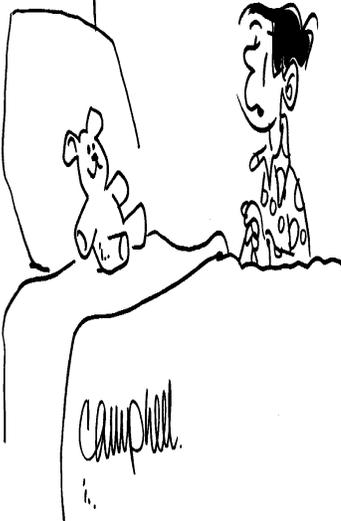


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Pastor Sunny's Rays



"I prayed for snow on Christmas eve, Sir, and it didn't arrive 'til Easter eve. A small computer would clear up that backlog."

What a beautiful couple of weeks we have had lately! The sunshine has improved everyone's attitude and outlook. In no time all our snow birds will be back to make our church family complete. I can't wait. I love it when the whole family is together.

Have you thought about what Lent is in our lives? Is it something that has become trivial? Is it about giving up something that when push comes to shove has no "real" impact on your life? Is that what Lent is for you?

If it is then this article is for you. **Lent is** forty days til Easter, not counting Sundays.

Lent is actually six and a half weeks of very deep repentance and very purple passion. (Ever hear the phrase about someone being as serious as a purple passion?)

Lent is watching a man go to his death and not being able to stop it.

Lent is knowing this and letting it sink in.

Lent is not getting off the hook.

Lent is taking sin seriously, taking life seriously, taking death seriously, taking everything more seriously than usual.

Lent is, among other things, having to wait for spring.

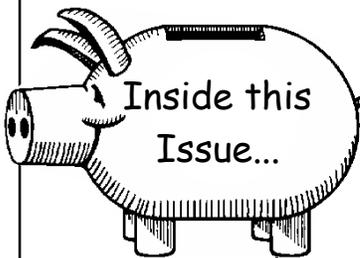
Lent is six more weeks of shivering in the cold.

Lent is not a very happy time. But it is what you have to go through to get to the joy of the morning

Someone ask if Maundy Thursday couldn't be a happier service. The answer, in a word, is No.

The Lenten journey is about really looking at the path Christ had to walk, thinking about the pain and humiliation he was subjected too. In our churches the crosses are made out of beautiful wood or gleaming gold. The crosses we wear around our necks come in a myriad of designs and colors, some with diamonds or rubies in the center. They are beautiful! But the cross of Christ was far from beautiful. It was a roughly hewn tree, it probably wasn't smooth, nor of good quality, and no one paid any attention to the color or design of it. It was large and heavy. Jesus took up that cross, he made that journey, he withstood that horrible, dreadful death on that cross because he knew that it was the only, the ONLY, way we could be saved and be in the kingdom of God. We need to think about this time. We need to remember the pain of the flogging, the feeling of the blood running down his face from that crown of thorns, we need to remember the sound of the hammer nailing him to that ugly executioner's tree, we need to remember that he did it for us.

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Prayer Requests

Our World Situation

The Rothfus Family

THOSE AT HOME

Alicia Bradley

Samuel Bradley

Ernestine Green

Alice Sweet

Adaline Wakefield

Mayme Giles

to those at other residences...

CUBA- CMH

Lucille Wildrick

Laura Clayson

Helen Clement

Pearl Franklin

ABSOLUT HOUGHTON

John Lawton

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

BATH VA CENER

John Visser

IRIS PARK COMMONS

Marge Bly

EDEN HEIGHTS BUFFALO

Jane Wright

Military personnel and their families...

Bob Aaronson

Daniel Bunk

Kevin Desaultels

Brad Frank

Mark Keenan

Karl Linderman

Eric Young

Justin Linza

Carl Randall

Alfred Reynolds

Greg Rogers

Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the

Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467

"Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership" Mountain View District:

April:

4: Salamanca/Joshua Schallert

11: District Youth Center-Bradford & Christie Chesebro

18: Short Tract & Swain/Gary Wickert

25: Springville/Gregory VanDussen

Prayer List Update

Please keep our prayer list up to date.

Requests made in writing are preferred, to assure proper spelling. You can do this in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office. If you call your request in, please spell out the name.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this.



Justin Sweet
Dan Thompson
Ron Truax
Miles Ward
Eric Young



COOKIES FROM CAKE MIX

Submitted by Sue Simmons

1 box cake mix (2 layer size) any flavor
½ cup oil
1 Tbsp. water or milk
2 eggs

Add oil, water and eggs to half the cake mix; blend well. Add remaining mix; blend well. Drop by teaspoonful on greased cookie sheets. Bake 375° for 10-15 min. Add chopped nuts, coconut or chocolate chips to the batter if you wish. Makes 3 dozen.

Statistics

Date	Worship	Offering
02/28	11/52	\$1,617.00
03/07	7/57	\$2,021.00
03/14	7/47	\$2,111.00
03/21	10/64	\$1,827.00

Needed Each Week \$2,407.50

**UMW**

*Submitted by Judi Hughes,
President*

Nine ladies gathered on Saturday March 13 to enjoy a delightful brunch prepared by Maggie Watson and Shirley Mosher. Amid the tables decorated with spring arrangements in miniature, decorative watering cans, we discussed the following: The Reading Program, No Bake Sale and the Nome Mission Project. Deb Battistoni delivered the Treasurer's Report, and we decided to help support the Red Bird Mission. Deb also reminded us of the rapidly approaching Spring Rummage Sale, to be held May 6, 7, and 8.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, April 10 at 10 am. Mark the date on your calendar and join us for great food and fellowship!



April Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 - Betty Malzahn
Samantha VanNess | 18 - Dale Dutton
Jeanne Steen |
| 2 - Harley Poore | 19 - Jacob Burrows
Dale Miller
Thela Snow |
| 3 - Patti Petroni | 20 - Corine Bump
Megan Torpey |
| 4 - Nicholas Kasperski
Colin Loftis
Jeremy Zeh | 21 - Jane Wright |
| 5 - Isabel Warren | 22 - Sue Feldbauer |
| 6 - Marshall Allen
Jonnie Rothfus
Jennie Rothfus | 24 - Norm Ungerman |
| 10 - Christopher Knapp
Ed Rothfus | 25 - John Freeman
Bobbi Woodruff |
| 11 - Jennifer James | 27 - Brian Hawks
Rifaat Nasser |
| 13 - Wayne Emerson | 28 - Ed German
Mary Hupp
Susan Shedlock |
| 14 - Ayren Hewitt | 29 - Dick Karle |
| 15 - Adrienne Amundson
Sandra LaFever
April Mummery | |
| 16 - Joycelyn Riley | |



Anniversaries:

- 9 - Pete & Cherri Quattrini
- 14 - Kenneth & Brenda Wyant
- 16 - Gary & Joyce Enderle
- 19 - Chris & Kathleen Hulburt
- 27 - Elroy & Kelly Brickey

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The joy comes in the morning three days later, the day he defeated death by walking out of that tomb. That is when the life re-enters our world, the life of living in Christ and him living in us. So as Easter morning approaches, let our voices ring out loud and clear so that all of the world might know that HE'S ALIVE AND I'M FORGIVEN! HE'S ALIVE!!

May you always remember, too, that God loves you and so do we.

Pastor Sunny

Memorialize A Chair

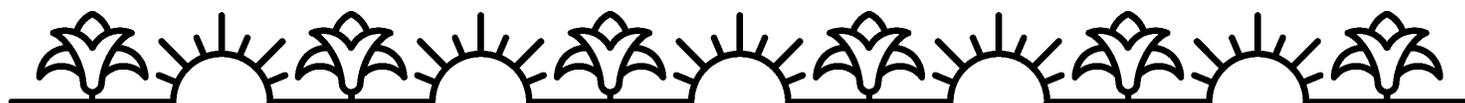
Most of you are very aware of the new chairs that were purchased for Wesley Hall and several have asked about purchasing a chair in memory of a loved one. The Trustees have looked into the best way that we can do that at a reasonable cost. After much discussion and investigation, the following was decided: The cost of the chair and the memorial plaque is \$25.00. We have looked at many ways to place the memorial on the chairs. The chairs have a lifetime warranty so using screws for a plaque is out of the question. The double sided taped ones are unreliable and tend to peel off over time and could catch on people's clothing, also not an acceptable alternative. So what we will do is get a wall plaque and place the memorial information there and hang it on the wall in Wesley Hall. If you would like to purchase a chair, contact one of the trustees with the information required and the \$25. All memorials should be into the trustees no later than May 2, 2010. Thank you for all your support in this matter.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE



Remember how we always have had a chicken bar-b-que on school election Tuesday? Well last years dinner was not the money maker it needed to be. So the Trustees have decided to try something different. We are going to have a *Pulled Pork Dinner!*

The menu will be pulled pork on a roll, slaw, baked beans, and dessert. The cost is \$6.95 for a meal and \$2.00 for just the sandwich. The fellows will cook the meat in smokers after service, then the slaw and the beans can be done the day of the dinner. The date for this event is May 18th from 4 until the food is gone. It will be dine-in or take out. You will get more information as the time approaches but we want you to share the information with all your friends and relatives and get ready for a wonderful day of voting and eating!!



April Helping Hands

Nursery

4: **Reserved for you**
 11: **Reserved for you**
 18: **Reserved for you**
 25: **Reserved for you**

Ushers

Red Htters

Acolytes

4: Josh Tsujimoto
 11: Katelyn Cornell
 18: Erica Goble
 25: Michael Hupp

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton
 Judi Hughes

Liturgist

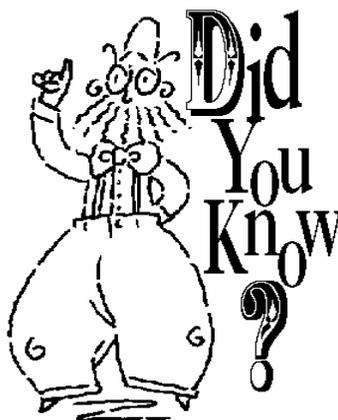
4: Keith Pierce
 11: Cindy Dutton
 18: Rob Cornell
 25: Mayme Giles

Children's Moment

4: Pastor Sunny
 11: **Reserved for you**
 15: **Reserved for you**
 25: **Reserved for you**

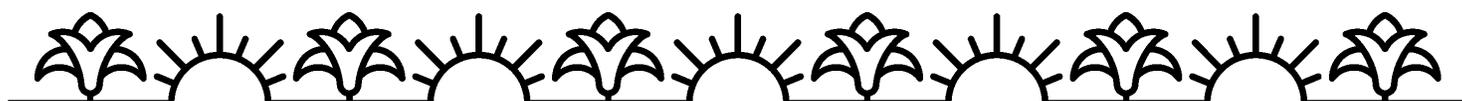


*You Can
 Help!*



Submitted by
 Dean Wildrick

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has contributed \$50,000 to Action by Churches Together Alliance to help provide water, sanitation, shelter and food to the most vulnerable groups impacted by the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. UMCOR also is supporting Global Health Action's Community Health and Development Programs in the Leogane District of Haiti with a \$30,000 grant. On March 4, Bishop Rafael Moreno-Rivas of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and Milagros Martínez-Colón, president of the church's Organization of the Methodist Women, presented a \$20,000 check to UMCOR officials for Haiti relief, matching the \$20,000 previously raised by Puerto Rican Methodists.



USHERS DUTIES

We have some new ushers this year, so I thought I would list their duties. Nick Abraham is our head usher if you have any questions.

1. Try to be at church entrances by 9:30am
2. Take glass of water up to the altar for the Pastor
3. Make sure the bell is rung about 10 minutes before the service starts.
4. Pass out the attendance books just before the service starts.
5. Count and fill out the Attendance Card.
6. ***NEW- When the pastor STARTS THE PRAYER please go to the back aisle to be ready to come forward to get the collection plates. It takes too long to wait for you to get there from the various parts of the sanctuary and then the pastor to move to the choir loft.***
The two ushers should go down the aisle together and pick up the collection Plates.
Two people can easily take the collection, unless the pews are full and if necessary, you can ask for help from two people in the congregation.
7. After you have made the collection, the two ushers should wait in the back of the church until the congregation starts to sing the doxology, then proceed down the aisle and give the plates to the Pastor.
8. After the service is over pick up the attendance pads and leave them on the table in the back for the secretary.
9. On Sundays when communion is scheduled, you will be responsible for directing the congregation down the middle of the aisle. If you have any questions regarding this procedure, contact the Pastor or head usher.



APRIL 2010

Hallelujah

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Kung Fu Classes 6am-8am 3, 10, 17, & 24				1  HOLY THURSDAY 7:00pm	2  Good Friday	3  Holy SATURDAY
4  Resurrection SUNDAY	5 Ad Council 6:00pm	6 Girl Scouts Dinner 11:30am-6:00pm	7 District Leadership Team 5:30 pm Council of Churches Choir Practice 7:00pm	8 Boy Scouts 6-7	9	10 UMW Meeting 10:00am
11 Worship 10:00am Coffee Hour Sunday School 11:00am	12 Angel Food Deadline	13	14 Choir Practice 7:00pm	15 Boy Scouts 6-7	16	17 Angel Food Distribution 9-10am
18 Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am	19 Newsletter Deadline Finance Meeting 7:00ppm	20	21	22 Boy Scouts 6-7	23	24
25 Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am	26 Trustees 7:00pm	27	28 Choir Practice 7:00pm	29 Boy Scouts 6-7	30	

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Without Easter

Without Easter,
there would be no hope of heaven.
Without the hope of heaven,
there would be no repentance,
no personal transformation,
no attempt to follow biblical principles.
Without Easter,
the world would be in chaos
and darkness.
Jesus' death and resurrection
means we can be reborn,
to live better, to do better,
to shine light into the shadows.
Hallelujah!
Happy, Happy Easter.
By Joanna Fuchs