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March 2022

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From the Pastor

Dear ones,

Lent is an ancient season of the Church that when spoken of in circles of folks not affiliated with the Church can be confused with the stuff that accumulates in your dryer exhaust hose. That stuff can catch on fire! I read that a large majority (92%) of house fires are started by unattended clothes dryers! I will tell you a secret, keeping the season of Lent can set you on fire too!

Now, I don't mean that you will go up in flames. I'm talking about being filled with the Holy Spirit (yes, Wesleyans believe in this) and developing an exuberant desire for God. Lent is a deliberate opportunity for us to intentionally reflect on the life of faith. It is a time that some Christians choose to give up something that they are passionate about as a demonstration of devotion to Christ. Social media will soon be filled with declarations of abstinence from everything including chocolate to alcohol and social media itself. Giving something up (also called fasting) is an age-old Christian practice that has been a means of grace to many. Fasting, the Church has experienced, can increase our desire to know and serve Christ.

Lent consists of 40 days (Sundays are excluded because that is the day Christ was raised from the dead – Sundays are for rejoicing!). On those other 40 days we are called to commit to self-examination, to worship, and to reflection by reading and meditating on the scriptures. Lately, some Christians are making the more difficult choice of thing to give up and give up time, specifically the time required to commit to these ancient spiritual practices. I am providing you with an opportunity to do just that. Below you will find a reading checklist. If you follow it, you will complete the four canonical gospels on Holy Thursday. Also, a Lenten devotional book that I wrote during Lent of 2020 will be available for you to pick up at the Ash Wednesday service.

I pray that this will be a means of grace to you. I pray that you will find yourself afire for God. I pray that you will be prepared to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as the promise of our own resurrection.

For more reading on dryer fires put this address in your web browser: <http://tiny.cc/oapouz>

Remember Christ!

03/07	Matthew 1-3	03/21	Mark 4-6	04/04	Luke 19-21
03/08	Matthew 4-6	03/22	Mark 7-9	04/05	Luke 22-24
03/09	Matthew 7-9	03/23	Mark 10-12	04/06	John 1-3
03/10	Matthew 10-12	03/24	Mark 13-16	04/07	John 4-6
03/11	Matthew 13-15	03/25	Luke 1-3	04/08	John 7-9
03/14	Matthew 16-18	03/28	Luke 4-6	04/11	John 10-12
03/15	Matthew 19-21	03/29	Luke 7-9	04/12	John 13-15
03/16	Matthew 22-24	03/30	Luke 10-12	04/13	John 16-18
03/17	Matthew 25-28	03/31	Luke 13-15	04/14	John 19-21
03/18	Mark 1-3	04/01	Luke 16-18		

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As a response to God's love for us, the people of Manning UMC have a heart for giving and caring for others all year long. However, during Lent we especially think of God's gift to us of salvation and Christ's great sacrifice for us on the cross. Though unworthy, yet blessed by God's love, we are moved to respond. One way we do this is to contribute to a Lenten offering that helps support two of our Methodist missionaries in Ecuador, Sara Flores and her husband, Dakin Cook. Sara and Dakin's work in Ecuador has been shared with you through our church newsletter several times throughout the year. They depend upon our Covenant Support to continue their work. Any Lenten offering that is received beyond the Covenant amount goes to Salkehatchie mission work done by our MUMC youth. As we prayerfully move through the 40 days of Lent leading toward Easter, please consider how you might respond to God's love through the Lenten Offering.

Helene Ellis, Mission Chairperson

News from Quito, Ecuador February 2022 "from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD..." Psalm 121:1b-2a Receive our greetings in this new year. We ask that God bless and protect you. This rainy season in Ecuador has been heavier than usual, the excessive rains caused a lot of damage, one very close here in Quito. The night of January 31 heavy rains on the slopes of the Pichincha Volcano affected 2 neighborhoods of the city, bringing mud, water, and debris down 2 streets with great force which overflowed a containment pond and first hit a volleyball court where about 50 people were present and continued down into the city through the neighborhoods. The disaster left about 160 families affected, 28 people dead, 52 injured, of which 7 are still in the hospital, and 1 person still missing. About 27 homes were significantly damaged, 8 homes completely collapsed, and many businesses were affected. Just days before in the last week of January, in the rural mountains 4 hours south of Quito and 2 hours south of Pastocalle, there were torrential rains. These rains overflowed rivers, collapsed roads and bridges, caused landslides, flooded homes, and greatly affected communities and productive lands leaving 2 dead and more than 300 families affected. The Ecuadorian population has been very supportive and soon mobilized in solidarity with the affected families. On Saturday, February 5, a Minga (a community workday) was held in Quito with more than 1,200 volunteers to help clean up the mud and debris. The government is moving a lot of help, and the Methodist Church also collected donations to share with the affected families. Please continue to pray for these affected communities. The Churches of Ecuador are holding a time of prayer each day at 3 PM ET. Thank you for joining us in these prayers, together we raise our prayers to God. We pray for Ecuador, we pray for the widows, and orphans who remain, we pray for the families who were left homeless, the families who were left without their crops and food. We pray that the Lord will bless families in need in the countryside or in the city. We pray for pastors and church leaders who strengthen God's mission among the people. We pray for all the countries that have suffered disasters either due to winter or excessive rains. We greatly appreciate your communications, your prayers, your donations, and offerings sent both to missionary support and to support of the projects in Ecuador. We especially appreciate the donations to salaries of the pastors of Ecuador that in recent months many of you sent through the Advance. We want to always be in communication, please do not stop writing to us, if you have reasons for prayer we can share with the Ecuadorian churches. Dios les bendiga. Sara Flores and Dakin Cook



Quito Mudslide



River South of Quito



Consolation

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
Feb. 6	9:30 am Sunday School—67 Worship 10:30 am — 125	Views 123
Feb. 13	9:30 am Sunday School— 59 Worship 10:30 am — 97	Views 112
Feb. 20	9:30 am Sunday School— Worship 10:30 am — 113	Views 142

2022 Tithes & Offering		
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,787.54	
	Received Weekly	
Feb. 6	\$ 15,790.00	
Feb. 13	\$ 9,032.33	
Feb. 20	\$ 9,685.27	
Total Received	\$ 34,507.60	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 78,300.32
Total Received YTD		\$ 60,343.22
Overage or (Deficit)		(17,957.10)

The Flower Calendar for the 2022 year is in a note book in the church office.

All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements.

If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

2022 Flower Calendar

March	6	13	20	27	
April	3	10	17	24	
May	1	8	15	22	29
June	5	12	19	26	
July	3	10	17	24	31
August	7	14	21	28	
September	4	11	18	25	
October	2	9	16	23	30
November	6	13	20	27	
December	4	11	18	25	

Our Prayer List Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

Mary Ashley Barbot	Lindsay Furse	John Lesemann
Paul Butler	Family of Tommy Gales	Laura Coker Llana
Raul Calicdan	Carol Gavin	Judy Masters
Family of Jim Davis	Jack Horton	Dr. Greg Tatum
AC English	Lamar Kennedy	Alex Thompson
Bill Flynt	Roswita Knotte	Wayne Vincent

Memorial Gifts:

Jim Davis

Given By:
Jim Black
Annette Browder
Rock & Vicki Ouzts
Billy & Betty Coffey
Jean Prothro
Susan & Robby Elmore
Sharon Cramer
Camille Daniel
Cindy McInnis
Artie & Beverly Felder
Tommy & Jane Benton

Mitch Richburg

Given By:
Rock & Vicki Ouzts

Cheri Brown

Given By:
Ann Alderman
Lui & Olivia Greene
Mary Glover
Susan & Robby Elmore
Bill & Becky Stuart
Robert & Kathryn McCartha

Tommy Gales

Given By:
Artie & Beverly Felder

Omar Jones

Given By:
Jane & Tommy Benton

Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the military, or who have limited mobility:

Nancy Andrews	Woody Haynes
Joyce Bowers	Kay Kirkpatrick
Dedee Clark	Margaret Lee
Kevin Cribb	Wilson Lepp
Rosellas Daniels	Neal Mahoney
Nita & Liz Denny	Sandy McCord
William Dodge	Jean Schmelzle
Jared Dube`	Sam Tyson
Riccardo Gaskin	Betty Wellock
Anne Haley	

Jean Turner

Given By:
Annette Browder
Rock & Vicki Ouzts
Jake & Elaine Buddin
Rock & Vicki Ouzts
Jane & Tommy Benton

Jeannette Franklin

Given By:
Ann & G.G. Cutter

John Fox

Given By:
Brian & Kay Fox

Martha Morris

Given By:
Ann & G.G. Cutter
Genie & Winston Hodge

Stephen Sims

Given By:
Brian & Kay Fox

Jim Haygreen

Given By:
Stan & Lu Nickell

Carrie Tisdale

Given By:
Annette Browder
Rock & Vicki Ouzts
Jane & Tommy Benton

Pam McCabe

Given By:
Stan & Lu Nickell

Rodney Richburg

Given By:
Rock & Vicki Ouzts
Ann & G.G. Cutter
Artie & Beverly Felder

Honorarium Gifts:

Happy Birthday! Ken & PJ Lovorn

Given By:
Garson Taylor
Tommy & Jane Benton

Happy Birthday! Jean Prothro

Given By:
Jake & Elaine Buddin

Happy Birthday ! Dickey Williamson Joe Coffey Michele Williamson G.G. Cutter

Given By:
Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Happy Birthday ! Ansley Elmore Sweet 16!

Given By:
Robby & Susan Elmore

LENTEN LUNCHEONS



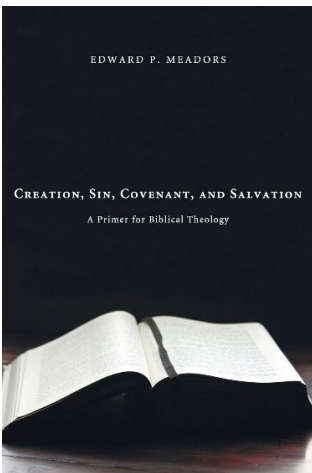
Meals served promptly at 12:00 PM noon, on Mondays in the season of Lent.

Schedule:

- Monday, March 14: Rev. Keith Stewart, pastor of Summertown UMC
Hosted by the Myrtle Strange Circle
Reserve Ticket by: Friday March 11th
- Monday, March 21: Rev. Dr. J. Hammet, pastor of Manning Presbyterian Church
Hosted by the Jane Craft Circle
Reserve Ticket by: Friday March 18th
- Monday, March 28: Rev. George Windley, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church Hosted by the Nelle Wells Circle
Reserve Ticket by: Friday March, 25th
- Monday, April 4: Rev. Andy McCall pastor of Youth and Children at First Baptist Church
Hosted by the United Methodist Men
Reserve Ticket by: Friday April 1st

Tickets:

Tickets may be purchased from the office or from a representative of the hosting circle group. Churches may call 803.435.8115. Please reserve your by the Friday before the Monday of the Lenten Luncheon. All proceeds from the Lenten Luncheons benefit local missions.



Lenten Book Study

Pastor David will be leading a reading study of "Creation, Sin, Covenant, and Salvation" by Edward P. Meadors.

"Creation, Covenant, Sin, and Salvation is a primer for biblical theology that is accessible to lay readers of all ages. This is the ideal book for those seeking a short, accessible synopsis of the Christian worldview. Sprinkled with anecdotes and illustrations, the book eases readers into a succinct yet comprehensive discussion of biblical thought. The final chapter explains the authority, practical value, and intended purpose of Scripture. Meadors inspires readers to think critically about the real life believability of the Christian faith, especially its intellectual coherence. In keeping with biblical theology, the book affirms the continuity of biblical revelation from beginning to end before consummating in the resurrection of the dead and God's restoration of all creation." – Amazon Description

We will read one chapter of the book and the recommended scripture readings each week. Then, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the following Sundays at 4:30 PM to discuss the reading, the scriptures, and the concepts the author dealt with. But, it will also be fun.

March 13, March 20, April 3, April 10, and April 24.

The cost of the book is \$19.00

Please contact the Church Office by email or phone to let us know you plan to attend **by March 1** so that we may order and distribute the books to you in time to complete the reading for March 13.



Kathy James
Director of Church Relations

Laurie Brandes
Director of Independent Living.

EPWORTH MOMENT: Thanks to each member of Manning UMC who attended Epworth Sunday on February 20, 2022 in celebration of Epworth's 125th Anniversary. We appreciated Beth Williams, President of Epworth, Rev. Kathy James, Director of Church Relations, and Laurie Brandes, Director of Independent Living for coming and sharing about the future in 2022 and beyond for Epworth Children's Home. MUMC presented Epworth with a check for \$3,000.00. Thank you, MUMC, for being such a loving, caring, and generous Church and giving children and young people a chance for a better life through Epworth.



Flowers arranged by Jo Gamble for the Church. They were given to Epworth for them to enjoy.



March 2022



Mar. 2 Bud & Betty Johnson
 Mar. 3 Will & Rachel Gainey
 Mar. 5 Mike & Lisa Burns
 Mar. 13 Rob & Anne Little
 Mar. 14 Meg & Don Lee
 Mar. 18 Louis & Dawn Griffith
 Mar. 19 Johnny & Ruthie Odum
 Mar. 25 Bruce & Jane Powell
 Mar. 26 Dave & Tami Harrison

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 1st Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm NO UMYF	7 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 6:30 pm Bible Study (L)	1 8-12 MUMC Day School	2 Ash Wednesday 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA	3 8-12 MUMC Day School 5:00 pm Pilot Club (UR)	4 8-12 MUMC Day School	5
13 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:30 pm Lent Study 5:30 pm UMYF	14 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 10:00 am Nelle Wells Circle 12:00— 1:00 Myrtle Strange Lenten Luncheon 6:30 pm Bible Study (L)	8 8-12 MUMC Day School	9 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6 pm Trustees	10 8-12 MUMC Day School	11 8-12 MUMC Day School	12 Daylight Savings Spring forward Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday. 
20 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:30 pm Lent Study 5:30 pm UMYF	21 8-12 pm MUMC Day School 12:00— 1:00 Jane Craft Lenten Luncheon 6:30 pm Bible Study (L)	15 8-12 MUMC Day School	16 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA 6 pm Finance	17 8-12 MUMC Day School HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! 	18 8-12 MUMC Day School	19
27 4th Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:30 pm Lent Study 5:30 pm UMYF	28 8-12 MUMC Day School 12:00— 1:00 Nelle Wells Lenten Luncheon 6:30 pm Bible Study (L)	22 8-12 MUMC Day School	23 8-12 MUMC Day School 3:00 CIA	24 8-12 MUMC Day School	25 8-12 MUMC Day School	26 Fellowship Hall In Use <div style="background-color: #d4edda; padding: 5px;"> <p> Mar. 1 Alice Jordan Mar. 3 Mary Brock, Dianne Sprott Mar. 4 Mary Jo Gamble, Stan Nickell Mar. 5 Sherrille Ward, Ben Herod, J.J. Still Mar.6 Carol Gavin, Frankie Anderson Mar.9 Rhett Still Mar. 11 Beverly Feider Mar. 12 Billy Coffey, Traci Brunson Mar. 18 Gene Barber, Nicole Kosinski Mar. 19 Eddie Barrett, Vann Page, Caroline Buddin Mar. 22 John Cutter, Travis Perkins Mar.24 Mark Lee Mar.28 Pat Terry Mar.29 Fuzzy Furse </p> </div>



- \$15 dollars each
- In Memory or Honor of loved ones
- Turn Forms into church office
(Call, Drop off, Mail, Email, Offering plate)
- Last day to order is Monday April 4th.

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given By:

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3. _____
4. _____

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED: We are hiring! We are looking for a permanent nursery worker on Sundays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. See the office for details.

WE NEED YOU: For Children’s Programing CIA & VBS. We had 21 children this past Wednesday! CIA is Wednesday afternoons from 3—4 pm. Also, vacation bible school is scheduled for June 13—16. I am looking for volunteers in art, science, story, snack, craft, and music. Please let Linsy know if you are interested in helping with either or both of these children’s programs. This is a vital opportunity to share your faith with the youth.

Sumter Band: Friday March 6th at 3:00 pm at Patriot Hall in Sumter. This is a free event! Come out and support Don Miller & Ken Lovorn!

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

MARCH 2, 2022

The people of Historic Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church and Manning United Methodist Church gather to “confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith.” Let us not be ashamed of our need to confess our sins together or ashamed of our need for a savior, for this is the beginning of holiness. May Christ be praised.

Soup and Cornbread: 6:00 PM
Worship: 7:00 PM