



The Messenger

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*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:
the early Christians observed with great devotion
the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection,
and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration
there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.
During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.
It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins
and had separated themselves from the community of faith
were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness,
and restored to participation in the life of the Church.
In this way the whole congregation was reminded
of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ
and the need we all have to renew our faith.
I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,
to observe a holy Lent:
by self-examination and repentance;
by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;
and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.
To make a right beginning of repentance,
and as a mark of our mortal nature,
let us now bow before our Creator and Redeemer.
Let us pray in silence, opening our hearts to the presence of God.*

This is the invitation to Lenten Discipleship. This Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm we will begin our Lenten Journey with an Ash Wednesday Service. This is a powerful service that ends with the imposition of ashes. Please make every effort to be present.

On Sundays during Lent we will be Journeying with Christ Towards Jerusalem. Come take this journey with us. I encourage you to take up and expand your spiritual disciplines during Lent (read more scripture, spend more time in prayer, do more Christian service, etc.).

See you Sunday and bring a friend!

Yours in Christ,

Come and Worship with Us!

9:00am Contemporary Worship—Lacy Hall

11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

Come Learn With Us!

10:05am Sunday School

We have over 10 classes for all ages...
find one that suits you!

We also offer weekly Bible studies...
check the website for dates & times

BETHANY NEWS



The Youth will be hosting a **Spring Cleaning Sale** on Saturday, March 17 from 9am until 2pm

As you embark in spring cleaning, please donate your unwanted items to the youth and they will in turn, sell them at the spring cleaning sale. All proceeds from the items sold will benefit their summer mission trip. You can begin bringing your items NOW! Donations should be placed in the Jr. High room located in *The Rock*. Please contact Autumn or Mary Jane for further information.

“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure”

Black History Tidbits

Supreme Court Justice **Thurgood Marshall** said that he was punished for misbehavior in school by being forced to recite the Constitution, ultimately memorizing it.

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United Methodist Women

The Power of Bold

Bethany UMW will be hosting the North Georgia Conference Faith-Fun-Everyone-The Power Of Bold on **Saturday, March 10** here at Bethany. The Keynote Speaker is Shannon Priddy – National UMW President. There will be several workshops available beginning at 10:45 am until Noon followed by a delicious lunch provided by Bethany UMW Circles under the instruction of Joan Bennett. Check in starts at 8:00 am Pre-registration is required. See your Circle chairperson for a form. Cost is \$10. Deadline to register is February 24.

Sandra Crowe and Louise Young,
Co-Presidents Bethany UMW

Calling all Daniel Planners!

The Daniel Plan Bible Study will have a registered dietitian at their meeting on February 28th. We would like to invite the last Daniel Plan group to come and open up to the church also. The dietitian will speak at 6:30pm in the Garth Davison Classroom and then we will have a Q&A time. This will be a great time to hear healthy diet tips and be able to ask questions at the same time. Please join us at 6:30pm on the 28th!

Methodist Men’s Valentine Dinner



The Methodist Men will be serving a healthy menu of salad, a dinner entree with your choice of roast chicken or salmon, two vegetable sides and a dessert on the third Monday in February 19 at 7pm in Lacy Hall. Tickets are \$10 and will be available from the Methodist Men. You and your special someone will be entertained by the melodious sounds of our own Evelyn White on the piano and have a great dinner along with fun filled fellowship. For more info call Ron Johns 678-662-5952.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Resource Room in the library has several Lenten studies, some of which have an accompanying DVD. If your Sunday School class is looking for a Lenten series, check out the available ones in the library. The first Sunday of Lent is February 18. Need help? Call Cindy Droms, 404-502-0197.

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REACHING OUT & SUCH...

Attendance for Sunday, February 11
 Contemporary Worship Service—84
 Traditional Worship Service—102
 Sunday School—130



We need a group to feed MUST at Elizabeth Inn for the months of March and November. This is a great mission/service project. You can do it as a family service project or a community project. Maybe you and a few neighbors might want to prepare and serve a meal to some great families and individuals. The sign-up sheet is on the mission board on the adult Sunday school hallway. We are servants for this ministry on the 22nd of each month.

FEBRUARY 11, 2018
"Noah and Artificial Intelligence"
 Genesis 9: 8-17 Rev. Chip Wilson

Acolytes
 Jack Stuart & McCartney Ryan

Greeters
 9:00 am *The Young Family*
 11:00 am *Jerry & Maryanne McCurdy*

AV Tech & Sound
 9:00 am *Cindy Boyd & Jack Reilly*
 11:00 am *Jim Stratton & Claire Farmer*

Presentation Team
 Kevin Ammerman, Jack Reilly, Ron Adhikari

Ushers
 9:00 am *Keith Groce*
 11:00 am *Kevin Ammerman, Mike Garrison, Wayne Human, Ron & Mun Hui Johnson, Wes Liebergesell, David Stuart, Beth Weldy*

Scripture Reader
 Cheryl Norwood

Children's Church
 Lisa Ammerman & Stephanie Johns

CCC

The Congregational Care Committee is looking for someone or a couple to deliver flowers to the shut-ins on the 2nd and 4th Sunday or Monday of the month. If you would be interested, please contact Donna Carter at 770-722-5183.

Family Night Supper

The menu for February 21 will be parmesan chicken breast, baked potatoes, green beans, rolls, salads and banana splits. Reservation slips will be in the worship bulletin.



MUST Items

The following items are in short supply at the Smyrna MUST pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated. beef stew, canned tuna, oatmeal, canned chicken, ham or salmon, ramen noodles, jelly, canned port & beans, refried beans, canned fruit (*no snack sizes, please*), spaghetti sauce & spaghetti noodles, dry beans, dry potatoes, peanut butter.

Save the Date....

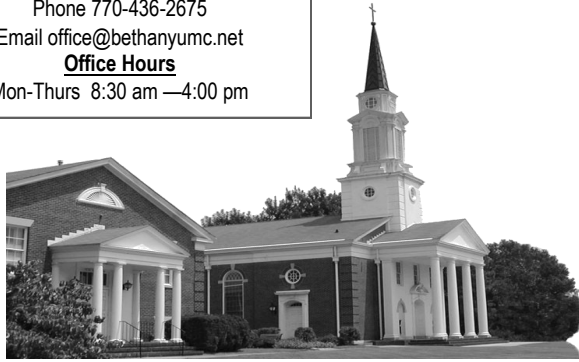


Happy Birthday!

- February 12 - Nan Hendrix
- February 14 - Charles Bynum, Judy Lowther, Jerry Mims
- February 17 - Mary Jane Higman, Myrna Smith
- February 20 - Olivia Garrison
- February 22 - Linda Martin, Henry & Diane Tidmore
- February 24 - Bobbie Hughie
- February 25 - Maryanne McCurdy, Jo Farnham
- February 26 - Tim Poolos

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Current Prayer Concerns

The Family of CM Herndon
 The family of Joann Neville - mother of Dolly Stratton
 The Family of Diane (Kent) Roberts
 The family of Kathrine Stanford - mother of Mary Jane Higman

Genie Browder - family of Gloria Aiken
 Mike Crumbley - family of Bill & Joan Bennett
 Jackie Elrod - son of Nona Elrod
 Hanzy/Johnson family
 Tiffany Gee - friend of Pam Wilson
 Nanci Hatcher
 Carol Lavoie - sister of Nanci Hatcher
 Cheryl Register-Smith - sister of Charlene Nix
 Chris Martin
 Jackie Senterfin - family of Mark & Sheila Jones
 Doug Stisher

Pray For Our Friends

Steve & Kathy Beckham	Lisa Hilley	Mary McBath
Nell Bilderback	Bobbie Hughie	Marjorie Riley
Jane Eisenburg	Alan Kovatch	Alan Rustin
Eloise Fulmer		Martha Speir

Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Christine Adhikari	Mary Anne Malcolm
Neal Allen	David Marvin-family of Ray Gary
Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman	David May
Shawn & Angel Campbell	Maryanne McCurdy
Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley	Kathy Nixon—friend of Marla Garrison
Rev. Stiles Cobb	Buddy & Evelyn Panter
Jim Danas	Patricia Pearlberg—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
Barbara Davison—sister of Donna Carter	Aaron & Allie Rice
Laura Denton	Russell Elementary School
Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas	David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore
Bobbie English	Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy
Guy & Alison Gabrielson	Richard Sprayberry
Victor Gary	Helen Sullivan
Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe	Rev. Susan Taylor
Harvey Hendrix	John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore
Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver	Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote
Jackson Jones—Terry family member	Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's
Patricia Kramer	
Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford	
Bonnie Lee—friend of Dianne Tidmore	
Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas	

**COMING UP ...
 FEBRUARY 18- FEBRUARY 24**

Sunday, February 18

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall
 10:05 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, February 19

7:00 PM UMM Lacy Hall; Joymakers; Lamplighters
 7:30 PM Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge

Tuesday, February 20

6:45 PM Cubs Scouts - Lacy Hall; Zumba - The Rock
 7:00 PM ESOL - Koinonia; Experiencing God Bible Study - Ken Nix
 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 21

5:45 PM Family Night Supper - Lacy Hall
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room;
 Daniel Plan - Garth Davison

Thursday, February 22

6:00 PM MUST Kitchen - Elizabeth Inn
 7:00 PM Praise Band - Lacy Hall

Friday, February 23

7:45 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, February 24

10:00 AM McCormick Wedding - Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Zumba - The Rock