

Birthdays

March 10—Ethan Russell

March 10—Stacy Emerick

March 11—Inez Inman

March 13—Danny Weatherford

Lord, Hear Our Prayer!

East Bend: Hazel Matthews, Stewart Maples, Helen Fortune, Phil Curry, Mickey Martin, Mike Crouse, Evelyne Shreve, Roland Dove, Haithcock Family, Beauchamp's, Don Beauchamp, Billie Jean Dove, Earl Norman, Anne Hardy, Karen Goodman, Daniel Wade, Family of Mary Blanche Huff, Family of J.A. Hauser.

Stony Knoll: Linda Smith, Sofie Carter, Dane Hill, Richard Shore, Dare Poindexter, Bristol Hope Hagen, Margaret Spillman, David Pilcher, Nate Wolford, Savannah Wright, Madison McCann, Larry Evans, Aiden Flynn, **Norman Shore**, Frank Myers, Jeff Brown, R.J. Speaks, **Family of Louise Martin**.

Long-Term Care: Sue Long, Nancy Wooten, Freddie Wall, Georgia Watts, Aggie Mae Smitherman, Bobbie Lineberry, Lucille Cox.

Armed Forces: Randy Frye, Daniel Lunsford, Brian Speas, Cody Dagenhart, Eric Jennings, Amanda Payne, Tony Hatcher, Jay Staley, Robert Matthews, Michael Stillwell, Adam David, Drew Queen, Lance Miller, John Russell, Rannon Rowley, Justin Reavis, Matthew Regnery, Justin Minor, Aiden Flynn, Jason Drew, William Wilson.

World Wide: For Single-parent families, the underemployed, the homeless, victims of gun violence, those effected by natural disasters, world conflicts, those affected by Covid-19, and for the National political climate.

Pastor

Rev. David Blankenberg

Ministers

All the members of the church

EB—Choir Director & Organist

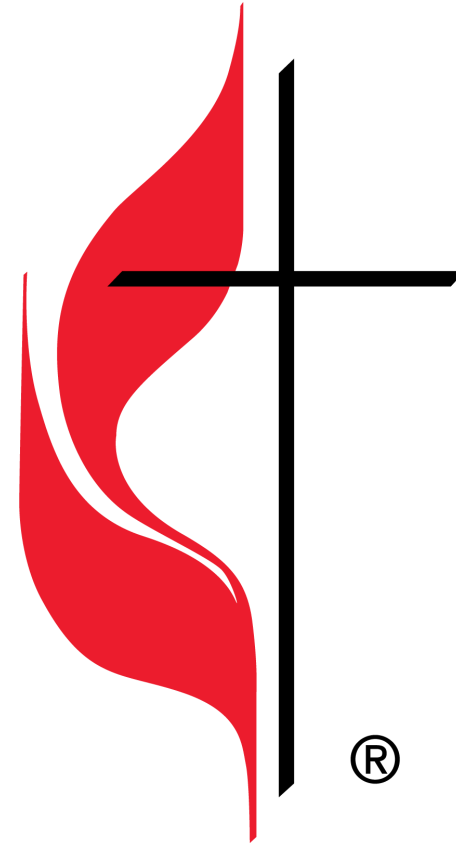
Ann Neill & Linda Brown

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 March 7, 2021
 Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome

***Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, whose power is made perfect in weakness, whose wisdom appears as foolishness in this world, we thank you for the scandal of the cross. In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing. You scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box. You correct our notions of piety and order with fierce passion. Do not let your church become content or contained as an institution. Raze to ruins what is distorted in us, and raise us to new life as a community so that we may be the body of Christ in and for the world. With fear and joy we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Opening Music *Take My Life and Let It Be* Melissa Beck & Julia Sain

Prayer of Illumination

God of Glory, we cannot hear the heavens proclaim your handiwork, nor can we hear what day and night are singing about you. Yet, somehow you are made known to us. It is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that your Word can be heard in our words. Open our ears to what you are saying to us today, we pray; and perhaps we may also hear echoes of your glory in the broad firmament above. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sermon Series: *"The Miracle of Love"*
 Made For a Miracle *John 15:12-13*

Profession of Faith *The Apostles Creed* **UMH # 881**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



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Prayers of the People
 & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Sending Music *Gather Them In* Eric Hagemeyer

*Benediction
 In the Lenten week ahead, study God's commandments, practice the way of life they teach, and see how God's laws revive your soul.

Calendar of Events

- March 14, 2020 at 9 am** In-Person Worship at EBUMC & Online Worship
- March 22, 2020 at 7 pm** EBUMC Church Council Meeting.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	John 2:13-22
Monday	Matthew 5:13-16
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Thursday	Matthew 15:10-20
Friday	Philippians 3:1-11
Saturday	John 16:25-33

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