



Remember: Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th!

Palm Sunday Celebration

March 24th we will celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with a Palm Sunday celebration. We plan on having the traditional Palm Sunday processional with the waving of the palms, a special children's sermon during the worship service, and the children will have an Easter Egg hunt as part of the children's church. We will take a trip to Gethsemane with Jesus as he prays that the cup may pass from him. The sermon will ask the question: "What was in the cup?" Following our service of worship there will be a hot dog luncheon for all. Invite your friends, grandkids, and neighbors!

Mauddy Thursday

March 28th at 7:00 pm we will gather on one of the holiest days of the year for a special service. During this service we will go to the upper room as Jesus institutes the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will follow him as he is arrested. We will even hike up Mount Calvary and observe his death. You don't want to miss this special service which will include Holy Communion and a service of darkness.

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

March 3 rd	Marianne Casas
March 10 th	Cindy Clark
March 17 th	Julie Striplin
March 24 th	Kathy Horton
March 31 st	Robin French



March Birthdays

3/2	Jason Horton
3/6	Julie Striplin, Sierra Hurley
3/12	Ron Mills
3/15	Ellen Bobbitt
3/19	Mattie McCann
3/22	Tony Phillips
3/28	Melvin Duncan

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Dr. Adam Woods	Pastor
Mrs. Gayle Smith	Music Director
Rev. Marty Daniels	Minister of Education
Mrs. Angie Weavil	Organist
Mrs. Sara VonCannon	Pianist
Mrs. Teresa Tucker	Office Administrator

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Palm Sunday Celebration

March 24th,

Mauddy Thursday Service

March 28th, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

March 31th,

<i>Sunrise Service with Moravians</i>	7:00 a.m.
<i>Easter Service</i>	11:00 a.m.

A Word from the Pastor

What would you do if you knew you had only week to live? Would you go away? Would you go home? Would you do some last minute sinning, or some last minute repenting? Would you be sad? Angry? Hopeful? Afraid? How would you spend those final hours?

Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. (John 13:1)

When Jesus had one week to live, he chose to wash his disciples' feet. He did the work of a common slave, ministering to those who were closest to him. He washed their feet (John 13), he comforted them (John 14), he encouraged them (John 15-16), prayed for them (John 17), and then he died for them. He spent the last week of his life fulfilling his purpose; he spent the last week of his life being a servant.

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

You and me, we have a week to live: this week — and most probably hundreds more. I want to spend this week fulfilling *my* purpose, doing that which is most important in terms of eternity: serving Christ by serving others.

Grace and Peace
Adam

Sisters in Christ Events

- Mad Splatter - March 9th @ 10:00 am, cost is \$30, money is due by 3/2.
- Build your own birdhouse - April 20th @ 11:00 am, cost range is \$8 - \$12.

Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary foyer for both events.

Crisis Control Food Drive will be held Saturday, March 9th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (weather permitting) at the Union Cross Food Lion parking lot. March's food of the month is canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, etc.).



Margaret Baker, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Larry Davis (Susan Hilton's nephew), Melvin Duncan, Denny Hester, Ron Mills, Larry & Carol Reavis (Cousins of Mark Reavis), Darlene Smith (Cindy Clark's mother), Bettie Spencer, and Debbie Wyatt (Sara VonCannon's cousin).

Our deepest sympathies are expressed to the family of Carole Blakley in her passing. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Financial Summary

	February 4 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,426.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 500.00
Total Offering		\$ 4,926.00

	February 11 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 1,741.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 60.00
Total Offering		\$ 1,801.00

	February 18 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,703.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 149.00
Total Offering		\$ 2,852.00

	February 25 th	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,728.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 48.00
Total Offering		\$ 2,793.00

General Fund

January General Fund Receipts	\$ 10,022.00
January General Fund Expenses	- \$ 14,342.91
January General Fund Net	-\$ 4,320.91
January Fund Balance	\$ 95,892.52

Church Conference will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. Please make plans to attend.



March 2024 WOM Newsletter Article
Women on Mission ladies had their February email meeting on February 15.

FEBRUARY WOM ACTIVITIES:

- Hospice Ministry Note: This ministry was continued during February.
- Several Inward meals were prepared and delivered to some of our members during February. Thank you to those ladies who made this mission possible.
- While on sale, WOM ladies shopped for children's gloves, toboggans & socks during the month for our upcoming fall and winter mission outreach projects.
- We voted to use \$250 of WOM funds to send to the Bread of Life Food Pantry to help restock the pantry shelves.

I am so very pleased to report, **Baptist Women's Day** has been planned and I have asked three ladies in our church to speak on this very special day and they all agreed. **March 10th** will be a great day in our church as you will have the opportunity to hear these three ladies share their thoughts and testimonies.

A tribute to Christian women that I found online:

Amazing Woman

"A woman who gives of herself to bless others with joy; True to the nature that God has given her, sparkling with inner radiance and generosity. One with a spirit of faith, A heart of kindness and a character of strength and beauty."

Thanks be to God for everyone at Union Cross Baptist Church, especially those in our midst who give so much of themselves as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**

--Jane Sutphin

Senior Moments Highlights: The ladies will be going to Hamrick's on Thursday the 14th. If you want to carpool, be at the church by 8:30 am. Our luncheon will be Thursday, the 21st at 11:00 am at the church. Bring your favorite soup and salad and come enjoy great food and fellowship.