



INTO THE FOLD MARCH 2022

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Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn...

“Praying YOU Through”

When 2022 started, I committed myself to pray specifically for one church member weekly (along with praying for our entire congregation.) Prayer is very important to me, and I am honored when I’m told that I had been someone’s prayer focus.

Each week I will be choosing one of you. My desire is that God will work through my prayers, granting you an extra bit of blessing. It is a privilege to be able to go directly to our Lord anytime, night or day, as I share a special time with Him.

Jesus prayed in PUBLIC. He made it a practice to go to the synagogue and take part in the public worship. His word to us, is not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. He tells us: *Where two or three are gathered in His name, He is there in their midst.* Matthew 18: 20

Jesus also had the habit of PRIVATE prayer. We are told this in Matthew 14: 23: *After He had dismissed the crown, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray.* As Jesus believed in private prayer, He encourages us: *When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to Your Father.* Matthew 6: 6

Jesus’ prayer life was also very PERSONAL. As a model, our wonderful Savior gave His disciples our beautiful, worded Lord’s Prayer: *“Our Father.....”* Only seventy words, that include what we need on any given day.

Jesus prayed for His FRIENDS, and He continues to pray for His friends: for you and for me. Just think about it, Jesus the Holy One prays for us! That is why we read and celebrate our Scripture readings each Sunday; we need to hear those words.

Jesus not only prayed for His friends, but also for His ENEMIES: for those who hated, mocked, and taunted Him. From the Cross, we heard Him pray: *“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do!”* Luke 23: 34

The following have been lovingly focused on so far in this 2022:
Jim Williamson – Cheryl Lenig –
JoEllyn Chadwick – Dennis Masek –
Patty Sardeson – Mason Phillips –
Lisa Tucker – Mike Krivak – Monica Stouffer.

Prayer, what a beautiful subject to contemplate! What a privilege to be able to go to Jesus in prayer anytime, with anything: day or night. May this blessing be yours.

Praying YOU Through,
Pastor JoEllyn

Bette’s Bits & Bytes:

My heart hurts... In the blink of the eye, my little corner of the world changed... drastically.. I wonder how one minute the spirit is alive, heart beating then whoooooosh, it stopped... Yet life didn’t stop... People & I kept right on living, moving on, as if on a conveyer belt... seconds turned into minutes, hours, days, weeks, then one month, now two.. Where did that spirit suddenly go? Oh, I know where it went, A beautiful and a much better place than our earthly dwelling. I rejoice that Dave has a brand spanking new body that no longer hurts, his mind is no longer confused and he no longer has to imagine what he would do when he came face to face with Jesus.. How awesome for Dave.... Too sad for My selfish heart prayed for earthly healing...That’s the one I really wanted. Enough to just be able to bring Dave home & I could manage to care for him... Dave wanted so badly to come home.. He would say “I have a perfectly good shower at home, I want to take one there. To sleep in my bed and watch my tv, surrounded by my things”.. Oh how I wish that could have happened. I also prayed that if God didn’t give Dave the earthly miracle healing, to please call him home, away from the pain, indignities, and suffering. Well, God answered, not my earthly hopeful prayer, but He said “Yes” I have something much better for him... On New Years Eve, early morning at 3:30 a.m. we got the call from the hospital that now was the time to come, the time was soon. Even though Dave was so very sick, I really wasn’t ready for this moment.

Roseann, Cj, & I made a mad dash to the hospital to spend what precious little time left to be with Dave... At 4:40 a.m. Jesus reached out His loving hand and welcomed Dave onto the shores of Heaven. And our hearts broke. I can only imagine how wonderful it was for Dave to see once again, his Mom & Dad, my Mom & Dad, his grandma, friends who went ahead of him, his childhood dog Dutch, our family dogs Bandit, Blaze and cats Custard & KiKi ... Yes, I believe our beloved pets will be in heaven with us. I was very blessed that God put Dave in my life and for 45 years he loved and took good care of Me, Roseann, Cj, and our entire family. Dave will forever be kept alive in my heart & memories.. I will love him forever.. I have good moments and then all of a sudden a memory or two or three will suddenly be there and my heart breaks and my eyes spring leaks and I am in competition with Rudolph, with red nose and eyes.

I am not alone in these feelings, We are new to figuring out how to navigate this new road.. Grace, Renee, Rose, & I now share a road, on which several of our friends, Penny D., Iva, Alice, Sue F, Connie, Karen F, Sharon, Arlos, Myrna, Margaret, Peg, to name just a few, have traveled for a while.. I do not care much for this new journey, But thank God we have Jesus to carry us through, those rough times, when the way seems daunting... I love the footprint poem.. When you see only one set of footprints in the sand, that is when Jesus carried you till you could walk on your own again.. Seems He carries me a lot ...That image is so very comforting to me.

Dave loved hot stuff... He loved his Tabasco Sauce, horse radish, pepper.. The hotter the better. My friend, Gayle's brother, Kevin, who lives in Arizona, would bring Dave a bottle of really hot stuff, when he came to visit... He was back for Thanksgiving, and sure enough he brought a bottle of Ghost Pepper Sauce.. I would put this HOT sauce on his food,

and he would always say, "be careful with that stuff, it will light me up if you get too much on.." One day I wasn't there yet to put on and Dave put on himself.. Carefully, I'm sure he would say, but unfortunately steel trap memory Dave, forgot he had put on his food, not once but a few times.. Well he took a bite of the food, and immediately started coughing and sputtering, turning all shades of red, so much so the aides & nurses were all in a tizzy trying to figure out what was going on..& what to do.. They finally spied the Hot Sauce, & went running to the kitchen to get him some milk.. Well, finally Dave quit coughing and the moment was over. When I came in after all the excitement, they handed me the bottle and said he WAS NOT allowed to have this stuff any more.. By that time, they were laughing about the episode... After that, I didn't leave the stuff, but would bring with me and put on his food, with his warning "be careful with that stuff, it's lethal" .. Only Dave! Gotta love that man...

Some day God will call me, you & us all home. That will be a glorious reunion.. But until then we have to live our lives, move forward, keep our loved ones alive in memory, & heart and always give God all the Glory...

Thank you everyone, for all your encouragement, support, kindness & love you have given me over this last year and especially these last 2 months.. You do not know how much it helps get me over the rough spots, and means to me to have such great and wonderful friends such as you all here at RPUMC, that have my back...

A huge thank you for the generous Christmas Love Gift from the RPUMC Family.. It was appreciated more than you can possibly know. You are the Bestest!!

I also would like to thank Santa for the gift of a wonderful Christmas Card and a Burger King Gift Card. Which was a blessing as I was eating at

Burger King or McD's a lot during that time..

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,
Bette

Thank you so much, Scott, for singing this Casting Crowns song, "Scars In Heaven" at Dave's Celebration of Life.. It was beautiful..

Lyrics "Scars In Heaven"

If I had only known the last time would be the last time, I would've put off all the things I had to do. I would've stayed a little longer, held on a little tighter. Now what I'd give for one more day with you 'Cause there's a wound here in my heart where something's missing.. And they tell me that it's gonna heal with time.. But I know you're in a place where all your wounds have been erased, And knowing yours are healed is healing mine..

The only scars in heaven, they won't belong to me and you. There'll be no such thing as broken and all the old will be made new.. And the thought that makes me smile now, even as the tears fall down, Is that the only scars in heaven are on the hands that hold you now..

I know the road you walked was anything but easy. You picked up your share of scars along the way, Oh, but now you're standing in the sun, you've fought your fight and your race is run, The pain is all a million miles away

There's not a day goes by that I don't see you You live on in all the better parts of me, Until I'm standing with you in the sun, I'll fight this fight and this race I'll run Until I finally see what you can see, oh-oh

The only scars in heaven, they won't belong to me and you There'll be no such thing as broken and all the old will be made new And the thought that makes me smile

now even as the tears fall down
Is that the only scars in heaven, yeah,
are on the hands that hold you now

Hallelujah, hallelujah Hallelujah, for the
hands that hold you now

God called home many of our loved
ones in 2021.. Remember the families
of these greatly missed loved ones who
went to the place Jesus had gone to
prepare....

Dave Schaefer 12-31-2021
husband Bette Schaefer,
Dad to Roseann, Paw to CJ

Robert "Butch" Siford 12-29-2021
Husband to Grace,
Dad to Spike (Diane), Siford...
Stacey (Kris) Moody & Grandpa to
Riley, Sydney Moody,
Abby & Bobby Siford

Paul Pumroy, 11-8-2021,
cousin Penny Derucki

Gary Scofield- 09-06-2021
son of Arlos Scofield

George Glassman 9-14-2021
friend of Bobette & Jeff Elkins

Marilyn Alm 8-29- 2021
long time member RPUMC

Mike McClelland 8-28-2021
Husband of Paula, father, Jennifer,
Craig, Amanda, brother Karen Rison

Pat Bartholomew 8-2021
sister Cheryl Pumroy

Arthur Schuck 06-17-2021
father Art Jr. & Carol Dillon

Johnny Sweder June 2021
nephew Joyce Blint
Mary Eddy, June 4, 2021,

Arthur Lee Lenig, 06-02-2021
husband of Rose, dad to

Steve/Cheryl, Mike/Kim,
Stefanie/Jeremy. Grandpa to: Cori
(Jeremy), Andrea (Jake), Justin (Jama)
Bryan (Donielle), James, Garret
and Olivia

Norma Jean Schmidt, 06-01-2021,
mother Jean Bill Dare

Dorothy Wolfe, 05-31-2021,
aunt of Bobette Jeff Elkins

Nancy Blunk 05-18-2021
sister June Lenig

Herb Scofield 4-15-2021
Husband of Arlos Scofield,

James Obenchain 4-15-2021
brother Jeremy/Stefanie Obenchain

Marge Stephens_ 03-31-2021
Friend of Scott Lenig

David Rauch 2/20/2021 -
Cousin of Deborah/Bruce Wordinger

Larry Wade 02-11- 2021
Joyce Desselin February 8, 2021
friends of Pastor JoEllyn & Lester...

Donna Cain 1-27-2021
mother of Richard, Pam & Susan

Roy Gropp 1-27-2021,
former member, friend to RPUMC

Bob Wasmund, 1-26-2021,
uncle of Suzanne Syverson

Ed Haverstock 1- 13-2021
brother Bobette/Jeff Elkins

Adelaine Iwaszewski 1-11-2021
Mother Paul/Sherry Iwaszewski

Helen Bennitt 1-7-2021
In 2022 God called home these loved
family & friends...
Sid Meyers 2-1-2022

Wife, Renee, Dad to children Amanda
(Jacob) Forsythe, Amy (Jon) Luther,
Lyndsay (Kurtis) Campbell, Katherine
(Jacob) Luczkowski, Nicole (Eric) Farley
Joshua (Sonya) Marker and Daniel
(Jennifer) Meyers

Patricia E. Kellems, 01- 13, 2022
Aunt June Lenig, great aunt Mason..

Shirley Hall, 01-07-2022
cousin Sherry/Paul Iwaszewski

William Everill, 01/07, 2022
Uncle of Pam Dixon

Cindy Mitchell, 1-3-2022 sister
Jackie/Tom Wheatbrook
Those who bloom in the hearts of
others never fade away.....



It is March
2022 and
Our tradition
of once a
month

coming in fellowship, to dine, & share
together still is not happening... Maybe
April??? Continue to Stay Vigilant, Stay
Safe, & Stay Healthy.

**We have resumed fellowship hour
after Worship Service. Please come
down and join us for coffee &
brunch snacks..**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are studying Wesley Bible Studies
series Acts... A thoughtful & powerful
survey of key Scriptures in Acts..
Come join us for the discussion.

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Has resumed... We ask that you
prayerfully consider being a teacher..
Our goal is to have you teach only one
Sunday every other month..

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2022

Staff Parish Meeting

Monday Mar 7, 5:30 p.m

UMW Meeting

Tues March 8. 9:30 a.m.

District Conference Zoom Meeting

Tuesday March 8, 6 p.m.

Board Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m

UMW Euchre & Taco Bar Night

Saturday April 30, 4:30 – 9 p.m. cst

Cost to Eat & Play \$10 per person

Cash Prizes to the 1st-\$25,

2nd .. -\$15, 3rd - \$10 place winners

Missions & Outreach..

Thank you to those who have given to the Kings Club to support the Missions of our church.



Kings Club Offerings

Iva Wasielewski gave in celebration of: Julie & Brian's 25th

Bette & Dave Schaefer gave in celebration of: Julie & Brian's 25th

Myrna Everill gave in celebration of: Her Birthday

Rose Lenig gave in celebration of: Her birthday

Shirley Kirkham gave in celebration of: Her birthday

Pamela Pask gave in celebration of: Her birthday

Hugh Porter gave in In Memory of: Theresa, Andrew and Jennifer Porter
Kenneth & Ella Porter



March Anniversary

- 06 Clifford & Sue Hughes
- 18 John & Jean Snyder
- 20 Jeff & Connie Smith
- 26 Dan & Sue Hartwick

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Steve Poole
- 05 Joyce Blint
- 07 Jeff Smith
- 10 Iva Wasielewski
- 11 Wayne Kirkham
- 12 Joseph Pask Jr.

- 14 Kathy Crass
- 14 Brenda Loggins
- 18 John Snyder
- 19 Jeff Elkins
- 24 Dorothy Jones
- 28 Angela Lenig
- 30 Mike Harris
- 31 Bruce Melton



April Anniversary

- 03 Jeff & Bobette Elkins
- 14 Steve & Kayla Vogel
- 22 Justin & Rita Chadwick

April Birthday

- 01 Roseann Woolverton
- 03 Elizabeth Worachek
- 03 Olivia Worachek
- 04 Sherry Iwaszewski
- 05 Aiden Worachek
- 05 Piper Ray
- 07 Jenny Goodspeed
- 09 CJ Woolverton
- 10 Peggy Zolman
- 15 Debbie Beason
- 15 Lynsey Daley
- 16 Scott Hughes
- 17 James Williamson
- 18 Steve Lenig
- 21 Gail Dailey
- 21 Mallory Floyd
- 24 Malinda Lutz
- 25 Braydon Flagg
- 26 Doug Lenig
- 29 Lisa Tucker
- 30 Dottie Sue Davis
- 30 Diane Siford
- 30 Deborah Wordinger
- 30 Doris Burkus

If you have a need or you know someone that



needs prayers, Call Pastor JoEllyn and she will relay to the next person to activate the Prayer Chain. Or you can call Bette at Church as well....

Pastor JoEllyn's Cell phone # for After Hours Emergency & Prayer Chain Request **(219)-363-5061**

Jeff & Bobette Elkins would like to thank you for all the prayers & well

wishes for their various Health issues...



Sharon Campos also Thanks all of you who have been praying for her, during this most recent health issue...

Sue Flagg's sister, Diann Stienbarger, watches our services online... She wrote many times how she appreciates the services.. 12-22-21 we received, Thank you for the beautiful Advent Services & Music.

In Oct 2021 we received Thank you from Elizabeth Bachman, for the 95th Birthday Card.. She says she is still here, still walking, sometimes with a hiking stick.. She begins each day with gratitude and Florida's Natural ruby Red Grapefruit Juice! Thanks for all your good works and writings.. Liz Bachman

From the Food Pantry: Dear RPUMC Members, Thank you for your recent donation to the Community Food Pantry.. The Pantry is blessed to have you as donors and is grateful for your support.. Sincerely Phyllis Austin

Need plastic bags



March Food Pantry Needs...

1# bags White Rice – Jelly any kind – Canned Carrots
Thursdays 8 am – Noon



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry Board wishes to thank all of you that donated food, money and time to the pantry during 2021. We are very fortunate to have

such a loving and giving congregation. Because of your out pouring, we wish to give back to the church. We voted to give toward the electricity bill \$600 dollars for 2021 and we will give that same amount in 2022.

We are planning an appreciation dinner for all that have helped and are helping. **THAT MEANS ALL OF THIS CONGREGATION ARE INVITED BECAUSE AS A CHURCH YOU HAVE GIVEN US SPACE, HEAT, ELECTRICITY, APPLIANCES, AND PRAYERS.** The invitation will be addressed to the church, which is you.

There are several fund-raising plans being initiated. If any are ones you feel comfortable in which to participate, we would appreciate that



Our UMW meetings for 2022 are in full swing! Our January

meeting was small in attendance, but big on fellowship. The connections with our fellow women members is strong. This group has become a place to voice joys and concerns, get suggestions and help with problems, and have great conversation. In January, Rose made delicious quiche and cinnamon rolls. She also began the book that we are using for the next 4 months, "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. The book is designed to lead us up to Easter. Max Lucado's way of teaching is both down to earth and thought provoking.

We met February 8 with 13 in attendance. Karen Rison made delicious egg casseroles and a coffee cake. We discussed our treasurers report and decided that we had paid our outstanding commitments for now. We read correspondence from several cards, both from funerals and

also from people we had sent flowers to. We try to remember our church family when they need a pick-me-up!

Every month we think and pray for the women and families in our church that need our help. It seems like we've had too many funerals, illnesses, and worries lately. We especially are praying that Iva returns to her healthy self! Pre-pandemic we were able to visit easier than it has been in the past months. But we should not be stopped from praying for, or loving those who need a little extra help.

We keep updated as UMW women by reading a devotional calendar at our meetings. This shows us what other women are doing in the United States and throughout the world to support women and families. We find out that women all around are having similar struggles in their lives. We provide help and support with our commitments to the local agencies as well as our commitments to the broader groups.

We are planning a 2022 Euchre night & Taco Bar, April 30. Taco Bar kicks off the evening, 4:30-6 (central time).. Euchre starts 6 p.m – 9 p.m. The cost to Eat & Play is \$10. 3 top money prizes to be awarded at the end of the night. We may have a few items to bid on, but that will be announced later. We've had fun both of the other 2 nights we've played. We are hoping for a good turnout! You don't have to be a pro to play!

We can teach along the way! The program for February was chapters 3,4, & 5 from our book. In chapter 3 we are reminded that we all sin. It's what we do next that matters. If we say yes to God, he will say yes to you. Chapter 4 tells us about the night baby Jesus was wrapped in barnyard towels to keep the hay from scratching his back. What a birth! And in all that chaos, Jesus came! Chapter 5 reminds us

that it's never too late to come to Christ for help. All you have to do is open the door!!

March meeting is March 8 @9:30 am. We hope to see everyone! If you've not been to a meeting before, join us. We welcome you! If it's been a while since you've attended, return! We are a fun bunch of women! who have a good time...

We will be saving you a seat..
Cheryl Lenig
UMW secretary



VIDEO / SOUND BOOTH

The Staff/Parish Committee is wanting members of the congregation to

be trained to use the equipment in the the Video/Sound booth. Neal is having a heart procedure which will curtail his ability to be in the booth for awhile. Also, Neal needs time off for vacation etc. Plus the church needs to encourage members to use their talents for the Glory of God. The committee is looking for youth and adults who would like to commit to this service. If interested, we need you to come to the church on a Sunday morning at 8:30 before March 16th when Neal has his procedure. Neal will train anyone interested in learning. Neal has listed the jobs for the video operator and the sound operator. Those interested must be willing to commit to being at the booth by 8:30 on the Sunday you are scheduled. As you can see each person will not be expected to run the equipment each Sunday. A schedule would be established that would meet your needs.

Please contact Rose Lenig, Chair of Staff/Parish.

Church Family Health & Such Update:

We've had a few of our family & friends here at church having some rough times...

Bobette Elkins, has had a really rough year with esophageal bleeding, and has struggled with getting her strength back from that issue, let alone the Shoulder that doesn't want to heal, and a few months ago she tore her meniscus and just had surgery to repair. But she too is feeling a bit stronger & better..

Her hubby, Jeff, will be having a few procedures coming up in March & April....

Sharon Campos has been struggling with a heart issue for several years, and a month ago a piece of meat got lodged in her throat, had to be surgically removed which caused her oxygen level to go way down.. She is home from hospital now, but still has a way to go before strength returns and she can get off oxygen...

Pastor JoEllyn and Lester, had their bouts with pneumonia & covid, in January and are now, finally feeling better and are back in church...

Our Miss Iva, really had everyone in a tizzy... Because everyone who knows Iva, know that woman is never sick, let alone in the hospital. Well, she got Covid Pneumonia in Jan and it liked her so well it refused to let go of her... Then she got an UTI and that caused havoc big time. But finally, she kicked it to the curb... She still needs to build up her strength but she is home and back to church... Whew...

Karen Rison, had a few health issues toward end of year with heart and then in January she took a turn with Covid, although not a bad case.. She now is feeling better. Her hubby Ben, managed to dodge the virus, but he had what he thought was a sinus infection, turned out it was a cracked tooth and he has had it extracted and feels much better...

Karen Fitzgerald, Scott Theime, & Steve Poole, all had Covid.. Steve's was more like a cold, and he is now doing well.. Karen's was a little more serious and she is finally feeling a bit better...

Scott ended up in Memorial Hospital, where he still is... He has underlying issues, that covid didn't help... He has been put into Hospice, and will be going to Millers in New Carlisle to continue with treatment plan..

Margaret Rimmer continues to struggle with COPD. Breathing can be difficult on some days..

Harold Carlson health continues to improve.. Carrie keeps busy with her greenhouse & planning spring garden.

Myrna Everill has a few health challenges that crop up, but continues to hang in there...

Pam Dixon has her own struggles with her battle with Cancer... Hopefully now that her insurance has straightened out, things will be getting better for her...

Lisa Tucker, Pam's daughter, has some health issues, and was recently in hospital but is now home.. Still looking for answers..

As you read in the Sound Room Article, Neal Syverson, our sound room guy, will be having Mitral Valve Repair Mar 16. He will be out of commission for a few weeks while healing...

We are hoping that 2022 has all the CHAOS out of its system and the rest of 2022 is a breeze...

Whatever comes our way we know that You, God, are in Control...



Prayer List: Tim Canfield, (in hospital health issues, Sherry Paul Iwaszewski nephew), Ronald Ashlock (rehab - after effects Covid, brother-in-law Shirley Wayne Kirkham), Sharon Ashlock (stress,

sister Shirley Wayne), Lisa Tucker (hospital), Rollie Bell (health – Cleveland Clinic 3-2, friend Bette), Neal Syverson (Mitral Valve Repair Mar 16), Iva Wasielewski, (Home after Covid & UTI), Carrie Chadwick (back health, Pastor JoEllyn Lester daughter), Emily Varro 9knee surgery, Mar. 4th, Pastor JoEllyn & Lester's granddaughter),)Ben Rison (feeling better, problem found) Sharon Campos (Home, low oxygen & pneumonia), Scott Theime (back in hospital, blood infection, Covid, hospice), Karen Fitzgerald, (Recovering Covid), Jean Snyder (back feeling better), Monica Stouffer (doing well after sugery, tear in shoulder muscle,) Bobette Elkins (Surgery for torn Miniscus Feb 22), Jeff Elkins (Procedure Mar 23), Karen Rison, (recovering covid/cold), Lynn Akey, (lung cancer, friend of Karen Fitzgerald), Shirl Sater (home after hospital), Jean Dare (doing good after knee replacement), Bill Dare (had last radiation treatment,), Myrna Everill (Health), Olivia Heeg (recovering from back surgery, Penny Melton's Granddaughter), Dixie Everill (Covid – ICU- Pam Dixon Aunt), Pam Dixon (Chemo, Cancer), McKenzie Arford (safety), Joe Knowlton (Home, health issues), Susan Knowlton (Health & well being), Margaret Rimmer (health issues), Joy Hanscom, (Pill Chemo, stage 4 breast cancer, friend of Bette's),

If you want someone to remain on or added please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910

Eric Nieto US Army- grandson-in-law June Lenig
Kaily Collins US Army – granddaughter Marjorie Olah

David Armstrong US Army – grandson-in-law of Jean Snyder
Brennan Syverson, National Guard, son Neal & Sue Syverson
Garrett Obenchain Air Force Reserves - Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain. Grandson Rose Lenig

Dylan Elkins Air Force – brother of Brandon Elkins
Jacob Adams Army- grandson Chris Adams

Craig Carlson (pilot) Air Force –
son Harold & Carrie Carlson
Matthew Chadwick Army –
son Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick

Michael Showalter Marines - grandson,
Wayne & Shirley Kirkham
Matthew Rompca Air Force - nephew,
Shirley & Wayne Kirkham

Katelyn Williamson Marines -
Granddaughter of Jim Williamson
If you have someone serving and
would like on our prayer list please let
Bette know...

Please lift all those serving our
country, who are struggling, for
whatever the reason; being alone,
illness, divorce, loss of job, loss of loved
ones, going through the firsts
after death of loved one.
Give thanks for everything....
Hear our Prayers, Oh Lord!



**Children's
Sermon:
What is Lent?**

June 24, 2020 by Rev. Stephen R. Wilson

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

“Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. ‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike Your foot against a stone.”

“Jesus answered him, ‘It is also written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’

“Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ‘All this I will give You,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’ “Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.”’

“Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him.”

What is Lent? Lent is the 40 days before Easter, and it starts with Ash Wednesday.

Have any of you heard of someone giving something up for Lent? What kinds of things have you heard of?

Other times, instead of giving something up for Lent, people will try to do something good every day for Lent.

They either give something up for the 40 days of Lent, or they try to add something that they’re doing for the 40 days of Lent.
Why do you think people do that?

When people give something up or add something, it reminds them of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert. Jesus fasted – He didn’t eat – for 40 days. So, people give something up or add something for 40 days to be like Jesus.

And do you know why Jesus fasted for 40 days?
Jesus was using that time to get ready to start teaching people. He was focusing on God so that when those 40 days were over, He would be ready to start doing what God wanted Him to do.

And that’s why we celebrate Lent too. We do something special during Lent, like giving something up or adding something good to our day to show that we’re getting ready to be used more fully by God. We’re focusing on God for those 40 days so that we can

better learn to do what He wants us to do.

Maybe you can think about something God wants you to do or not do this Lent.

Closing Prayer

Father God, we thank You for Jesus’ example of how He spent 40 days focusing on You and getting ready to do the mission You gave Him. We pray that You will help us to especially focus on You during these 40 days of Lent so that we’ll be ready to serve You better and do whatever work You have for us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

LUTZ LORE 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR

In the midst of continued challenging times, we feel blessed to get to spend time together as a family.

We spent a week together in Gatlinburg, Tn. Over Tom’s spring break. Tom & Malinda drove down and Ellen flew in. We did a short family hike and a drive through Cade’s Cove, ate lots of good food, and just spent time relaxing. Tom & Ellen hided together & Tom hiked solo & met up with friends while Ellen & Malinda shopped.
In June Malinda, made a trip, postponed from last year to see Ellen in Massachusetts. They spent 3 weeks eating strawberries and other produce & visited the East Coast & Norman Rockwell Museum..

Tom is in his 30th year of teaching at North Montgomery HS & Ellen been librarian for 8 years at Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst.
May God Bless you & those you care about in 2022!

We Love You! Malinda, Tom & Ellen.



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Dated Material

March 6, 2022
1st Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

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SCRIPTURE READINGS
From UMC Lectionary Calendar

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Church Office Hours
Mon – Wed 10.- 2
Thurs 12 - 4

Pastor JoEllyn Hours:
Tues & Thurs
12 pm – 4 p.m
Other times by
appointment

March 20, 2022
3rd Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 27, 2022
4th Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32