



Light Lines

Thomasville United Methodist Church
March 2018

“GIVING UP” FOR LENT

Now that we have entered the Lenten season, many people are engaging in various spiritual disciplines by giving up something they especially like, such as food or an activity. Recently I found a list of things to “give up” during Lent which puts an entirely new slant on this practice. Here are a few of the suggestions:

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points. Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly. Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Craig Gates, Jackson, MS,
"What to Give Up for Lent"

So, what will you “give up” during Lent?

Larry

P.S. Let me also encourage you that, as you “give up” something, you might want to give something to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. On March 11, we will observe *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Each year, during the season of Lent, United Methodists come together to support UMCOR's ministries through *One Great Hour of Sharing*. The United Methodist Committee on Relief serves millions of people around the world. It responds to catastrophic disasters such as flooding, civil unrest and violence, refugee crises, landslides, earthquakes, and famine. When the emergency ends, recovery work begins. UMCOR continues its ministry long after the media attention and public interest has faded. 100% of your gift goes to UMCOR's efforts. Without your generosity, along with thousands of other United Methodists, UMCOR would cease to exist. Thank you in advance for your generous gift to UMCOR.



Dear Wonderful People of Thomasville UMC,

I am thankful to be the youth pastor at Thomasville United Methodist Church. We have a wonderful congregation and an awesome group of youth! The youth will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season. My goal for the Lenten season is reflection on the cross and the importance of His death and resurrection. I am currently brainstorming on small projects for the youth. We are also working on ideas for the summer. As soon as the dates are set I will let you know. As always thank you for your continued support of our youth!

Blessings,
Shaun Bennett



It's time to "Spring Forward!" Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



March 25 – Palm Sunday – 10:30 am
Palm Processional with the Children
Sermon – *A City of Two Tales*

March 29 – Maundy Thursday – 6 pm
The Lord's Supper
Meditation – *The Worst Thing*

March 30 – Good Friday – Noon
Pot – Luck Salad Luncheon
Meditation – *A Defining Moment*

April 1 – Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service – 6:30 am
Breakfast – 7:30 am
Resurrection Celebration – 10:30 am
Sermon – *No Fooling*

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

We are grateful to have been blessed by so many prayers and acts of love and kindness during Mother's illness and passing. Thank you to the We Care Ministry for the lovely card and for their visits to Mother. A special thank you to all of the ladies who provided the delicious meal for us.

With love and gratitude,
Vickie Fendley and Family

Thank you to the following for your generous gift in memory of my father, Chris Bishop, to the Thomasville United Methodist Church:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop	Mrs. Marion Bishop	Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNair
Mr. and Mrs. John Adams	Mrs. Dot Scarbrough	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hodges
Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Kimbrough	Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cornelius	Mrs. Catherine Downey
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heaton		

Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. Much love and blessings!
Christan Bishop Phillips

Thomasville UMC,

Thank you for welcoming Inez's family to your church. We surely enjoyed our meal and appreciated the opportunity to visit with friends. We will remember your church fondly.

Jim and Carolyn Parish

Egg Hunt and Fellowship
Saturday, March 31
11:30 a.m.
Home of Jim and Kelli Davis
Look for ways you can help!



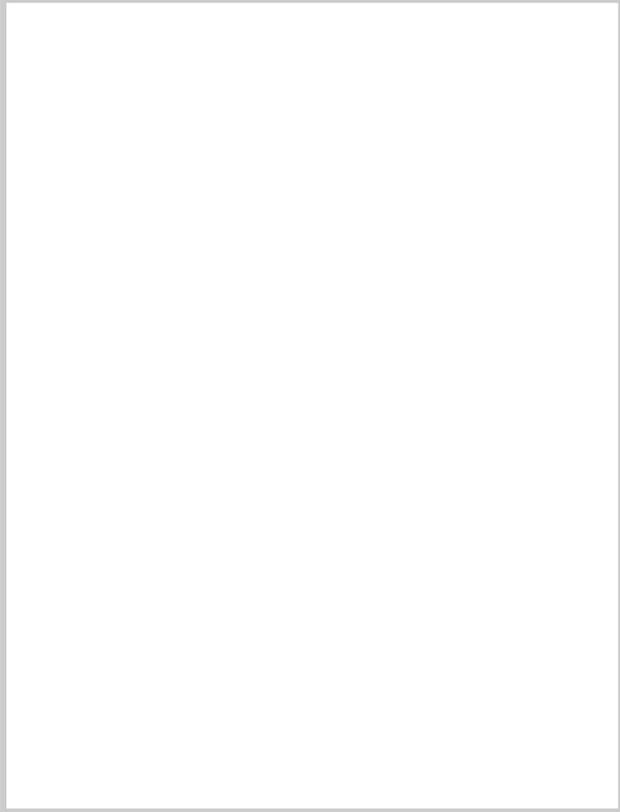
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02	Katherine Ledkins Bill Scarbrough
03	Dean Horton
04	Linda Privett-Bearden
05	Nan Adkison
06	Laura Fleming Lauren Vinson
11	Cynthia McDonald
12	John Michael Ledkins
13	Annie Harvell
14	Mark Wise
16	Peggy Patrick
19	Hamilton Huggins
23	Lena Carol Bishop
26	Jim Davis
27	Chris Beverly

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01	Butch Parker Aly Scarbrough
03	Robert Thomas Kate Huggins
08	Mary Beverly
17	Jon Jordan
18	Shaun Bennett Allison Vick
20	Suzanne Glass Patrick McKinley
24	Mary Goforth
28	Kory Jones Boyett

Prayer Shawl becomes Our Hour!



Many of you have, I hope seen the new logo for the Prayer Shawl Ministry and have given thought to what it means. We are not giving up the Prayer Shawl Ministry but are going to expand it to give more opportunities to those who are willing and wanting to be part of a group but are not into crocheting or knitting. Perhaps quilting or cross stitch will be more your thing. We have changed the name to reflect this new direction: Our Hour. This change will allow us to address other ministry opportunities while still providing the prayer shawls.

Some things for us to do have been suggested: Writing cards or letters to missionaries, to shut-ins, sending cards of get well, congratulations, thinking of you and other special occasions. This will **NOT** replace the We Care Ministry! Some have said they are interested in developing a study to learn more about prayer and how to pray and have meditations that are meaningful while fitting their busy schedules.

We have named it “Our Hour” because we want to have at least one hour a month set aside for our time with Jesus. That doesn’t mean we stop within one hour but that we dedicate that time to serve God by serving others. In the book of James he tells us faith without works is dead. James point is that true faith will cause correct behavior. Good works are not the condition of saving fellowship with God, they are the results. Works are the evidence of commitment to God. I can envision us all in the fellowship hall doing many different things: perhaps one group is continuing their work on prayer shawls; another group is addressing cards and letters, perhaps wishing “Happy Birthday” or asking a missionary direct questions in order to learn more about their work and mission and how we might help them in their efforts. Another group may be involved in a Bible Study or book discussion or meditation study. Some of you may even be in the kitchen preparing a meal for someone recovering from surgery, illness or death of a loved one. I’m sure some you have other ideas of how to spend the time we will set aside. If so, write them down, bring to our meeting and we can add them to the mix. James believed that works enliven faith. Deeds of compassion and obedience to God turn words of allegiance into actions of commitment. Others will judge our faithfulness by our lives while we, as faithful followers of Jesus will just be doing what he asked us to do “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind and with all your strength: Love your neighbors as yourself.” Mark 12:30-31 We love because He first loved us. **See you March 15th at 9:30 in the fellowship hall!!**

Memorials

Martha Sims: Mrs. Jane Eriksen
Mrs. Dot Scarbrough
Ms. Joyce Andrews

Chris Bishop: Mrs. Jane Eriksen
Mrs. Jessica Fox
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Loper
Ms. Joyce Andrews

Inez Piper: Mr. and Mrs. John Nichols
Mrs. Catherine Downey
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Loper
Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNair
Mrs. Lynn Spinks
Mrs. Juanita O'Bryant (Choir)
Mr. and Mrs. James Parish

Milton Etheridge: Mrs. Jessica Fox

Nesby Adkison: Mrs. Catherine Downey

Ann Dozier: Mrs. Juanita O'Bryant (Choir)

Jimmy Marlow: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gray

Buddy Sanders: Ms. Joyce Andrews

Kathleen Pope: Ms. Joyce Andrews

Kimbell Clayton: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop
Mrs. Mary Goforth
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heaton
Mrs. Dot Scarbrough
Mrs. Lynn Spinks

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Annie L. Bishop: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cornelius

2018 Offering January 1 - February 26

Weekly Budget Need	\$5,196.15
YTD Budget Need	41,569.20
YTD Received	36,006.80
YTD Expenses	48,374.62

Other Contributions February 1 - February 26

Building Fund	100.00
Memorials	615.00
Communion (Salvation Army)	57.00
Wednesday Supper	164.00
Choir	25.00
AWF Refund	1,424.96

ATTENDANCE

Feb. 4	78
Feb. 11	91
Feb. 18	88
Feb. 25	97