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“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

~ Matthew 16: 13-16

Jesus did a lot of his teaching while walking with his Disciples. We live our lives walking with Jesus, and we are going to walk together through the season of Lent considering this question. Who do you say that Jesus is?

That sounds like a simple question, but Jesus means so much to each and every one of us that it is impossible to limit Him to any one aspect. Jesus is our savior, our example, our brother, the Son of God, on and on and on. Furthermore, who Jesus is to you depends on your circumstances.

Our sermons will focus on different things Jesus is to us each week. We will talk about Jesus as the Messiah, the Cornerstone, the Truth, the Head of the Church, Strength in Weakness, and the Sacrifice of Love.

So, for Lent we will have some of our sisters and brothers sharing with us who Jesus is to them. I appreciate all the help of all those who are willing to serve in this way for us.

March 5 - Charlie Fields
March 12 - Hannah Dunlap
March 19 - Helen Gall
March 26 - Ken Watkins
April 2 - Linda Byrd
April 9 - Betty Compton

Even if you are not giving your testimony, you can still participate. Take the time to consider your answer to the question. Who is Jesus Christ to you? What has Christ done in your life? How can you share that story with others? Come and join us during Lent as we walk together with Christ, and learn and grow.

God Bless,
Pastor Tim

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Our church was responsible for working at the food pantry this past month and want to THANK those who helped. During this month, please check in your weekly bulletin for the food item we will purchase.

Remember if you wish to purchase an entire box, you can give \$25 to Jill Joyner and write your check payable to Bi-Rite.

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to help get food to our families and friends in time of need. If you are willing to help, please see Jackie Younts.



Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Lenten season, a period of 40-some days focused on spiritual purification and repentance.

Those black marks are meant to be crosses, although as the day wears on they can look like black smudges. They are a mixture of ashes, Holy Water and, sometimes, olive oil. The ashes come from the palms used in the previous year's Palm Sunday, the Sunday before that marks Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem where he was met with palm branches by believers. It's especially significant, because Jesus was greeted in Jerusalem as a hero and the Messiah by the mob and he would eventually be put to death by the hands of the Romans at the insistence of those people.

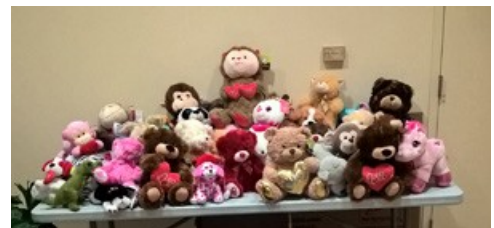
Christians are encouraged to wear the ashes, which can be distributed on either their forehead or hand, until the ashes wear off as a public declaration of their faith.

MISSIONS

“Spread a Little YARN”

During March we will be collecting skeins of yarn for Denise Pegram to crochet pray shawls, bed coverlets, etc. for our friends experiencing illness and/or homebound. (any colors pink, yellow, etc) If there are others that would like to help, please contact Denise. There will be a basket in the foyer to collect the YARN.

Beginning Ash Wednesday we will give out LENT BOXES. Your donations will go toward the Alaskan Mission Trip.



THANKS FOR HELPING! Look at all the stuff animals which will go to the Rockingham County Sheriff. Some little children will have something to hug and blankets to keep warm because of your generosity.

John 14:3-4 (NIV)

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

MARCH



Janet Truitt	3	Joel Pegram	14
Beulah Marvin	4	Justin O'Neal	21
Joshua David Pegram	4	Steve Kinter	22
Lewis Compton	5	Bailey Doggett	23
Meg Norris	6	Jenny Newnam	23
Brenda Price	6	Kim Murray	24
Rita Ridenour	6	Debbie McClure	29
Josh Pegram	10	Elena Derahavina	31
Ryleigh Newnam	13	Neil Joyner	31



And the winner of the best cake competition was Elena with her cheesecake. You can tell everyone liked it because her platter is empty. You missed a good Birthday Celebration this year when we had good and hearty soups and chili. Plus we had an extra bonus with a gospel singer. Of course, Family Feud is always fun. to play.

March Anniversaries

John and Helen Gall	March 14
Lewis and Betty Compton	16
Ray and Kitty Strickland	25

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Sun	8:30 am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion on 1st Sundays)
	4:-5:00 pm	Liturgical Dance Team Practice
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Countryside Village
Wed	9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship with Pastor Tim at BJ's
Wed	6:30 pm	"Covent" Bible Study

Worship Helpers for March

Ushers: John Knight and Jerry Pegram

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
March 5	Lisa Hutchins & Janet Hanks	Emily Fields & Ethan Cox
March 12	Priscilla Slate & Misti Ridenour	Charlie Fields & Faith Williams
March 19	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Ryan Fields
March 26	Jackie Younts & Erik Cox	Wayne & Nancy Farrar

Memorials:

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Ruby Murphy from daughter, Faylene Bowman and from Thomas and Brenda Price in memory of Jimmy Price.

United Methodist Women

The next UMW meeting is Saturday, March 11 at 10:00 am. We invite ALL women of the church to this meeting in order to see how this organization is a vital part of this church. If you are interested, please talk with one of our members. We would love for you to join us.

BAZAAR

The UMW spring bazaar is March 18 from 7 am to 11:00 am. Come and enjoy our delicious country breakfast of eggs, sausage or ham with grits and gravy and of course, biscuits. Shop with the vendors and pick up some home baked cakes, pies and cookies. This is a fund raiser for this great woman's group. Thank You.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***mark your calendars**

March 1	11:00 am	Ash Wednesday service at Countryside
March 1	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday at Flat Rock
March 11	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
March 12		Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 14		Good Samaritan Meeting at Flat Rock
March 17		St. Patrick's Day
March 18	7:00 am—11:00 am	UMW Spring Bazaar
March 20	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
March 20	7:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting
March 26		4th Sunday Lunch
March 27	Noon	Deadline for newsletter
March 31		Youth Meeting (time and place will be announced later)

Up Coming Events for April:

Palm Sunday	April 9
Maundy Thursday	April 13
Good Friday	April 14
EASTER	April 16

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