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LENTEN CALENDAR

March 24 – Passion/Palm Sunday

11:00 Children parade in carrying palm branches

Monday, March 25

12 Noon Lenten Service followed by lunch Rev. Dr. Barry Male

Tuesday, March 26

12 Noon Lenten Service followed by lunch Rev. Ken Lynch

Wednesday, March 27

12 Noon Lenten Service followed by lunch Rev. Bill Poole

Thursday, March 28

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

March 31 – Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service No Sunday School

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Solid Ground Youth

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Millie's home

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Handbell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Youth

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



- 20. Jane Glenn
- 23. Terrye Layne Tenhet



Special Palm Sunday Announcement

We invite all of our children to bring in the palm branches on Palm

Sunday, March 24, at the 11 o'clock service.



Clayton Nagle

Dottie Hogue



Sympathy and love is extended to Dr. & Mrs. Jack Varner in the death of his son, David Varner, who died March 13, 2024.

Easter for Foster Children

If you would like to fill an Easter basket for a foster child, you may pick up a basket in the Fellowship Hall.

Each basket will have a number. Please write your name next to the appropriate number on the list next to the baskets.

Each basket will also have a prayer card with the child's name and age. Please keep that card and pray for the child you select throughout the year.

Suggested items: Walmart gift cards, toiletry items, books, toys, candy, and school supplies. Please include a Bible or devotion book.

Please return the baskets by Sunday, March 24th.

Call/text Allison Hughes if you have any questions.



Our series for the month of March is called *A Time for Decision*. This week's lesson will come from the book of 1 Kings. The lesson is called "God is Listening." This Bible story continues with the prophet Elijah and his time with the widow and her son. A tragedy occurs and Elijah calls out to God. This lesson reminds us that God hears our prayers.

W.O.W. Wednesday

Wednesday night Bible Study for Grades K-6th continues to meet at 5:30 p.m. The Bible Study will continue to be Bible-in-Crafts. We are currently studying about the story and life of Moses. We will soon complete the Book of Genesis and study a little from Exodus. Learning about all of God's faithful followers has been so much fun and learning through arts and crafts has kept it hands on and interesting.

Preschool and Hiskidz Egg Hunts



Easter is fast approaching, and soon we will be preparing for our annual egg hunts. There will be 2 separate egg hunts planned for different ages. Both the Preschool egg hunt and the Hiskidz hunt (5k-6th grade) will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th. The Preschool Egg Hunt will be held on the Church playground at 3:00. The Children's Egg Hunt will be at 4:00, and the location is still TBD.



Youth Bible Study and Small Group:

As Youth Bible study continues to meet on Sunday and Wednesday nights, we will continue our study concerning entertainment, music, and social media. We will be discussing the progression of the types of entertainment throughout the past decades and how we have been manipulated to accept, become numb to, or just ignore the fact that wrong is being presented as right. We will connect scripture to these facts and talk about how/what we can avoid being too pulled in.

M28 CAMP

The \$50 deposit to secure their spot is due by Wednesday, March 6th. The total cost is \$350. The payment can be made all at once by May 15, or split into 3 equal payments of \$100 - due on April 1, May 1, and June 1. Final payment must be made by June 1. Camp dates are Friday, July 5- Tuesday, July 9.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandevere/Millie Phillips
Scripture	Matthew 26:36-46
Sermon	“The Last Temptation”
Flowers	Pat & Charles Davis

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH

17. 5th Sunday in Lent	John 12:20-33
18. The LORD provides	Exodus 16:1-15
19. God’s judgments are just	Ezekiel 18:20-28
20. Everlasting to everlasting	Psalms 103:8-18
21. No more manna	Joshua 5:9-12
22. Let the faithful pray	Psalms 32
23. Reconciling the world	2 Corinthians 5:16-21