

# Messenger

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## Another Focus For Lent

Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.  
Give up harsh judgments—think kind thoughts.  
Give up worry—trust God to provide.  
Give up discouragement—be full of hope.  
Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.  
Give up hatred—return good for evil.  
Give up anger—be more patient.  
Give up pettiness—become mature.  
Give up jealousy—pray for trust.  
Give up gossiping—control your tongue.  
Give up sin—turn to virtue.  
Give up giving up—persevere.

--Author unknown

## FOSTER CHILDREN

If you would like to help with a foster child this Easter, please consider doing the following:

1. Select an Easter basket in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to print your name next to the basket number on the sign up sheet. Fill the basket with a Bible/Devotion book and age appropriate toys, candy, games, toiletry items, gift cards and school supplies. Return the basket to the church office by Sunday, April 12th.

2. Make a financial contribution to the "Foster Children's Fund". This money will be used to assist foster parents in purchasing spring clothing and shoes.

Contact Allison Hughes (571-4964) if you need additional information.





## **SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Solid Ground Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## **MONDAY, MARCH 24**

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 25**

- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

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

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



23. Terrye Layne Tenhet



*Sympathy and love is extended to Chat and Mary Kay Phillips and family in the death of Chat's brother, William "Will" Edward Phillips, Sr., who died March 8, 2025.*

## **LENT**

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*





For the month of March we will begin a new series, ***Jesus is Our Friend and Savior.*** Each week we will have a lesson about Jesus and the sacrifices that He made for us.

Jesus Offers Eternal Life - Meeting in the Night - Nicodemus.  
Jesus Forgives - One Very Amazing Day - The Four Friends.  
Jesus Accepts - Jesus and the Man in the Tree - Zacchaeus  
Jesus Opens the Scriptures - The Stranger - The Road to Emmaus

### **HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY**

Children's Bible Study meets every Wednesday. Our schedule will be as always. Bible Study at 5:30 pm, followed by snack supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15. We will continue to craft through the Bible. We are studying lessons about David as he prepares to take over as King of Israel.

### **Confirmation Sunday**

Confirmation Sunday is March 23, 2025. Our Confirmands this year are Wyatt Burton and Ben Chaney.



### **Youth Bible Study and Small Group**

Youth Bible Study is back, and we will be meeting every Sunday and Wednesday evening for a time of fellowship and group time together. Our Youth Bible Study on Sunday Nights will be studying Revelation. Each Wednesday we will cover Life Application Lessons.

### **M28 Camp –Date June 29 - July 2, 2025**

We have registered for camp and more information will be sent by text in the weeks to come. Payment installment dates will be sent out soon.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025**

Greeters	Christy & Albert Vandever/ Amanda & Maddie Canard
Scripture	Matthew 11:1-15
Sermon	<b>“Are You the One?”</b>
Flowers	Mary Kay & Chat Phillips

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS MARCH**

<b>23. 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>Luke 13:1-9</b>
24. A way to understand	Matthew 7:15-20
25. Not as mortals see	1 Samuel 16:1-13
26. I fear no evil	Psalms 23
27. Living in the light	Ephesians 5:8-14
28. Great beyond all understanding	Isaiah 41:21-28
29. Signs and wonders	John 2:1-11