

MIDDLEBROOK PIKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

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February 27, 2019

Combined services in the Family Life Center on Sunday March 3rd (8:30 am & 11:00 am)

Preacher: Bruce Galyon

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-43

Sermon: *"Where God's Glory is Really Seen"*

There will be a General Conference debriefing report on Sunday March 3rd @ Powell UMC – 3 pm. Plan to attend to learn the details of what decisions were made at General Conference.

Church Office Closure

Our church office staff are dedicated and work very hard. Often, during their lunch break people request their assistance thus their lunch interrupted. Federal and state employment law states that anyone who works 6 or more hours per day are entitled to an uninterrupted 30 minute lunch break. We want to honor that law and provide a 30 minute uninterrupted lunch break for our employees, **Starting Monday March 4th** the church office will be closed from 12:30 – 1:00 pm daily. Please plan accordingly if there are projects, needs, or jobs that require the assistance of our office staff.



Ash Wednesday Services

**March 6th @ 12:00 Noon & 6 pm
in the sanctuary**

FACILITY USE KEY:

FH ~ Fellowship Hall
FLC ~ Family Life Center
LCR ~ Large Conference Room
HB ~ Historic Building



Sunday, March 3

8:30 Combined Worship Service (FLC)
9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Combined Worship Service (FLC)
5:00 Handbells (Room 31)
5:30 Confirmation Meeting (LCR)
7:00 Youth Group

Monday, March 4

3:00 Camp Big Fish
6:30 Boy Scouts (HB)
6:30 Trustees Meeting (LCR)
7:00 Boy Scouts (FH)

Tuesday, March 5

9:30 CEP (Children's Enrichment Program)
10:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
10:30 Prayer Around the Altar (Sanctuary)
3:00 Camp Big Fish

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
3:00 Camp Big Fish
5:00 BAMB
6:00 Youth Bible Study (Room 52 and 53)
6:00 Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
6:15 Early Risers Choir
6:30 Ladies Bible Study (LCR) - cancelled
6:30 Mens Bible Study (Room 30)
7:00 Children's Handbells (Room 31)
7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 7

9:30 CEP (Children's Enrichment Program)
3:00 Camp Big Fish
6:30 Evening Prayer Shawl Group (FH)
6:30 Toastmasters (Room 30)
7:30 Play Rehearsal (FLC)

Friday, March 8

3:00 Camp Big Fish

Saturday, March 9

9:00 UMM Breakfast and Meeting



March 1	Cathy Bryant Jenny Austin Jean Rosenblum Marty Clay
March 2	Rob Stivers Dale Murphy
March 3	Todd Rice Bronson Pennington
March 4	Miranda Huffman Wes Mowery
March 5	Laura Lutz Doug Collins
March 6	Corey Turnbow Charlee Joyce
March 7	Justin Haynes Nate Valukas
March 8	Jean Begley Emma Brown Carson Stivers

March 4 ~ **Mighty Musical Monday** entertainment will be Kelle Jolly and The Will Boyd Project. Brown bag it or purchase \$5.00 Chick-Fil-A. Bus leaves church at 11am. Call Janis Lanternier at 531-9921 for reservations

March 5 ~ **Mother Support Group** will meet at Olive Garden Kingston Pike. Please let Becky know whether or not you are coming. Call, text or email, 659-4597 beckykbird@gmail.com

March 5 ~ **LUNCH BUNCH** meets to eat at Cracker Barrel (Park West Blvd.) at 1pm. Please call Joyce Haas, 690-6426 to reserve a seat. We invite everyone to join us.

March 14 ~ **Agape Outreach Homes Fundraiser Basketball Game**

7:30pm in the Central High School Gym, Agape Outreach Homes will play the WBIR Channel 10 Heartbreakers. Tickets are free. You may get them online at www.agapeoutreachhomes.org or at the door on game day. There will be a silent auction and volunteer opportunities are available. You may contact Brent Mathis at 865-689-4871 with any questions. Agape houses and cares for the mentally disabled.



Dear MPUMC family,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and kindness after the death of my brother, John O'Kain. We truly appreciate the cards, words, food, and most importantly prayers during this time. Having such a caring church family is helpful during this time.

Laura Bronkala

To my church family,

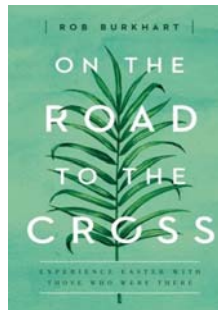
Thank you for the cards, prayers and phone calls during my emergency hospital stay Jan. 18-24.

I look forward to coming back to church and being with my church family.

Louise Gamble

A LENTEN STUDY

We will be starting a 6 week study during Lent on Wednesday, March 13th. A light dinner will be provided at 5pm, with the program to be held at 5:40. The study is on the book On the Road to the Cross by Rob Burkhardt, and it is highly encouraged that you have a copy of the book for study. Books can be purchased at Amazon, Cokesbury, et al. The study will be led by various teachers/leaders of our congregation as well as our pastors, culminating on April 17th with a lesson on the Seder Meal by Jacob Reedy.



Lenten Study and Dinner

Wednesdays, March 13 – April 17th
5pm—6:15pm
Family Life Center

We are looking for individuals, classes, and/or circles (UMM or UMW) that may want to prepare a light dinner for the Lenten studies. This includes planning, purchasing, cooking, serving and clean-up! We will have a number so that you can plan accordingly. If we do not have volunteers to prepare dinners, we will encourage a "brown-bag" dinner and we will provide the dessert and beverage. Please call the church office by March 4 if you are interested in preparing dinners and or desserts.

Our Prayers:

Bob Nobinger, Hadley Whitakar, Collin Voss, Don Sonogo, Anne Southard, Amanda Gompf, Lee Hokaj, Rachel Buchheit, Deb Colones, Justin Smith, Danny Adair, Wayne Bridge, Emily Whitehead, Blanche Crowson, Margaret McDougale, Darla Cole, Jerry and Barbara Wallace, Lizzie Howell, Pat Winston, Bill Carter, Wanda Freeman, Joyce Haas

Deepest sympathy to Nicole Thorley on the passing of her father, Merrell Carnes

Deepest sympathy to Dorothy Cole on the passing of her daughter, Emily Guffey

Our Gifts: February 24

Budget	\$11,848.05
Capital Campaign	\$939.00
Designated Offerings	\$542.81
Total Receipts	\$13,329.86

Weekly average needed for budget \$19,237.00



Join us for breakfast and fellowship on Sunday mornings at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast this Sunday will be served by Selah Circle.

CLERGY COLUMN

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Repent and believe the Gospel.*

The words above are the words that we use on Ash Wednesday to help usher us into a changing of the season. It is a changing of the season where we begin to turn our eyes upon Easter and recognize the continued journey that lies before us.

Last week, Bruce talked about the challenge of the Lenten journey that we travel because it is a journey of self-examination. It is a journey that is challenging because it invites us to choose to open our selves before our God. It is a journey that is challenging because it invites us to again learn what it means to be vulnerable.

We begin this challenging journey by remembering our ultimate vulnerability – we are mortal. We also are reminded of our further vulnerability – we make mistakes and we cause harm, unintentionally and intentionally.

On Ash Wednesday we receive a mark of ash upon our forehead. It is a reminder of who we are. It is a reminder that we are not perfect yet. It is a reminder that, even if we try to avoid it, we are unavoidably vulnerable. We are dust and to dust we shall return.

But it is not just ash, for the mark takes shape upon our foreheads. In this moment of reminded vulnerability the rest of the story begins to emerge as the ash becomes a cross - a visual reminder of what our God does with vulnerability.

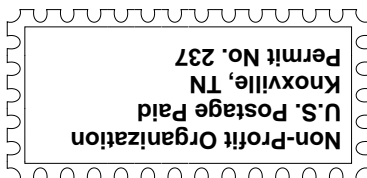
Upon the cross Jesus entered in to ultimate physical, emotional and spiritual vulnerability. From that vulnerability, something the world so often calls undesirable weakness, God unveiled strength greater than anything the world has ever seen.

As we enter into this time we are reminded of our vulnerability as well as reminded that it is not a weakness to open before our Lord. It is an opportunity for us to grow deeper in relationship with the one who makes us strong as well as an opportunity for us to grow deeper in relationship with those that surround and support us. It is an opportunity for us to repent and believe.

So come join together on Ash Wednesday and celebrate the beginning of this journey.
Grace & peace ~ Jacob

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