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# Messenger



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Living sacrifices

To search our souls, to meditate,  
will not suffice for Lent.

To share the cross, to sacrifice;  
these are the things God meant.

—Jane McKay Lanning



### **SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study/Millie's

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

9-12 noon Methodist Market



10. Jamie Swafford

12. Freda Edwards

14. Garrett McClellan

15. Melissa Gooch

Malinda Thompson

16. Julia Thompson

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6. Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Woodard

## **GENERAL CONFERENCE 2022**

### **POSTPONED AGAIN**

On Thursday, March 3, the Commission on General Conference, the committee entrusted with scheduling the global decision-making body of the United Methodist Church, announced that they were postponing General Conference 2022 yet again.

General Conference was originally scheduled to meet in May 2020, but was postponed due to Covid-19. It was currently scheduled to meet this September 2022.

However, due to lingering concerns over Covid-19, vaccination of delegates, and visa/travel difficulties for international delegates, they have decided to postpone the gather yet again until May 2024.



### ***Bay George***

Helen Hendrix

### ***J. T. Ketchum, Jr.***

Carol Blackwood

Helen Hendrix

Dr. & Mrs. Jack Varner

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Webb

### ***Bobby Thompson***

Mr. & Mrs. David Parker



To All at First United Methodist,

Heartfelt thanks to all of you for the love and support you offered our family, and especially love that was shown to Alice, with our loss of Bay.

Your guidance making the service arrangements, the beautiful words spoken at the service and the care given to provide comfort food for our family on the day of the funeral provided solace when we needed it most.

I feel sure Bay is smiling down on each of you in thanks for the kindness you bestowed on his beloved wife and family. You have been a blessing to each of us in our time of loss.

Dana George

on behalf of the Bay George Family

## **SUGGESTED DISCIPLINES FOR LENT 2021**

1. Instead of watching that television show which probably has no spiritual value, call some lonely, elderly, or sick person.
2. Write a daily or weekly note to encourage different persons during the Lenten season.
3. Look for positive attributes in your “sandpaper” person. Intentionally pray for those persons with whom you have problems or even ones whom you think may dislike you.
4. Surrender negative talk. Let your speech be soft and gentle. Cultivate a life of gratitude.
5. Sacrifice pleasure reading for spiritual reading. Spend more time reading the Bible. Learn to meditate on scriptures.
6. Commit scripture to memory. Memorize a verse or verses each day, week, or other established time frame.
7. Set aside quiet time with God!
8. Purchase only essentials for yourself. Give the money saved to someone in need or to some other Kingdom-of-God cause.
9. Discipline your eating habits. Eat for fuel and not for fun or pleasure. Omit in-between-meal snacks.
10. Do a John Wesley fast one day a week. (This would be water only until 3:00 p.m.)
11. Do a partial fast (liquids only) for a day, two days, three days, or even a week.
12. Add some type of physical activity to your day/week.
13. Schedule fasting from cell phone use and social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, or other forms of social media.
14. All fasts should be accompanied by prayer, study, or service.
15. Volunteer your service where you discover needs such as Manna House or Boys & Girls Club.
16. Develop trigger points for prayer. For instance, say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your email. Before you text someone, pray for them.



## Sunday School

This week marked the Season of Lent, and we will begin a new series in Sunday School **Jesus is Our Friend and Savior**. This Sunday our lesson, *Friend, You are Forgiven*, is about Jesus forgiving a man for his sins and offering him healing. Because Jesus forgave the man of his sins, the Pharisees accused Him of blasphemy. We will take a closer look at this story in Sunday School.

## Sunday & Wednesday Night Group

As we begin the Season of Lent, the Youth have been challenged to take up a specific Daily Scripture Reading throughout the 46 days of Lent, in hopes of strengthening their personal spiritual walk.

We will not meet this Sunday night or next Wednesday because of Spring Break week.

## D-NOW

Thank you to Nathan and Emily Burton, Byron and Robyn Kelly, Kenny and Melissa Roberts, and Owen and Mary Lou Richards who supported our youth for D-Now and opened your homes as Host Homes. We had 21 youth who participated this weekend, along with 4 other local churches. Our theme this year was **STRIVE**, and our teens were challenged to strive to intentionally focus on their identity and the purpose of God's plan for their lives.



## Spring Break

Several of our Youth will be leaving on March 13 for a Spring Break trip to Pigeon Forge, TN.

# Children's Page



## Hiskidz and Bible in Life

Last Sunday we began a new series, **Jesus is Our Friend and Savior**. This Sunday our lesson is about 4 friends who had faith and cared about their paralyzed friend. They brought their friend to see Jesus. We will learn more about this story in Sunday School.

## W.O.W WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

W.O.W Wednesdays children's Bible Study will not meet next Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break. We will resume on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## BRANSON TRIP

Planet 456 children's group will be going to Branson the weekend of April 1-3. We will attend the Sight and Sound Production show "Jesus." This will be a great time for the children to see a live performance of many stories in the Bible.

## **Volunteers serving Sunday, March 13, 2022**

Greeters	Wanda & Tommy Woodard Linda & Edwin McDonald
Acolytes	Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace
Scripture	John 9:1-12
Sermon	<b>“I Am the Light of the World”</b>
Flowers	Linda & Edwin McDonald

## **Daily Bible Readings**

### **MARCH**

<b>13. 2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>
14. Christ goes before us in suffering	Hebrews 2:10-18
15. Christ was tempted as we are	Hebrews 4:14-5:10
16. God’s revelation of mercy	Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28
17. The blessing of God upon Abram	Genesis 12:1-4a
18. The Lord watches over you	Psalms 121
19. The promise to those of Abraham’s faith	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17