

# Advance Newsletter

March 1, 2022



We have entered the time of Lent. You may be wondering about it, so what follows is from [umc.org](http://umc.org), the official United Methodist website, and it gives you a little information about Lent.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 16, 2022). Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lecten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter.” This is why you will see the designation “Sunday in Lent” rather than “Sunday of Lent” in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord’s Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Blessings,

Pastor Anthony

**FEBRUARY MEMORIALS**

**In Memory of DIANE TATE**

Frances Byars, Bob and Alta Armstrong

**In Memory of CLARENCE AND EVELYN SCHOENHALS**

Claudette Owen (to handbells)

**In Memory of JON TOWNSON**

Dr. Robert and Tina Borchardt (to Prayers and Squares)

**In Memory of DONNA TERRELL**

Dr. Robert and Tina Borchardt

**In Memory of WILLIE MAE HOWELL**

Paul and Sunny Hawkins

**In Memory of CAROLYN MASON**

Jeff and Mary Bearden (to Prayers and Squares), Bob and Alta Armstrong

**In Memory of SONYA WALSCH, CLAUDIA BENNETT, BENNIE BELCHER**

Bob and Alta Armstrong

**In Memory of F.D. BRADSHAW**

Paul and Sunny Hawkins, Bob and Alta Armstrong

**In Memory of CAROL HANSARD**

Bob and Alta Armstrong

**In Memory of TOM NELSON, TERESITA TOLENTINO**

Terry and Gloria Bourland

**In Memory of CLYDE F. AND LENA MARY LACY**

Claudette Owen (to Lacy Family Fund)



**Mission Kitchen:**

**No one in Vernon should eat alone**

Mission Kitchen is our Wednesday night meal program. We will invite the entire community to this meal and use it to introduce Christian fellowship and our church to the community. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

March 2: Fish fry

March 9: Grilled chicken salad

March 16: No meal (spring break)

March 23: Smothered chicken

March 30: Hamburgers and hot dogs

**GIVE ONLINE**

Now you can give contributions online using our easy online payment system. It's easy, fast, and secure. There's no need to mail in your checks. Simply go to the Church's web site ([vernonfumc.org](http://vernonfumc.org)) and click on the link GIVE ONLINE and you will be directed to our Web giving page. This is the easiest way for you to make a contribution. Please be advised that there is a small (1%) third party processing fee.

**OUR ATTENDANCE**  
**February 6**

Sunday School—71  
Worship—111

**February 13**

Sunday School—64  
Worship—109

**February 20**

Sunday School—69  
Worship—107

**February 27**

Sunday School—68  
Worship—106

*Thank you to the entire FUMC-Vernon family for all of your kind words and prayers for my mother, Roberta.*

*We are very hopeful that she is (finally) on her way to recovery.*

*Please keep her in your prayers—they are working.*

*With Sincerest Gratitude,  
Tyra and Lawrence Wheatley*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

.....FAMILY OF TOMMY HUGHES (CAROLYN ALTMAN'S BROTHER)

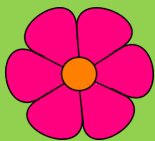
.....MARGUERITTE GRAY (shoulder replacement), TOM BROWN, DANIEL PORTER, SHY GIPSON, JOYCE LITTLEFIELD, AMY MURRAY FERRARA, PETER WONG, ROBERTA REED (TYRA WHEATLEY'S MOTHER), BILLIE TALBOT (BILLY'S MOTHER), HAZEL DENNIS, ANGIE AND LARRY BROWN, ROY WOODARD, CAMERON DICKERSON, KEION DICKERSON, JUNE WRIGHT (Marcie Kendrick's mom), EMILY, ADDISON HOMEYER (Harold and Peggy Hardcastle's great-granddaughter), PEGGY HARDCASTLE, JOE BOB GRAY, BILLY TALBOT, LISA TORRES, CATHIE (CONKLING) BRISTO, JIM WEIGLE (in-law of the Agans), JACK TOW (Teresa Whitehead's cousin), HOLLY NEWBERRY (Heather Ham's sister), AUSTIN WEAVER (the Talbot's grand-son), RICKY TAYLOR, JAN WORRALL, BOB KESSEE, CHRISTINA EDMONDS, JAMES LACY, BARBARA MEADOR, BOBBY COOPER, TELITHA ROBL AND FAMILY (Tina Borchardt's sister), STANTON AND TREVVA TUCKER, JORDAN RICE (MELISSA'S INMAN'S COUSIN), WELLS MIDDLETON, BRENDA CHAPMAN, MIKE OWENS, CARA AGAN, MISSY STONE, RANDY CRISMAS (Pastor Anthony's friend), MICHELLE HUGHES, BETTY WILSON REXROAD, TROY SMITH, SHIRLEY AGAN, AUDEN BUTLER, FISK FAMILY, DON PEGGRAM, PAT SHEPARD, KASEY YOUNG, JOELIE ASHLEY

**CONTINUED PRAYER**

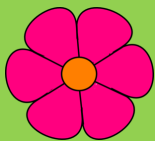
.....ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMT, FIREMEN, POLICE OFFICERS, DPS TROOPERS, ALL TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS

**MILITARY PERSONNEL**

.....KAGEN PARKS, ZAKARY CAYLOR WRIGHT, DAYLON O'CONNER WRIGHT, CALEB CAMPOS, NATHAN MINTS, HECTOR REYNA, JAKE CAUDELL, SCOTT AND TRISTAN SLATER, CHARLIE WATSON, LYLE RAINWATER, CHANCE HARLING, DEVIN BEATTY, LANCE MACON, DAVID JOHANSEN, DEREK BATES, DANIEL SYMONDS, SEAN BELL, ROBERT WHITEHEAD, CASEY WHORTON, TRAVIS POWELL, BROOKE



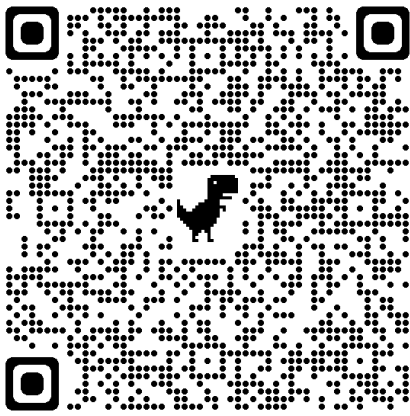
**THINK  
SPRING**



**College scholarship applications are available in the Church office.**

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am-Methodist Women (Parlor) 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	2 Ash Wednesday 9am-Salvation Army office open After school-Children's activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (fish fry) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	3 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice	4	5
6 10am-Sunday School 10:50am-Combined service	7	8 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	9 After school-Children's activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (grilled chicken salad) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	10 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time begins 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 10:50am-Traditional service	14	15 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	16 9am-Salvation Army office open 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	17 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice	18	19
<b>VERNON ISD SPRING BREAK</b>						
20 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 10:50am-Traditional service	21 Noon-Salvation Army (Parlor)	22 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	23 After school-Children's activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (smothered chicken) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	24 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice	25	26
					<b>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</b> 1. Kay Belew 2. Alta Armstrong 3. Pat Mints Reggie Quiett Kris Fritze 6. Sarah Byars 8. Marianne Quiett 13. Jeff Bearden 24. Marissa Mendoza Scott Von Tungaln 26. Missy Stone 28. Jean Alexander 29. John Willingham 30. Clint Armstrong	
27 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 10:50am-Traditional service 6pm-Leadership Team (Parlor)	28	29 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	30 After school-Children's activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (hamburgers and hot dogs) 6:45pm-Dinner Church Service 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	31 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Handbells 6pm-First Praise practice		



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- Starting March 6, the first Sunday of each month will be a combined service. We will alternate start times each month (9am or 10:50am).
- Sunday School will meet as usual at 10am every Sunday.
- Starting March 6, the second service will begin at 10:50am.
- We will continue to have fifth Sunday combined services with a pot-luck meal to follow. The meals will only be held on fifth Sundays.



On Sunday, March 13, Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 12.



## FLORAL ARRANGEMENT DONATION/ RAINBOW ROOM DONATION



Instead of ordering Easter lilies, we are having silk floral arrangements made for the Sanctuary. The arrangements will be white for Easter, but will be made so that the colors can be changed with the seasons. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers, please fill out the form below.

Or, you may make a monetary contribution to the Rainbow Room. This room is being stocked with hygiene products, beds and bedding, car seats, clothing, etc. for children newly removed from homes and sent to foster care.

A bulletin insert on Easter will include information as to who made a donation for the flowers and/or made a donation to the Rainbow Room, and in whose memory or honor it was given.

I would like to made a donation for the flowers.

I would like to make a donation to the Rainbow Room.

In Memory of

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