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Photo by Kathleen Barry, United Methodist Communications

What is Lent and why does it last forty days?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "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 was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Article taken from: umc.org. For additional information on Lent visit: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-lent-and-why-does-it-last-forty-days>

Ash Wednesday & Lent

FUMC Hemphill will hold a "come & go" service on Ash Wednesday, March 6, from 11am-1pm. A traditional Ash Wednesday service will be held at Pineland UMC at 5:00pm.

Michael will hold a combined Lenten Bible Study for both FUMC Hemphill and Pineland UMC. The study will begin on Sunday, March 10, at 5:00pm. The group will meet in Pineland at 5:00pm for 3 weeks (March 10, 17 & 24), then move to FUMC Hemphill for the remainder of the study on Sunday evening at 5:00pm.



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PICKING UP STEAM

As March approaches, life begins to move a little faster. During the cold, gray days of January and February we tend to stay indoors, work on puzzles; perhaps clean out closets and drawers (for the Rummage Sale?) and just vegg a little more than usual. BUT... with March approaching, and bulbs beginning to bloom and trees showing their white and pink blossoms; it seems life in general is *Picking Up Steam*. We find we have more appointments, more places to go, people to meet for lunch and lots of things to do.

Methodist Women begin March with their ANNUAL RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE. This year it is going to be held on March 8th and 9th, the second weekend in March. All items that you would like to donate should be brought to the fellowship hall beginning Monday, March 4, and every day that week, but no later than noon on Thursday, March 7th. This allows the workers to organize and price your donations. Someone will be on hand to receive your items. Sale begins Friday, March 8th at 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 9th from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Hopefully, many members of FUMC, but every Methodist Woman will be *Picking Up Steam* in the kitchen before the rummage sale. They will be baking up batches of cookies or nut breads, or a cake or two for the Bake Sale. These can be double wrapped and stored in the freezer until Thursday, March 7th before the sale, accomplishing something else and making the kitchen smell A-M-A-Z-I-N-G! Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the Bake Sale as it is consistently one of the most successful parts of the rummage sale. Bring your goodies to the fellowship hall on Thursday so they can be priced and organized. Our customers often head directly to the stage honing in on the special treats available there.



Pictured here are the 2019 officers of the Methodist Women at their installation. These women do a lot for Methodist Women, FUMC, and the church family. For our newer FUMC members, now you have a name to match with a face you're familiar with. We urge you to ask questions about involvement in Methodist Women and any MW function. Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday with fellowship and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. The Methodist Women's train may have been moving at a slower speed in January, but that train is *Picking up Steam* and moving at running speed now. All Aboard!



2019 Methodist Women Officers: Row 1: Janette Young, Treasurer; Ruth Chirolla, Secretary, Gloria Foster, Communications/ Scholarship; Pat Friese, Scholarship; Row 2: Sue Pynes, Nominations; Tommye Carlson, Nominations / Scholarship; Row 3: Betty Griffin, Sunshine; Charlotte North, President; Jean Ann Whittington, Vice-President; Carole Teagle, Presided over Installation. **Not Pictured:** Mae Frankum, Nominations; Billie Gilcrease, Sunshine Card Ministry.



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The Board of Trustees met, Tuesday, February 12, 2019. The main topic of discussion was the results of the "WANTS, WISHES, REPAIRS" questionnaire from the congregation.

The trustees voted to price a sound system for the Fellowship Hall. Don North priced a unit in Lufkin at \$399.99. After an electronic vote to purchase, Don purchased the unit which will be charged to the "Trustees Capital Fund". Other Items on the list are being carefully discussed as to the next greatest need for the Church.



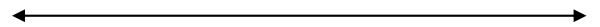
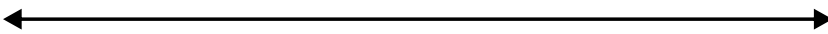
The 2019 Communion schedule is as follows:

- Mar 3 – Nan Byars & Jean Ann Whittington
- Apr 7 – Gloria Foster & Sue Pynes
- May 5 – Brenda Corley & Barbara Galloway
- Jun 2 – Arlie & Donna Broadway
- July 7 – Craig Frankum & George Young
- Aug 4 – Nan Byars & Jean Ann Whittington
- Sep 1 – Gloria Foster & Sue Pynes
- Oct 6 – Brenda Corley & Barbara Galloway
- Nov 3 – Arlie & Donna Broadway
- Dec 1 – Craig Frankum & George Young

Other special services - TBD.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call Judy Sparks at 409.787.3506.

THE FEBRUARY RAIL OFFERING SUPPORTS SFA WESLEY FOUNDATION.



Charlotte is looking for a bunch of ding-a-lings – the Adult Chimes Group will be revived with Charlotte North leading the fun. If you are interested in some good Christian fellowship, please consider joining the group. No experience is necessary – you only need to know your left from your right and be able to count to 4!

Please contact Charlotte North by phone or text at, 409.720.8256, or Donna in the church office for more information.



Remember to set your clock ahead one hour on Saturday, March 9, or you will be late for church on Sunday!



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Camino Global Ministries
 Seed Patch
 The Military & Families
 Those within our church
 experiencing illness
 Pastor Michael & Joyce
 Bebop Alexander
 Gail Anderson
 Hank Bartlett
 Carol Bass
 Peggy Bowers
 Barbara Bradford
 Jason Butler
 Sally Butler
 Robert Byers
 Alton Carlson
 Clary Chesson
 James Chestnut
 Mark Christian
 Dolores Cleaver
 Johnny & Leslie Cure
 Betty Doss
 John & Gladys Eastham
 Sherri Foster
 The Frankum Family
 The Garcia Family
 Malcolm Gary
 Rolfe Harden
 Judy Howell
 Mike Hudson
 John Huffman
 Cameron Jones
 Nancy Krueger
 Dan & Janie McAnally
 Nell McBride
 Sally Navarre
 Ned Nelson
 John Peel
 Cate Perry

Richard Potter
 Cheryl Puentes
 Karen Renfro
 David Rhodes
 Chelsey Richenburger
 Doug & Jan Roberts
 Clydelle Rudeseal
 Carmen Sanchez-Travis
 Myra Springborn
 Bobby Tarter
 Rachel Toole
 Marcie Welch
 Sandra Wilson
 Walter & Cheryl Wilson
 Chris & Grace Williams
 Alton Wright
 Allison Young

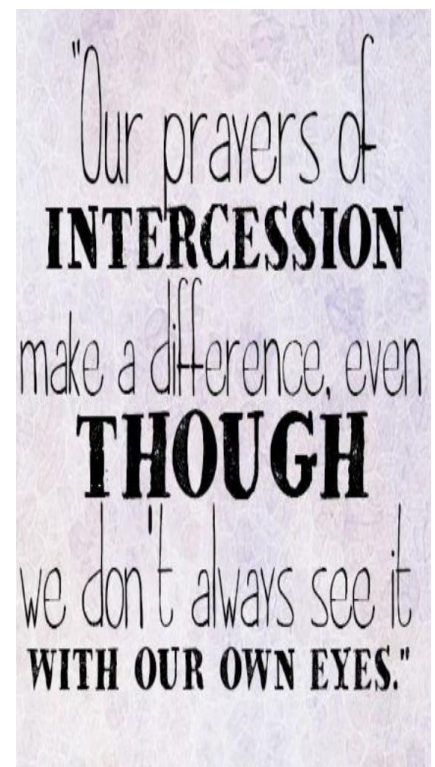
***Retirement Home/Assisted
Living/Homebound***

Barbara Briggs
 Ruth Byars
 Vida Cook
 Faye Helton
 Ruth & Leonard Hughes
 Bettye Kimbro
 Arnette Merritt
 Dave Moore
 Dorothy North
 Frances Sparks
 Lovely & Eloise Wilson

Those Experiencing Grief

The Family of Alice Cloud
 The Family of Opal Ellender

****Notice*** Please carefully review this list and contact the church office at 409.787.2183 with updates or to add or remove names from the prayer list.*





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 J W Gooch Susan Smith	2 Troy Pfeider
3 Holy COMMUNION John & Donna Cummings 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 1st Sunday/Communion ~ Worship Service	4 Accepting Rummage Sale Donations	5 Accepting Rummage Sale Donations 5:00 PM Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	6 Accepting Rummage Sale Donations 11:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	7 Accepting Rummage Sale Donations Arlie & Donna Broadway	8 8:00 AM Women's Rummage & Bake Sale RUMMAGE SALE	 Linda Machann 8:00 AM Women's Rummage & Bake Sale
10 2nd Sunday FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Margaret Byers 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 2nd Sunday/Covered Dish ~ Worship Service 5:00 PM Bible Study @ Pineland UMC	11 6:00 PM Methodist Men	12 5:30 PM Trustees 6:00 PM Finance Meeting	13 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 Breakfast <small>provided by Methodist Men</small> Craig & Mae Frankum Welmer Byers 9:00 AM Breakfast 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday ~ Worship Service 5:00 PM Bible Study @ Pineland UMC	18 Billie Branson NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 5:30 PM Church Council	19	20 Brenna Corley Sommer Walker 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	21 Dan McAnally Milton & Liz Briggs 6:00 AM Fellowship of Christian Athletes	22 6:00 PM Game Nite	23
24 Jean Ann Whittington 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 4th Sunday ~ Worship Service 5:00 PM Bible Study @ Pineland UMC	25 Natalie Hoelscher	26 Freddie & Glenda Keel 9:30 AM Methodist Women Meeting	27 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	28 Doug Roberts Macie Quick	29	30 James & Janeen Phillips
31 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 5th Sunday Worship Service 5:00 PM Bible Study @ FUMC Hemphill	<p>COOKBOOKS ON SALE!!</p> <p>The Methodist Women's famous <i>Heavenly Delights</i> Cookbook is on sale for only \$5.00 each. 600 fantastic recipes are included!</p> <p>"It's a perfect time to set aside a few birthday gifts, Easter surprises, wedding or shower gifts and graduation gifts."</p>					



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Love the Children

...a focus on loving all the children will enhance what God is already doing through us." *Bishop Scott Jones*

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