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# Messenger



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Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour at bedtime Saturday night as Daylight Savings Time begins March 8!



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*

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

No evening activities due to Spring Break

## MONDAY, MARCH 9

9-12 noon Methodist Market

6:30 p.m. Prison Bible Study

## TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9-12 noon Methodist Market



*Margaret Jeanne Santmyer*

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Oakes

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tisdale

Mr. & Mrs. Camp King

Clayton Nagle

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Tindell



*Congratulations to Matt & Laura King on the birth of their daughter Emmaline Katherine King, who was born February 27, 2020. She is welcomed by big brothers Kemper and Prather.*

*Thank You!*

Special thanks to Dr. Burnett and Shawn McCoy for the expert medical attention given to me last week during our worship service. I also want to thank all the others who helped and especially the prayers. We have such a gifted and loving congregation. Ardis Russell



# March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

10. Rob Hines

12. Freda Edwards

14. Garrett McClellan

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12. Mr. & Mrs. Benny Melton

14. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Adams

Mr. & Mrs. Cameron Dunnington



## **Solid Ground**

This month in Sunday school will take us into a new book in our *Fathom* series. This new lesson is “The Passion”, and it will take us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This month we will begin the Lenten season and prepare for Easter. Last Sunday our lesson began the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem the week of Passover. This Sunday we will begin to move through the events that took place throughout Holy Week.

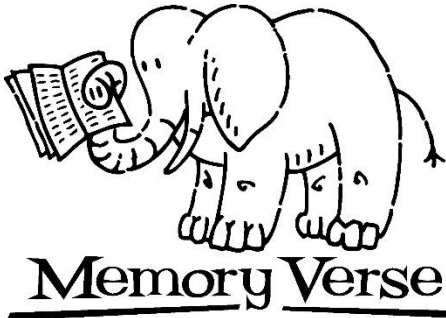
## **Sunday Night Youth**

Youth group will not meet this Sunday night due to Spring Break. Several of our youth members will be on a trip in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We will be leaving on Monday and returning on Friday. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as we travel and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Youth group will not meet this Sunday night due to Spring Break. Several of our youth members will be on a trip in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. We will be leaving on Monday and returning on Friday. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as we travel and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

# Children's Page



"If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet."

Matthew 5:1-9



During the month of March, we will be studying lessons about Jesus, which will teach us more about his ministry. Our lesson this Sunday is about a woman named Mary who showed her love for Jesus by washing his feet. This act did not make sense to some, and they questioned her actions. See you Sunday as we hear more about this story.



Bible study will not meet this Sunday night due to Spring Break. I hope everyone has a great week off from school, and I hope to see you all back next Sunday night.

## Volunteers serving Sunday, March 8, 2020

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Greeters  | Jim & Dixie Roberts/Donna Heidel |
| Acolytes  | Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace     |
| Scripture | Luke 15:11-24                    |
| Sermon    | <b>“The Prodigal Son”</b>        |
| Flowers   | Harry Simmons Family             |

## Attendance, March 1, 2020

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Worship Services | 176 |
| Sunday School    | 101 |

## Daily Bible Readings

### MARCH

|                                         |                    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> | <b>John 3:1-17</b> |
| 9. A forsaken fountain                  | Jeremiah 2:10-13   |
| 10. Behavior born of wisdom             | James 3:11-13      |
| 11. The water of life                   | Revelation 21:1-7  |
| 12. Testing the LORD                    | Exodus 17:1-7      |
| 13. Come singing with thanksgiving      | Psalm 95           |
| 14. Peace with God                      | Romans 5:1-11      |