



SUNDAYS IN MARCH

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| March 3rd - Transfiguration Sunday | Dr. Howell |
| March 10th - "At the Cross" | Dr. Howell |
| March 17th - St. Patrick's Sunday | Dr. Howell |
| March 24th | Rev. Randy Hall |
| March 31st | Rev. Ray Nance Howell |

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

SEPTEMBER 3RD - 16TH, 2020

Once every ten years, the beautiful little village of Oberammergau, Germany fulfills a vow made in the seventeenth century by hosting a spectacular Passion Play. We had a group from our church attend the play in 1990 and in 2000. We are going again in 2020. Following the Passion Play we will visit Switzerland and the Black Forest before embarking on a thrilling Viking River Cruise, visiting Germany, France and The Netherlands on the historic Rhine River. Contact Ray for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY MEAGER MEAL

Our Lenten Season will begin with an Ash Wednesday "Meager Meal" on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m. We will enjoy greens, pintos, cornbread and potatoes. There is no charge for the meal but you still need to make **reservations** by noon, Monday, March 4th. We will be receiving an offering to provide scholarships for two students who attend Belmopan Baptist Church. Pastor David Rowland has a burden for these students and is personally supervising the scholarship fund.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT DINNER MENUS

March 6th - Meager Meal with Pintos, Greens, Potatoes and Cornbread
 March 13th - Assorted Soups with Meat & Meatless Tossed Salads, Crackers & Cheese, Bread, & Dessert
 March 20th - Turkey Breast, Green Beans, Assorted Salads including Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Macaroni Salad, Dessert & Rolls
 March 27th - Baked Ham, Hash Brown Casserole, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Dessert
Reservations are required. Please call the church office to make a reservation.

Steeple Talk

Faith Fellowship Mission

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Celebrating our 13th year, TDCWL will take place on April 13th. This year, we will be working with the following churches: Coggins Baptist, Faith Church of Midway, First Presbyterian, First Reformed, First Methodist, Friedberg Moravian, Jersey Baptist, Linwood Methodist, Second Reformed, Shiloh Methodist and St. Stephen's Methodist. Sign up sheets will be at the entrance to the fellowship hall from March 4th-April 3rd. In addition, on March 25th at 5:30 p.m. you can sign up for a large project such as building a ramp. This will take place in the fellowship hall. There will be around 40 projects that include the following: building ramps, singing in nursing homes, cleaning up yards, making blankets for the Dragonfly House (for abused children), doing a variety of repairs and construction for our helping agencies and planting gardens. At the end of the day, each family who is served will receive a box of food and a Bible. We also pray that the people served will feel the love of God through us. For questions, please contact one of the Steering Committee members. Tobin Shepherd, Debbie Auman, Ray Howell, Kay Albright and Judy LeCroy.

Please pray for TDCWL

SABBATICAL

Ray and Joyce Howell will leave for Sabbatical on March 18th. Our church provides for a Sabbatical for our full-time ministers on their tenth anniversary and then every seven years. Ray and Joyce will celebrate their 29th anniversary with us on April 1st. Their previous Sabbatical was nine years ago. Ray will return to lead Holy Week Services (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday) The Sabbatical ends in time for Vacation Bible School which begins on June 24th. Randy Hall will serve as the Associate Interim Pastor in Ray's absence.

MEMORIALS

GENERAL FUND: *Evelyn Kepley* by Fred & Lynda Belk, Nathan & Brenda Houser, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Donna Azzolini, Tommy & Sandy Saintsing, Don & Ann Bishop, Elizabeth Benson, Walter & Sandra Reynolds III, Jaqueline Inman, Jean Goswell & Sally Davis; *Kathryn Frye* by Fred & Lynda Belk, Wyatt & Nancy Helsabeck, Tommy & Sandy Saintsing, Don & Ann Bishop, Jaqueline Inman, Robert & Romona Phelps; *Don Lanning* by Fred & Lynda Belk, Nathan & Brenda Houser, Arnold & Frances Heilig, Don & Ann Bishop, Robert & Romona Phelps, Nevin & Suzanne Rohrbaugh, Booty Hilton, & Sally Davis; *Jack Sink & Betsy Riggs* by Betty Sink; *Dot Walser* by Betty Sink, Jaqueline Inman, Robert & Romona Phelps, Robert & Carol Patterson, Herb & Newell Davis, Ted & Tricia Royster, Booty Hilton, Sally Davis & Fred & Lynda Belk; *Betsy Riggs* by Don & Ann Bishop, Bruce & Paula Hodak, Booty Hilton & Sally Davis; *Rod Penry* by Lydia Lyon & Kenneth Lyon, Nevin & Suzanne Rohrbaugh, D. H. Beam, Herb & Newell Davis, Doug & Alice Pearson, Booty Hilton, Betty Sink, Charles & Vicki Hodges, Clifton & Jan Pickett, Ashley & Gay Whitfield, Kelly Sink, Sally Davis & Fred & Lynda Belk; *Julie Price* by Sally Davis

BUILDING & GROUNDS: *Don Lanning* by Hal & Donna Routh, Hubert & Cateen Olive, Silba Rae Fennell; *Kathryn Frye & Evelyn Kepley* by Silba Rae Fennell; *Rod Penry* by Hal & Donna Routh

ENDOWMENT FUND: *Kathryn Frye* by Robert Hedrick & Peggy Barnhardt; *Evelyn Kepley, Don Lanning & Betsy Riggs* by Peggy Barnhardt; *Rod Penry* by Hubert & Cateen Olive

MISSIONS FUND: *Evelyn Kepley* by Jimmy & Peggy Everhart

CHRISMON FUND: *Evelyn Kepley, Kathryn Frye, Don Lanning & Betsy Riggs* by Robert & Martha Adams

YOUTH DESIGNATED: *Don Lanning* by Herb & Newell Davis,

HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND: *Honor of Faithful Workers SS Class member birthdays* by Elaine Alexander; *Jean Ashley* by Wake & Amy Hamrick

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: *Gale Lanning* by Hal & Donna Routh; *Ralph & Jean Ashley* by Hal & Donna Routh

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MARCH 27TH

Donna Hurt joins us to share an amazing World War II story that spans 60-plus years. This is a personal story for Donna, about her father who was killed in the war when she was very young. Recently she has made some phenomenal discoveries that have opened up more understanding about the end of his life. Donna recognizes how many timely details have fallen into place during these discoveries, and knows that God put the pieces together. Hearing the unfolding of this drama, from the days of WWII to the present, will both amaze and inspire you.

FBC BOOK LOVERS CLUB

The FBC Book Lovers Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 10th in the church library. Everyone is invited even if you have not read the book. The book for discussion is *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans, and the discussion will be coordinated by Brenda Hipp.

CBF MISSIONARIES VISIT IN MARCH

We welcome Butch and Nell Green to Lexington on Saturday and Sunday, March 30th and 31st. Everyone is invited to a Dutch-treat dinner at Yarborough's on Saturday evening to visit with the Green's. All Sunday School classes will be invited to hear the Green's on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kay Albright for more information..

EXTENDED SESSION

| DATE | BED BABIES | 2-4 YEAR OLDS |
|------------|---|---|
| 03/03/2019 | M/M Richard Baxley (336) 243-1856 | Sandra Blackwelder (336) 249-9593 Crystal Alexander (336) 956-2765 |
| 03/10/2019 | M/M Nathan Houser (336) 956-6148 | Katie Hartley (336) 596-2008 Kelly Wright (336) 239-8346 |
| 03/17/2019 | M/M Dale Frank (336) 859-5976 | M/M Zak Young (336) 746-4451 |
| 03/24/2019 | Jen Fuller Allen (336) 250-0714 Brooke Williams (336) 956-1821 | M/M Bryan Lingerfelt (336) 853-5388 |
| 03/31/2019 | Brenda Sprinkle (336) 859-3389 Sarah Hall and Spencer Hall | Margaret Ann Maddox (336) 250-8527 Anna Raye Tate (336) 472-8269 |
| 04/07/2019 | M/M William Fulbright | M/M Josh Boyle (336) 769-6552 |

A NOTE FROM RANDY HALL

I am thrilled to be able to serve you in the capacity of Part-time Interim Associate Pastor while my friend Ray is on sabbatical. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the congregation that has meant so much to me throughout my life. I am grateful to Ray, the Diaconate and to you for asking me to join you for this upcoming time. My hope is that together we will worship and serve in such a way that God's Spirit will remind us of God's love, call and empowerment.

Blessings on you, each and all.

Randy Hall



Lenten Services

Community Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday at noon at First United Methodist Church. A meal will follow the thirty-minute service. Baptists and Hospice are leading the service on March 13th.



BUDGET UPDATE

January

Budget Received: \$40,632.95

Expenses: \$ 44,036.14

Deficit: \$ 3,403.19

Year to Date

2019 Projected Budget: \$718,355.00

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Our January giving was below this time last year. May we change that trend in the coming months and be faithful in our giving to the church.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!

SPRING FORWARD! Don't forget to set your



clocks 1 hour ahead for Daylight Savings Time beginning on March 10th.

CONTACT US!

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