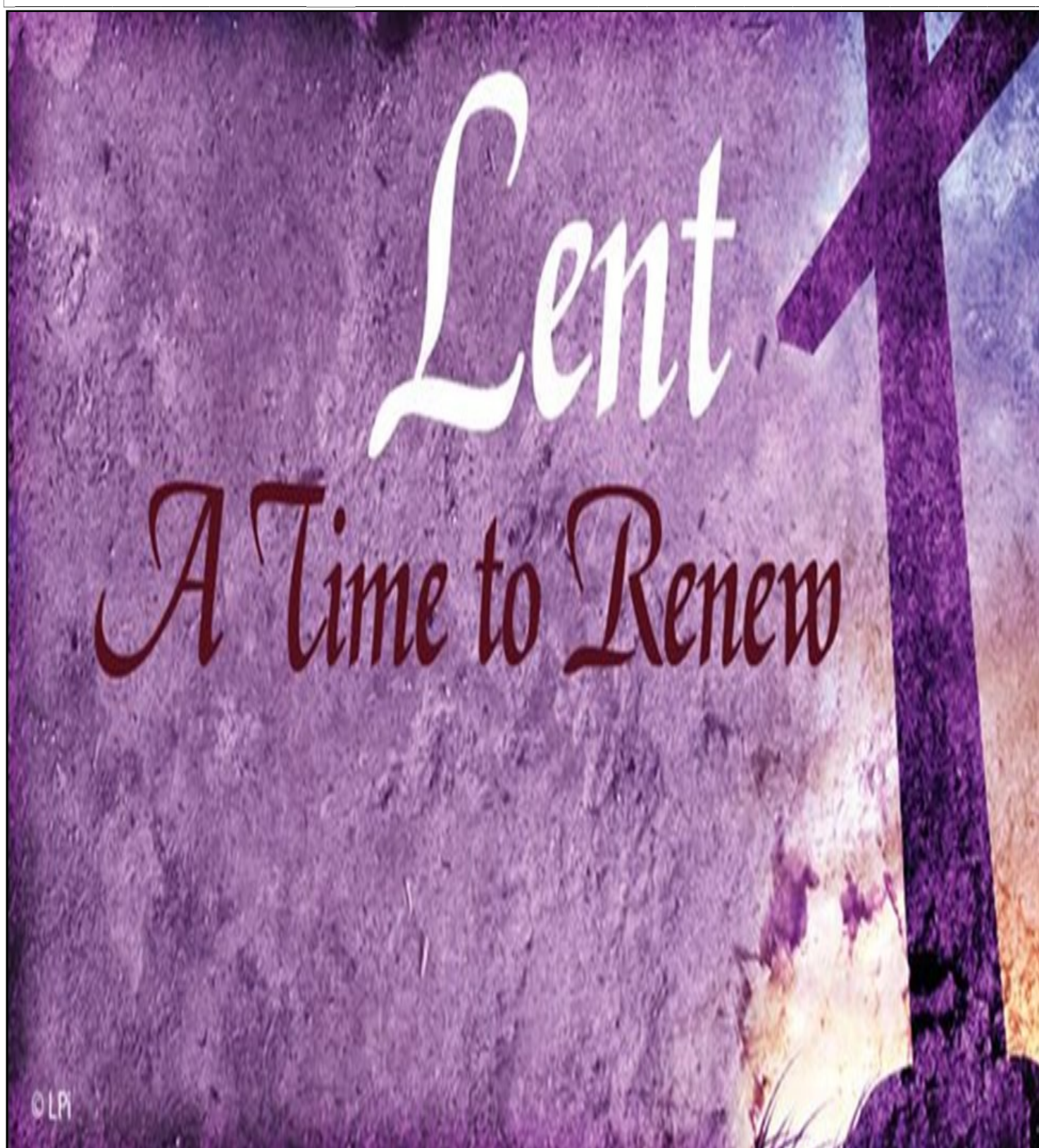




The Messenger

March 2020



A View from the Front

I have a love-hate relationship with the church. I believe with all my heart that the church of Jesus Christ has the best chance to make a significant difference in the world. I love that. But the church, and various church members spend a lot of energy trying to control others. Usually this is seen as normal human behavior. After all, we all try to “look out for number one.” There is another aspect of church life that causes me to scratch my head. We do an excellent job with all the spiritual and behavioral “shoulds.” A lot of these are enumerated in the Bible, but we also create some of our own items that we teach our people they should do. The problem is that we focus on the should, and sometimes don’t get around to the “how.” For example, every Christian knows the importance of prayer, but too many of them have never been taught how to pray.

That brings me to my focus for today. Most believers understand that we need to be sharing our faith with those who are outside the faith. We know that those of us who believe, are responsible to share the message of faith in Christ with those who don’t believe. We know that we should. But maybe we don’t know how. And if we don’t know how, then we don’t do the work of evangelism which leaves us with a deep sense of regret and guilt.

I want to change that. These are three steps that will help you know how to share your personal faith story.

Begin by writing a paragraph about what your life was like before you met Jesus. It may or may not be dramatic. Don’t get hung up on how “bad” you were, or what an upstanding citizen you were. You are remembering this from the other side. Now you know how Jesus has made your life better. Focus on those things were not consistent with godly living.

Now write a paragraph on how you met Jesus. My story is not very exciting. I grew up in church and feel like I have always known Christ. My faith has always been important to me. Your situation is probably different. Maybe you went to the altar for prayer at church camp. Or perhaps a friend that you worked with invited you to meet Jesus. There are no wrong answers, but honesty is important.

Finally, write a paragraph on what your life is like now that you are a Christian. This is the payoff section. Focus on the changes that have occurred in your attitude, your activities and your beliefs. Again, there may not be an obvious outward difference, but you can focus on the sense of peace and fulfillment that Jesus brings.

That’s it. You can share your faith with someone else. You can practice it with a friend a couple of times but get ready to do it! In fact, once you have written it, and practiced it, start to pray that God will give you opportunities to speak to those who don’t know Jesus. You will be amazed at the way God uses you.

Pastor Dewey



2020 MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST

HOWELL UMC	FEBRUARY 29
MCCUTHANVILLE UMC	MARCH 7
SALEM UMC	MARCH 14
SIMPSON UMC	MARCH 21
FAIRLAWN UMC	MARCH 28
BLUEGRASS UMC	APRIL 13

BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT 7:15 AM AND THE PRICE IS \$7.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$3.00 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE.

QUESTIONS: CALL RANDALL CRAYNER AT 812-424-5976

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David Jones
- 1 Ayden Canniff
- 2 Jerrine Robertson
- 2 Abby Warneke
- 4 Joelle Lynch
- 6 Alan Eggleston
- 8 Pastor Dewey Miller
- 8 Ruth Randall
- 9 Gavin Wambach
- 10 Liz Garcia
- 12 Jennifer Brandt
- 13 Brent Hillyard
- 14 Heather Harris
- 17 Virginia Hurt
- 17 Martha Maier
- 18 Natalie Morse
- 19 Avont Shemwell
- 23 June Davis
- 23 Nancy Frazier
- 23 Susan Guard
- 25 Josh Barron
- 28 Emma Brandt
- 28 Logan Brandt
- 28 Tom Halbig
- 28 Angeliqua Hartmann
- 29 Marsha Goldsmith
- 30 Karen Schnakenburg
- 31 Calvin Millay

CUMC 2020

EASTER EGG HUNT

I Need Your Help!!!!

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Palm Sunday, April 5.

We need Easter Candy. Please bring candy into the church office no later than March 15th. Egg filling dates will be announced later.

Thanks! Shannon Miller



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Will meet on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Youth Room at the Church. Please bring a sack lunch.

Jessica Kluesner will be speaking.

MARCH 8



YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

We will be starting classes the week of March 15 and they will run through the week of May 10. The class will meet weekly on a date & time that works best for participants, and we will be using the "Confirm" curriculum from Cokesbury. Any youth grades 6-12 is welcome to join in the class. We look forward to confirming these new church members on May 17 during the 9:15 a.m. service! Please contact Jessica with any questions and to sign-up your youth! 812-457-5275, jscaklu@icloud.com



February was a busy month! We had a Valentine Dinner/Dance fundraiser on Feb 7th that was a big hit! It was exciting to see so many families represented. Our children also had Valentine Parties and a field trip to Inflatable Fun Factory. March will hopefully bring some warmer, sunny weather where the children can go outside to play. The children will have spring pictures taken on Wed., March 18 and Thurs., March 19.



We are currently having our World's Finest Chocolate bunny sale. Order forms are available in the church office. We can take orders through Sunday, March 8th. All money and orders must be turned into child care by Monday, March 9.

EASTER LILY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

This Easter remember your loved one with an Easter Lily to be used in our sanctuary as a decoration, then you may take it home after Easter Sunday. The cost is \$12.00 each. The last day to order is Sunday, March 29. Acknowledgment of all gifts and lilies will be printed in a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, April 12. Please attach payment.

Amount _____

Given by _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(We are asking that you make SEPARATE checks, one for Lilies and one for Loaves & Fishes.)**

LOAVES & FISHES GIFTS

Remember a loved one this Easter by giving a gift to the Central Loaves & Fishes Account. Monies in this account are used toward the financial needs of the families in our neighborhood. The deadline for this gift is Sunday, March 29 for the acknowledgment of all gifts to be printed in a bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, April 12. Please attach gift with this form.

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CENTRAL CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 8:45 am Choir 9:15 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Children's Church 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Youth Group	2 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 am Trinity Room 5:30 pm FLC Basketball	3 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Cheerleading FLC	4 10:00 am Pastor/Chapel 4:30 pm Basketball 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	5 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00-8:45 pm Training Childcare Garden Room	6 10:00-11:00 am Garden Room For 100 floor in CC for Dr. Seuss Day	7 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast McCutchanville UMC 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
8 Daylight Savings Time 8:45 am Choir 9:15 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Children's Church 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Youth Group	9 9:30 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm FLC Basketball	10 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Cheerleading FLC	11 4:30 pm Basketball 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	12 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 am Bible Study	13	14 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Salem UMC 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
15 8:45 am Choir 9:15 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Children's Church 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Youth Group	16 9:30 am Food Pantry 11:30 am UMW Meeting Youth Room / Church 5:30 pm FLC Basketball	17 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Literary Ladies 5:30 pm Cheerleading FLC	18 10:00 am Pastor/Chapel 4:30 pm Basketball 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	19 9:30 am Food Pantry	20 Messenger Deadline	21 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Simpson UMC 12:00 pm Indoor Playground Party 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
22 8:45 am Choir 9:15 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Children's Church 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Youth Group	23 9:30 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm FLC Basketball	24 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Cheerleading FLC	25 11:30 am Wednesday Friends 4:30 pm Basketball 5:30 pm Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir	26 9:30 am Food Pantry	27	28 7:15 am Men's Lenten Breakfast – Fairlawn UMC Garden Room Rented 8:00 pm N A Mtg - Trinity
29 8:45 am Choir 9:15 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Children's Church 10:30 am Family & Life Group 10:30 am Sunday School 4:00 pm Youth Group	30 9:30 am Food Pantry 5:30 pm FLC Basketball	31 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Cheerleading FLC				



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
Traditional Service 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.