

The Messenger

First United Methodist Church of Yuma

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February 2018

THE PASTOR'S PEN

Lent: Finding our way back to God!



A few years ago on a Sunday morning I was talking with the children about being lost. One young lady explained that her and a friend were hiking in the Grand Canyon, and had been “admiring a big red rock” shortly before getting lost. “What happened?” I asked. “We turned around and searched for the same rock- then followed our footsteps back to our family.” Very interesting... even our children know and understand the value of setting things in front of them to guide their footsteps. On one hand this story

reminds me of cairns- piles of rocks that are markers along a path in the desert. On the other hand, this sounds to me like the Lenten journey all over again- especially the journey this year at Yuma 1st.

Yes, we’re getting ready to observe another Lenten season! During the 6-1/2 weeks of Lent, we will once again look for ways (things that mark our path?) to our way back to God. Firstly, we will gather in the Wesley Room on Tuesday, February 13th, for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (time to be announced).

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Secondly, we will quietly gather in the sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14th, at 6.30 PM for an Ash Wednesday worship service. This will be a time to see ourselves as God sees us, and offer ourselves to Him in prayer and healthy confession. Come for a time of prayer, worship and music.

Thirdly, we are invited to grow even closer to God by setting up and observing a daily prayer schedule. Personally, I have two prayer styles I like to observe during the Lenten season, 1) follow a daily devotional written especially for Lent (see me about these), and/or 2) pray through the book of Psalms, focusing especially on the psalms that “speak” to me, shaping me, challenging me and bringing me comfort. Some of my favorite psalms (depending on how I am feeling) are 3, 5, 8, 13, 16, 18, 23, 46, 62, 63, 84, 121, 127, 130, 139 and 145. I invite you to not only “read” these psalms, but to truly make them your own- your “prayer.” See what happens. See how you feel. Start a journal- along with jotting down what’s on your mind that day answer these questions: “In what way is this special prayer time bringing me closer to God?” “In what way am I finding my way back to Him?” “Once I find Him what am I going to do?” “And in what way am I getting closer to Jesus?”



Finally, as John Wesley used to ask, “How is it with your soul?” perhaps this season of Lent will be a special time for you to recognize an empty spot in your soul being filled, to celebrate life once again, and/or to find God again as you realize the promises in your life still waiting to be discovered!

Pastor Mike



Please remember Food Bank Sunday on February 25th!

February Birthdays



- 03 Katie Fuchs
- 07 Ron Snowbarger
- 16 Lloyd Carson
- 17 Gibson Gardenhire
- 20 Barbara Mathias
- 21 Kristi Pallack

Lent



Our theme for Lent and Easter this year is **“No Fooling Around.”** Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming Lent, Holy Week, and Easter observations to make the most of experiencing the Risen Christ in your heart!!

February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Wesley Room

February 14 – Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

March 25 – Palm Sunday/ Lent-Easter Cantata

March 29 – Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

March 30 – Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

April 1 – Easter Worship, 10:00 AM, Sanctuary





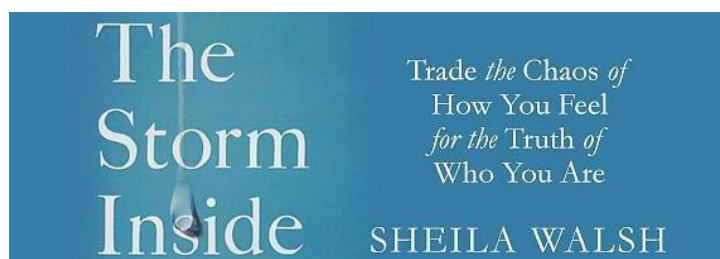
United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 4 at 7:30 am

Wesley Room

Why go to church hungry?

The United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale
Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3, 2018 8:00
a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Asbury Hall



In February, **Desert Pearls** will meet on FEBRUARY 15 at 7:00 PM in the Wesley Room. Going forward, the group will meet on the first Thursday of each month. Light snacks will be provided.

Christian Fellowship of Yuma
 Saturday, February 10, 8:30 AM
 Wesley Room
 Speaker: Rev. Jon Flint
 Breakfast included!



Christian Fellowship of Yuma

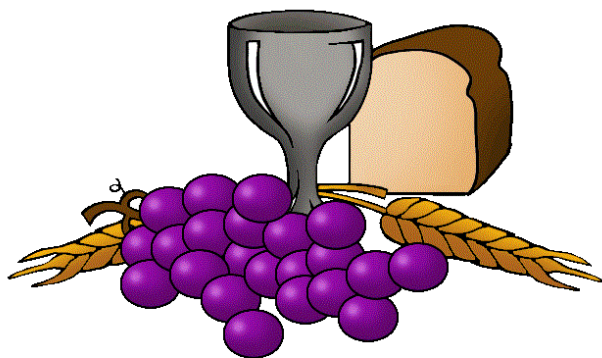
Changing the World for Christ!



**Cub Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, February 17th
Asbury Hall**

Time/ticket info will be shared as soon as available!

COMMUNION SUNDAYS



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| February 4 – Pat Teeter | August 5 – Kathy Sabin |
| March 4 – Pat Moore | September 2 – Beth Prather |
| April 1 – Kathy Sabin | October 7 – Pat Teeter |
| May 6 – Beth Prather | November 4 – Pat Moore |
| June 3 – Pat Teeter | December 2 – Kathy Sabin |
| July 1 – Pat Moore | January 6 – Beth Prather |

Coordinator: Pat Moore

ONGOING PRAYERS

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| Joyce & Robert Graham | Mark Vasher |
| Trudie McConnell | Jason |
| Aunt Jeanne | Kurt Larsen |
| Mud slide victims in So. Cal. | Dianne & Richard Williams |
| Muslim community of Yuma | Pam Snow |
| Jett & Sharon Roach | Jerry & Patti Neiderer |
| Dan & Bobbi Shay | Frances Lutes |
| Rachelle Skags | Amelia Brown |
| Jodi Pfeiff | Ron Snowbarger |
| Chance Britain | Ed & Carol Connors |
| Lauren Hightower | Neil Knutson |
| Ed & Maxine Hovatter | Janice Sneller & Frieda |
| Michael Gleason | Tristan Sexton |



THANK YOU!!

On behalf of the Fuchs family, I would like to say a hearty **thank you** to the congregation for the wonderful potluck on January 28 and particularly for making me feel so welcome as I settle into my role at First Church! By request, here is the recipe for the **indoor s'mores** my son John made for the potluck. -Katie

- 1 bag (10.5 oz) miniature marshmallows (5 1/2 cups)
- 1 1/2 cups milk chocolate chips (9 oz)
- 5 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 box (13 oz) Golden Grahams cereal (8 cups)

Grease 13×9-inch pan with butter. Reserve 1 cup of the marshmallows. In a large saucepan, melt the chocolate chips, butter, corn syrup and remaining marshmallows over low heat. Stir until completely melted. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla.

Pour cereal into saucepan. Stir until coated with the melted chocolate mixture. Stir in remaining 1 cup marshmallows.

With buttered back of spoon, press mixture in pan. Cool at least 1 hour or until firm. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| *Weekly Sunday Morning Schedule Adult Class 08:45 am Junior High 09:00 am Nursery Opens 09:00 am Worship and Children's Church 10:00 am Fellowship 11:00 am CCdeFe Worship, 12:00 am | | | | 1 Rummage Sale Set-Up CCdeFe Worship 6:00 pm NO Desert Pearls | 2 Rummage Sale CCdeFe Youth 7:00 pm | 3 Rummage Sale CCdeFe Rehearsal 5:00 pm |
| 4 United Methodist Men's Breakfast 07:30 am *Weekly Sunday Morning Schedule AA Anniversary Party 12:00 pm | 5 ESL GED 5:30 pm Disciple Class 6:30 pm | 6 CCT 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 4:30 pm ESL GED 5:30 pm MLT 6:30 pm | 7 Pastor's Study 9:30 am ESL GED 5:30 www.Word 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | 8 Campesinos Sin Fronteras 4 pm CCdeFe Worship 6:00 am | 9 CCdeFe Youth 7:00 PM | 10 Christian Fellowship of Yuma 8:30 am CCdeFe Rehearsal 5:00 pm |
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| 18 *Weekly Sunday Morning Schedule | 19 ESL GED 5:30 pm Disciple Class 6:30 | 20 CCT (Congregational Care Team) 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 04:30 pm ESL GED 5:30 pm | 21 Pastor's Study 9:30 am ESL GED 5:30 www.Word 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | 22 Campesinos Sin Fronteras 4 pm CCdeFe Worship 6:00 pm | 23 CCdeFe Youth 7:00 PM | 24 Vision Board Workshop 8:00 am CCdeFe Rehearsal 5:00 PM |
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