

e p i s t l e

March 2020



St. Timothy

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
B R E V A R D , N C

Grace and peace to you in this Lenten season. Lent is a time of penitence and fasting. It's a time of journeying through the wilderness as we come face to face with our own mortality. It's a season when we recognize our own limitations as human beings, our need for God, and our longing to be reconciled with God. One of the traditional practices in Lent is fasting, which reminds us that our bodies truly hunger for God. But in recent years, fasting from food has taken on a more metaphorical meaning as Christians have practiced "fasting" from TV, chocolate or alcohol. What might you give up or fast from this lent? Is there anything in your life that is holding you back from a deeper relationship with God? Is there anything you need to do without to remind yourself that what you truly desire, what you truly crave is a relationship with the creator of the universe?

This Lent, other than the first Sunday, we will explore the beauty and wonder of the psalms. The lectionary includes a diverse group of psalms in this season, all of which examine a different part of human nature. The psalms, more than any other scripture, give us words, emotions and prayers that get at the heart of the human experience. The psalmist is never afraid to rage against God, call him out, or question his mercy. Therefore, you shouldn't be afraid either. The psalms give you license to ask deep questions of God or even express your doubts and anger with him. Lent is a journey and I can think of no better companion than the psalms.

March 1 - Matthew 4:1-11

March 8 - Psalm 121

March 15 - Psalm 95

March 22 - Psalm 23

March 29 - Psalm 130

† Pastor Parker



Stewardship



BY OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Jack and JoAnn Bryson
 Lorraine Pearsall
 Jeanne Eden
 Mary Lou Rhodes
 Anne Weed
 Ruby Oliver
 Jean Pottet
 Helen Meece
 David Manning
 Billy West
 Don and Rhac Mozley
 Tink and Hilda Siniard
 Bill and Frances Siniard
 Judy and Larry Whatley
 John and Helen Barker
 Al and Cathy Seal
 Barbara Rogers and family
 Mike Uhler and family
 Chris Barila
 Jayne Nash
 Cherie Willoughby
 Bob Szabo (David Mackey's friend)
 Glana and Maurice Stanley (Al Hooper's sister)
 Lexi (Carol Roth's great niece)
 Lisa Sprouse (Butch & Bunny Sprouse's daughter-in-law)
 Kaden Haynes (Debbie Mackey's relative)
 Nikki Blackwell (Gales' granddaughter)
 Janet and Bob Shultz (Gladys & Dennis Taylor's friends)
 Pam Fleming (friend of Debbie Mackey)
 Jared Whealton (David Mackey's friend)
 Michelle Tripp (Elaine Gales' friend)
 Susie Aruffo (Billy West's friend)
 Michael Weinstein (Susan & Dave Donaldson's son-in-law)
 Rivers Stillwell (John & Helen's Barker's grandson)
 Doris Hurst (Anne Weed's sister)
 Dana Mason Stevenson (Larry Sherrill & Elizabeth Leff's friend)
 Ken Rice (Lu Ashworth's brother)
 Angie Martin (Billy West's sister)
 Dawn Bingham (Debbie Mackey's twin sister)
 Jan and George Bauer
 Don Paddick (Garry Paddick's brother)
 Chester Ammons (Tony Dalton's friend)
 Max and Terry Dajnowicz
 Joan Haynes (Pastor Parker's grandmother)
 Julia Winchester (Margaret Scheinling's mother)
 Bud Lillard (Barbara Russell's uncle)
 Edna Hill (Elizabeth Leff's sister-in-law)
 Roger and Susan Levi (Billy West's friends)
 Will Cathey (Tony Dalton's colleague)
 Chris Seal (Al Seal's mother)
 Mary Jo Hicks (Windy Hodges' sister)
 Roger and Susan Levi (Billy West's friends)
 Max and Terry Dajnowicz
 George and Jan Bauer

OUR PRESENCE

		Sunday School	Worship
Feb	2	12	88
Feb	9	10	77
Feb	16	9	83
Feb	23	6	90

BY OUR GIFTS

2020 Ministries Budget	\$230,695.00
Budget requirements for the month	19,225.00
Amount received for General Budget for January	313,822.00
Amount received for use of Building	64.00
Oak Grove rent	100.00
Amount Spent from General Budget in January	\$17,786.00
Additional Receipts	
Angel Project (Diapers for Children's Center)	150.00
Bread of Life	600.00
Building & Grounds Capital Fund	1,685.00
Disciple Book	64.00
Fellowship Hall Campaign	1,945.00
Memorials	220.00
Project Agape	100.00
Sharing House	600.00
Third Mile Offering (Pastor's Discretionary Fund)	1,915.00
Total Additional Receipts	\$7,279.00

BY OUR SERVICE

Greeters

Mar	1	Andrea & Jeff Brewer, Rose Hoffman, and Judy Drury
	8	Rhac & Don Mozley, Martha Snow, and Diane Jetton
	15	Sandy & Bernie Case, and Carol & Bill Roth
	22	Trueman Baker, and Janet & Fred Pierce
	29	Gladys Taylor, Charles Wallis, and Agnes & Mel LaBree

Nursery Attendants

Mar	1	Paula Paddick
	8	Gladys Taylor
	15	Christy Stansel
	22	Pam Winstead
	29	Jean Price

Ushers

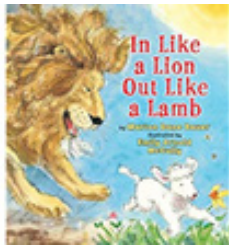
Mar	1	Tony Dalton, Bernie Case, John Barker, Don Mozley, and David Mackey
	8	Wendell Hodges, Norm Campbell, Janet & Fred Pierce, and Susan & Dave Donaldson,
	15	Pam Winstead, Bill Roth, Jean Potter, and Ellen & Al Hooper
	22	Marty Griffin, Nathan Siniard, Gladys Taylor, Mary C. Griffin, Bob Huey and Jeff Brewer
	29	Larry Clayton, and Donna & Bob Johnson

Lay Readers

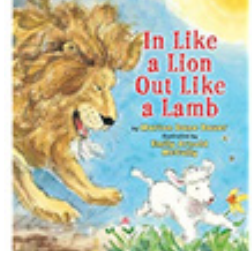
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Security Check for March
 David Mackey



MARCH



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|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 - Jerry Uhler | 12 - Larry Clayton | 20 - Virginia Penland |
| 5 - Larke Griffin | 13 - Mark Rinker | Hilda Siniard |
| 6 - Tony Dalton | 16 - Judy Drury | 21 - Merry Howle |
| 7 - Uli Arete | 17 - Claudia Bradley | Coleen Lisk |
| 11 - Martha Snow | | 30 - Ashleigh Bonar |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10:00am Prayer Group 6:15pm Dartball	3 9:00am Disciple Fast Track	4 10:00am Women's Coffee 6:00pm Choir	5	6	7 10:00am - 3:00pm Council Retreat
	9 10:00am Prayer Group 6:15pm Dartball	10 9:00am Disciple Fast Track 10:30am KnitWits 12:00pm Over 50's 5:30pm Council	11 10:00am Women's Coffee 6:00pm Choir	12 9:00am - Noon Bread of Life	13 Sylvan Squares	14
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Council Highlights

Church Treasurer Christy Stansel reported our net equity balance increased by \$4,507.30 in January but our expenses exceeded our receipts by \$1,006.37. Our Capital receipts were \$3,850 and our payments to Entegra on the Fellowship Hall renovation is paid to date and our current balance is \$103,623. Finance Charles Wallis reported that we have a change to our 2020 budget - for a net increase of \$73. Our payment into the Pastor's Pension and Benefit Fund decreased by \$227 when we received the final figures, and the cost of Payroll Services increased by \$300. The Council approved this revised budget for 2020. The Finance Committee will be meeting on March 2.

Our Outreach chair Al Hooper reported our Angel Project for January provided a good collection of diapers and wipes, as well as monetary donations to purchase more, for The Children's Center/Center for Women. Our Third Mile Offering of \$1,845 for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund will be used by the Pastor to confidentially meet the needs of those who seek help from the church. Volunteers from St. Timothy continued to serve at The Sharing House, Bread of Life, The Children's Center, SAFE and Davidson River School. Because of the continuing high level of need for assistance with food and household supplies at The Sharing House, we have designated this need as our Angel Project for four months of 2020 (February, May, August, October). While our ongoing collection of food and supplies for The Sharing House will continue throughout the year, during these four months we will make a special effort to substantially increase our collection of food and supplies for The Sharing House through our Angel Project. Our Third Mile offering in February will go to Sharing House which provides assistance to purchase heating fuel needed by many in our community.

We will be providing a reception arranged by the Nurture Team following the Uhler memorial service on Saturday, February 15.

Harold Mullinax was elected chair of the Trustees at their recent meeting and Tony Dalton is vice chair and David Mackey is the secretary. The committee meets 5 times a year (January, March, May, September and Nov.) but because they met in February, the trustees will not meet in March. Their next meeting will be in May unless there is an immediate need sooner. At the February meeting, the trustees assigned various routine tasks to each trustee and signed up for the annual lock-up list. Leaks over the cider table in the Gathering Space, in the men's restroom and in the Worship Storage room were reported--a result of the recent heavy rains. The trustees will look into this.

The Worship team met recently and discussed plans for the Lenten season. Parker will be preaching on Psalms during Lent. We will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at noon, so that folks can attend on their lunch break. We will be announcing our Lenten planned events in the Transylvania Times inviting the public. We will not have a Maundy Thursday meal this year, but will have a service in the sanctuary. Laura Lipe and Billy West will put up an altar display during Lent.

Pastor Parker announced a District Connect Conference to be hosted at Covenant Community Church on March 22, 1:30 – 5:00. At that conference, to better prepare us for general conference, we will review updated information for discerning our path forward. Parker also announced that the local Koinonia group will have Dr. Ellen Davis, an Old Testament professor at Duke University come to Brevard for a series of events on "The Bible and the Earth" on May 29-31. Our church will be hosting Dr. Davis for our Sunday worship on May 31, which is also Pentecost Sunday. We will also offer a discussion between Parker and Dr. Davis during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall. We will disseminate more information about this event in the near future.

We continued our discussion about the upcoming Retreat which will be held in March 7 from 10:00 – 3:00 in the church fellowship hall. We talked about the "Dream Team Report" which was released to the congregation in 2013. At the retreat, we want to spend a brief period of time discussing what we've achieved from that strategic plan and will discuss if we want to start again on some of the incomplete items or if there are other directions in which we want to go as a church.

Parker wants us to discuss what we do positively as a church to go forward, identify our strengths and not look at our "scarcity" but discuss how God has blessed us with resources and people we

Council Highlights (continued)

need to live out our mission. Parker will begin the retreat by discussing where the church and Christianity finds itself in the world today and how this affects how we do business.

Lay Leader Marty Griffin reminded us of all the sickness in the world as asked us to prayer for people everywhere.

O u t r e a c h

The Haven, our homeless shelter in Transylvania County, is our Angel Project for March. We will collect supplies such as: sweeteners, powdered creamer, coffee, tea, paper towels, toilet paper, razors, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, bath soap, shampoo, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, combs and first aid products (band-aids, antiseptic ointments, ibuprofen, aspirin, etc.). So, please bring a few of these items to our collection boxes in the gathering space.

Our Third Mile Offering for March is UMCOR's Imagine No Malaria Initiative. Malaria remains a devastating disease in many parts of the world but The United Methodist Church, working in partnership with local communities in Africa, is making a dent in this scourge through UMCOR's Imagine No Malaria initiative. Your generosity in our March Third Mile Offering for support of this initiative will literally be a matter of life for many.

Other Outreach Activities in March. We will be providing weekend meals for **The Haven** on March 27. We also will be having our ongoing collections of food and supplies for **The Sharing House** and supplies for **Davidson River School**. St. Timothy members will be doing their usual service at various places.

Outreach Report for February. Our February Angel Project provided a good collection of food and supplies plus some monetary donations for The Sharing House. We had a very generous February Third Mile offering of \$1,283 that will greatly help The Sharing House with its critical heating assistance efforts. Our members served as usual at The Sharing House, Bread of Life, SAFE Attic, Davidson River School and The Children's Center. GOD BLESS YOU for your steadfast support of these important ministries, local and around the world, through your faithful donations of food and supplies, your monetary gifts and your regular and much needed volunteer service.

T h a n k Y o u



Oftentimes things don't happen without "behind-the-scenes" work by willing volunteers. The Worship Team thanks Margaret Schleining for sewing the new purple, white, and black drapes for the Lenten cross outside. They will give us many years of good service. Thank you, Margaret!

H e l p W a n t e d !

Lay readers are needed for all dates beginning with the second Sunday in March. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

We are in need of more loving hands to help in our nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are interested or need more information, please let Parker, Pat Messer or Elizabeth know. With more people, the time commitment for individuals will be low. Our children are a joy, and it's a gift to welcome them in our midst! Let us know if you're willing to give an hour once every few weeks. Thank you in advance!

H a p p e n i n g s

Over 50s

The Over 50's will meet Tuesday, March 10 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. We will be in for a treat because Charles Warren will be our guest bringing along his guitar to play and sing to or with us or both. Everyone is welcome, over or under 50. Just remember to sign up in the Gathering Space so we can plan accordingly. Thanks to Charles for the entertainment and we hope that everyone will come join us.

N u r s e r y N e e d s

Suporn, our nursery director, has requested some new toys. Before they are purchased, would any of our members have an Etch N Sketch that is in good condition that they would like to donate for our children? Also the nursery could use a new toy that makes animal sounds.

Please contact Paula Bennett Paddick for questions. 884-9522

T h a n k Y o u



Thanks for the many birthday cards that I received!
Rose Hoffman!

An Invitation to the St. Timothy Congregation

Due to increased interest and requests on behalf of congregations across our Blue Ridge District, church leaders are planning a focus at the March 22nd District Connect Conference to better prepare churches for the upcoming General Conference in May. Congregations and leaders across the district will meet at Covenant Community Church in Asheville to come together to receive up-to-date information on the Proposed Protocol and learn how to lead peaceful conversations in the midst of discerning our path forward.

Registration begins at 1:30. Following worship and prayer, the afternoon program will include an information/Q&A session, as well as teaching and hands-on learning to engage Holy Conversations within our churches. The conference will end at 5pm. More information and a registration form can be found at <https://www.blueridgedistrictumc.org/connectconference>.

As chair of our Church Council, I am planning to attend and encourage others at STUMC to join this conversation. I will be driving and welcome passengers! Contact Parker and/or me if you have any questions.

Please be in prayer for all at this challenging moment in our Methodist history.

Karla Atkinson

S i g n U p S h e e t s

There are new 2020 sign up sheets in the Gathering Space for altar flowers, communion servers, lay readers, and Davidson River School cupcakes. We will be thankful for all of those who volunteer.

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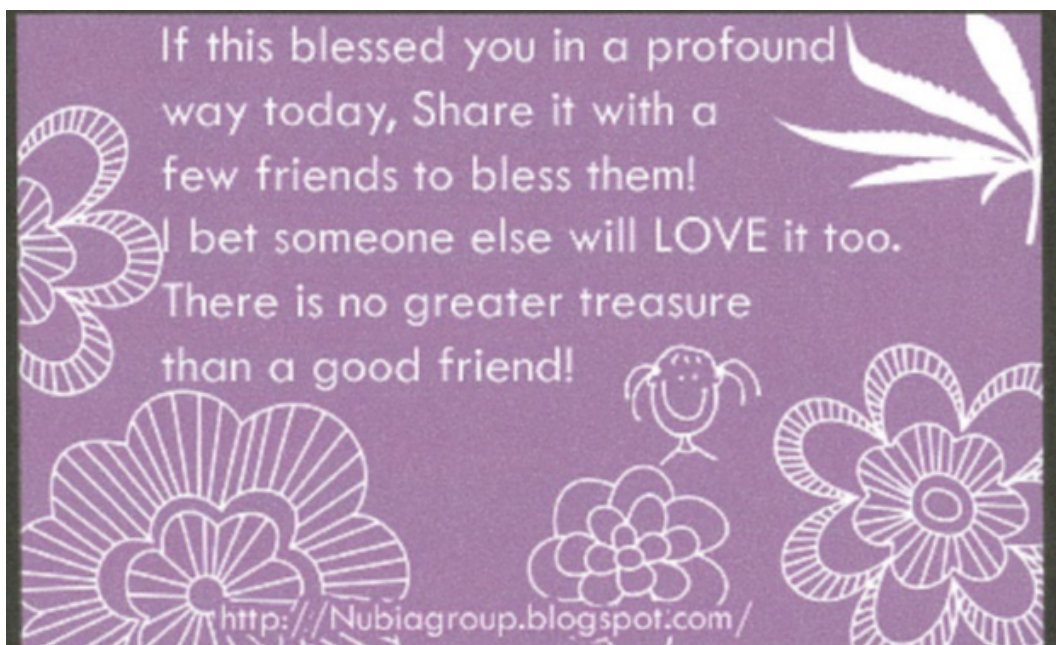
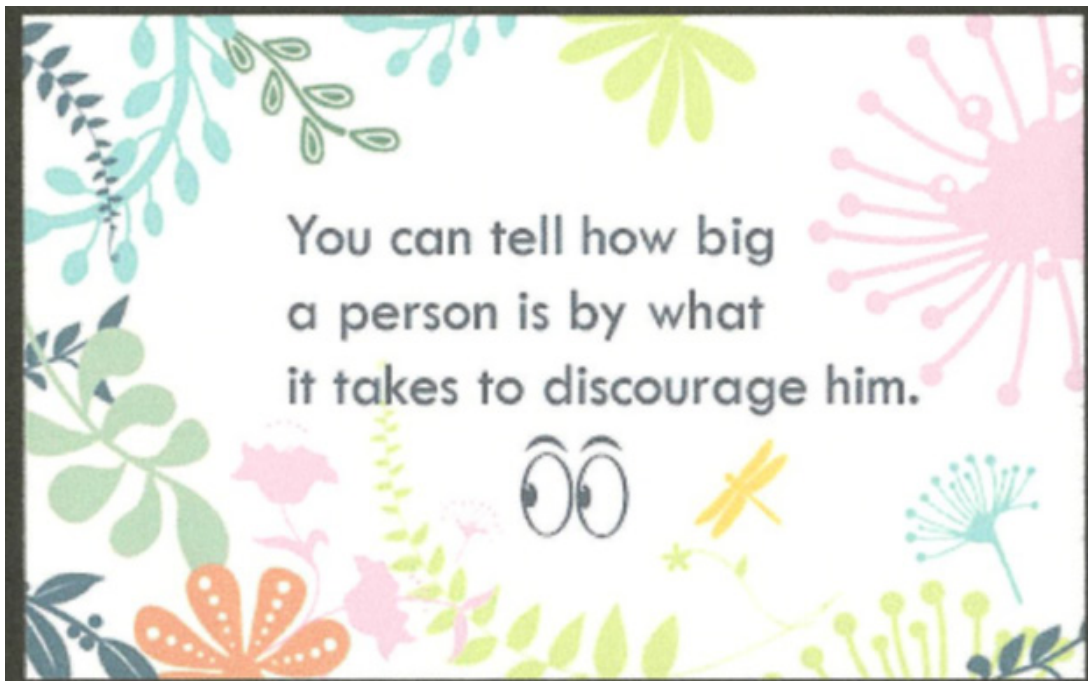
Pastor Parker and my church family,

As some of you know, I have IPF; it's a lung disease with no cure. I have missed being at church on Sunday mornings and at Quiddler on Wednesdays.

I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers. Each one has touched me and I am thankful for you, my church family.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love.

Anne Weed



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Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service



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