March

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March communion rail offering will support UMCOR

Under its original name, The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR) was founded in 1940 by the Bishop Herbert Welch in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II. In his address at the General Conference that year, Bishop Welch stated that MCOR would serve as a "voice of conscience among Methodists to act in the relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed." This mandate remains true to this day. The organization's name was legally changed to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at the 1972 General Conference.

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters - be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. We provide relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee On Relief

UMCOR's History

1940s

Founded by Bishop Herbert Welch, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR) begins its work by responding to suffering after the onset of World War II.

1950s

MCOR helps to resettle refugees in more than five different countries and distributes $80,000 per year for refugee-assistance programs.

1960s

MCOR addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty and works with communities in need to achieve self-sustaining livelihood opportunities.

1970s

1971 famine in Bangladesh causes bishops to appeal for $1 million in relief efforts. The goal is met the following year.

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MCOR's name changes to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and is at work in 62 countries on five continents.

1980s

UMCOR brings relief aid to Ethiopia and 25 other African nations suffering from famine and drought.

1990s

UMCOR Sager Brown Depot opens for volunteers to help assemble relief supply kits.

2000s

UMCOR responds to disasters caused by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, and Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.

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UMCOR opens offices in the DRC, Sudan, Philippines, Afghanistan, and Indonesia.

TODAY

UMCOR responds to ongoing crises to different programs addressing famine, refugee resettlement, and drought in the Horn of Africa.

From the Desk of Matt Bochat

Memorandum

TO: First United Methodist Church, Goliad – Membership

FROM: Matt Bochat, Church Council Chairman

RE: Land Purchase and Next Steps on Building Expansion

DATE: February 25, 2020

Church Council membership has been getting questions concerning where we are in the process to purchase the adjacent lot/house and if we are planning to continue Phase III of the expansion of our campus. Remember, some time back we formed a study committee to examine the necessity, use, and overall feeling of the membership about adding classroom and office space to our existing campus footprint. The study committee compiled a list of questions to garner positive or negative feedback for this expansion project. At that time, we had overwhelming support for moving forward with the building project and the forming a building committee.

Simultaneously to the approval to move forward on the Phase III building project, we were approached with the offer to purchase the adjacent land with the two-story house. At that time, Church Council thought is was important to consider the purchase of the lot and voted to put on hold the building project until we could decide what could be done with the new asset.

Fast forward approximately 12 months to today and we have still not purchased the adjacent lot property. We have been assured by the owner that we are the only buyer that she wants to sell too, but she obviously is in no hurry to move this sale along. Church Council is reaching out to her again in the hopes that she will move forward with the sales transaction soon. In the meantime, Council is also exploring the idea of moving forward with the Phase III building project.

Please be prayerful about the property acquisition and the building project. Ask for God to give us wisdom so His Will may show through this process. Please direct any questions you have to me and I will be happy to provide you with more information. I can be reached at 361-550-3357 or mattbochat@yahoo.com.

How GriefShare works

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

- **Video seminar with experts**
  Each week your GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments, and on-location video.
- **Support group discussion with focus**
  After viewing the video, you and the other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in your lives.
- **Personal study and reflection**
  During the week you will have the opportunity to use your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Your group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.

Who should come … who should not

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. We understand that there are other losses in life that create feelings of grief. You might be experiencing a job loss, a divorce, estrangement from a child, or the loss of friends because of a move. This grief is real, but it is not the kind of grief discussed in GriefShare sessions.

Wednesday's at 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Weekly Session Topics

1. Is This Normal?
2. Challenges of Grief
3. The Journey of Grief – Part One
4. The Journey of Grief – Part Two
5. Grief and Your Relationships
6. Why?
7. Guilt and Anger
8. Complicating Factors
9. Stuck
10. Lessons of Grief – Part One
11. Lessons of Grief – Part Two
12. Heaven
13. What Do I Live for Now?

Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are. The wilderness can become sacred even if it remains dangerous. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love. This Lent, we welcome you to the journey.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS/CARDS

To assist you in making this journey and spending intentional time with God, we will have 2 options of daily devotionals from Ash Wednesday through Easter available for you. You can use the **booklet** that includes art, poetry, journaling prompts, and reflections inspired by the Lenten lectionary scriptures. Or, you can use the **set of 48 cards** that includes a word for the day, a Bible verse and a short prayer.

Pray for General Conference

In preparation for The United Methodist Church's upcoming General Conference May 5-15 in Minneapolis, you are invited to participate in a global prayer movement to pray for discernment for all our delegates and bishops. The Upper Room will be releasing a 40-day prayer guide called "Be Still & Know: Prayers for General Conference" toward the end of March/early April. Visit www.umcprays.com to learn more.

2020 La Bahia Worship Dates

Sundays at 3:00pm

March 22

June 14

September 6

November 29

2020 Holy Days

Jan 5: Epiphany
Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
Apr. 5: Palm Sunday
Apr. 9: Maundy Thursday
Apr. 10: Good Friday
Apr. 12: Easter Sunday
May 31: Pentecost Sunday
Oct. 4: World Communion Sunday
Nov. 1: All Saints' Sunday
Nov. 22: Christ the King Sunday
Nov. 29: 1st Sunday of Advent
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

2020 Church Committee Chairpersons

Lay Leader: Hal Davis
Church Council: Matt Bochat
Finance: Lee Grimsinger
Church Treasurer: Wendy Naranjo
Pastor-Parish Relations: Erika Bochat
Trustees: Mark Hancock
Nurture Ministry: Robin Barnhill
Outreach: Hal Davis
Worship: Anna White & Cheryl Worley

Upcoming Events in the Coastal Bend District and Broader UMC

March 7, 2020 Lay Servant Classes (see District Ministries/Lay Servant page

April 17-19, 2020 District Women's Retreat (see District Ministries/Women Retreat page)

April 27, 2020 Clergy Convocation

May 5-15, 2020 General Conference

June 10-13, 2020 Annual Conference

July 12-18, 2020 Sacramento Youth Camp

February Worship Attendance

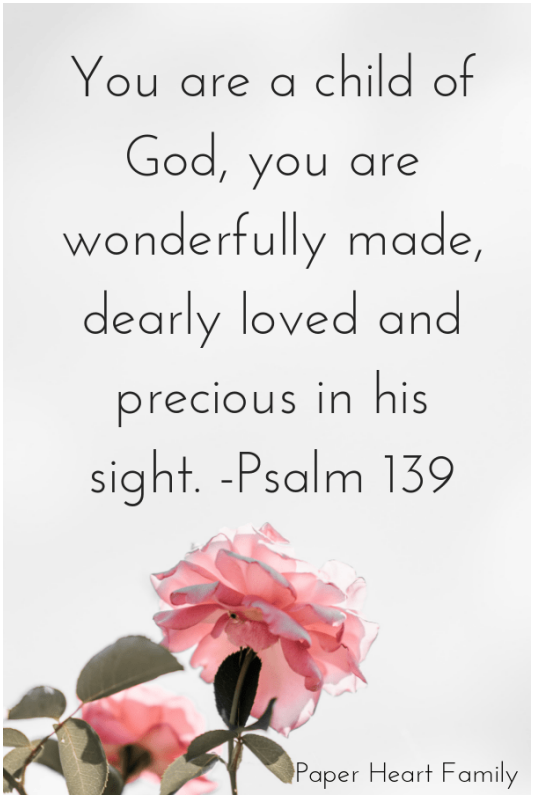
February 2 - 55

February 9 - 68

February 16 - 46

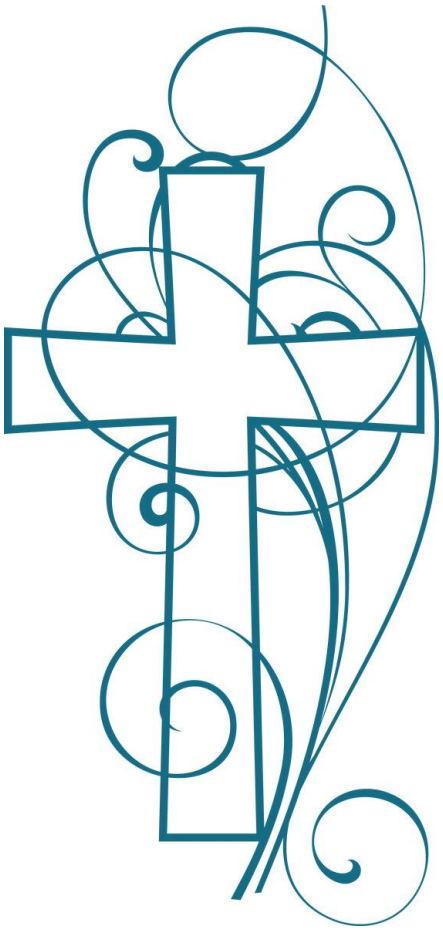
February 23 – 71

February 26 (Ash Weds.) - 45



KimberLynn's Baptism February 9, 2020

Blake's Baptism February 23, 2020



Wesley Nurse

Upcoming events:

March 10, 2020 – Free Clinic at FUMC Victoria – 0800 am

· Available for anyone that is uninsured (Detar Family Medicine provides the physicians)

· first come first served up to around 25 people

March 31, 2020 – Living Well with Diabetes Class

· 8:00 – 2:00 pm (free Hg A1C, BMI, BP, glucose screening)

· New location (tentative): Fannin Street UMC

If you need any of the Wesley Nurse services or would like to visit about the services I am able to provide, please call 361-645-2546 or 972-768-5138 (cell).

Your Wesley Nurse,

Elizabeth Wilson BSN, RN-BC

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World Day of Prayer

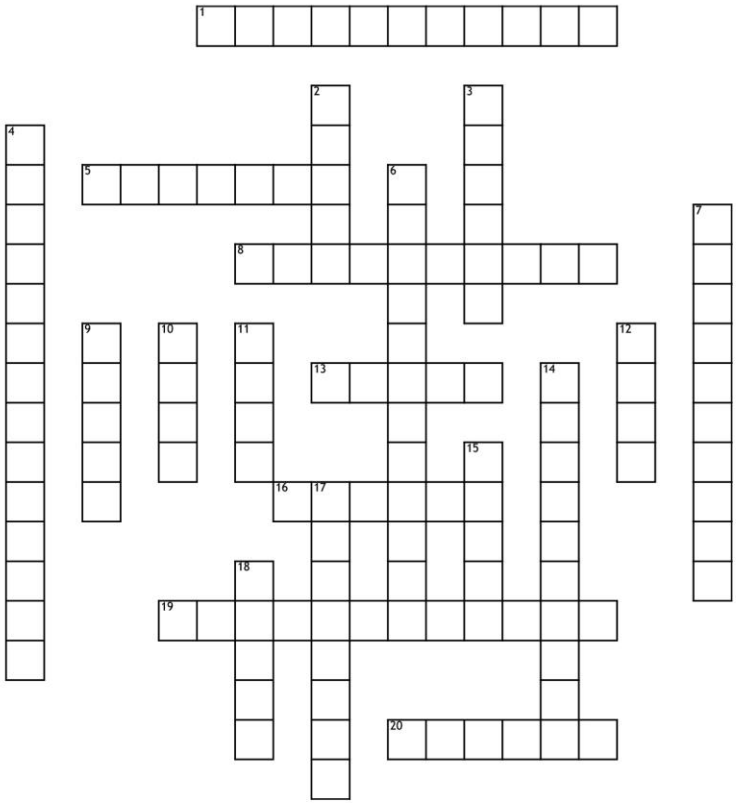
World Day of Prayer is celebrated the first Friday in March and promotes justice and equality for women through prayers, partnerships, service and celebration. The 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked – "Do you want to be made well?" with the theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Use this opportunity to reflect with your group, community and ecumenical partners. Prayer and action are what link us together around the globe. ***St. John's Lutheran Church*** in Goliad would like to invite the community to pray together with us on this World Day of Prayer; ***Friday, March 6, 2020 at 12 – Noon***. Please take a few minutes of your lunch break and join us at St. John's to pray with us. For more information please contact Christy Paulsgrove 361-722-9424

March

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:30 am Communion Sunday UMCOR		C.C. Homeschool	GriefShare FLC 10am to 11:30am			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:30 am Finance meeting Following worship service Daylight savings time begins		C.C. Homeschool	GriefShare FLC 10am to 11:30am	Retired Teachers FLC 6pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:30 am	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break GriefShare FLC 10am to 11:30am	Spring Break First day of Spring	Spring Break	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday School 9:15am Worship Service 10:30 am La Bahia Worship 3:00pm	Spring Break Erika Bochat small group 6:30pm (Bochat home)	C.C. Homeschool	GriefShare FLC 10am to 11:30am			
29	30	31	26	27	28	29
Sunday School 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am	CC Homeschool group FLC and Classrooms 8am to 1pm	C.C. Homeschool	GriefShare FLC 10am to 11:30am			

Lenten Season



Across

1. What comes after Lent (2 words no space)
5. What is often practiced by individuals during the Lenten Season?
8. Holy week begins with? (2 words no space)
13. How many Days are observed in Lent? (Not including Sundays)
16. Lent is "a time to reflect upon baptism, a time for rebirth and renewal in preparation for the celebration of _____."
19. What is the first day of Lent? (2 words no spaces)
20. What is the "Color" of the Lent Season?

Down

2. The day before Easter is called Easter _____
3. The word Lent means _____.
4. On this night Jesus instituted "a memorial" of his Passion in the Lord's Supper. (2 words no space)
6. Easter is the day acknowledging Christ's _____ (2 words no space)
7. The day of Christ's Crucifixion. (2 words no space)
9. The color representing Good Friday is?
10. "Remember: You are _____ and to _____ you shall return" (one word)
11. Ashes come from _____(s) that were blessed on _____ Sunday the year before
12. Sundays are "in" Lent but not "of" it. How many are there?
14. Lent is the season of _____
15. What is Drawn on your forehead by Pastor on Ash Wednesday?
17. What word is not said during the Lenten Season?
18. The Triduum consists on ____ days.