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This month marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is an opportunity for us to examine our relationship with Christ. This year Lent will also be a time to evaluate the spiritual direction of our church. This will require prayerful discernment from all members and constituents of our parish, as we strive to continue our mission of making disciples of Christ, for the transformation of the world.

During the forty days of Lent, sometimes fasting or giving something up may be part of our spiritual discipline. Fasting can be an effective tool to help us be aware of our shortcomings and our needs. Sacrifice is a way of raising our spiritual consciousness. However, Lent isn't always about giving things up, it can also be a time of taking on something new. If we are willing to open our eyes and our hearts, the Lord may make us aware of certain needs that we can help fulfill.

The decision to observe Lent is a personal one. It is an opportunity to practice spiritual discipline and experience spiritual growth. This Lenten season, I am asking each person affiliated with our parish to participate in an extended time of prayer.

[By praying together, may we experience a Holy Lent as we continue our journey of faith.](#)

Pastor John

Ways to Pray and Observe a Holy Lent

Find a Prayer Partner ~ Invite someone to meet and pray with you at least once a week. Pray for each other and find ways to support each other as you go through this season of Lent.

Set Aside a Personal Time for Prayer ~ If you are not in the habit of praying regularly, set a timer for 5 minutes. The next day when you pray, increase the time by 1-2 minutes. By the end of Lent, you may find yourself able to pray for over 45 minutes at a time.

Ways We Can Pray

- ❖ Pray by using the prayer list on the back of the church bulletin.
- ❖ Pray for the leaders of our church.
- ❖ Pray for each family in our church directory.
- ❖ Pray for the ministries and activities of our church.
- ❖ Pray for our denomination, bishop, and our district superintendent.
- ❖ Pray for God's will to be done as we look to the future of the church.
- ❖ Pray for God's continued presence in our world, our country, and our communities.
- ❖ Pray for all Christians, united together as the body of Christ in this world.

Special Dates in April:
April 2 ~ Palm Sunday
April 6 ~ Maundy Thursday
April 7 ~ Good Friday
April 9 ~ Easter Sunday
Special Service Times and
Information available in the
Narthex.



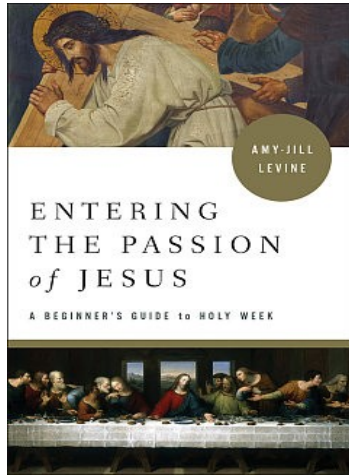
**ACTS is always
looking for volunteers!
Call Carol Hockin, if
you are interested!**



**Blood Pressure
Checks every Second
Sunday. Thank you
Sherry!**



**First Day of Spring:
March 20th**

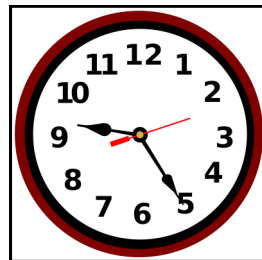


*as I have
loved you,
LOVE one
another*
John 13:34

**~SAVE THE DATE~
Saturday, April 29th @
3pm
Disaffiliation Vote @
Fife Lake UMC**

Sunday, March 12th

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS! (spring forward)**



**Saint Patrick's Day
March 17!**



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm Saturday, Men Only 10am; Saturday, everyone, 7pm			1	2	3	4
5 10:15 Worship Communion	6	7 9am Bible Study & Lenten Breakfast @FLUMC	8 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	9	10	11 
12 10:15 Worship Blood Pressure checks Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14 9am Bible Study & Lenten Breakfast @FLUMC	15	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day!	18
19 10:15 Worship	20 AD Council Meeting 6:30 @WUMC	21 9am Bible Study & Lenten Breakfast @FLUMC	22 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	23	24	25
26 10:15 Worship	27	28 9am Bible Study & Lenten Breakfast @FLUMC	29	30	31	

March Celebrations!

4th Gracelyn Hamilton
5th Stanley Goss
8th Holly & Shane Barrett's Anniversary
9th Neil Morrison
10th Lexi Hamstra
12th Jan Donkers
12th Callie Thomas
13th Rod Kuncaitis
15th Judy Jenkins
17th Dana Kuncaitis

21st Dwain & Wanda Provins' Anniv!
26th Wendy Walter
26th Carol & Jim Hockin's Anniversary!



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