

MARCH 2026



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Dear Williamsburg UMC Friends and Family.

March has arrived, we are feeling the warming temperatures and seeing the snow and ice begin to melt away. We are already a couple weeks into Lent, and it is living up to its name. Lent is the season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent come from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of Spring.

The next two Sundays (March 9 and March 15) after the service, we will be discussing the book, *Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace: What We Do, and Why* by Lacey Warner. An on-going reflection in the book, and one that I hope to see in our conversations is "to what tenacious holiness in God calling us and our communities?"

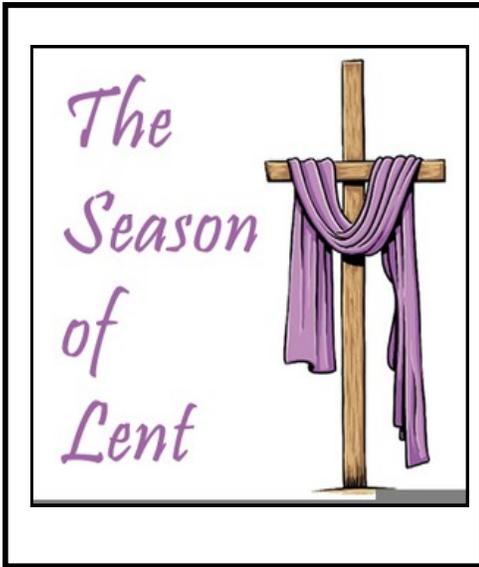
March 29 is Palm Sunday and we will be looking at Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem as well as his Passion. There will be special music that Sunday. I hope you can make it, and think about inviting a friend to come worship with us. The Friday of that week, April 3rd, is Good Friday, and I will be worshipping at Central Methodist of TC's community Good Friday Service. And then Sunday, April 5th will be Easter Sunday!

In closing, I would like to share a Lenten prayer that I keep on my keys and pray throughout the year:

Lord, sanctify the silence
With which we contemplate
Your boundless love for sinners,
Your sacrifice so great,
And grant us hope and patience
That, when the fast is gone,
New songs of "Alleluia!"
May greet your
Easter dawn!

-Arden and Peter Mead

Blessings,
Pastor Matthew



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

ACTS
Acme Christian Thrift Store
& Food Pantry

Usher List for March:

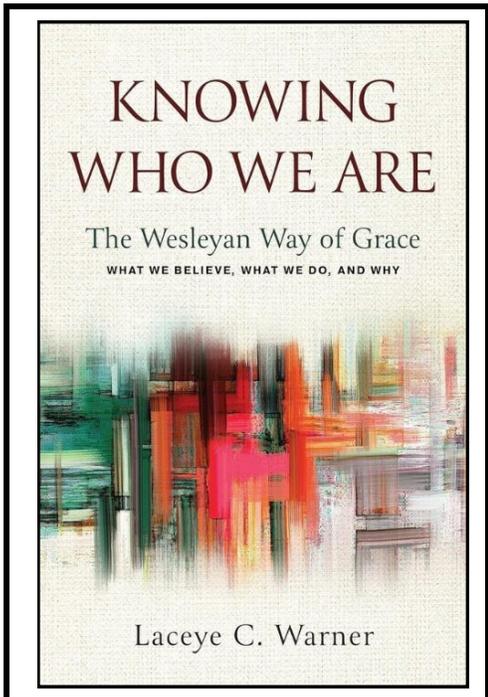
- **March 8—Jan Donkers**
- **March 15—Rich Hargreaves**
- **March 22—Janet Goss**
- **March 29—Jim Hockin**

First Day of Spring: March 20th

SPRING

Palm Sunday
March 29th

In March we are Supporting Freedom Builders! More information is on the bulleting board in the Narthex, thank you!



Sunday, March 8th

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS! (spring forward)

Saint Patrick's Day March 17!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship Communion Coffee Fellowship	2	3	4	5	6	7 
8 9:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship Conversation Sunday "Knowing Who We Are"	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship Conversation Sunday "Knowing Who We Are"	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day!	18 AD Council Meeting 9am	19	20 First Day of Spring	21
22 9:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship Special Music Coffee Fellowship	30	31				

AA SCHEDULE
 Monday, 7pm
 Saturday 7pm

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

26th Wendy Walter
 26th Carol & Jim Hockin's Anniversary!



The Northwest Food Coalition - Empty Bowls
 presents:



Where Farmers & Families Grow Together!
 Come Explore, Taste and Celebrate the Local
 Farms that grow healthy food for our neighbors in need!



Sunday, May 3, 2026
Howe Arena, Traverse City
11am to 2pm



Artisan Bowl to Take Home
Fun Farm Themed Kid Activities
Live Music & Bowl Making Demonstrations
Harvest Heroes Market

Chef made Soup & Artisan Bread from Area Establishments

Funds generated contribute to the Northwest Food Coalition's Farm2Neighbor program, providing fresh produce and protein from local farms to over 75 food & baby pantries, and meal sites in our 6 county area.



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