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 03/18 - Danette McGee
 03/23 - Debbie-Joy Agee
 03/24 - Lyle McGahee



Anniversaries
 03/27 -
 John & Alice Caldwell



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Preschool 6:30am-6PM 1	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 2 Midweek Prayer & Reflection 12 (Noon)  Ash Wednesday Service 6pm	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 3	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 4	Church Spring Cleaning (Volunteers Needed) 5
6 1st Sunday of Lent Luke 4:1-13 Sunday Service @ 11:00AM 	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 7	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 8	9 Preschool 6:30am-6PM Midweek Prayer & Reflection 12 (Noon)  Bible Study 5:15pm  Choir Practice 6:00pm	10 Preschool 6:30am-6PM	11 Preschool 6:30am-6PM	12
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March 2022

Service Project: For the month of March, we are collecting non-perishable food items for our Blessing Box here at the church. We are in need of canned meats, canned fruits, powdered milk, and other non-perishable food items. We are also in need of some hand held can openers, as some items do not have pull tops.



Spring Program: We are looking to have our Spring Music & Movement program during the month of April. Our Music & Movement teachers have been out sick, which has led to this postponement.

Specials Schedule:

- **Music - Monday Mornings**
- **Soccer Shots - Tuesday Mornings -**
Soccer Shots had been taking place on Mondays, but will be resuming on Tuesdays this month.
- **Movement - Wednesday Mornings**
- **Pre-K Computer - Thursday & Friday Mornings**

Outside Toys & Food: NO OUTSIDE TOYS OR OUTSIDE FOOD ARE ALLOWED IN THE CENTER.

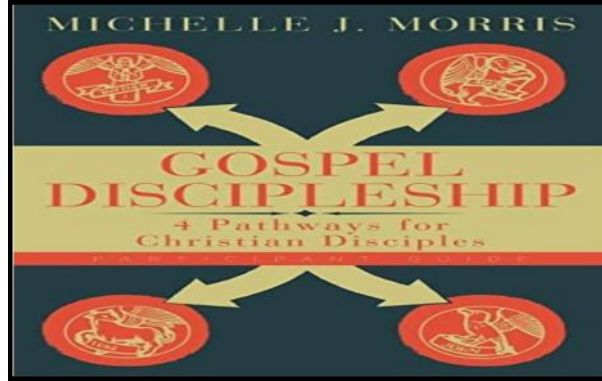
Need: We are in need of clean, plastic grocery bags for the Food Pantry and the Center.

Seasonal Clothing: As the season changes, we ask that parents please make sure that all children have a weather-appropriate change of clothing that is properly labeled with the child's name. If your child is experiencing frequent accidents, please make sure that they have the appropriate number of changes of clothing, as we do not have clothing to accommodate all children.

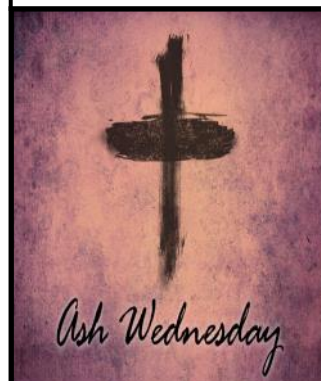
Pickup/Dropoff Protocol: Beginning Monday, March 7th, we plan to revert back to allowing parents to enter the building. With this change, we will require that all those entering the building wear a mask and dropoff/pickup their children outside of the classroom. Thank you so much as we continue to navigate through these everchanging situations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES:

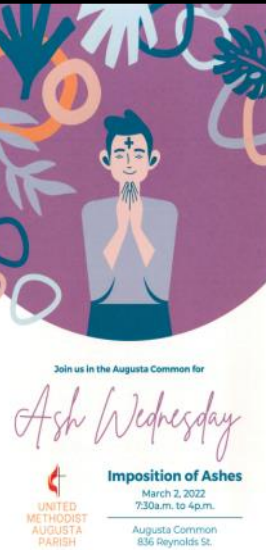
- Ash Wednesday - March 2nd - Woodlawn UMC will have an Ash Wednesday Service @ 6pm in the Woodlawn Sanctuary.**
- Friday —April 15th - Woodlawn will be **CLOSED** in observance of Good Friday. The Center will reopen on Monday, April 18th.**
- Monday - May 30th - Woodlawn will be **CLOSED** in observance of Memorial Day**
- Woodlawn will be REOPEN on Tuesday, May 31st.**



Our weekly Bible Study will take place Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm in the Woodlawn Sanctuary. (No Bible Study - Ash Wednesday)

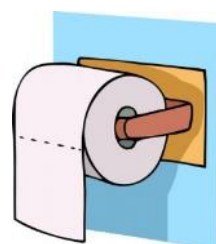


Woodlawn UMC will have our Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 2nd @ 6PM in the Woodlawn Sanctuary



LOCAL MISSIONS

*Bring in paper towels and toilet paper for our monthly donation we give to Pathways - the Maxwell House store.



THE TIDINGS

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Like it or not, we are soon approaching our third journey into the season of Lent while living through “dare I say it” an unprecedented pandemic. I was making preparations for an Ash Wednesday Service in March 2020 when official word came for the “stay at home” quarantines that would isolate us from one another and prevent us from gathering in our sacred spaces. In many ways, our journey since then has been an ongoing Lenten one. Even though the formal quarantines have dissipated, we remain tried and tested in this seemingly never-ending wilderness and now we are back to the Shakespearean dilemma, “To mask or not to mask...”

Our desire and drive to return to “normalcy” finds us if we are honest, at odds with the spirituality at the heart of Lent. It reminds me of an experience I had the weekend after 9/11 as a spiritual director for retreat. Gathering our leadership team in preparation for the arrival of the participants when the discussion turned to how we should address what happened earlier in the week, one of our leadership team insisted “we won’t go there and we should change the subject if it comes up.” To which I replied then I must exit this experience now. I could not possibly ignore or deny that 2,977 people had perished that fateful day, nor would I encourage others to do so.

Our days in the wilderness that Lent beckons us to, do not allow us to “retreat” from the realities around us, anymore that Jesus could “retreat” from his own temptations. In a fascinating piece found on the front page of Last Monday’s The New York Times, “Writers Wonder If People Want To Curl Up With A Pandemic Novel,” countless contemporary writers testify to the dilemma they now find themselves in, “to go there or not to go there.” The journalist goes on to report, “The pandemic is also presenting new narratives and artistic pitfalls. Some writers worry a pandemic plot might drive away readers who want to escape our grim reality, but ignoring it might feel jarringly unrealistic.”

The topography of the wilderness Jesus found himself in was not only barren but rocky. The Gospel of Luke records that as Jesus is tempted there by Satan, “He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread’ to which Jesus replies ‘It is written, One does not live by bread alone.’” Jesus refuses to deny the reality of his own hunger and prefers letting the rocks be rocks and dwelling amongst their hard edges rather than embracing Satan’s illusions.

Our own wilderness days will not allow us to deny our brokenness and fears. World War I loomed so strongly in my grandmother’s generational experiences, that she only spoke on rare occasions of the Spanish Flu of 1918 that took the lives of her siblings. John M. Barry’s monumental book *The Great Influenza* published in 2005, dared breach the subject of an influenza that had taken lives of an estimated 50 to 100 million people. But “Going there” for us is unavoidable. As much as we would like deny the potency of our own narratives, the pandemic can’t be viewed as a “plot problem” to be glossed over anymore than the cross that looms on the other side of the wilderness can be erased.

Oh and by the way, meet me and area clergy in the Augusta Commons, 836 Reynolds Street, for Ash Wednesday and The Imposition of Ashes on March 2nd, from 7:30am - 4:00pm or in our sanctuary at 6:00pm



**Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sonny Mason**



“Show me your ways Lord, teach me your paths.”
- Psalm 25:4



Prayer Group will not be meeting until further notice. The Prayer List will be sent out weekly via email to inform everyone of the Prayer Requests. If you have any prayer requests, please contact Pastor Sonny at bernardsmason@aol.com

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