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Harrison First United Methodist Church
1100 West Bower
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To Know+To Love+To Serve God

Prayers of the People

OUR PRAYERS

These are not just names on a list but people for whom we are truly concerned. Please let us know how they are doing so that we may continue to pray for them or rejoice in their healing or answer to prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Emily Best, Beth Bradford, Mike Brown, Rebecca Brumley, Lyndle Bullard, John & Gabriel Caglia, Ace Callahan, Mary Jane Cobb, JD & Judy Erwin, Sue Flanigan, Blake Franklin, Carl Griffith, Ruth Haley, James Hendricks, Madalyn Judd, Barb Lane, Teresa Ledbetter, Kim Lewin and family, Alex Luther, Mike Masterson, Paul Mathis, Virginia McCracken, Lou Ann Moles, Carl Peterson, James Primm, Donna Marie Roberts, Charlie Rush, Louise Spradlin, Ina Thomason, Hank Thompson, Peggy Turney, Pastor Jaime Useche, Abby Wilson, and Paul Wilton

Something To Ponder...

-When you have God, you have everything.

-Rest tonight knowing that whatever is on your mind is in God's hands.

-God has a wonderful way of turning negatives into positives.

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A Note from the Office

Greetings, friends, and family of Harrison First UMMC, the season of Lent is upon us, and I hope you experience God's presence during our journey together towards the cross of Christ. The main focus of our Lenten sermon series, Jesus in the Wild, is centering around living fully into our identity and calling placed upon us by God. I hope that my opening message gave you a good understanding of how we can look at this idea of "the wild," but if not, I want to take a moment to look a little deeper at how we can view this in our own lives.

As I said this past Sunday, February 26, the wild, or in Greek, the eremos, has many different meanings. It can mean desert, deserted place, desolate place, solitary place, lonely place, quiet place, or wilderness. I think these, in many ways, only begin to scratch the surface when it comes to viewing the wild in our own lives. The wild or eremos can also be seasons of uncertainty, situations of conflict, and times of doubt. It can be any time in our lives when we experience a time of discomfort or trials.

Season of wilderness time often comes when we least expect it as well, and it's why it is so vital that we equip ourselves with the tools we need to deal with those that come our way. As we will discover during our Lenten journey, God has given each one of us the tools and abilities needed, and our task is to lean into them. The other bonus is that no matter how alone we feel in the wilderness, God is always there. God is always watching over us, supplying what we genuinely need, and caring for us along the way.

Just the other day, a close clergy friend of mine shared something with me that spoke volumes about how I was feeling. This shows how God works. The following is what he shared:

Keep your eyes on Me! Waves of adversity are washing over you, and you feel tempted to give up. As your circumstances consume more and more of your attention, you are losing sight of Me. Yet I am with you always, holding you by your right hand. I am fully aware of your situation, and I will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to bear.

Your gravest danger is worrying about tomorrow. If you try to carry tomorrow's burdens today, you will stagger under the load and eventually fall flat. You must disciple yourself to live within the boundaries of today. It is in the present moment that I walk close to you, helping you carry your burdens. Keep your focus on My Presence in the present.

Jesus Calling, February 27.

I encourage you during this season of lent to join us on this journey of discovery and take time, if you're able, to subscribe to the devotional made available via email from Seedbed called The Wakeup Call. This will be a great addition to our times together on Sundays.

For the journey, Pastor Allen



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Season of Lent

The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - to consider His sufferings and His sacrifice, His life, death and burial.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Romans 13:11

And do this because you know that the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Unless there is a Good Friday in our life there can not be Easter Sunday.

F. J. Sheen

Weekly Activities

Youth Ignite - Sun. 6:00 p.m.
PEPPI Exercise - M-W-F 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Quilting - Tues. 1:00 p.m.
Barre Exercise - Wed. 4:00 p.m.
Yoga Class - Thurs. 9:15 a.m.
Handbell Practice - Wed. 6:30 p.m.



Church Financial Report

February's Income - \$ 10, 637.71
February's Expenses - \$ 16, 808.72
YTD Income - \$ 25, 356.92
YTD Expense - \$ 34, 550.00

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March's Calendar

6th - 6:00 p.m. - SPPRC Meeting
8th - 6:00 p.m. - Youth Committee
13th - 6:00 p.m. - Trustee's Meeting
14th - 2:00 p.m. - Wesleyan Group
14th - 5:30 p.m. - Finance Council
14th - 6:30 p.m. - Admin Council
17th - 11:00 a.m. - Food Truck
18th - 7:30 a.m. - UMM's Breakfast
21st - 10:00 a.m. - Nellie Dyer Circle
22nd - 5:30 p.m. - UMM Dinner Meeting



March 12th



March 24

Gary & Ann Main

Weekly Scripture Readings

March 5

Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 12

Ex 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 19

1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

March 26

Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

March Birthdays

1 - Mark Duren

2 - Jim Best

14 - Sid Brain

15 - Linda Mathis

17 - Pat Moles

26 - Alan Koizumi

26 - Jack Cooper