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From Our Pastor

Ecclesiastes 9:11 "the race is not to the swift"

Ecclesiastes 3:20 "dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return."

I Corinthians 9:24-27 "run the race so as to win the prize."

February is bookended by two major events: The Super Bowl in Miami on Feb 2 and Ash Wednesday in the local churches on February 26. In between the one popular sporting highlight and a solemn high point in the life of Christians, we will pay superstitious attention to the groundhog, honor our great Presidents, and send our sweethearts cards, candy, and valentines! As February winds down on a leap year 29th day, many will be expecting the arrival of days with more light and less cold weather. This month is packed with significance!

As the local church, we can celebrate and enjoy our American cultural events with all of our fellow citizens. As the Church Universal, tho, we acknowledge with the faithful all around the world that one day that begins preparation of our journey toward Good Friday and Easter. Death and Resurrection.

I suspect you have already noted on your calendars our popular cultural events. Let's all also mark our monthly commitments with one more major moment and that is Ash Wednesday on February 26. Run the regular "races of February" but don't neglect that special "training day and kickoff" for our long walk to Gethsemani, Golgotha, and finally to the Empty Tomb. Enjoy the month! Make your preparations now!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 1. Breakfast will be begin at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Lunch

We will have a time of fellowship and a pizza lunch following the worship service on February 2. The pizza will be provided. Hopefully you can join us.

No February Fellowship Supper

There will be no First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper in February. There will be an announcement when the suppers resume.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at his home on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 1215 Ledbury Dr., Smyrna.

Youth

Our Youth Faith Formation study group is active. We are grateful for our children and youth and those who have worked with and supported them and their adult leaders.

Bucket Offerings

When Chaplain Rob Dunbar took our Youth on a tour of the National Guard Base in Nashville, they saw medallions that were given to families in times of distress. They learned that the medallions are expensive and the budget for them is limited. Our February bucket collections on Sunday mornings will be used to purchase medallions.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for February is soup. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. An ancient tradition for this day is to burn palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday and to use these ashes to make the sign of the cross on the forehead or the back of the hand. In 2019 our Ash Wednesday service was at Kedron. Our joint service this year will be at Locks Memorial UMC beginning at 6:00 p.m. on February 26. The church address is 7880 Almaville Road.

Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on February 24 at Trinity UMC. The address is 2303 Jones Blvd., Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to:

Palmer Jennings	February 7
Coleman Stacey	February 7
Ray Lee	February 9
Chloe Wagner	February 9
Esther Dunbar	February 11
Keith Lee	February 15
Loren Vanderkooi	February 25
Jane Rainey	February 26
Caden Salem	February 27

Happy Anniversary to:

John and Mary Ellen Vance February 22

Who Said This?

"The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,"

NRSV

(hint – book of 2 Samuel)

Proverbs 21:21 was the quotation in the January newsletter.

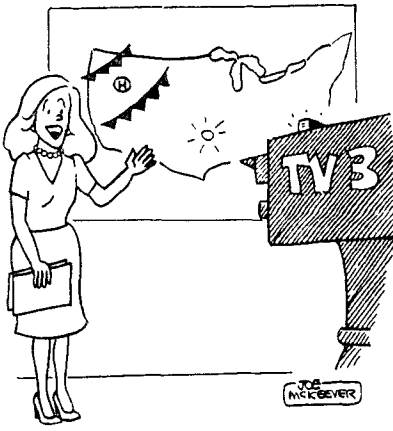
Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you:

Love,

Prayer,

And Forgiveness.

-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



AND SUNDAY LOOKS LIKE A LOVELY DAY TO FORSAKE NOT THE ASSEMBLING OF YOURSELVES TOGETHER.



Love all Creation,

The whole of it and every grain of sand.
 Love every leaf, every ray of God's light.
 Love the animals, love the plants.
 Love everything. If you love everything,
 you will perceive the divine mystery in things.
 And once you have perceived it, you will
 begin to comprehend it ceaselessly more and more
 every day. And you will at last come to love the
 whole world with an abiding universal love.

-Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Table Grace

Loving God of all peoples:
 Thank you for this food; thank you for all who
 helped bring it from the earth to this table. As
 we remember those whose tables have less on
 them, challenge us to help make change. Amen.

Thought for the month

None will have such a sad parting from Christ, as those who went half-way with Him and then left Him.

-William Gurnall

February Calendar

- Saturday, February 1:
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- Sunday, February 2:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
Pizza lunch after
Worship Service
- Tuesday, February 4:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- Sunday, February 9:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- Tuesday, February 11:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- Sunday, February 16:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- Tuesday, February 18:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- Sunday, February 23:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. March newsletter
information due.
- Monday, February 24:
6:30 p.m. Rutherford Laity at
Trinity UMC, Murfreesboro
- Tuesday, February 25:
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- Wednesday, February 26:
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Locks Memorial UMC



Ash Wednesday

Heart Word Find

Look up these Bible verses to find the kind of heart. Then find that word in the word find.

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|-------------------|---------|
| Exodus 35:5 | G _____ |
| Numbers 32:9 | D _____ |
| Deuteronomy 28:47 | G _____ |
| Deuteronomy 28:65 | T _____ |
| 1 Samuel 25:36 | M _____ |
| Nehemiah 2:2 | S _____ |
| Psalms 12:2 | D _____ |
| Psalms 34:18 | B _____ |
| Psalms 101:5 | A _____ |
| Proverbs 10:8 | W _____ |
| Proverbs 17:22 | C _____ |
| Proverbs 25:20 | H _____ |
| Isaiah 35:4 | F _____ |
| Jeremiah 17:9 | D _____ |
| Jeremiah 17:9 | P _____ |
| Ezekiel 18:31 | N _____ |
| Matthew 5:8 | P _____ |
| Luke 8:15 | G _____ |
| Hebrews 3:12 | E _____ |
| Hebrews 3:12 | U _____ |

	A R I E	B S J C
S	D O U B L E K	D S S E N D A S
X	C B U L D L A A T C E C T B E M G F V	
P	G N I L B M E R T Y H F W H W D S I H	
G	F V E Q H N G E R I D E V I O U S J I	
K	E D R F O L V R K O E O E M J X E K N	
C	U N B E L I E V I N G F P R J G N Y Q	
X	O S M A E M R N P O A A L Q F Z D R U	
I	S B R O K E N O Z R T N H M U A X	
B	J U F A T U D K A U B Y T L V L C	
P	N U L G E N E R O U S W U Y G	
W	L D N X W O E C E V M V P	
X	P E R V E R S E Y A W	
V	O Y U Q I I P E E	
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Matching Hearts

Draw a line from the heart in the top row to its match in the bottom row.

