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Fair Grove United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

Growing our church from inside out and outside in; creating a Christian family of God.

Good News from the Pastor's Desk

"I'm going to miss Lent this year," This is a statement I recently heard in response to not having the traditional pancake dinner in observance of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday worship services.

Worship during a pandemic is challenging at best. Some necessary adjustments have been made to support the command that we show love of neighbor through 'social distancing.' These words are now embedded in my mind and on my heart. For me, the obvious concern is not what we do without Lent, but rather how do we acknowledge Lent in times like these?

The season of Lent reminds us of our calling to discipleship through remembrance of the sacrifice Christ made for us on the cross. Discipleship Ministries recently printed an article on the Lenten season stating,

"Congregations often turn inward as we journey through the lifecycle of the congregation. We become satisfied with maintaining the comfort of those who are already here and lose sight of the mission that we are called to be stewards of, the mission to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The season of Lent leading up to Easter is a season of preparation, readying ourselves for the celebration of Resurrection. It is also a time to focus on growing as disciples and extending ourselves outward into our neighborhoods and engaging the community around us in a way that builds meaningful relationships.

When we speak of engaging the community around us as disciples, we are speaking of building relationships, for that is where discipleship begins. Ministries like evangelism, outreach, and others flow out of those relationships as we begin to know the people around us. Community engagement is more than missions, which might normally be understood as hands-on helping work, and it is more than evangelism, which often is seen as inviting people to church through events like block parties, booths at street festivals, and the like. It's about building relationships through which mission and evangelism occur as authentic relationships are deepened, and it reframes ministry away from "ministry for" to "ministry with" those around us. Discipleship begins with relationship and seeks to offer relationship with God and one another, so that all can know and experience the good news of Jesus Christ." (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/engaging-your-community-through-lent>) 01/23/2020.

Observing Lent should be on our minds daily as a life changing event, not just once a year with a mark of ashes in observance of God's grace to remind us we are sinners. Discipleship is an ongoing opportunity to share Christ with others in ways that will transform lives. We begin by speaking openly, not distancing our voices. As faithful disciples we can share our faith through building relationships. Discipleship is about sharing our experiences with Christ and creating opportunities for others to do likewise.

While discipleship is not something new, ways in which we extend ourselves as disciples has, and will continue to face challenges. Seek daily opportunities to build relationships and be disciples in an ever-changing world.

Pastor Sandra



On behalf of the Finance Committee, please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your continued support through a most difficult time. As we move forward in 2021, hopefully returning to normal operations, please be mindful that with increased activities come increased expenses. I urge all to be in prayer regarding their support (prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness) of our church. All of us have talents and gifts to offer; these will be needed as we move forward.

Mark Myers, Finance Chair



United Methodist Women

UMW SOUP SALE IS ON!



Our UMW will be offering homemade vegetable soup for sale and pick up on Saturday, March 13th.

Please contact Jane Gibbs at (336)-259-5639 if you wish to preorder soup.

Soup may be picked up at church, curbside, on that day from 10:00 am-12:00.

Please have the correct change or pay by check. Checks should be written to: FGUMC-UMW.

Soup may also be picked up on Sunday, March 14th after worship service.

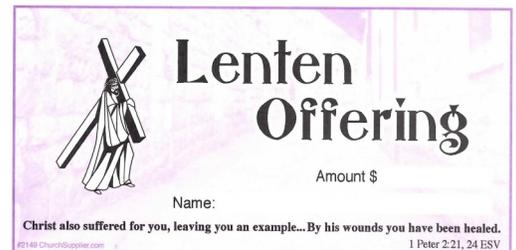
The soup is \$7.00 a quart and it freezes well!

All of the money raised will be used by our UMW to support local and worldwide missions!

Thank you for supporting our UMW and Missions !



Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27:1



In this season of Lent, we prayerfully wait and seek how we might serve others through mission. The need for help in our own community is great. Each day, could we set aside a portion for those less fortunate? Possibilities:

- Join the InAsMuchClub for \$1 a month, \$12 a year
- Bring a canned or non-perishable food item to church each week
- or Provide food for the hungry with financial gifts. (Designate Fairgrove FRC on envelope or check memo line)
- Bring a \$5 or \$10 grocery/gas or meal card for a store or fast food restaurant to be distributed by Pastor Sandra
- Donate to the Missions Restricted Fund, allowing assistance with utility, shelter, or other extreme need for those struggling. (Designate Missions Restricted Fund on envelope or check memo line)

Daily Lenten prayer and monetary consideration for the hungry and those in need - We will bring these on Easter Sunday. On our envelope or check, we will designate, Lenten offering. These will go to Fairgrove FRC.



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138 Fairgrove Church Rd, Thomasville, NC 27360

Tithes and Offering

Name: _____
Amount: _____
For: GENERAL FUND

Building disciples for Jesus Christ through spiritual growth, fellowship, and outreach.

Need more tithing envelopes for 2021?

Just let us know.

With the covid pandemic and precautions still in place, if you are in need of a new box of tithing envelopes, please let us know by email, fgumc@northstate.net, or call the church office, 336-475-2598. If you leave a voice mail on the church office phone, it will be sent to the

church's email for follow-up. We will contact you and work out a time for you to pick-up or a place for you to pick up the new box. Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to work within CDC safety precautions. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us as well.



- Chad Blevins
- Jimmy Thomason family, Helen Perdue's brother
- Carolyn Lane's father-in-law
- Pat Stanley
- Sarah, friend of Gale Smith
- Jay Jolly
- Becky Baity
- Derek, Mike Sink's son
- Effie Pacey and her family
- Jean Widder
- Evon Hughes
- Tom Nelson
- Anita & Doug Bame
- Nina Leonard
- Todd Lomax
- Tony Clark
- Jill Turner
- Chip Osborne
- Evelyn Parks, 1 year old
- Riley Honeycutt, 10 year old girl
- Tom Scott and wife/caregiver
- Lynette
- 3 year old Lynix Nichols and family
- Our homeless friend and neighbor
- Jimmy

- Susan Jester
- Bob Williams
- Steve Swaney
- Darlene Mercer
- Donna Miller
- Dot Russell
- Debbie Mayer-Matthews
- Teresa Rhodes
- Rev. Michael Bailey, Yadkin Valley D.S.
- Jo Citrin
- Fidel Goodnight
- Gail Mitchell
- Joe Bales III
- Bill Barker
- Teresa Miller
- Lawrence Russell
- Leslie Rierson
- Kendall Conner
- Lucero Prieto
- Regan Sink/ SMA patients
- Kay Jenkins
- Lisa Foster
- Scarlett Merand, age 2



"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1 John 5:14



- 2 Randy Barnette
- 3 Ruth Dorsett
- 4 David Rothrock
- 7 Ronald Bumgardner
- 7 Gray Harris
- 9 Kathy Fuller
- 9 Jonathan Hall
- 9 Meagan Johnson
- 10 Jenny Garvin
- 10 Lawrence Russell
- 10 Joanna Welborn
- 11 Cayton Brown
- 11 Buck Hall
- 14 Michael Sweitzer
- 15 Matthew Dillard
- 15 Mark Workman
- 20 Mike Sink
- 21 Regan Barker
- 21 Kelly Moore
- 21 Marlene Burckhalter
- 23 Tommy Swaim
- 24 Robert Burcham
- 24 Ed Smith
- 25 Jacob Lee
- 28 Dianne Lee
- 28 Brian Vertefeuille
- 29 Eva Smith
- 30 Ginger McAdams
- 30 Taylor Thompson
- 31 Amy Pierce



- 16 Ron & Kelly Moore
- 21 Eddie & Sheree Jones
- 29 John & Cindy Dillard
- 31 Martin & Tami Burkhart





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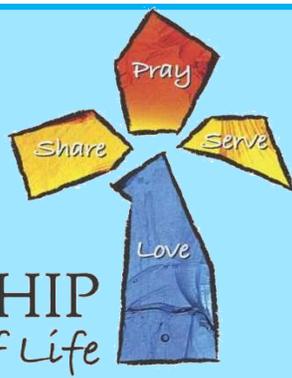
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We Thank God For You!



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 7, 2021

YTD SS Attendance AVG	0
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	35
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 25,010.00
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,168.33
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 5,692.21

GLEANNING

FEBRUARY: 0 Year-to-date: 14

Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family Resource Center

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!



Have you...

...moved? ...changed your email address?

...changed your phone number?

Or, would you like to be added to our email list to receive the weekly announcement email?

If so, please call us or send us an email with your updated information!

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