

WOMEN'S History Month



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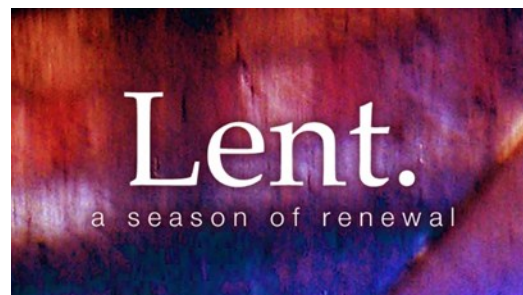
Welcome to Lent!

Are you feeling overwhelmed with all the bad news out there? Watching the news lately has become a painful experience for me. I guess actions or lack of actions from our leaders in government; the struggling economy, the blaming and the lack of responsibility for others captures most of the breaking news. I guess that there must be something good out there to be shared. So far, I have found some good ones. I'm so glad I have my family, friends, and a congregation as partners in ministry and mission. However, I do wonder how those living alone and/or in stress do handle it all. Most recently, in one of my many gatherings with United Methodists I found a special group of "seniors" with the common denominator of children of the Great Depression (*ages from 93 to 95*) and one element that kept the conversation going was their family's faith values. They believe in God's presence & God's love, they made it through because of their faith!

Let's then strengthen our faith!

In a time that we usually love to give up things (*Lenten season*) because our understanding of giving up those things we love the most in our daily lives, will help us get closer to God. I'm not, by any means offering any criticism of those who do that, because I know many who indeed take this time to give something up. However, I want to share about adding thing to our lives. I'm fully aware that it is, too much on our shoulders ...

I'm not talking about material things, stressful things or anything like that. What I'm sharing is like the Lenten Season invites us to do; a carefully self-examination of our relation with our Triune God. Let me ask you a simple question for the sake of asking... what part or aspect of our Spiritual life is missing or not really fully active? How is it with our offering, (meaning offering to God not only the material gifts, but also all we have and all we are) how is with our prayer life... are we totally, complete abandoning ourselves into God hands and truly said to God; "melt me, mold me, use me".



See, friends, this Lenten season, is a perfect time as we wait for darkness of the cross and death to be lifted up by the Glorious Resurrection morning to strongly pay attention to our spiritual life (*the inward part of our faith journey*). If we don't pay attention to our own nourishment, our own faith development, our own growing in our relationship with God, how can we stand up? How can we comfort those around us? How our witness will be, meaning our outward part of our faith journey?

So, today more than any other time we must strongly pay attention to our Spiritual Disciplines and how we are strengthening them and making sure they an integral part of us.`

Now, if you want to give up something up, for a great reason, replace that feeling of wanting for an amazing desire to add to your spiritual life those areas that indeed are missing. Remember the sacrifice that is acceptable to our God is our private and communal worship. So, let's worship, let's grow, let's strengthen our Spiritual Disciplines....

Friends welcome to the Lenten Season and keep looking; God is about to do something great in your life!

Let's journey together to Eater!

Blessings & peace,

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March 2023 Worship Schedule

ALL SERVICES WILL BE IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAM
SERVICES ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE ONLY

Saturdays at 5:00pm;

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00am

www.facebook.com/SUMCillinois/ or
www.youtube.com/results?searchquery=sycamore+umc
or www.sycamoreumc.org/live.

Second Sunday in Lent

Service of Communion

March 4 & 5, 2023

This is the week that the "moving out" part of our theme is most obvious. Whether we are talking about the call to go to a new place, like Abram in Genesis 12, or to move to a new understanding, like Nicodemus in John 3, movement is required. Movement means change, which is always difficult and scary. So this is a week about faith and about trust and the willingness to commit to the discipleship path.

Readings – Genesis 12: 1-4 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17

Third Sunday in Lent

March 11 & 12, 2023

We're thirsty this week. That's the point. Thirsting for the living waters that Jesus spoke about to the woman at the well. And not simply a one time or easy but unsatisfying spiritual refreshment, but a recognition of the deepest thirsts that we have and how we seem to always be thirsty, no matter how often we drink.

Readings - Exodus 17: 1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18 & 19, 2023

Do you know what it is like to be chosen? Well, you do because you were. Our texts this week are about being chosen by God. Most of us don't think that we were chosen, certainly not to be king like David. But surely, we chose the jobs that we do and the hobbies that we pursue and the service that we perform, didn't we? Well, yes. But God chose too. And not just in the past tense, God is still choosing.

Readings- 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 25 & 26, 2023

Here at the end of the Lenten observance (well, almost the end anyway), we have hints of Resurrection. We have "a foretaste of glory divine," as the hymnist Fanny Crosby says. As if the Spirit and the lectionary preparers knew that we would need something to help us through the next couple of weeks. As if they knew that without this reminder, we would find it a very hard road as we made our way stumbling behind the Christ who suffers and dies for us.

Readings - Ezequiel 37:1-14 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45



Those for whom we pray:

Eric Gabriel	Faith Buie
Diana Grace	Bill Kousoulas
Maggie Buie	Mike Milyanovich
Nancy	Sam Rucker and
Jim	Cris Woodin
Linda	Don Clayberg
Howard and	Mary Ann McDowell
Sue Keller	Sherry Probasco
Tom Snell & Family	Ray Larson
Betty Lou Finn	Addey Foster
The Dykema Family	Bernard and
Brooke Copeland	Vonnie Fuller
Aimee Swanson	

We extend our sympathies to the family of:

John Sackis (related to Sue Keller,
Miss Becca & Tim Keller)
Joan Miller (Scott Miller's mother)
Jan Hagendorn
Eileen Singer (Cary Singer's mother)
Phil Thornton (Becca Rome's stepfather)

The Service Personnel and Their Families

Cpt. Mark Browning,	*SGT Brock Grimaldi
*SGT Ben Bushno	E4SPC Alexis Jones
SGT Shaune Clark	E3PFC Max Keller
SGT Matthew Einhorn	A1C Brock Larson
PFC Timothy Einhorn	*Maj Steve Haack
PO1 Frank Incapreo	SPC Caden Grimaldi
SSG Christopher Isabel	PV2 Rachel McMillion
Lt. Col. Garrett Slack	*CPL Joshua Caraballo
SFC Matthew "Scott" Stewart	SPC Sutit Jackson
MMN1 Frank Huftalin	PV2 Liam Keller
*LT Matthew Herbaugh	E-5 PO Hayden Royer
PVT Trevor Bassett	E-3 Amanda Royer
PO3 Samuel V. Bell	<i>*indicates deployed personnel</i>
CPT Ed Richter	

SCHOLARSHIPS



The Memorial Committee will be offering scholarships to deserving and qualified students planning to attend a 2 or 4-year-college or university next year.

•One or more \$500 scholarships will be awarded from the **Church Scholarship Funds**. The number of scholarships vary each year and are determined by the amount of money in the scholarship fund at the time the applications are reviewed in April. Contributions to this fund can be made at any time during the year.

- The \$1,000 **Marion B. Marsh Memorial Scholarship** will be given to a person entering the freshman year.
- The **Barbara J. Rodgers Memorial Scholarship** of with a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$5,000 will be given to a full-time student who has completed the freshman year and is planning to continue his/her undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate studies at an accredited college of university, majoring in a religious vocation or education vocation. Priority will be given to a prior recipient of the Barbara J. Rodgers Memorial Scholarship. If no applicant meets the criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- The **Midge Hartsuch Memorial Scholarship** of \$500 will be given to a student who will be attending Kishwaukee Community College in Malta. If no applicant meets the criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- The **Karen S. Palm-Hale-Hagen Nursing Memorial United Methodist Endowed Scholarship**, based on funds in the account, with the minimum of \$500 will be awarded to one high school senior declaring "Nursing" as their college major or an active college student pursuing a nursing degree each year for their dedication to serving others in the surrounding Sycamore/DeKalb communities. If no applicant meets the criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded. **(NOTE: The criteria and application for this scholarship is different from the Sycamore United Methodist Church Scholarship criteria and application.)**

Applications and criteria are available in the church office and online at www.sycamoreumc.org. The application needs to be completed and returned to the church office by March 31, 2023. Be sure to use the 2023 scholarship applications to be considered for a scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded in June. If you have questions, please contact Diane McQueen at 815-899-8878.



JOURNEY TO EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 6 at 7:00pm
 GOOD FRIDAY - April 7
 Ecumenical Service at 3:00pm
 Worship Service at 7:00pm

Palm Sunday -- April 2
EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9
8:30 & 10:00am

WE WILL BE PREPARING FOR EASTER IN A FEW NEW WAYS AT SYCAMORE UMC.

Wednesday Nights will be where it's at! A weekly Lenten soup supper followed by a short sensory worship service based on the Psalm will be a great way to ground yourself with a mid-week dose of discipleship. Come to one or all!

Here's the weekly schedule:

5:30-6:30pm - Soup Suppers

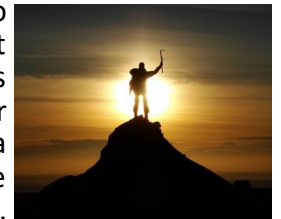
6-6:30pm - Clergy Convo – talk with Pastor Luis about the reading to prepare your hearts for worship.

6:30-6:55pm - Psalter Sensory Service

7-7:30pm - Reflections - stay and reflect together on the message of the service.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION FOR LENT - ARE YOU PARTICIPATING?

The Christian traditions of Lent center around prayer, fasting, and **giving**. Prayer is to improve our communion with God during the 46 days before Easter in an awareness that sin separates us from God. Fasting, or giving something up, is inspired by the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness and the desire for us to increase our self-control over worldly desires. Helping others by **giving** takes on an extra emphasis during Lent as a result of your prayers and fasting. God is honored when we faithfully and cheerfully give to him as written in Proverbs 3:9 **"Honor the Lord with your wealth..."** In our offering, we are giving to the Lord through the church. Because your money represents your God-given time, inspiration, energy, and perspiration, you are giving, in reality, yourself. It is as if you are symbolically putting yourself into the offering plate.



When you give to God because of who he is and out of gratitude for what he has done and continues to do, he is pleased. The focus of giving must always be on God. Think about efforts to raise money for special projects like the church roof repairs, offerings to help balance the church budget, or support for the work of Life Missions. We generally think of the goal as meeting the amount of dollars that are needed. But pause and reflect for a moment on the idea that true success is not in dollars, but in having a safe place to worship and hold meetings and classes; clergy and staff to minister to the congregation; and a way to engage youth in the practice of serving others. The gifts may be large or small, but they are freely given without greed holding back what one is capable of giving or seeking status for giving a certain amount. The gift is not given for selfish reasons but is given to God to honor the works and teachings of Jesus.

So, as we go through this Lenten season with its message of inner reflection, self-sacrifice, and **giving**, ask yourself, are you participating? You may send your offering of support by check to the church office at 160 Johnson Avenue, Sycamore, Illinois 60178 or by giving on-line at www.sycamoreumc.org/giving.

AARP Foundation
TAX-AIDE AARP Tax Preparation is each Wednesday and will go through April 12th, **by appointment only**. To make an appointment please call Sue at 815-501-5696.

TIME TO COME BACK for MORE!



LIFE Souper
MISSIONS Sunday
In the SUMC gym

MAR. | 11:00
5th | AM

PROCEEDS HELP SUPPORT THE LIFE MISSIONS TRIPS

Food Pantry Needs

This month's featured items are boxed mac and cheese, canned mandarin oranges, cereal, strawberry or grape jelly, paper towels, and toilet paper and of course monetary donations are always welcome. Let's remember that there are those who don't know where their next supper will come from.



Hope Haven Meal Assistance Needed for March 20 & 27



Prepare or buy just one course or the entire meal to feed 50 people! Deliver your contribution to Hope Haven in DeKalb or drop it off at the church by 3:30 on Monday. **Please call the church (815-895-9113) to let us know which delivery option you will be using. Sign-up on the Welcome Center in the Concourse or by calling the church office at 815-895-9113.**

ABC PRESCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS



The spring weather brings so many changes to the world around us. With the new growth taking place all around us in our world it reminds me of how blessed we are here to witness daily the growth, both physically and emotionally in all the children here. I thank all the families for sharing their children with us here at ABC Preschool.

Open Registration begins on Monday, March 6 for our fall session. We will begin registering our current and former families on Monday, February 27.

Spring and Graduation pictures will be taken on March 3 & 4.

ABC Preschool will be hosting the Lenten Souper Supper on Wednesday, March 22. We hope to see all of you prior to worship for fellowship and to share a wonderful meal together.

The annual Beach Party will be taking place on Thursday and Friday, March 23 & 24.

Spring Break will begin on March 27, and we will be back in classes on Monday, April 3. We pray for good health and safe travels for all who are traveling this time of year and peace and love and the joy of family during this vacation time.

We are looking forward to April when we celebrate Easter! This is one of our favorite times of year here at ABC. More information will be coming soon.

ABC is looking for spring stickers and spring fidgets for the kids to use in the classrooms. If you are interested in donating these, stop by the preschool office or talk with any ABC team members.

Blessings,
The ABC Preschool Staff

NEW DISCIPLES/MEMBERSHIP CLASSES starting 3/12.

Would you like to adopt this church as your spiritual home? Join us for 3 Sundays following worship for 1 hour as we discover how God is calling you and putting your call into action here at Sycamore UMC. New Disciples will be celebrated on Palm Sunday 4/2 during worship.



MUSIC NOTES



SPRING CANTATA

Presented by the Choirs of
Sycamore United Methodist Church

Saturday
April 15
5:00pm

Sunday
April 16
10:00am

(1 service only that day)

Children's Choir Meets Weds. Nights from 5:30-6:00 pm in the music room

Chancel Choir Meets Weds. Nights from 7-8:30 pm in the music room

Handbell Choir Meets Thurs Nights from 7-8:15 pm in the music room.

I We also have a praise team that has actively begun playing on most of the Saturday Services.

If you are interested in singing or playing with these groups, or providing special music or being a worship leader and leading hymns on Sunday morning please contact me or any of these music and worship committee members:

Peter Hansen 815-761-8581

Craig Fritz 815-761-8267

Dorcas Keating 847-840-1208

Stephanie Landis 815-761-4863

Marcia Watson 815-351-6470

You may also contact the office at 815-895-9113.



We are always in need of vocalists or instrumentalists!

We are also in need of help with our tech team. Video and sound! We will train you, just takes a servant's heart and a willingness to learn!

A Parting Note!

"Those who sings, prays twice."

Music is powerful. Martin Luther is often quoted as saying: "He who sings, pray twice." (Though the origin of the phrase is often debated of being attributed to St. Augustine) n remembering this phrase, my musical desire to play, practice, research/write, or actively listen to music lately suddenly makes even more sense. Sometimes, words just are not enough for all the prayers my heart is praying.

See YOU in the music!!

Pete Hansen

LIFE MISSIONS AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

What a great month we have had in youth ministry and our young adult studies. We have had over 50 people this month joining us for youth group where we have talked about the ten commandments and what they mean in our world today. Our young adults continue to gather for a study on Matthew every Tuesday night for a meal and then we open up the bible and break it down on what the scripture is meaning to us and our journey. I also wanted to thank the adults (8-10) who continue to show up every other Thursday morning for our Breakfast and Devotions (BAD) for the 35 plus high school youth who love the food and the time of devotion along with a short devotion tied around scripture. It's not possible to run any of these programs without your help in all these areas.

LIFE Missions have been busy, if you were able to help support our trip to Florida through our LIFE Missions Pizza fund raiser thank you so much. I know we had some of our youth out in the concourse selling and many asking people personally. Our team was able to make 1600 pizzas on our night that we got together. It was a lot of fun as we had all 70 plus youth and most of the adults as well. Life Missions were also able to provide a meal for HOPE Haven and we also donated 40 plus pizzas to our food pantry as well, always a blessing to be able to give back and help others in ways that we can. Be on the look out for our round 2 of "Souper Sunday" (March 5th) and the youth in March as they will be selling their cinnamon rolls that they will make in April.

Lastly thanks for all the prayers for our team of 23 that went to the Holy Lands, I know people are reporting back and sharing back home and had an amazing trip as we walked where Jesus himself walked.

Pastor Joe

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

As we as a congregation continue our "journey of" congregational care and discipleship, let us remember that we are all about HOPE.



The Methodist *Book of Discipline* lays out a plan listing four pathways identified as a core process for carrying our church's mission to transform the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ. They are:

1. Proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather;
2. Lead persons to commit their lives to God;
3. Nurture persons in Christian living;
4. Send persons into the world.

This core process is H.O.P.E. – Hospitality, Offer Christ, Purpose, and Engagement.

Hospitality is reaching out and welcoming new people. It is a means to explore a relationship with Jesus. Through hospitality we encounter and respond to the call of God. We find a sense of belonging when as disciples we proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather people in his name. Hospitality involves respect, protection, entertainment, and treatment of guests, both strangers and friends, as equals. As a congregation we need to welcome and connect with newcomers.

To **Offer Christ** is an opportunity for people to commit themselves to Christ. We need to make available opportunities for people to make a commitment to Christ through baptism, worship, and growth in personal faith. As a congregation it is essential, we offer opportunities for people to make a commitment and grow in Christ.

Purpose is preparing and equipping people for service. We find a sense of purpose by learning what it means to live out our beliefs through acts of congregational care, devotion and forgiveness, sharing our faith, and enabling people to deepen their relationship with Christ.

Engagement is sending out grace-filled followers of Jesus Christ who put their faith into action. Through HOPE we offer hospitality to strangers and members of the church inviting them into fellowship.

HOPE is a continual process. As a congregation we complete the cycle when we connect gifts with opportunities, train and develop leaders, and empower these leaders to go out and engage in relationships that transform the world.

Buzz Wheeler, Minister of Congregational Care

DESTINATION: DISCIPLESHIP!



I've made the drive from Los Angeles to Chicago four times. It is a difficult trip and each route presents varying landscapes and challenges. The northern route goes through the plains, Rockies, and through the vast Mojave Desert. This route is full of hills and valleys and extreme temperatures. Not to mention rising anxiety as your temperature gauge creeps upward as you ascend the unending climb; which happens not once, not twice, but three times along this route. The southern route is desert-like and simple until you cross into the lush, green, stony Missouri landscape. Then the familiar prairies and farms emerge.

Both paths hold moments of fear and joy, wonder and boredom, frustration and relief. Both lead to my home of origin, Illinois and my chosen home in early adulthood of California. But through the hills and valleys of the trip, the growth I experienced outweighed the struggles.

This is not unlike our journey of discipleship. We each find different paths to grow in our faith and connection with Christ. Some paths will be wrought with struggle and others with comfort and ease. Both have the same result, becoming closer to Our Origin, Our Creator, a relationship that surpasses any earthly experience we will have.

Lent is about taking the road less traveled by following Jesus. Your journey to Easter may be desert-like or full of hills and valleys. But whatever route you take, may it grant you experiences to reflect on God's presence in your life. May it be filled with opportunities to push beyond your understanding, so you can experience God in new and profound ways.

Blessings Abound,
Becca Rome

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

- **Small Groups** are being formed and we are looking for people to facilitate meetings. We will offer you training and resources to ensure your success, all you need is a willingness to share and listen. Please contact Becca if you are interested in leading or joining a small group.
- **Mid-week Soup Suppers and Sensory Worship** begins March 1st and will continue throughout Lent.
- **Adult Bible Study** continues to meet on Monday nights from 6-7pm in the lounge.
- **Our Lenten Book Study**, "Jesus in the Psalms: A Lenten Journey", meets Wednesdays.

KIDS CORNER:

- **Sunday School** meets weekly during the 10 am service. Nursery available at both 8:30 and 10am.
- **Christian Kids** in grades K-5 (MS can be helpers) are invited to join in faithful fellowship and service. We meet weekly from 4-5:30pm. Pick-up at North Grove, North, and West Schools is available. The cost for the semester is \$35 to offset the cost of snacks. Click the link to register your child: <https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/registration-form/?formId=4c545e26-042c-4482-8953-28a8642c47c5&envId=p-EnpCOn6a4EGn4NxAc0h-pQ>



March 12th is PJ and Movie Sunday!

We may lose an hour, but let's gain some time by staying in your PJ's. Kids and kids at heart are welcome to stay for the movie, Pete's Dragon, following service. Snacks will be provided.

thank you

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and condolences at the recent loss of my stepfather, Phil. Tim, my family, and I are truly blessed to have such amazing support and a foundation in faith to find comfort at this time.

Becca Rome

REFUGEE GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM

Our Refugee Good Neighbor Team of 13 has split into 2 groups, one each for the families from Somalia and Venezuela. Every member of the group has met their assigned families and is enjoying getting to know them. We are taking turns to visit them weekly.

The family from Somalia consists of a mother, Asha Mahina (54), and her 4 daughters, Hamido Muse (26), Sitey (24), Zamzam (20) and Sabrin (15).

The Venezuelan family (Osto Yrtiago) are a husband, Luis (44), wife Lisbeth (40) and their 2 children, a 15 year old boy, Fernando and 8 year old daughter, Ariadana.

The Lo family was at O'Hare to greet the Venezuelan family in January and transported them to their new home in Aurora. Most of the help we have given both families is getting them set up in their new apartments, taking them to do laundry, grocery shopping, trips to WalMart/Target, Goodwill, etc. We are learning of their needs, concerns, likes and dislikes. Slowly we are learning of their life back in their home countries and how they were able to come to America as refugees. We have been able to converse through Google translate on our smart phones, as very little English is known by either family at this time. They are able to take on-line English classes through World Relief.

An enjoyable evening was had at Cliff and Katie Lo's home with our Venezuelan family. They were brought out to the Lo's Sycamore home where we shared a delicious home made spaghetti dinner and played the games Uno and Jenga afterwards. The Osto Yrtiago children started school in Aurora the 3rd week of February.

World Relief will be getting them social security cards so that the adults can begin employment, this may take 6 weeks or more from their arrival in Aurora.

We are pleased with the organization and communication from World Relief. If you are interested in volunteering and joining our Good Neighbor team, please leave your contact info in the church office or email office@sycamoreumc.org and someone will reach out to you to let you know of ways you can help.

Prayers for our families and the SUMC Refugee Good Neighbor Team are always appreciated, as both families have challenges to overcome in their new home here in America.

Susan Mossholder and Vance Moore, team members

PYLP Host Family Experience

Be an American Home Ambassador for Youth Leaders from the Philippines



JOIN US! Be a "home-bassador" for the Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP)

We are looking for American families and individuals in the DeKalb-Sycamore area to host a pair of high school students or adult leaders from Mindanao in the southern Philippines HOW MANY DAYS? 13 DAYS WHEN? tentatively scheduled for **April 2** (afternoon pick up) to **April 15** (morning drop off)

NEED MORE INFO? Check out the PYLP homestay [frequently asked questions](#). Email Celia Chabolla, PYLP Host Family Coordinator at cchabolla@niu.edu.

APPLICATION FORM: https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6JazBcDJlfTdTIY

Host homes provide a place for participants to develop one-on-one relationships with Americans and to understand the diversity of American culture. Year after year, the home-stay experience is one of the most meaningful experiences for participants (and hosts, too).



Words from one of our PYLP Leaders: "I realized that Americans also have diverse culture. I was assigned to a traditional family. For example, in my host family, whenever they eat dinner, they pray, and this is very common in Filipino culture, that we value the family eating together and having family conversations. For them the dinner is very important because this is where they share what they have done during their routine, in that day. They shared their accomplishments and everything. That really struck me because I thought that Americans are like what I saw in Hollywood movies that they don't value family relationship or praying so much." – PYLP'12 Alumni



MARCH 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>The deadline for the April issue of The Messenger is March 20th</div>			1 11:15 AM Lenten Study: "Finding Jesus in the Psalms" 12:00 PM AARP Tax Preparation 4:00 PM Christian Kids 5:30 PM Children's Choirs 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper and Service 7:00 PM Confirmation Class of 2023 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Crew 360	2 7:50 AM B.A.D. (HS Breakfast & Devotion) 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM TOPS 5:30 PM Visioning Team 6:30 PM Pack 141 Den 5 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Study: "Finding Jesus in the Psalms" via Zoom	3 6:00 PM Children's Theater Rehearsal	4 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service
5 8:30 & 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Services 10:00 AM Children's In-person Sunday School 11:00 am LIFE Missions Souper Sunday Fundraiser 2:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Grp	6 NIC Board of Ordained Ministry 12:30 PM Food Pantry 12:30 PM Coat Ministry 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 6 7:00 PM Trustees	7 6:00 PM Pack 141 Den 3 6:00 PM Children's Theater Rehearsal 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study & Dinner	8 11:15 AM Lenten Study: "Finding Jesus in the Psalms" 12:00 PM AARP Tax Preparation 4:00 PM Christian Kids 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper and Service 5:30 PM Children's Choirs 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	9 12:00 pm UWF Unit Meeting 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM TOPS 6:30 PM Pack 141 Den 2 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Study: "Finding Jesus in the Psalms" via Zoom	10 1:00 PM ABC Preschool Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Children's Theater Rehearsal	11 9:00 AM Prairie South District Lay Academy 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service
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Easter Flowers Order Form



As in past years, you are again invited to give Easter flowers in memory or honor of family members or friends to adorn our Sanctuary for Easter worship.

We will be ordering a variety of spring flowers. The cost will be \$12.00 per arrangement. Please return your order to the church office by **Monday, April 3.**

Your Name _____

In Honor/Memory (please circle one) of:

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How Many? _____

Please include total amount _____

Make checks payable to
Sycamore United Methodist Church
and indicate for "Easter Flowers".