**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**FEBRUARY 2021**

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From Your Pastor –

It never ceases to amaze me how fast time flies. Can it really be February of 2021? It hardly seems as though Christmas has past and now, we’re coming up on Valentine’s Day, which means that Ash Wednesday and Lent can’t be far behind. As a child, I can remember thinking “time moves so slowly”. However, that has surely changed as I’ve gotten older.

As we approach Lent, I pray each of us will engage in intentional spiritual growth as we make our way towards Easter. May we also pray for our Church, our leadership, congregation, and our faithfulness to what God is calling us to be and do.

~In HIS Service~

Pastor Pam

*“Jesus Is My Valentine”*

*Jesus is my Valentine; I talk to Him each day.*

*He never, never leaves me; and always listens when I pray.*

*Yes, He Is my Valentine; there is no love like His.*

*He is the heart of all that is; for Him I breathe and live.*

*He’s a Valentine that never lies; never hurts or breaks.*

*He always has forgiven me; for all my past mistakes.*

*If you only knew my Valentine; You would love Him too.*

*For His love is always perfect; His love is always true.*

*So if your heart is longing; for a love that never ends.*

*For someone that is faithful; you know you can depend.*

*Call upon my Valentine; He’ll wash away your sin.*

*He will be your Valentine; and your dearest, dearest friend.*

*By Susan Y. Nikitenko*

*December 2008*

 **FEBRUARY 2021**

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|  **SUNDAY** | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** |  **FRIDAY** |  **SATURDAY** |
| ***Sunday Schedule:*****9:30 AM *SUNDAY SCHOOL* (Meet in Fellowship Hall)****10:30 AM *MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE in the Sanctuary and on Facebook*** | **1** | **2**9 am Growth7 pm AA | **3**No Supper/Service7:00 pm Chancel  Choir Practice | **4**7 pm AA | **5** | **6**11 am AA |
| **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** |
| 5th Sunday after theEpiphany**4 pm Lydia Circle** | **6:00 pm PPRC** | 9 am Growth7 pm AA | No Supper/Service6:00 pm Worship  Committee  Meeting7:00 pm Chancel  Choir Practice | 7 pm AA |  | 11 am AA |
| **14** | **15** | **16** | Image result for Small Cross ClipArt**17** | **18** | **19** | **20** |
| Transfiguration SundaySee the source image | Presidents’ DayDeadline for Registration/ Reservation for 2021 Springtime Jubilee-Branson, MO in April | 9 am Growth7 pm AA | **6:00 pm****Ash** **Wednesday****Service in the Church Sanctuary** 7:00 pm Chancel  Choir Practice | 7 pm AA |  | 11 am AA |
| **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** |
| 1st Sunday in Lent |  | 9 am Growth7 pm AA | No Supper/ Service7:00 pm Chancel  Choir Practice | 7 pm AA | **March Newsletter Deadline** | 7:30 am – 2:15 pm24th Annual Ladies Seminar @ Coopers Chapel Methodist Church11 am AA |
| **28**2nd Sunday in Lent |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**MEMBERS:**

Janice Clark, Charles Davis, Rev. Roy & Nayoka Givens, Carl Graham, Tom Impello, Ben & Ruby Jean Ivy, Harriet McCann, Carolyn & Ray Smith, Helen Stevens, Harold Sumrall, Lee Vinson, Harriet Waltman

**FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF MEMBERS:**

Dr. Ahmad, The Debby Lynn Blackledge Family, Fred & Hilda Blackledge, Mrs. Bobbie Breland, Blaine Bunch, Jim Burford, The W.F. “Dub” Butts Family, Matthew Conner, The Covid-19 Patients & Families, Bill Davis, Stewart Givens, The Kendra Goodman Family, Jerry Hamm, Willie Hiatt, Carolyn Holiman, Laverne Holloman, Ronald Holloway, Paulette Hopkins, Tammie Ivey, The James B. Ivy Family, Gwen Johnston, Ben Jones, Roger Kennedy, The Rev. Samuel Kim Family, Gary King, Penny Lane, The John Lawrence Family from Kerrville, TX (Waynoka’s Husband), The Charles Cleo Long Family, Roun McNeal, Rodger McRee, Gary & Linda Nelson, Melinda Northam, Patsy Richardson, Brent Robinson, Bessie Ruttley, The Cassandra Stewart Family, Hermann Stoesser, Janice Walters, Clint Weaver, Wayne & Rose Wicker, Candy Widener

**NURSING HOMES/SHUT-IN’s:**

Karen Cockrell, Bennie Sue Hubbert, Annette Hutto, Joyce Hyatt, Wayne Lewis, Dwight McCarra, Janelle O’Neil, Mrs. Bill Rowell

To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please call Susan Lewis, 601-776-3238.

**CARE GROUP FOR FEBRUARY**

If the Care Group is needed for **FEBRUARY**, please call Chairpersons: Susan Brewer, 601-687-0035 or Glenda & Bobby Fulcher, 601-527-7443. Other members are: Martha Brewer, 601-687-5731; Ches Brewer, 601-687-0035; Marcia & Harold Sumrall, 601-410-2088; and Emma K. & Bryan Williams, 601-917-7797.

**FLOWERS FOR FEBRUARY**

7 Tom Impello

14 William & Elaine Read

21  J.C. & Gay Hardeman (By Kaitlyn Harwell)

28 Francis & Janice Clark

**MEMORIALS**

 Mrs. Jerrie Carmichael; R. H. “Bobby” Donald, Jr.;

Aubert Poole; Jimmy Price; TSgt Dewey Wendell Smith;

James C. Smith, Sr.; Dr. Donald G. Traxler;

 Roger W. Urbano; and Gerald Waltman

**HONORARIUMS**

William & Elaine Read

**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

We wish to express our deepest sympathies to the following families who have recently lost loved ones:

*The Dr. Donald G. Traxler Family*: Dr. Traxler passed on Tuesday, December 29, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons; two grandchildren; and other extended family members. He was the brother-in-law to Nancy Donald. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Polkville Pentecostal Church in Polkville, MS.

*The Debby Lynn Blackledge Family from Laurel*, *MS:* Mrs. Blackledge passed on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.  She was 66 years old and survived by her husband, Kenneth; two daughters; four grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; as well as extended family members. She was also the cousin to Janice Clark. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 8, 2021 at Journey Church in Laurel, MS with burial in the Blackledge Cemetery.

*The John Lawrence Family:* Our deepest sympathies are extended to The John Lawrence Family from Kerrville, TX.  He was the husband to Thetis Tisdale's late sister, Waynoka. Mr. Lawrence entered his heavenly home on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.  Please remember Thetis and the Lawrence family in your prayers during this time.

*The Charles Cleo Long Family:* Mr. Long passed on Thursday, January 21, 2021. He is survived by his son, Larry (Deborah Lea); two sisters, Annie Crimm and Fannie Beck; one granddaughter and one great-grandson. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Dennis Coats, officiating. Burial took place in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

*The W.F. "Dub" Butts Family from Union, MS:* Mr. W.F. “Dub” Butts, age 98, passed on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Survivors include his loving wife, Liz, of 69 years; and 18 nieces and nephews. He was the uncle to Lisa Kramer. Services were held on Monday, January 25, 2021 at Milling Funeral Home Chapel of Union. Burial was in the County Line Cemetery. Bro. Paul Walker officiated the services.

 **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

18  Mr. & Mrs. Jim Potuk (Ann)

21 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wheat (Cathy)

22  Mr. & Mrs. Harold Martin (Debra)

  Happy Anniversary!

    **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

 1 Josh Fontenot

 2 Jill H. Donald, Courtney Turner

 3 Drew & Gage Watkins

 5 David Watkins, Marcia Stanley

 7 William Read, Mary Beth Smith

 8 Derek Bonner, Jane Kramer

 9 Dale Bonner, Michael Allen, Bryan Trey Glass

10 Kyle Fulcher, Helen Ann Riley, Bethany Williams

11 Adam Watkins, Zack O’Neil

12 Carl Graham

13 Rose Allen, Hannah Hampton

14 Tommy Whigham

17 Elaine Read

18  Adam Roberts, Jane Cockrell, Debra Martin

22  Michael Fettinger, Rhonda H. Graham

23  Sarah Rose Watkins

24 Nick Kramer

26 Jake Whigham, Ashley Longwitz

28  Brody Stephens

   “Happy Birthday To All Born in February!”

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**ON FEBRUARY 17TH**

Please join us on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday Service in the Church Sanctuary.

*Copied from www.ash wednesday 2021:*

This is a time of the year when Christians observe the first day of Lent and the holy day of prayer, fasting, and penance. Ash Wednesday is named after the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance to God.

**What does Ash Wednesday symbolize?**

Ash Wednesday also symbolizes the **Christian belief that humans were created from dust** and will return to dust and ash when they die. This belief, however, is offset by the belief that the death of Christ allowed for people to be more than simply dust; it allowed for an eternal life in heaven, outside the body.

Social distancing and safety precautions will be utilized during this service.

**24TH ANNUAL LADIES SEMINAR AT COOPERS CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH**

Coopers Chapel Methodist Church will have the 24th Annual Ladies Seminar on Saturday, February 27th. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. A full day of events are scheduled. Door prizes will be held at the end of the Seminar from 1:45 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. A Registration Form will need to be completed if you are interested in attending. There is also a $15.00 Registration Fee. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Brady at 601-479-6946 or email her at *jennybrady@bankplus.net**.* Registration Forms are also available here at First United Methodist Church and on the Church Bulletin Board located at The Parish House.

**2021 SPRINGTIME JUBILEE CONFERENCE LADIES TRIP**

The 2021 Springtime Jubilee Conference will be held in Branson, Missouri during the week of April 19th. If any ladies are interested in going on this trip as a Church group, please let Pam know. A group deposit of $200 and Registration are due by Monday, February 15th or $75 per person. (The $200 deposit will be applied towards the final balance, which is due by Thursday, Apil 1st.) Pam will drive the Church van. For more information about this event, please look on-line at “*2021 Springtime Jubilee in Branson, Missouri”*.

**THE CORONA VIRUS IS STILL ACTIVE.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTINUE TO USE THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

**CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please remember to contact the Church Office if you have had a change of name, address, phone number, or a new email address.

**ATTENTION!**

**YOUNG & OLD**

**NEED A RIDE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?**

The Church Van will be running…

just let Pastor Pam know.



**NEWSLETTER NOTICES**

The monthly Newsletter is also on the Church’s Website at [**https://www.quitmanfumc.com**](https://www.quitmanfumc.com)**.** If you have anything you would like printed in the monthly Newsletter, please email the Church Office at **fumcquitman@gmail.com****.** Be sure to add **“Newsletter”** to the subject line so your announcement does not go unnoticed.