

# Come Grow With Us

## Worship Schedule

**Sunday Mornings**

**Sunday School**

9:30 a.m.

**Coffee & Fellowship**

10:30 a.m.

**Worship Service**

11:00 a.m.

**Wednesdays**

**Kids' Klub**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



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## From Ben's Pen

Ash Wednesday ushers in the season of Lent. Just to remind you, Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Our *Book of Worship* reminds us that *lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lecten*, which means "spring." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. The First Sunday describes Jesus' temptations and the Sixth Sunday (Palm/Passion Sunday) describes Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of the season is tempered with joyful expectation of the resurrection.

You usually hear people asking the question, "What are you going to give up for Lent?" The question seems to infer that you are doing something with your life that you need to give up. The question also infers that in some way your life is involved in sin, since it must be missing the mark that God has intended for it. What sin are you going to give up? The traditional list of the seven forms of sin includes envy, anger, pride, sloth, avarice, gluttony, and lust. Do one of those fit your life?

Whenever you talk about giving something up, it sounds as if by doing without something for a period of time, that your life will improve. Giving something up accentuates the negative...doing without.

If Lent is to truly have an impact on your life, I think you have to change your thinking from what you are going to do without, to what you are going to do. How are you going to intentionally change you lifestyle? How are you going to turn your life in a new and different direction that will make a personal impact on your life, that will be an impact on the lives of people around you, and will contribute to the betterment of your home, workplace and the worlds of which you are a part?

If you are thinking that this sounds a little more rigorous and difficult than what you initially thought when you were considering just giving something up, you are right.



The **deadline** to submit articles and information for the **April 2020 newsletter is March 31**

Disclaimer: If any news, articles, or information was printed incorrectly or left out, it was done inadvertently. Please accept my apologies. Liz

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## Ben's Pen Continued.....

Recently, I was arranging some books in my office at home and came across a small book entitled *A Pocket Prayer Book*. When I opened the flyleaf, inside was written, "For Ben, from his Dad." It was dated September 7, 1961. In the Fall of 1961, I attended The Pennington School, a Methodist Boy's School, in Pennington, New Jersey, where I graduated from high school in 1962. I never lived at home again, even though I did spend several summers at home.

As I leafed through the small book, it was as if I had found a long lost friend. As memories were rekindled, I turned to two pages that were very familiar. They were entitled *The Christian's Holy Habits*. The words have had an influence on my life and helped shape some of my habits. The author writes, "I believe in habits: I believe habits make or break us: I believe habits send us to heaven or to hell. Therefore, I believe in Holy Habits."

The Holy Habits that he lists are five, and they have helped shape my life. As we begin our Lenten journey together think about the habits that are yours and reflect on these five Holy Habits. If they are not some of your habits, consider adding them to your habit filled life.

- \* First, form the habit of keeping some portion of each day for Bible reading and prayer.
- \* Second, form the habit of giving a definite portion of you time in special service to people.
- \* Third, make attendance at public worship a fixed habit of your life. Allow yourself no excuse for non-attendance that you would not give to your business associates.
- \* Fourth, form the habit of accepting every opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- \* Fifth, form the habit of setting apart a definite proportion of your money for the work of the Kingdom.

These are habits that have helped shape my life the last fifty-eight years. If you are going to do something for Lent instead of giving something up, you might try these habits. They are habits that can shape and change your life.

## Statistics for February 2020

Date	Attendance	Regular Offering	Designated Offering
February 02	30	\$2,058.00	\$272.00
February 09	28	\$2,225.00	\$300.00
February 16	37	\$4,005.00	160.00
February 23	37	\$1,843.00	\$0.00
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>\$10,131.00</b>	<b>\$732.00</b>
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$2,532.75</b>	

## March Volunteer Responsibility Schedule

Date	Reader	Greeters	Cleaning
March 01	Leann Baber	Ethel Griffith & Jerry Cody	Carolyn Wood & Margaret O'Brien
March 08	Vicki Smith	Jewell Dill & Carolyn Wood	Jewell Dill & Vivian Brim
March 15	Carolyn Hawk	Raymon Wood & Virginia Gafken	Ethel Griffith & Theresa Gentry
March 22	Jerry Cody	Carolyn Hawk & Margaret O'Brien	Liz Johnson
March 29	Virginia Gafken	Gayle Edwards & Marjorie Hess	Virginia Gafken & Marjorie Hess

**Ushers for the Month of March:** Garrett Johnson & Gary Johnson

## Kids' Klub Celebrating January Birthdays



# Upcoming Events and Meetings

March 1

First Sunday in Lent

March 2

Texas Independence Day



March 3

Community Game Day with Lunch ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Pastor Ben in Church Office ..... 3:00 p.m.  
 Administrative Council Meeting ..... 6:00 p.m.

March 4

Pastor Ben in Church Office ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner ..... 5:30 p.m.

March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins (Set Clocks Forward One Hour)  
 Second Sunday in Lent



March 11

Pastor Ben in Church Office ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner ..... 5:30 p.m.

March 15

Third Sunday in Lent  
 Bring a Can Sunday for FUMC Food Pantry

March 15-20

Spring Break for Area Schools—No School

March 17

Community Game Day with Lunch ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 St. Patrick's Day



March 18

Pastor Ben in Church Office ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Kids' Klub Gathering & Dinner ..... TBD

March 20

First Day of Spring



March 22

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 25

Hands on Youth ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Kids' Klub ..... 5:30 p.m.

March 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent



**March 3**

Judy & Dale White

**March 6**

Amanda & George Miksovsky



**March 2**

Vivian Brim

**March 3**

Doyle Smith

**March 8**

Lance Johnson

**March 10**

Dawna Vann

**March 22**

Talan Jones

Price Johnson

**March 29**

Liz Johnson

**March 31**

Wyatt Johnson

## Prayers for.....

### Those Lifted Up Recently

<i>Doris Coats</i>	<i>Alex North</i>
<i>Lisa Trussell</i>	<i>Family of Ralph Williams</i>
<i>Sheila Lemoine</i>	<i>SPRC &amp; D. S. Todd Harris</i>
<i>Wanita Burnett</i>	<i>in the placement of a</i>
<i>Veronica Greanead</i>	<i>new pastor for FUMC</i>
<i>David Powell</i>	<i>Jana Tipton</i>
<i>Matt Bryson &amp; Family</i>	<i>Vivian Brim</i>
<i>Peggy Cain</i>	<i>Mary West</i>
<i>Family of Paul Duffey</i>	<i>Those Absent</i>
<i>Rita Hooker</i>	

### Those in Need of Continued Prayers

<i>Myrt Denham</i>	<i>Byron Enzey</i>
<i>Glen &amp; Mary Whatley</i>	<i>Clara Tipton &amp; Family</i>
<i>Trent Tipton</i>	<i>Louise (Sheree Robert's aunt)</i>
<i>Helen Ellzey &amp; Family</i>	<i>Stella Crowsey &amp; Family</i>
<i>Wassie &amp; Rosemary Reynolds</i>	<i>Robert Pruett</i>
<i>Treaver Freeman</i>	<i>Judy Farrell</i>
<i>Chance Fox</i>	<i>Rex Larkey</i>
<i>Harriett Nauert</i>	<i>Carol &amp; Wilbourn Smith</i>
<i>Bobby Jo Wylie</i>	<i>Our World</i>
<i>James Woolridge</i>	<i>Victims &amp; Potential Victims of</i>
<i>Travis Landers</i>	<i>the Corona Virus</i>
<i>Jim Bob Roberts &amp; Family</i>	<i>Elvin Jackson</i>
<i>Our Church &amp; Church Family</i>	<i>Bill Scott</i>
<i>Our Military</i>	<i>Jesse White</i>
<i>Joe Bauer</i>	<i>Lloyd Ballard</i>
<i>Harrell Vogue</i>	<i>Joanna Cody</i>
<i>Gloria Gregg &amp; Family</i>	

## Places we've seen God at work.

*Healings*  
*Answered Prayers*  
*Family*  
*Friends*  
*Children*  
*Grandchildren*  
*Great Grandchildren*  
*Veterans*  
*Grandparents*

**Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick**, is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17th of March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick.

**St. Patrick** was a 5th-century missionary to Ireland and later served as bishop there. He is credited with bringing Christianity to parts of Ireland and was probably partly responsible for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons.\*

\*<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Patrick>





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