



Morris First United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events:

March 1st – Lenten Dev. 7 am

March 5th – Bible Study 6 pm

March 6th – SASSY's 12 pm

March 8th – Lenten Dev. 7 am

March 10th – Children's Choir 2 pm

March 12th – Bible Study 6 pm

March 14th – Board Meeting 7 pm

March 15th – Lenten Dev. 7 am

March 17th – UMM 8 am

March 17th – Church Work Day 9 am

March 19th – Christ's Cupboard 3-6 pm

March 19th – Bible Study 6 pm

March 21st – UMW 7 pm

March 22nd – Lenten Dev. 7 am

March 24th – Children's Choir 2 pm

March 25th – Palm Sunday

March 25th – Palm Sunday Dinner & Egg Hunt

March 26th – Bible Study 6 pm

March 30th – Good Friday

PALM SUNDAY DINNER & EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 25th

aFTER THE SERVICE





As we all reflect on the most recent school gun violence, many of us wonder what we can do and what we should do. To do nothing is the same as accepting the violence. I don't believe any of us want violence to be common place in our consciousness or in our community, so I looked to the United Methodist Church for advice for what to do. I found an article on the [umc.org](http://www.umc.org) website that addresses shooting violence. I have included an excerpt from the article:

Jesus' call to his followers to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9) is tied to intimate relationship with God, and echoes God's dreams for peace for all of creation as expressed in Micah 4:1-4.

As followers of Jesus, called to live into the reality of God's dream of shalom as described by Micah, we must address the epidemic of gun violence so "that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in God's paths." Therefore, we call upon United Methodists to prayerfully address gun violence in their local context. Some of the ways in which to prevent gun violence include the following:

1. For congregations to make preventing gun violence a regular part of our conversations and prayer times. Gun violence must be worshipfully and theologically reflected on, and we encourage United Methodist churches to frame conversations theologically by utilizing resources such as "Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities: Reflections on Gun Violence from Micah 4:1-4" produced by the General Board of Church and Society.
2. For congregations to assist those affected by gun violence through prayer, pastoral care, creating space, and encouraging survivors to share their stories, financial assistance, and through identifying other resources in their communities as victims of gun violence and their families walk through the process of grieving and healing.
3. For individual United Methodists who own guns as hunters or collectors to safely and securely store their guns and to teach the importance of practicing gun safety.
4. For United Methodist congregations that have not experienced gun violence to form ecumenical and interfaith partnerships with faith communities that have experienced gun violence in order to support them and learn from their experiences.
5. For United Methodist congregations to lead or join in ecumenical or interfaith gatherings for public prayer at sites where gun violence has occurred and partner with law enforcement to help prevent gun violence.
6. For United Methodist congregations to partner with local law-enforcement agencies and community groups to identify gun retailers that engage in retail practices designed to circumvent laws on gun sales and ownership, encourage full legal compliance, and to work with groups like Heeding God's Call that organize faith-based campaigns to encourage gun retailers to gain full legal compliance with appropriate standards and laws.
7. For United Methodist congregations to display signs that prohibit carrying guns onto church property.
8. For United Methodist congregations to advocate at the local and national level for laws that prevent or reduce gun violence.

We can't sweep it under the rug and hope that it goes away. Let me hear from you. Let's talk about it and determine what we, as a United Methodist congregation, want to do to help end gun violence.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/gun-violence>



March 10th at 2 pm

& March 24th at 2 pm

Christ's Cupboard



The food pantry is in need of cereal and jelly this month.



Trustees have scheduled a work day on Saturday March 17th at 9:00. This will be immediately following the monthly Methodist Men Meeting.

We will be cleaning both inside and out. Inside we will be working in the kitchen, classrooms, and closets. Outside we will be trimming the bushes, raking gumballs, and general cleaning. If you can't make it on the scheduled work day and fill led to help out, you can work at a time convenient for you. If you are aware of additional items that should be addressed please let one of the Trustees know. This is our annual spring cleanup prior to Easter.

Sincerely,
Trustees

John Edmonds
Brenda Edmonds
Tim Stewart
Benny Kellner

Donnie Vaughn
Karla James
Terry Kirk
Trey McNabb

Automatic Withdrawal Church Giving



If you would like to begin having your tithes automatically withdrawn from your bank account, please e-mail the church office at umcmorris@gmail.com for the withdrawal form. This can be done for any amount and for any day of the month. It's fast, easy, and secure. Also, if you would like to increase your giving, you can e-mail the church office and we will get that set up as well.



Fasting for Our Friends

For Lent during March join us in giving up things each week and donating the money you save to feed our friends in the Backpack program. Please bring your donations to the Easter Service.

March 5th – 10th

Abstain from SWEETS
(Cake, ice cream, cookies, candy, etc.)

March 12th – 17th

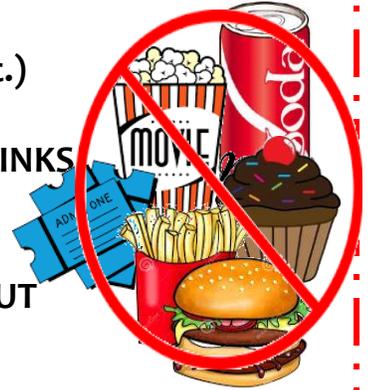
Abstain from POP/CAFFEINATED DRINKS
(Pop, Tea, Coffee, etc.)

March 19th – 24th

Abstain from FAST FOOD/EATING OUT

March 26th-31st

Abstain from ENTERTIANMENT
(Movies, movie rentals, Video game rentals, etc.)



Remember as we give up something we should give more time to focus on God to thank Him for all He has done for us and how He can help us through the Fast.



Prayer Requests



Crystal Nolan	Darlene Walden	Jennifer Roper	Matt Davis	Bill Lee
Mike Bergevin	Charlotte Johnson	John Reed	Verline Coonce	Mike Vaughn
Joyce McDowell	Lamont Mace	Rhonda Stephenson	Bob Crandall	Patsy Zink
Romona Willis	Mary King	Eleanor Vernon	Marsha Stanfield	Alisha Gregory
Florida families	Dale Sullins family	Ray King family	Singrays	Backpack Program
Christ's Cupboard				

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