



# Morris First United Methodist Church

## Upcoming Events:

March 1<sup>st</sup> – UMW Quarterly Dinner

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – SASSY'S

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting

March 12<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Christ's Cupboard Open

March 18<sup>th</sup> - UMW

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study

March 21<sup>st</sup> - UMM

March 26<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Chinese New Year Dinner

**UMW Quarterly  
Dinner**

**This Sunday,  
March 1st**

**Menu:  
Chicken Spaghetti, bread,  
salad, and dessert**

**All donations go to the Wesley  
Foundations at NSU and TU.**

A poster for the UMW Quarterly Dinner. The background is dark with a pile of spaghetti. The text is in white and yellow. The date is March 1st. The menu includes chicken spaghetti, bread, salad, and dessert. A note says all donations go to the Wesley Foundations at NSU and TU.

*Sunday, March 8th*

Spring Forward  
Remember to turn clocks  
ahead Saturday night!

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A poster for Spring Forward. The background is light blue and green. It features a brass alarm clock on a wooden box. The box has the text 'Spring Forward Remember to turn clocks ahead Saturday night!'. There are white flowers and green leaves in the background. The date is Sunday, March 8th. The text 'Made with PosterMyWall.com' is at the bottom.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

We are now in the season of Lent; a time where most people think that we have to fast or in other words give things up. Fasting is only one discipline of Lent. There are as many disciplines as there are people. Many denominations have the basic disciplines of Fasting, Prayer and Service for the 40 days of Lent. In this issue of the newsletter, there is a Lent Calendar that gives us ideas of things we can do to fast, pray and serve.

One thing that has been weighing heavy on my heart for this Lent is the need to return to the basics of our faith. During Epiphany, we were learning who we are as followers of Christ and who we are as Christ's Church. For Lent, I'd like us to begin in a new direction back to the basics of our faith. John Wesley encouraged the early Methodists to partake of the means of grace. I'd like to encourage us to do that as well. They are: Bible study, prayer, regularly attending worship, visiting the sick and imprisoned and giving of our time and resources to the mission and ministry of our church and of Jesus Christ. We have excelled in one of these areas and that is giving of our time and resources in the mission and ministries of the church and I am very grateful for all of you for that! But I feel that we have been lacking in some of the other areas. I say "we" because, I too, have been lacking and I want to help change that for all of us.

During this Lent season, I challenge you to regularly attend to the means of grace by attending the 6 week Bible study on Thursday evenings 6:30 pm starting March 5, 2020. The study is "A Disciple's Path: a Guide for United Methodists". Also, attend worship regularly, visit people who are sick or homebound and if you have the ability, those in prison and continue to give of your time and resources to the mission and ministry of our church. And lastly, use the calendar seriously as a commitment to taking a new direction toward the spiritual renewal and committed service in fulfilling the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through sharing the love of Christ by offering resources to persons in our church, community and around the world in need.

May God bless your efforts to renew your faith and fulfill His command to make disciples of His Son Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World through committing to the means of grace.

*Pastor Tracy*

# Daily Lent Calendar


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
[P] Prayer, [F] Fasting, [S] Service On the prayer days, use the word provide to inspire a prayer that you speak, write or sing.			<b>February 26</b> Ash Wednesday [P] HOPE	<b>February 27</b> [F] No TV or screens today except work or homework	<b>February 28</b> [S] Make a card for someone who needs some extra love	<b>February 29</b> [P] GIVING
<b>March 1</b> [F] No snacks between meals today	<b>March 2</b> [S] Do something kind for a neighbor.	<b>March 3</b> [P] GRATITUDE	<b>March 4</b> [F] Only water to drink today	<b>March 5</b> [S] Buy or find 5+ items for Christ's Cupboard	<b>March 6</b> [P] JESUS	<b>March 7</b> [F] Eat very simple meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
<b>March 8</b> [S] Pick up litter outside your house or at a park	<b>March 9</b> [P] SPIRIT	<b>March 10</b> [F] Do not use items that use batteries	<b>March 11</b> [S] Call someone and tell them you are thinking of them	<b>March 12</b> [P] HOLY	<b>March 13</b> [F] Do not listen to music in the car	<b>March 14</b> [S] Deliver your items to Christ's Cupboard
<b>March 15</b> [P] PATIENCE	<b>March 16</b> [F] No desserts or treats today	<b>March 17</b> [S] Say something nice about each family member	<b>March 18</b> [P] DESERT	<b>March 19</b> [F] No TV or screens today except work or homework	<b>March 20</b> [S] Invite someone to your house for dinner	<b>March 21</b> [P] JOURNEY
<b>March 22</b> [F] No snacks between meals today	<b>March 23</b> [S] Give someone real or handmade flowers	<b>March 24</b> [P] SERVICE	<b>March 25</b> [F] Only water to drink today	<b>March 26</b> [S] Pick debris in a neighbor's yard	<b>March 27</b> [P] FRIENDSHIP	<b>March 28</b> [F] Eat very simple meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
<b>March 29</b> [S] Write someone a thank you note.	<b>March 30</b> [P] GOD	<b>March 31</b> [F] Do not use items that use batteries	<b>April 1</b> [S] Learn something new about a neighbor	<b>April 2</b> [P] MERCY	<b>April 3</b> [F] Do not listen to music in the car	<b>April 4</b> [S] Take a treat or a meal to someone
<b>April 5</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> [P] PEACE	<b>April 6</b> [F] No desserts or treats today	<b>April 7</b> [S] Buy dog or cat items for an animal shelter	<b>April 8</b> [P] KINDNESS	<b>April 9</b> [F] No TV or screens today except work or homework	<b>April 10</b> <b>Good Friday</b> [S] Plant a tree or flower	<b>April 11</b> [S] Deliver items to the animal shelter
<b>April 12</b> Easter! [P] Resurrection	Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Use these suggestions for [P] Prayer, [F] Fasting and [S] Service in your time of preparation for Easter and a new heart leading you in a new direction.					



# Erica is Going to China!!

Erica Workman will be joining the GoBeLove mission team, including Eva and Shan Edmonds, visiting China this summer. She has been dreaming of going on this mission trip since our first "Chinese New Year" dinner that supported those in our community who went in 2015 and each year since!!

Please mark your calendars to help support Erica by attending this year's Chinese New Year dinner on March 29th!



# YOUTH

March 1st - Bible Study 4-5 pm, Youth 5-7 pm

March 8th - Bible Study 4-5 pm, Youth 5-7 pm

March 15th - Bible Study 4-5 pm, Youth 5-7 pm

March 22nd - Bible Study 4-5 pm, Youth 5-7 pm

March 29th - Fun Event!



# YOUTH CAMP

**Must register at [okcamps.org](http://okcamps.org) by April 15th for discounted price!**

Journey Camp	6-8 grade	June 3-7
Sr. High Camp	9-Grad.	June 8-12
Jr. High Camp	7-8 grade	June 15-19
Growin' In Grace	3-4 grade	June 22-24
5th & 6th Grade Camp		June 22-26
Joy Camp	3-4 grade	June 26-28
Sonshine Camp	1-2 grade	June 27-28
Growin' In Grace	3-4 grade	July 13-15
5th & 6th Grade Camp		July 13-17



# Christ's Cupboard

The food pantry is in need of Canned Fruit this month.

# Prayer Requests



## Cancer

Darlene Walden, Matt Davis, Patsy Zink, Robin Melton, John Reed, Jennifer Grundman, Iris Abbott, Jo Matthews, Paul Clark, Jennifer Reagan, Cheri Baker, Ron Veytovich, Karen Mudd, Dale Brannon, Judith Taber, Patsy's friend, Leon Haworth, Linda Clark Wolf, Raegan Wathor, Ethan Gogulski, Pam Robinson, Sharon Dibble, Beverly Dibble

## Health

Russell Bailey, Dana Hugle, Grady Chandler, Leota McCurry, April Hercher, Aubry Smith, Renee Delacruz, Jonathan Clay, Erni Headrick, Kathy Davis, Carl King, Mary King, Sammy Bailey, Anthony Deaton, Joyce Maylen, Duffy Dry, Kirk Patrick, Cleda Todd, Michelle Stewart, Addison, Sue Deaton, Jackson Vaughn, William Smith

## Other

Christ's Cupboard, Backpack Program, Penny's granddaughter's fiancé

## Grieving

John Womack family, Steve Ashley family, Doyle & Fran Payne family

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March 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 UMW Quarterly Dinner Youth	2 Confirmation Class	3 SASSY'S	4	5 Lenten Bible Study	6	7
8 Youth	9 Confirmation Class	10	11 Board Meeting	12 Lenten Bible Study	13	14
15 Youth	16 Christ's Cupboard Open Trenton Osborn	17	18 UMW	19 Lenten Bible Study	20	21 UMM
22 Youth	23 Confirmation Class	24	25	26 Lenten Bible Study	27	28 Clara & Harvey Grundman
29 Chinese New Year Dinner Youth	30 Conf. Class Tim Stewart	31				