



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name

Women's Fellowship

The Serenity Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at the home of Dawn Morris at 7:00. All women are invited to come and join them in fellowship.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet on March 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All men of the church are invited to join them in fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child



For the month of March, we will be collecting hats, mittens, bandages, and plastic cups. You might want to look at the end of season sales for the hats and mittens.

Scholarship

It is time to fill out forms for the O'Connell and Cox scholarship. Forms are available on the website. The deadline to turn them in is May 6. If you have any questions, please see Audra McKenzie.



The Board of Christian Ed.

The Board of Christian Ed. will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00. Dinner will be served. All members of Christian Ed. need to be in attendance as they will be discussing final plans for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Deacons Meeting

There will be a Deacons meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00. All Deacons are encouraged to attend.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving time will start on Sunday, March 11. Be sure to "spring forward" so you will not be late for church.



Maundy Thursday Service

The Jonesboro Community Maundy Thursday Worship will be held at the Jonesboro United Methodist Church on March 29 at 7:00. Rev. Thompson and Rev. Johnston will participate in this service along with our choir. We hope you will plan to attend.

Well Wishers

The Well Wishers will go to Capt. Tom's on Thursday, March 8. They will leave at 4:30.

March Birthdays

01	Lauren Godfrey
02	Mary Catherine Thompson
04	Jamie Pedley
04	Alan Cox
04	Janet Warner
04	Gary Bullock
08	Adam Harrington
09	Brenda Gaster
09	Lillian Thomas
11	Kathy Taylor
11	Steve Thomas
12	Shirley Matthews
14	Layton Griffin
17	Kaitlyn Kelly
18	Beth Lippard
18	Sloan Griffin
18	Joseph Taylor
20	Ken Herring
22	Terry Thomas
23	Leo McKenzie
24	Jerry Rosser, Jr.
27	Joyce Thomas
28	Will Taylor
31	Phil McKinney



Bible Readings for March

1 - Matthew 4:1-11
2 - Matthew 4:12-25
3 - Matthew 6:1-18
4 - Psalm 85
5 - 1 Samuel 1:1-28
6 - 1 Samuel 2:1-11
7 - 2 Samuel 7:1-29
8 - 2 Samuel 22:1-28
9 - 2 Samuel 22:29-51
10 - Psalm 89:1-18
11 - Psalm 89:19-37
12 - Psalm 89:38-52
13 - 2 Chronicles 1:1-17
14 - 2 Chronicles 5:2-14
15 - 2 Chronicles 6:1-11
16 - 2 Chronicles 6:12-31
17 - 2 Chronicles 6:32-42
18 - 2 Chronicles 7:1-22
19 - Ezra 8:21-36
20 - Nehemiah 9:1-25
21 - Nehemiah 9:26-38
22 - Psalm 11
23 - Psalm 16
24 - Psalm 17
25 - Psalm 22
26 - Psalm 25
27 - Psalm 26
28 - Psalm 27
29 - Psalm 28
30 - Psalm 30
31 - Psalm 31



High School/College Youth

Starting March 4 and on March 18 there will be a High School/College youth. It will be from 4:30-6:00 downstairs in the Young Adult classroom. Ms. Shannon and Ms. Linda look forward to seeing all the youth and ask that they bring a friend with them.

Spaghetti Lunch

The Men's and Women Fellowship will sponsor a spaghetti lunch on Sunday, March 11 after the Worship Service. There will be spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. All money will go toward Mission opportunities. Please put this date on your calendar.

Directly from the Constitution of our church; one of the purposes of our church is to render loving service toward mankind. Since the duties of the Mission Committee was formally described over a decade ago, we have really GROWN!

We are so far beyond a few simple offerings. Our church is recognized as a VERY INVOLVED CHURCH. What a compliment.

Certainly, we are not seeking accolades but are working to serve God. With area or outreach do you choose to be a partner with or to give your time, energies, and finances to help to strengthen?

Simply, we have our CUOC food donation this month, which is one-pound pasta and sauce.

Also, our Family Promise partner week with Morris Chapel is March 4-11. We are responsible for volunteers, and dinner meals, Tuesday-Thursday (March 6-8).

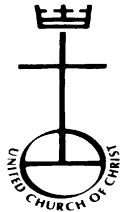
Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 31 from 11:00-1:00. There will be a hot dog lunch with all the trimmings. Other activities include face painting, bouncy houses, and a magician. Make sure to plan on attending and bring some friends with you.

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March Ministry Assistants

Acolytes: March 4: Caleb Johnston, Steven McNeill; March 11: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond; March 18: Steven McNeill, Griff Griffin; March 25: Lauren Godfrey, Gracie Currin.

Deacon on Call: March 4: Sandra Cotton; March 11: Alan Cox; March 18: John Godfrey; March 25: Audra McKenzie.

Flowers: March 4: Linda Strauch; March 11: open; March 18: Mary Griffin; March 25: Peggy Groce.

Greeters: Chris Godfrey, Vivian Cox.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Larry Thomas.

Ushers: Kenny Cotton, Jimmy Maddox, Ray Norris, Wayne Barber, Mark Jones, Randy Gunter.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Katie Kelly, Jada Holifield, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas

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Isn't it funny how, in America, we take holidays and warp them? For example, Mardi Gras is less about getting ready for Lent, and more about having a party and drinking lots of alcohol. Cinco De Mayo is not a celebration of an important Mexican victory, but, once again, a big party with lots of drinking. We can add St. Patrick's Day to the list of holidays that just become party days. Most people think of St. Patrick's Day as the day the Irish get to celebrate, we wear green, we get to party, and people drink a lot. When I was a kid the day was more about pinching people who did not wear green (I wonder where that came from.)

The story of St. Patrick (or just Patrick as he was called) is a fascinating story. Pirates captured him as a teenager and took him to Ireland. There he became a slave for six years, before escaping. It was during *this* time Patrick accepted Christ, despite having been raised in a Christian home. Soon after he fled his master and sailed back home to England. After spending years studying the Bible, he had a vision of a man calling him back to Ireland to bring the Gospel.

Patrick eventually accepted the call and returned to Ireland. Legend states that he sailed to the same port in which he had made his escape several years earlier. His life and preaching converted many of the Irish into the Christian faith (the legend of him driving out the snakes of Ireland is just a legend-Ireland did not have any snakes to begin with. He probably *did* teach the Trinity using the shamrock, though.) He died on March 17th at almost 80.



One of the many remarkable parts of his life is that he would return to the very people who had enslaved him. He held no ill will towards them. He would spend most of his life there preaching the Gospel. His life is not a testament to being Irish (he was not), partying (he did not), or drinking (that he probably *did*.) His life is a testament to forgiving those who have hurt you and sharing the best news any of us have ever heard – that Jesus died for all of us. So, on March 17, wear green, pretend to somehow be Irish, but most importantly forgive those who have hurt you and share Jesus with all.

