

**OUR FINANCIAL PROGRESS**

We want to keep you up to date on the financial status of the church.

As of 02/28/22

Annual Apportionments	\$	18,101.00
Paid/set aside		<u>- 2,647.00</u>
BALANCE DUE	\$	15,454.00

Starting Balance	\$	9,752.00
Income February	+	35,175.00
Expense February	-	<u>26,311.00</u>
Ending balance	\$	18,616.00

Thank you for being such faithful givers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Your Finance Team



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**OUR MISSION**



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**March 2** – Ash Wednesday

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**March 17** – Saint Patrick's Day

**March 20** – First Day of Spring

**What's Happening**



*Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.*

*So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Hebrews 5:14-6:1a*

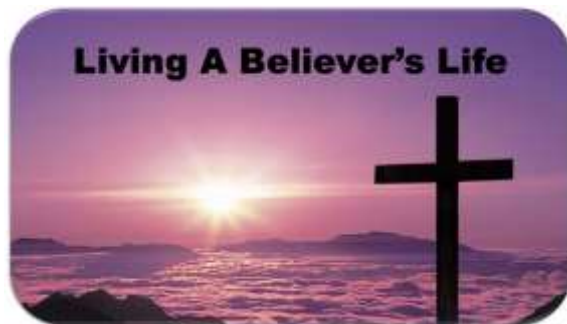
Welcome to March and the beginning of Lent. This Lent we will journey to the cross and empty tomb as we study, learn, and put into practice a true believer's life. It is time to do a maturity update on our believer's life. How are we doing? Where do we need to mature some more? What are our next steps? And where do we see honest growth thus far.

In the text above, it calls for our "maturing in our understanding." In other words, in our believer's life. We do not need to hear about Christ dying to save us again. Or Christ rising so we can live with him forever again. We do not need to tell you about the Holy Spirit, as the Spirit is in you if you believe and have asked for Him. No, we do not need to keep repeating these things all the time.

What we need to do is mature in the faith so that these are so solid in our minds and hearts that we just "know that we know that we know." We need to check our lifestyles and habits to see if we are aligned with all Christ has for us. We need to focus on centering on Christ and working with the Holy Spirit for transformation and maturing marks.

We will cover 6 different aspects of a believer's life in Christ. Some of you may be maturing in already. Some of you may not feel moved or inspired by. Some of you may be seriously convicted that this is where you need to grow. We need to take the journey and open ourselves up so that we may become mature in our understanding so that our life will reflect what we truly believe. It will be a wonderful and exciting journey and filled with possibilities of growth.

The journey starts Ash Wednesday night, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. Come start your journey off on the right foot.



Travelling to the cross & empty tomb with you,  
*Pastor Shirley*



**We have had a great response signing up for the May through February Prayer Walks. Thank you to all who signed up and walked/drove the neighborhoods. A part of our mission is to reach out to others and bring them to Jesus. Let's continue the great work we have begun.**





**Connect** – To be a family of believers who connect to God and each other.

**Care** – To shine the light of Christ and welcome all we encounter encouraging worship, life groups, and spiritual growth.

**Commit** – To grow in faith through service to others both locally and globally.

### **CORE VALUES:**

#### **Loving Relationships:**

Honest & loving relationships:  
With God through a worshipful attitude and prayer.  
With others through acceptance and grace to all.

#### **Spiritual Growth**

Grow with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a biblically centered, nurturing environment.

#### **Compassionate Service**

Offering help to others with humility and mutual respect.



#### **Teamwork**

Accomplish ministry in the context of relationships.

### **We Are A Praying People!**

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.



- Bishop & Mrs. Carter, Rev. & Mrs. Thom Schafer, President Biden and Gov. DeSantis, all of our elected officials, Pastor Shirley & Rod, our staff, our church leaders, our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Eugene and Bonnie Kitzmiller, Debbie Kleinsorge, Sennie Lansdowne, Beatriz Lowery, Betty Lou McLuckey, Bob and Katie Michalski



The prayer focus for March will be:

- **New Outreach**
- **Encouragers**
- **Develop meaningful relationships with individuals who are meeting on our campus**

Please pray for these things daily throughout the month.





**Please remember to bring items for the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Program and place those items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Also, you may drop them off in the office during office hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 am and 2 pm.**

**Thank You!**



**SCOUT SUNDAY**

**MARCH 13, 2022**



**Be sure to join us Sunday, March 13, 2022 as the Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts help lead worship. We have several boys in the troop and pack this year. It will be great to see them as we aren't often at the church when they are meeting.**

## **Birthdays in March**

March 1	Bill Schroff
March 3	Ron Hittel
March 14	Cheri Hittel
March 15	Betty Lou McLuckey
March 17	Marlene Sontchi
March 18	Mike Barbour
March 22	Jean Flugel
March 24	Karen Kehrli



**\*\* If you know someone is having a special year birthday (90+) or special anniversary (25, 30, 35 etc.) year please let the office know.**

**Thank You!**



## 2022 Shepherds

Sennie Lansdowne – Head Shepherd

Rose & Bill Johnson (A – D)

Judy Snodgrass (E – Ha)

Cyndi Andrasi (He – J)

Beatriz Lowery (K – Mc)

Marcia & Cecil Mulvaney (Mi – N)

Nancy Winding (O – Z)

Bonnie Kitzmiller (Snowbirds)



## Kudos this month go to

- ...Katie Michalski for placing new pens and offering envelopes in the pews.
- ...Aija Ball and Sara Fleming for serving as volunteer receptionists in the office. They are both a blessing.
- ...Kathy Barbour for all her motivation in packing things up for the move and for disposing of things we don't need
- ...All those who those who are helping with the preparation for the move

## 2022 Leadership Team

**Trustees** Dave Strait, Mike Barbour, Sara Fleming, and Jean Flugel

**Finance** Judy Shannon, Fred Fowler, Bill Johnson and Bill Schroff

**SPRT** Judy Snodgrass, Cyndi Andrasi, Gene Blamble, Pat Dixon

**Lay Leader** Chip Newberger

**Nurture Team Co-Leaders** Pat Dixon & Marcia Mulvaney

**Outreach Team Co-Leaders** Kathy Barbour & Karen Kehrli

**Lay Delegate** Chip Newberger



## Did you know...?

- + Because of your hospitality the Boy Scout Troop has recently doubled in size
- + Because of your generosity we have paid our apportionments in full for 2021
- + Because of your faithfulness, we are making a difference in the community that surrounds us.
- + God is moving in wonderful ways. We just wanted to make sure you knew!



Kingdom Kids - We welcome all children and grandchildren (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) to our "Kingdom Kids" class at 10:00 a.m. during the worship service.



Daylight savings time begins March 13, 2022. Please be sure to turn your clocks ahead Saturday night before retiring so you are on time for worship Sunday morning!

### Thank You Note

We received the below thank you note from the Florida Conference Treasurer

Shirley,  
I wanted to reach out and personally thank you for your church's support in giving 100% of your apportionments in 2021. I recognize that this was not done without sacrifice. You and your congregation have made a real difference in the life and work of the UMC. Thank you!

Craig Smelser

## Looking Ahead At Our Outreach

### Projects For The Remainder of 2022

**Remnant Café – Bags of Hope will be filled in May and October - fill back backs with supplies to help those who are homeless.**

**Shower Supplies collected in July – to provide shower and laundry supplies for use for those who come to take showers and to be able to do the laundry at the cafe.**

**Angel Tree Christmas gifts in December – provide a blanket, scarf and gloves to the clients of the Remnant Café to receive as a Christmas gift that will help them stay warm through the winter months.**

**Operation Christmas Child - shoe boxes will be filled and collected in November – provide small toys and other small items to children around the world through The Samaritan's Purse ministries.**

**Compassion Sunday – provide a mission project with half of the offering collected on Palm Sunday (Compassion Sunday).**

**Ongoing - snacks for the students at Booker Middle School, Mayors Feed the Hungry Program.**

## DLT Information

You are welcome to join a DLT group at any time. If you have not joined a DLT and would like to below are the days and times the DLT groups meet. At this time, they are meeting via Zoom or in person. Please contact the facilitator for more information on their group.

**Women's Group** Wednesday at 10:00 am facilitator – Marcia Mulvaney  
[marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.mulvaney@gmail.com)

**Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Pat Dixon  
[pdixon@ringling.edu](mailto:pdixon@ringling.edu)

**Women's group** Wednesday at 12:00 noon facilitator – Pastor Shirley  
[revgroom@gmail.com](mailto:revgroom@gmail.com)

**Men & Women's group** Wednesday at 7:15 pm facilitator – Rod Groom  
[rod.groom@gmail.com](mailto:rod.groom@gmail.com)

**Men & Women's group** Thursday at 4:30 pm facilitator – Rod Groom  
[rod.groom@gmail.com](mailto:rod.groom@gmail.com)



## **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

**We will worship live and live streaming at 6:30 pm followed by Doing Life Together groups live and/or Zoom at 7:15 pm (If you'd like to join a DLT group and aren't connected yet please contact the office and arrangements will be made to get you connected.)  
Join us as we center on Jesus.**



Please join us  
 Wednesday, March 2  
 for our Ash Wednesday  
 worship service at 7:00  
 pm. There will be no  
 DLTs that week.



## *Easter Lilies*

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily(ies) in honor or in memory of someone the order forms will be available in your bulletins March 20 through April 3, 2022. They must be turned in no later than April 10, 2022. You may submit your payment of \$10 with your offering and mark it Easter Lily. If you aren't attending in person worship please call the office and we will make note of who you'd like the lily(ies) in memory or honor of and you may mail your check to the church.

 **St. Patrick's Day  
 Word Search** 

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# March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	<b>2 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 10:30 Chimes at The Haven <b>7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship</b> 7:00 GA	<b>3</b> Office closed 6:30 Meadows Chorus	<b>4</b> Office closed 7:00 AA	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 Worship Service <b>11:00 Shepherd's Luncheon</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	<b>8</b> 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 10:00 Women's DLT 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	<b>10</b> Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus	<b>11</b> Office closed 7:00 AA	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  10:00 Worship Service	<b>14</b> 6:30 Leadership Team 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	<b>15</b> 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 10:00 Women's DLT 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	<b>17</b>  Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 5:30 Village Oaks HOA 6:30 Meadows Chorus	<b>18</b> Office closed 12:00 Faithsharing Circle 7:00 AA	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  10:00 Worship Service	<b>21</b> 9:00 GFWC Woman's Club 6:30 GCCC 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	<b>22</b> 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 10:00 Women's DLT 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	<b>24</b> Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus	<b>25</b> Office closed 7:00 AA	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 Worship Service	<b>28</b> 6:00 Georgetown HOA F/H 6:00 GCCC 6:30 Meadows Chorus 7:00 Prayer Gathering 7:00 AA	<b>29</b> 6:30 Bell Rehearsal 6:45 Cub Scouts 6:45 Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 10:00 Women's DLT 10:30 Chimes at The Haven 12:00 Women's DLT 5:00 Music Rehearsal 6:30 Worship –live/live streaming 7:00 DLT's live and/or via Zoom 7:00 GA	<b>31</b> Office closed 4:30 DLT live and/or via Zoom 6:30 Meadows Chorus		

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2022

Date	Reader	Prayer Warriors	Audio	Visual	Worship Welcome Team	Children's Sunday School	Communion Servers	Discovery Devotion Leader	Counters	Building Closers	LAWN TEAM
Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Rod Groom	Corporate		Karen Kehrli	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski					Pastor Shirley	
March 6 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Purple	Mike Barbour	Rod Groom		Karen Kehrli	Cecil Mulvaney Katie Michalski	N/A	Cyndi Andrasi Beatriz Lowery Bonnie Kitzmiller Sennie Lansdowne	3/2 Pastor Shirley ASH WEDNESDAY		Rose & Bill Johnson	3/5
March 13 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Purple SCOUT SUNDAY	Scout	Scout		Cyndi Andrasi	Sennie Lansdowne Jean Flugel	Fred Fowler		3/9 Pastor Shirley		Cecil & Marcia Mulvaney	3/12 Dave Strait PS
March 20 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Purple The Haven joins us	Jan Dougherty	Marcia Mulvaney		Pat Dixon	The Barbours	Judy Snodgrass		3/16 Pastor Shirley		Rod Groom	3/19 Rod Groom PS
March 27 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Purple	Sara Fleming	Judy Snodgrass		Karen Kehrli	The Sontchi's & Beatriz Lowry	Bernice Highberger		3/23 Jean Flugel		Jean Flugel Sennie Lansdowne	3/26