

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH 4-11

Sunday	8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 4:00 pm - Confirmation (Youth Room) 5:00 pm - Pizza & Games (Home of Bob & Nancy Ball) 5:30 pm - JOY Bible Study (Parlor) - Men's Bible Study (Forum Class)
Monday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 11:00 am - Lydia Circle (Parlor) 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 6:45 pm - Boy Scouts
Tuesday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs - Morning Bells (Sanctuary Balcony) 11:30 am - JOY Bible Study (Parlor) 2:45 pm - Choir for 4 yrs - Kindergarten 6:30 pm - Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 2:45 pm - Choirs for 1st - 6th Grades 6:00 pm - Solid Rock Café (Fellowship Hall) <i>Menu: Mexican Taco Bar</i> 6:45 pm - Children's Bible Study (SS Classroom) - Youth Bible Study (Youth Room) - "Cost of Discipleship" Study (Chapel) - Evening Bells (Sanctuary Balcony) 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Thursday	9:00 am - Weekday Programs 10:00 am - No Adult Bible Study
Friday	12:00 pm - Children's Trip to Bo's in Lenoir
Sunday	8:45 am - Early Worship (Chapel) 9:45 am - Sunday School 10:55 am - Worship (Sanctuary) 4:00 pm - Confirmation (Youth Room) 5:00 pm - Middle & Sr. High Youth (Youth Room) 5:30 pm - JOY Bible Study (Parlor) - Men's Bible Study (Forum Class)

## HOLY WEEK AT ELKIN FUMC

### **Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25**

8:45 am – Early Worship  
9:45 am – Sunday School  
10:55 am – Worship – We will gather in front of the church for the Palm Processional (weather permitting).

### **Holy Thursday, March 29**

7:00 pm – A Celebration of The Eucharist and Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)

### **Saturday, March 31**

10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall)

### **Easter, April 1**

8:45 am – Service of First Light – Gather around the fire pit in front of the Chapel to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.  
10:55 am – Easter Worship in the Sanctuary - Bring fresh flowers for the Easter cross as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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*Third Sunday  
in Lent 2018*



# Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

8:45 am

Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World

Welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church.  
We especially welcome those who are guests today.

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

Catch me in my mindless scurrying, Lord,

**Hold us in this Lenten season.**

Hold our spirits to the beacon of your grace

**Grant us light enough to walk boldly,**

To feel passionately,

**To love aggressively.**

—Guerrillas of Grace by Ted Loder p. 125

✠ Invocation

✠ Hymn No. 160 - "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Holy Scripture I Corinthians 1:18-25 (Pew Bible p. 156)

✠ John 2:13-22 (Pew Bible pp. 87-88)

*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!*

Sermon - "In the Temple of God"

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession - In Unison

**Forgive us, Lord of our grudges and indifference, of certainties that smother possibilities, of fascination with false securities, of our arrogant insistence of how we think it should be, so that we may not fear dying to self to find it in you. Amen. (Adapted from Loder, p. 123)**

Words of Assurance

May the Lord catch us in our aimless scurrying and hold us gently in this Lenten season that our hearts may beat of his grace and hold us in this resting place. (Adapted from Loder, p. 123)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Musical Setting C, pp. 20-22

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

✠ Hymn No. 577 - "God of Grace and God of Glory"

✠ The Benediction

✠ Please stand as you are able

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor - Rev. Michael A. Shuford

Organist - Amy E. Johnson

Communion Steward - Pat Trexler

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS** next Sunday morning, March 11. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

**UMCOR SUNDAY GIFTS ENABLE WORLDWIDE DISASTER RESPONSE:** March 11 will be UMCOR Sunday, formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing. We will collect a special offering which enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to respond to disasters around the world by covering its operational and administrative costs. Unlike other mission programs, UMCOR receives no World Service or other apportionment money. By giving you enable UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of designated gifts will go to support the designated projects. There will be an envelope insert in the bulletin on March 11 or you may mail your contribution to the church office. Make checks payable to Elkin FUMC and note that it's for "UMCOR Sunday."

## PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, March 5 at 11:00 am in the parlor. Following the meeting, join us for lunch. All women of the church are invited to attend.

**CHILI COOK-OFF TO BENEFIT YOUTH MISSION:** The next youth fundraiser for missions is the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, March 14, 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Several varieties of chili along with toppings, salad, cornbread and peanut butter/jelly sandwiches are on the menu. Judges will choose the champ of the cook-off.

**STONE'S THROW MINISTRY WORK DAY:** Our March Missions Focus is Stone's Throw Ministry. The mission of Stone's Throw Christian Ministry is to glorify God by providing assistance to individuals, churches, missions teams and other agencies. They gather and provide the resources needed to assist those who are hurting. The missions team is sponsoring a work day at their Distribution Center (1657 North Bridge St) on Saturday, March 17 from 9 am - 1 pm. A sign up sheet is located on the Missions Bulletin Board outside of Pastor Mike's office. For more information contact Missions Team chair, David VanAntwerp at 336-244-1808.

**LAY SERVANT TRAINING:** Lay Servant Training is a two-day opportunity for youth and adults to learn about ways to serve in the United Methodist Church. Appalachian District Lay Servant Training will be held on Saturday, April 14 and Saturday, April 21 (must attend both days) at Wilkesboro UMC. Registration and a \$30 fee are required prior to attending. Contact the church office for more information or for an application form.

**TRI-C REQUESTS TOILET TISSUE:** We have been asked to provide toilet tissue each month during 2018. Our goal is a total of 300 rolls each month! Please place your toilet tissue donations in the narthex or under the table in the entryway of the church office.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Church Family:** Bliss Vanderpool, Ann Graham, Sam Tesh, Holly Gambill, Betty Tesh, Rev. Paul McCauley, Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, Emad Elkhayat, Ray Fencil, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Ercel Carter, Dan & Sallie Park, Laura Gwyn, Gary Conrad, Bonnie Stuart, Cindy Furr, Greta Wallace, Loretta Cash, Family of Pat James, Gary Maxey, nursing home residents & homebound

**Extended Care:** Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Mary Neil, Linda Maxey

**Extended Family:** Ruth Deck, John Seats, Diana Hamm, Richard Smoot, Clifford Jordan, Ronnie Ray, Nada Sheets, Emily Stewart, Ethan Spencer, Florence Leverett, Ana Garciana, Steve McLain, Betty Jordan, Linda Caudill, Jeff Miltner, Sharon and Brad Watterson, Pierce & Aishling, Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Lynn & Dale Rose, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Staley, Robert Miller, Joan Shuford, Dr. Richard Belcher, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Mary Harper Edsall, Nan Boyd, Gus Bellia, Lonnie Snider, Teresa Shook, Millie Joyce, Martha Key, Kidd Family, Phyllis Lowe, Family of Margaret Poole Griffin, Rev. Tyler Hege, Rev. Juston Smith, Rebekah Ralph, Amy Shuford, Deborah S. Smith, Judy Moody, Family of Randy Core

**All of our military personnel and their families**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Vision & Leadership Team**

Monday, March 12, 7:00 pm (Library)

**Trustees**

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm (Library)

**Children's Ministry Team**

Sunday, March 18, 2:00 pm (Library)

**Worship Ministry Team**

Tuesday, March 20, 6:15 pm (Library)

**Missions Team**

Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm (Library)

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF...

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>
Tues. Choir Snacks	Johanna	Alex, Mima
Wed. Choir Snacks	Jocelyn, Joseph, Jonas	Sadie, Lucas K
Wed. Night Desserts	Powell, Harrison, Shuford, MacDonald, McDowell	Lowe, Sanders, Andrew, McCrary, Parker, Dent