

MARCH 2017



The Marker



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From the Pastor's Desk

During Ash Wednesday we are being reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Each one of us, children, young and old come together and the ashes will be marked on our forehead with the sign of the cross. It is a powerful reminder that we are all mortals, and it puts everything in a proper perspective of the truth about us. We will all die someday. Nothing will last forever. This bodily form and all material things attached into it will surely come to an end.

In the book of Genesis, God formed a man from the clay of the ground, then he breathed a life-giving breath on him and the man became a living being. We are the living breath of God. We cannot also deny the fact that we were formed or molded out of the ground and to the ground we shall return. Genesis 3:19 says, "For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." The wisdom book in the Scripture also affirms this truth, "All go unto one place, all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." (Ecclesiastes 3:20). Then on the twelfth chapter of the same wisdom book, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it." (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

As we enter into Lent, may we remember who we are. Yes, we are mortals, and we seek the purpose and meaning of our life from the One who created us through Christ. Christ our Lord is the way, the truth, and the life. He is our hope that leads us all to eternity.

Lectionary for March

March 5

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalm 32 (UMH 766)
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 12

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121 (UMH 844)
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-7

March 19

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95 (UMH 814)
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 26

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23 (UMH 754)
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Vision Statement

"St. Marks UMC seeks to share a family of faith where church home means everyone and caring is a way of life."

Sundays

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

9:45am
Sunday
School

11am Worship

7-8pm
Boy Scouts

10:30 am
Bible Study

6:30
Choir



Prayers Requested

Prayers for our St. Marks family unable to worship with us today

Shirley Beathe, Gladys Cupp, Leon & Linda Heath, Don Bragg, Edna Fields, Bob McReynolds, Janice Barton, Don and Mazelle Ross, Eileen Mark

Requesting prayers

Jane Kennon, Stan Little, Keith Mumaw, Tom Marks, Chris Mumaw, Barbara Holland, Ben Robertson, Virginia Spurger, Sandra Pugh and family on the death of her sister Patricia, Zarate family on the death of Pastor Edwin's uncle, Maximo Zarate, Jean Hearn and Family on the death of Bill Hearn, Nelda Walker, Lance Carnal, Gayle Jones, Joan Rose, Ila Dennis on the deaths of her brother and niece, Mary Grigar-Brown, Tomasa Gorospe



Birthdays

7-Marie Robertson

8-Jonathan Johnson

9-Billie Pearson

9-Frank Alvarado

11-Roy Woodard

13 Naomi Little

14-Juanita Newman

14-Phyllis Wilson

20-Michael Oliver

21-Nikkie Munguia

22 Nita Sanders

22-Jennifer Wilson

23-Bill Dunford

30-Chuck Lee

31-Millie Arnold

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Lilies for Easter



Order Deadline: Sunday, April 9, 2017

Lily #1 Given by: _____

Given in honor of: _____

or in memory of: _____

Lily #2 Given by: _____

Given in honor of: _____

or in memory of: _____

Lily #3 Given by: _____

(All proceeds will benefit the Worship Committee)

Lilies are \$15 each.

Attached is \$_____ cash or check (made payable to St. Marks UMC).

Please pay at the time of your order.

Following Easter Worship,
the donor or honoree may take their Lily home.



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Easter Lilies will be on sale from March 12 through April 9 during the worship services. Order forms will be made available in all of the bulletins or you can pick one up in the church office. If you have any questions please contact the worship committee or April Lang, Administrative Assistant in the office.



Education Building Repairs

Several weeks ago three rooms in the Education Building at St. Marks suffered water damage after a hard rain. Trustees had begun work on the nursery months before, but they had to pull up moldy carpet in two more rooms. It is more important now that the first room be completed since two more rooms now need repairs. The problem is that these were not budgeted items in the 2017 approved Budget. Now the Nurture Committee is asking for donations to complete the needed repairs, add an area rug, replace broken toys, and offer clean rooms in which to care for and teach children. If you would like to help, you can do so by making a donation to St. Marks designated for "Education Building Repairs." Thank you for your help.

The trustees are planning dirt work outside the building to avoid a repeat of the building being flooded.



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 Pastor Edwin Zarate

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Administrative Assistant
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Office Hours
 Mon-Thurs
 9:00-Noon
 Friday
 9:00-1:00

Music Director
 Eric Moellering

Organist/Pianist
 Nancy Good

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Ash Wed Service	2 UMW Meeting 10 am	3	4 UMM Breakfast 8:00 AM
5 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	6	7	8 5 pm SPPR Meeting 6pm Food, Fun, Fellowship Dinner Choir rehearsal 6:30	9	10	11
12 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	13	14	15 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16 11am UMW Birthday Luncheon	17	18
19 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	20	21	22 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	27	28	29 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	30	31	