

# sandy mount

# Lent

"He fasted for forty days  
and forty nights..."

## THE 3 PILLARS OF LENT

### PRAYER -

nuturing your relationship with God

### FASTING -

giving something up to be close to God

### ALMSGIVING -

Sharing with those in need

February Vine 2020

# A Message from the Pastor

This month we are continuing to be in intentional prayer for the United Methodist Church. Our district has been asked to fast and pray on Wednesdays and Fridays from January 15 – February 14, 2020. Fasting occurs from sun up to sun down in preparation for the General Conference which will convene in May. Other districts will take up this practice in future months leading up to this session.

This is a critical juncture for our denomination. A proposal for amicable separation has already been submitted for consideration at the May session. While this is not a final decision, the media has promoted it as such. The proposal was meant to provide a way for all of us to maintain our convictions while honoring our differences concerning the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in our churches. (Note: we are specifically referring to the ordination of homosexuals, and the conducting of same-sex marriages in our churches. Current language in our Book of Discipline refers to homosexuality as a sin and contrary to Christian teaching.)

While this is an unsettling time for our denomination, I truly believe in the power of prayer. We will continue to explore what this means for us as followers of God, members of the United Methodist Church, and the congregation known as Sandy Mount United Methodist Church. Let us pray for healing, unity, comfort, and guidance from the One who can provide all this and so much more.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kathy





## ALTAR FLOWER LIST

The Altar Flower signup list for **February** is as follows:

2/02/20 Belinda vonGunten

2/09/20 Audrey Boyle

2/16/20 CLOSED

2/23/20 Bev Markline

Remember to submit your dedication to the church office by the **Monday** of the week flowers will be on the altar. Without a dedication only the donors name will appear.

You may want to bring a plastic bag with you on the Sunday you have flowers. There are usually paper towels available in the kitchen but not plastic bags.

**Please use the gloves provided when removing flowers from the brass altar vases and returning the vase liners.**

Flower chart is on the wall outside the church office. The cost is **\$40.00**. Just place your "marked" payment for the Flower Fund in the offering plate.

*Thank you for your support and help!*

GO AND TELL  
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Community Prayer Box

**Newly Painted!**

SANDY MOUNT UMC  
2101 Old Westminster Pike  
Westminster, MD 21048

This box is along Old Westminster Pike and may be used by anyone who passes by and would like for our church to pray for them. It will be checked weekly and prayers will be added to our prayer chain and shared at Joys and Concerns during our morning worship services.

Or you can send your request to:

**[Sandymountprayers@hotmail.com](mailto:Sandymountprayers@hotmail.com)**



Feb. 1: Heather Barone  
Cindy Martin  
Clinton Martin  
Feb. 2: Emily vonGunten  
Feb. 4: Frances Fisher  
Feb. 9: Jeff Frattali  
John Thornton  
Feb. 10: Lois Degroff  
Feb. 11: Jack Bowersox  
Feb. 12: Ashley Hoseknecht  
Feb. 13: Conrad Vollmerhausen  
Feb. 14: Russ Clarke  
Ted Wilson  
Feb. 16: Rachel Horton  
Bill Yanke  
Feb. 19: Linda Palmer  
Feb. 20: Jim Goge  
Feb. 24: Debbie Barrick  
Feb. 27: Steve Boyle  
Charlie Im

## Inclement Weather Policy

*Sandy Mount follows the Carroll County  
Snow Emergency Plan*

If the snow emergency plan is in effect 90 minutes prior to any worship service or **event** at Sandy Mount the services are canceled.

### For Sunday Worship:

If the snow emergency plan is in effect at 7:30 am, then 9 & 11 am worship services and Sunday school are **canceled**.

# A NOTE OF THANKS...

We wish to extend our thanks to all who supported us following Carl's sudden passing. All of the kind words, hugs, visitation and expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to those who contributed in any way to the luncheon following the service.

Faye Haines and Family

I would like to thank the church for the Christmas goodie bag. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers. The soap wash cloth reindeer really brought a smile to every one, he is sitting on top the TV stand. Thanks for any and all prayers.

Thanks,  
George Klinger

## SMUMC Committee Group News

### From the Cemetery Board

We ask that everyone please remove their Christmas memorials and other memorials placed on the ground from the cemetery by:

**Monday, March 9, 2020.**

Any memorials left in the cemetery after that time will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of.

Thank you for helping us maintain the cemetery.

Tom Poe

### SPRC

The Letters stand for **Staff-Parish Relations Committee** and is made up of 9 members, as well as the Pastor and Lay Leader.

This committee is responsible for Staff evaluations, recommendations to the Finance committee and Church Council regarding salaries and benefits...generally caring for our staff.

We also deal with issues that might be raised by members of the congregation. If there is ever such a concern, please share it with someone on the SPRC. Don't worry about whether the person agrees with you. We bring everything to the committee for consideration. You may even put your thoughts in writing and hand to one of us. There are representatives at both services.

The members of this committee:

Joyce Yanke, Chair; Kathy Bailey, Stacey Esgar, Deb Farinholt, Brian Fincham, Jeff McDonough, Deb Meekins, Heidi White, Marie Wilson, George Pittinger, Lay leader; Pastor Kathy Altman

# Here's what's happening during the month of LENT



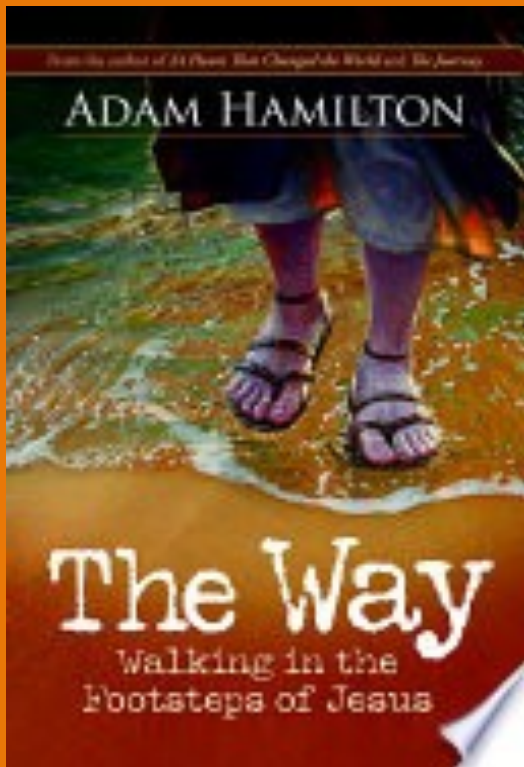
## Not by Bread Alone-Daily Reflections for Lent

Lenten Devotional Books are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one per household so that you have yours for the beginning of Lent on,

**Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Not by Bread Alone was selected by Pastor Kathy to prepare us for Easter during the season of Lent. Each day contains suggested Bible readings, Scripture to contemplate, Reflection pertinent to Lent, Meditation questions to ponder, and a Prayer asking for a change in our lives.

Look for the basket on the table in the rear of the sanctuary, there you will find copies of Not by Bread Alone. There are enough for each household at Sandy Mount to use during the 40 days of Lent. The Worship Design Team will mail copies to the congregation members who find it difficult to attend services so that they can be part of our Easter preparations.



### 2020 Lenten Sermon Series The Way – Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

**March 1st :** Baptism and Temptation

**March 8th:** The Healing Ministry

**March 15th:** Proclaiming the Kingdom

**March 22nd:** Calming the Storm

**March 29th:** Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor

**April 5th:** The Final Week

**Services:** 9 AM Praise [live-streamed]  
11 AM Traditional



# Come and Join US...

## *"Who Are We?"*

### **6-Week Bible Study Series**

**(Two opportunities, two weeks left)**

**Monday**, February 3rd & 10th @ 6 PM  
dinner at Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.

Finksburg, MD

**Tuesday**, February 4th & 11th @ 12 noon  
brown bag lunch and learn  
Sandy Mount UMC - Old Fellowship Hall

## ***Part 2***

***"Who Are We as  
United Methodist?"***  
*6 week bible study begins*

*Monday, Feb. 24th  
and  
Tuesday, Feb. 25th*



Bible study for a small group of seniors meets every **Wednesday morning at 10:30 am.** We are continuing our study on the book of Acts through February. Come and fellowship as we study the word of God together.

**Don't forget to bring a friend.**

Rev. Kathy Altman

**THE GROWN-UP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is about halfway through the Gospel of Luke, and the best parts are still to come. There are the parables, of course: The Seed and the Soil, the Mustard Seed and the Yeast, the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin, the Prodigal Son ("the Gospel in miniature"). And, we'll read Luke's powerful account of Jesus' death and resurrection. We meet **every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.** under the **old** sanctuary. Looking forward to seeing you.

Bill Boyer

SMUMC YOUTH INVITES YOU TO OUR:

## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**



**FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> | 5-7 PM**

EVENING ENDS WITH PRAYER

**FEATURING LIVE JAZZ MUSIC  
BY THE LEISTER QUARTET**



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KIDS 5 AND UNDER FREE!**



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**[WWW.SANDYMOUNTUMC.COM](http://WWW.SANDYMOUNTUMC.COM) | 2101 OLD WESTMINSTER PIKE, FINKSBURG, MD**

# Let's Get Together

## Chancel Choir News

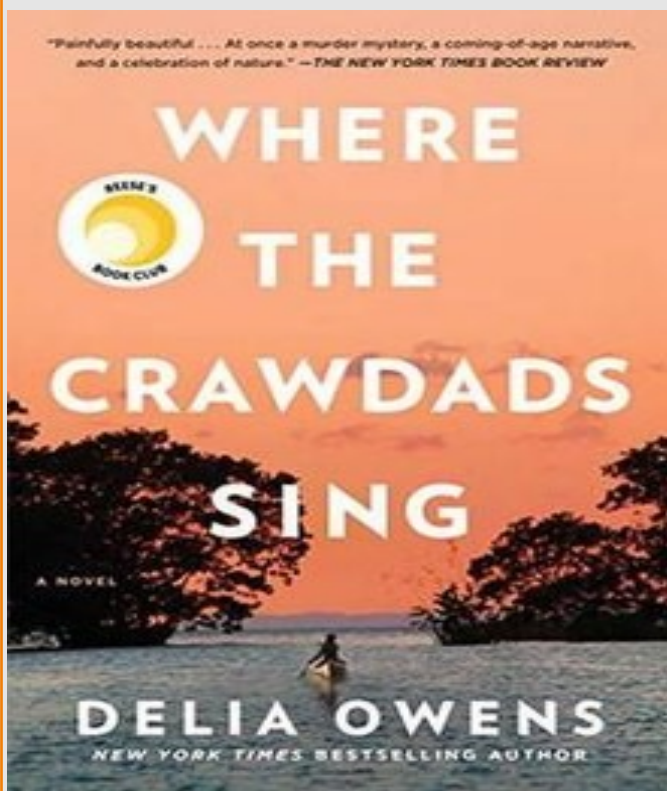


The choir music for traditional worship in February will feature two African American Spirituals "Plenty Good Room" and "My Lord, What a Morning". In addition to these two pieces offered from the choir, the congregation will be singing and hearing several other African American Spirituals throughout the month. These songs reflect the wonderful diversity we have in the hymnody of the United Methodist Church.

At the end of February we celebrate The Transfiguration and the choir is preparing a special anthem "Shine on Great Savior" whose words remind us "this is my Son, my Chosen, listen to Him!" Scripture references for further details: Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36, and 2 Peter 1:16-19.

The first Sunday in March begins the season of Lent. Observing this season is part of our tradition in the UMC as well as many other denominations. The choir will ask the congregation to learn an introit which will frame our forty day journey together during Lent. It will be sung for each service. "These Forty Days" was composed as an anthem for choir and congregational singing. It is hoped that the anthem/introit will draw us closer to our Lord, and bring a deeper connection between choir and congregation.

Your Chancel Choir



We would like to invite all who enjoy reading to come join us every **second Monday** of each month for lunch and great discussion of books that we have read. Group will meet at:

**Stables Restaurant**  
**452 E. Main Street**  
**Westminster, MD 21157**  
**Monday, February 10, 2020**  
**at 12:30 p.m.**  
(Discussion led by Belinda vonGunten)

For more information contact:  
**Joyce Yanke at: [jayanke@hotmail.com](mailto:jayanke@hotmail.com) or**  
**410-848-7614**

# SMUMC Youth Corner



Sandy Mount UMC Youth Groups

**Loving. Learning. Serving.**

**God's Little Feet (K-2nd grade)**

**Live Wires (3rd-5th grade) and**

**God's Squad (6th grade and above)**

**Mark these Important 2020 Dates on your Calendar!**

**Youth Group Meetings ~ Sunday Evenings 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

## **\*\*\*Youth Events\*\*\***

**Tuesday, Feb 4th 6p.m.**

*Bingo @ Country Acres*

**Friday, Feb. 7th - Sunday, Feb. 9th**

*2020 ROCK, Ocean City, MD*

**Saturday, Feb. 22nd**

*Ski Liberty Tubing*

**Tuesday Feb. 25th 5-7 pm**

*Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*

Events are open to **ALL** youth... **BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

Featuring...**RECREATION~ BIBLE TIME/LESSONS~SPECIAL ACTIVITIES~ FELLOWSHIP~  
SNACKS~SERVICE PROJECTS~FUN**

**For More Information: Live Wires - Joyce Yanke (jayanke@hotmail.com)**

**"God's Little Feet and God Squad" MYF- Tracy Tiaht (tracy.tiaht@burryfoods.com)**

## **ROCK Retreat**

**February 7-9th, Ocean City MD.**

Grades 6th - 12th

~BWC Mission Center~

For more information contact: Tracy Tiaht  
(tracy.tiaht@burryfoods.com) Or visit  
[www.bwcumc.org/ROCK](http://www.bwcumc.org/ROCK).

We have several of our youth going to  
Rock 2020 this year. They will be  
going with Reisterstown United  
Methodist Church.

## **100 Years**

### **Scout Sunday 2020**

BSA Scout Sunday is **February 9th**. On Feb. 12, 1920, the Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America started a formal partnership. We are grateful to be in ministry together for **100** years. Many things have changed in those **100 years**, but the values of Scouting remain. The commitment of the church to grow youth with values remains as well.

**Let's celebrate together!**

For more information: [mstowe@GCUMM.org](mailto:mstowe@GCUMM.org) | 615-340-7145

Dear Pastor, Church and Scouting Coordinator,

Girls Scout Sunday is **March 8, 2020**. This is a special opportunity to recognize young women in service. Opening the door for leading in service, sharing in recognitions and awards, and spending time worshipping together is one of the best ways to show the love of God for young women in our communities. Our Partnership with Girls Scouts is strong and growing. We support and empower girls in faith skill. For more information: [mstowe@GCUMM.org](mailto:mstowe@GCUMM.org) | 615-340-7145



# Did you Know?

## NEW HARD COPY Sandy Mount Church Directories

Thanks to everyone who participated in putting together our new church directory. It's really helpful to be able to put faces to names if you don't already know everybody. All families who were photographed or submitted photos to be used, are entitled to a free directory courtesy of Lifetouch. If you didn't participate in the photo process, you can still get a copy of the new directory. They can be purchased for \$8 payable to Sandy Mount. If you haven't received your complimentary copy, or you'd like to purchase one, please see Kara Urban.

Additionally, our online directory remains available. It is NOT affiliated with our new hard copy one, so the photos will not correspond. If you'd like to update your photo in the online directory, you can submit a new one to Kara Urban at any time. Access directions to the online directory are below:

### Sandy Mount UMC – ONLINE Church Directory – Access Directions

#### 1. Via Computer

- through your browser, go to [Members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://Members.InstantChurchDirectory.com)
- for your initial visit, click on the words "create a login now" and follow the directions. **Note:** the email address that you use, must be one that you have provided to us for publication in the directory – this is how you are verified as an authorized user. If the email address doesn't match, no verification link will be sent.
- after you click "request login", you will receive an email confirmation with a link to click on which will bring you back to the website.
- enter your email address and a password that you create, and click "sign in"
- for future visits, just sign in using this same password.

#### 2. Via Mobile App

- If you have a smartphone, ipad, Kindle Fire, etc. you can view the directory through the mobile device.
- Under your "applications" icon, search for "Instant Church Directory".
- Download the app – it's free.
- You will then be prompted for your email address (which, as specified above, **must** be one that you have given us to list in the directory – this is how the directory remains secure so that only church members can access it).
- You will receive an email containing a password (a random combination of letters and numbers).
- Return to the mobile app and enter this password.
- The directory will now be an icon on your device and will automatically update whenever changes are made by the administrator. **Note:** If you "sign out", you will have to go through this process again. You can close the icon without "signing out" though, in which case you just click on it to open again.

#### 3. The Directory Administrator is Kara Urban.

Please direct any questions to her (410-596-7183/kdurban@comcast.net).

# ~Positions Filled/Help Wanted~

We have a few specific needs at SMUMC that perhaps could use your unique qualities! If you are willing to serve in any of the areas listed below, kindly contact the church office ASAP at 410-861-5788, or [sandymtume@comcast.net](mailto:sandymtume@comcast.net).

**Administrative Council Secretary:** Attend Administrative Council meetings quarterly, take minutes for all meetings and distribute to members in a timely fashion. Work closely with Council Chair to accurately document meeting discussions, updates, and action plans.

**Children's Sermons:** Children's sermons will now be conducted by Tracy Tiahr every 2nd Sunday of the month during the 9 a.m. worship service. Pastor Kathy will continue to conduct them on the other Sundays.

**Librarian:** Mandy Davis has accepted the position to promote and organize Sandy Mount library.

## ~STILL IN NEED~

**Greeters:** Do you have a gift of welcoming others? Consider being a greeter - needed for both services each week. Pass out bulletins, provide guidance to visitors, answer questions about ministries and happenings at SMUMC.

**In-Between Cafe:** Perhaps you have enjoyed sharing a snack and a coffee with your church family. Consider sponsoring an In-Between Cafe. Provide light refreshments for a specific Sunday, or become a regular! Assistance is available to get out paper and plasticware - coffee is made by our resident experts!

We are all blessed to be a blessing. I hope you will prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kathy

## INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

"If you can't fly, then run, If you can't run, then walk, If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

—John F. Kennedy

"God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile" — Max Lucado

"Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live that truth."

—Lysa Terkeurst



# Lent

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Morning Worship Communion 9 & 11 am	3 Country Acres crafting 1pm Bible Study Series 6 pm	4 Bible Study Series 12n Country Acres Bingo 6 pm	5 <b>Fasting &amp; Prayer 6am- 6pm</b> Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm	6 Safe Haven 6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	7 <b>Fasting &amp; Prayer 6am- 6pm</b> 2020 Rock Retreat Ocean, City	8 2020 Rock Retreat Ocean City
9 Morning Worship 9 & 11 am  2020 Rock Retreat Ocean, City Md	10 Bible Study Series 6 pm	11 Bible Study Series 12n <b>Ad. Council Meeting 7 pm (RR)</b>	12 <b>Fasting &amp; Prayer 6am- 6pm</b> Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm	13 Safe Haven 6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	14 <b>Fasting &amp; Prayer 6am- 6pm</b>	15
16 Morning Worship 9 & 11 am	17 <b>Office Closed President's Day</b>	18 <b>SPRC meeting 7 pm</b>	19 Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm	20 Safe Haven 6 pm Country Acres Worship 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm <b>March Vine Articles Due</b>	21	22
23 Morning Worship 9 & 11 am	24 Part 2 Bible Study "Who We Are As United Methodist?" 6 pm	25 Part 2 Bible Study "Who We Are As United Methodist?" 12 noon  Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm	26 Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm   Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm	27 Safe Haven 6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	28	29



**February 2020  
Worship Schedule**

**Praise Svc. & Sunday School 9:00 A.M.  
Traditional Svc. 11 A.M.**



**Worship Service Servants - Ushers: \* selected from counting team**

2/02 Cindy Blob, Tom Poe

2/09 Kara Urban, Sally Wilson

2/16 Katie McDonough, Belinda vonGunten, Beth Mangano

2/23 Tina von Gunten, David Caple, Marie Wilson

**Church Openers/Closers:** 2/02 Zach Pittinger 2/09 George Pittinger  
2/16 Sheryl Findley 2/23 Zach Pittinger

**Rev. Kathy L. Altman, Pastor**

**Cell: 240-285-5800**

**Email: [Sandymtunc@comcast.net](mailto:Sandymtunc@comcast.net)**

**Church Office: 410-861-5788**

**Office hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 3pm**

**Website: [sandymountumc.com](http://sandymountumc.com)**

**February 2020**

**Church Staff**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Kathy L. Altman  
**Church Secretary:** Deatra Smith  
**Dir. Christian Ed. Director:** Terri Pittinger  
**Praise Team Leader:** Charlie Im  
**Choir Director/Organist:** Connie Clarke  
**Custodian:** Vicky Blanks

**Mission Statement**  
The mission of Sandy Mount  
UMC is to make disciples of Jesus  
Christ for the transformation of  
the World.  
(Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19-20)

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