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THE FORTY DAYS of LENT

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RECONCILIATION

RENEWAL

March Vine 2020

A Message from the Pastor

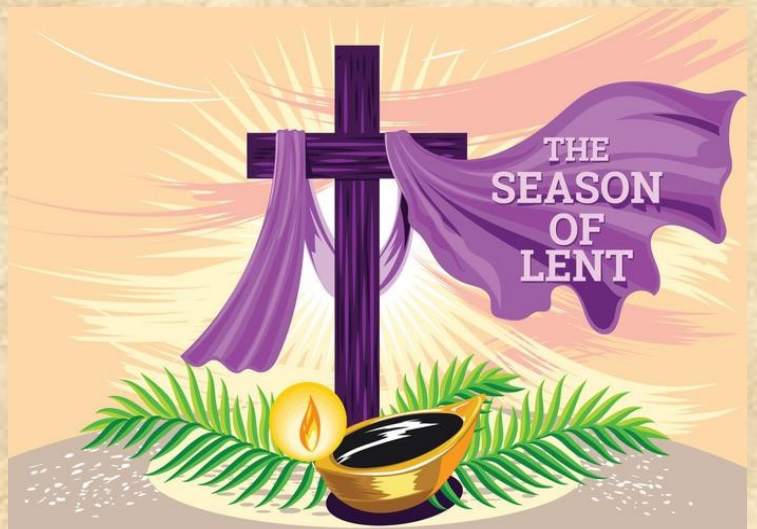
This month marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a time of soul-searching. A time to be honest with ourselves as to where we are in our Christian walk. It is a time for each of us to examine our faith in God – John Wesley would ask the question, “How is it with your soul?”

Perhaps this is a season of joy and contentment for you. Maybe you feel like you are drawing closer to God through your spiritual practices of prayer, meditation, Bible Study, worship. Or perhaps this is a challenging time for you, laced with fear and doubt. The season of Lent beckons us to seek out God through honest evaluation of where we are in our spiritual walk, trusting God to always be there for us, providing reassurance and unconditional love to all.

Throughout this season we will be exploring what it means to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. As we look at all the aspects of Jesus’ ministry, perhaps we can feel God’s presence with us as we seek to share God’s love with others in every way. I challenge each of us to experience a holy Lent, recognizing the victory that lies ahead.

“We may cry through the night, but joy comes in the morning.” Psalm 30:5

Blessings to all,
Pastor Kathy



ALTAR FLOWER LIST

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

3/01/20 Scarlett Fisher

3/08/20 Jennifer Glass

3/15/20 Connie Clarke

3/22/20 Jack Bowersox

3/29/20 Closed

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

March Birthday Blessings To...

Mar. 1: Ann Marie Reter

Mar. 3: Flo Krauk

Mar. 4: Deb Farinholt

Mar. 8: Rachel Im

Mar. 11: Edward Geordt

Kara Urban

Mar. 13: Carolyn Dinst

Brett Harry

Bayley Mumford

Mar. 14: Wanda Schaffer

Mar. 15: Lucinda "Cindy" Blob

Adam Geller

Mar. 16: Caitlyn Erlichman

George Pittinger

Larry Meekins

Mar. 17: Mary Brown

Mar. 22 Sarah Crowl

Mar. 24: Emily Reter

Mar. 26: Gregory Alexander

Jean (Alice) DeGroff

Mar. 29: Rachel Rassmussen

Mar. 31: Jeff McDonough

Roland Mann

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**.

When attending an 11A.M. service a few weeks ago, I was emotionally moved by the display of Prayer Shawls that had been donated. I spoke to Pastor Kathy to express what the Prayer Shawls had come to mean to me, specifically, how much one came to mean to my mother, Rose Matthews. Pastor Kathy has encouraged me to share my sentiments with the church.

My mother, shortly after being placed on hospice, was visited by Kathy Bailey. Kathy is well known to many of you. During her visit, she presented my mother with a Prayer Shawl. My mother very much believed in the power and value of prayer, and that Prayer Shawl remained a comfort to her throughout the rest of her life.

While in hospice care at home, my mother fell and broke her femur. Due to the severity of the injury, she required hospitalization, surgery, and a stay at a rehabilitation center. Eventually, my mother made it back to my house where she peacefully lived the rest of her days. The Prayer Shawl was a source of comfort during very uncomfortable periods and traveled with her from hospital, to rehab, to home, and remains with her today.

Seeing the Prayer Shawls the other morning, reminded me of the love of my mother. I want to express to the church how the Prayer Shawl was a comfort, not only to my mom, but also to me. I want to say Thank You to the church. More importantly, I want to specifically express my deepest gratitude and encouragement to those individuals making and donating the Prayer Shawls because they are a greatly appreciated comfort and blessing.

Violet Hayes

A Note of Thanks...

Sandy Mount
United Methodist Church
2101 Old Westminster Pike
Finksburg, MD 21048

"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Dear Friends in Mission,

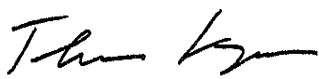
Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you!

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,



Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary



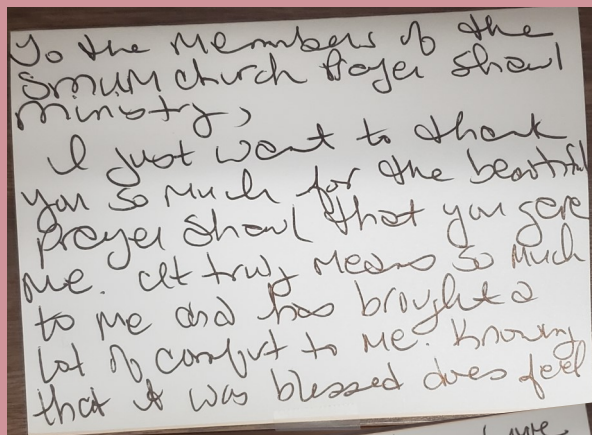
Roland Fernandes, COO and General Treasurer

Supporting
UMCOR - Where Most Needed

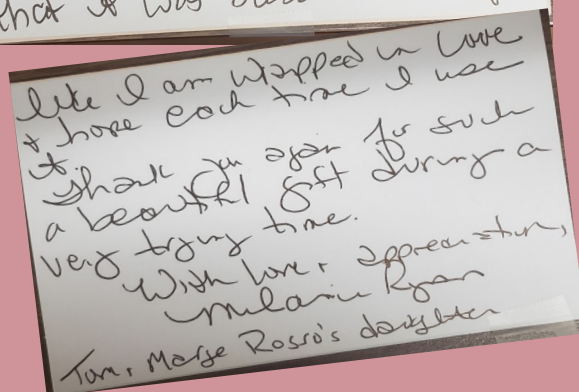
Gift Amount
\$ 206.00

I would like to thank Pastor Kathy and all on the prayer chain for praying for me, since my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks to Pastor Kathy for coming to the hospital to pray with me before my surgery.

Rick Barrick

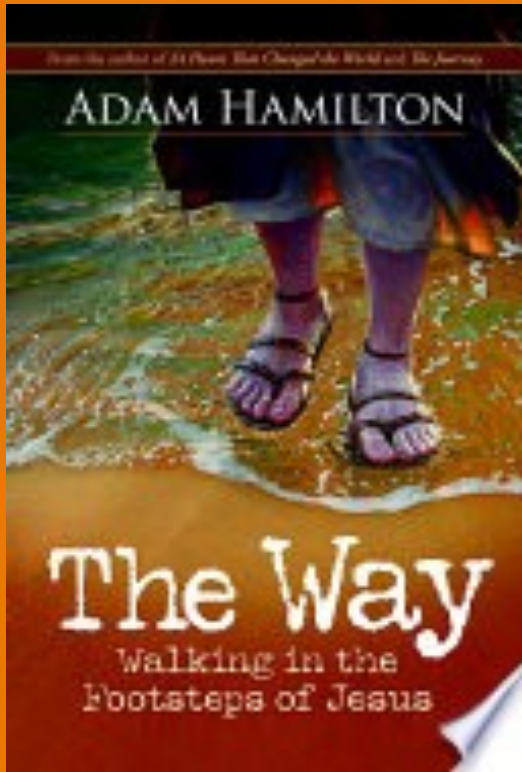


To the members of the
Sandy Mount Church Prayer Shawl
ministry,
I just want to thank
you so much for the beautiful
prayer shawl that you gave
me. It truly means so much
to me and has brought a
lot of comfort to me. Knowing
that I was blessed does feel



Like I am wrapped in love
& hope each time I use
it. Thank you again for such
a beautiful gift during a
very trying time.
With love & appreciation,
Tina Marie Rosser
Tina Marie Rosser's daughter

Here's what's happening during the season of LENT



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



Chancel Choir News

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.

Lenten Devotional Books are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one per household. **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.

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.

Your Chancel Choir

SMUMC Committee Group News

From Your Finance Committee and Trustees Capital Campaign for Emergency Repairs

It is with great joy that we can announce that all of the major repair projects that fell upon our church in late 2018 and during 2019 are now completed. Our congregation was asked on several occasions to give generously to our capital campaign to cover the cost of these emergency repairs. **Your generosity was overwhelming.** All repairs have been completed and paid for. The trustees replaced the parsonage roof and the Sunday School wing roof, replaced the water supply piping to the kitchen including a new well pump, replaced the sewage line from the restrooms, and replaced all the overhead lighting in the sanctuary. The total cost for all these emergency projects was over \$50,000. Thank you for your support!

Tom Poe, Finance Chair

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, Cemetery Chair

You saw the Need - You Gave Thank You

The **Trustees** are now developing a 5 year plan for capital improvements to our church. This may include a new roof over the Fellowship hall and a new roof for the original sanctuary. More about the 5 year plan later. Big dollar emergency repairs cannot be planned for. The Finance Committee would like to encourage everyone to consider the church and our trustees when you do your financial and estate planning. All bequeaths are invested in our endowment fund as per the UMC Book of Discipline.

Zach Pittinger, Trustees Chair

Youth Group

We are shifting gears a bit with the youth groups. Going forward instead of having youth group on **Sunday** from 6 to 7:30 pm in the fellowship hall we will be doing more events and service projects.

We feel this is going to be a ton of fun and we also love to serve our community and spread God's love.

~Upcoming events~

April 4th- Easter Egg Hunt

April 5th -Bikers Blessing 12:30 pm

April 11th- cross decorating- all youth- God Squad, Live Wires, Gods little feet - 10 am (after decorating Bowling tbd)

April 27th - Bingo Country Acres 6 pm

May 9th - Bikes for the World (more info to come, but if you know of people who have bikes they want to get rid of, ask them to hold them until May 9.)

Mother's Day Tea 11 am - Fellowship Hall

May 18th -Bingo Country Acres 6 pm

Come and Join US...

6-Week Bible Study Series

Continues

Part 2

***"Who Are We as
the People Called Methodist?"***
classes

Every **Monday**, @ 6 PM

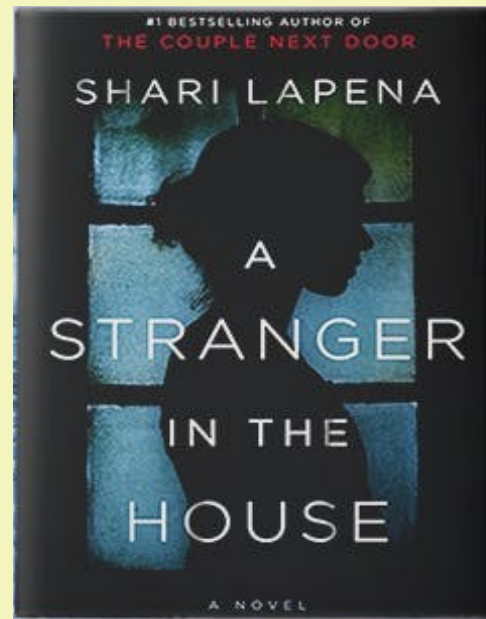
(Church Parlor)

and

Every **Tuesday**, @ 12 noon

brown bag lunch and learn

Sandy Mount UMC - Old Fellowship Hall



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:

O'Lordans Irish Pub

14 Liberty Street

Westminster MD 21157

Monday, March 9, 2020

at 12:30 pm

(Discussion led by Aleta Harry)

For more information contact:

Joyce Yanke at: jayanke@hotmail.com or
410-848-7614



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 **March**. 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 am** under the old sanctuary. Looking forward to seeing you.

Bill Boyer

Did you know we're

Live Streaming our 9 am service?

Follow us on Facebook:

Sandy Mount UMC

Give us feedback and sign up
for notifications.

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 pm - 7:30 pm

*****Youth Events*****

Sunday, March 15th 6 pm

Youth Meeting (The Yankee's Home)

Monday, March 23rd 6 pm

Country Acres Bingo

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 Tiahrt (tracy.tiahrt@burryfoods.com)

Rock Retreat



**SMUMC Youth weekend
retreat in Ocean City, MD**





HOLY WEEK

There are many special services planned during our Lenten and Easter seasons. Both the Prayer and Praise Team and Chancel Choir are preparing special music to enhance the worship experience. We would welcome anyone that would

like to serve in these groups. You can call Charlie or Connie if you are feeling led to join either of these groups.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continues through the entire month of March. Devotional booklets are available to extend this season into your daily life. Lent, which means "spring," is filled with promise and hope as we wait for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm/Passion Sunday is on April 5, 2020 with opportunities to praise and reflect on the journey Christ traveled during Holy Week. Services will be at 9 and 11 am. with palm branches distributed by the children.

Maundy Thursday on April 9, 2020 at 7 pm there will be a traditional worship service with Communion. The choir will lead the worship along with Pastor Kathy. We will precede this service with a covered dish supper @ 5:30 pm. Deer Park & Oakland UMC will be joining us at SMUMC. Look for details in the weeks ahead.

Good Friday, April 10, 2020 at 7pm there will be a combined worship service with The Stations of the Cross. Earlier this day there will be a prayer vigil from 7am-7pm in the sanctuary so that individuals can spend time in prayer and personal reflection before attending the evening service.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 -Come celebrate our Savior's Resurrection!
6:15 am Sunrise Service, led by Doug Brooks, followed with a light breakfast in the fellowship hall.

9 am Prayer and Praise Service, led by Pastor Kathy and the Praise Team.
11 am Traditional Service, led by Pastor Kathy and Chancel Choir.

We welcome you to be part of worship by attending and participating in these services throughout the season. "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again," may we be ready!

Connie Clarke,
Chancel Choir Director

Did You Know?

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 and skill.

For more information: mstowe@GCUMM.org | 615-340-7145

~Help is Still Needed~

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 email sandymtunc@comcast.net.

Counters
Greeters
In-Between Cafe



New Hearing Devices

We have four new hearing devices for use during worship services.

Two of the devices clip behind the ear and can be used without hearing aids. The remaining two can be used with your hearing aids if you have the T-coil system in your hearing aids. Special thanks to George Pittinger who contacted Av solutions and got them to provide us with new technology so that all can hear God's Word more clearly. Please let us know if there is a need for more of these devices. All you have to do is speak to someone on the Worship Design Team.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

A reminder for the Lent season:

*"That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time! Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief; instead, tear your hearts."
Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and Merciful. He is not easily angered. He is filled with kindness and is eager not to punish you."
Joel 2:12-13*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Morning Worship Communion 9 & 11 am	2 Country Acres Crafting 1pm Part 2 Bible Study Series 6 pm	3 Part 2 Bible Study Series 12 noon	4 Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm	5 Safe Haven 6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	6	7
8 Morning Worship 9 & 11 am Daylight Savings Time begins	9 Part 2 Bible Study Series 6 pm Last day to removed all memorials from Cemetery	10 Part 2 Bible Study Series 12 noon Country Acres Bingo 6 pm	11 Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm	12 Safe Haven 6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	13	14
15 Morning Worship 9 & 11 am Youth Meeting 6 pm @ the Yanke's home	16 Part 2 Bible Study Series 6 pm	17 Part 2 Bible Study Series 12 noon SPRC Meeting 7 pm (RR)	18 Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm	19 Safe Haven 6 pm Country Acres Worship 6pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	20 April Vine Articles Due	21
22 Morning Worship 9 & 11 am UMCOR Sunday (offering)	23 Part 2 Bible Study Series 6 pm Country Acres Bingo 6 pm	24 Part 2 Bible Study Series 12 noon	25 Nova Springs Bible Study 10:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal 7 pm	26 Blood Drive 2:30-8 pm Safe Haven 6 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	27	28 Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner 5- 8 pm
29 Morning Worship 9 & 11 am	30 Part 2 Bible Study Series 6 pm	31 Part 2 Bible Study Series 12 noon				

March 2020
Worship Schedule

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



Worship Service Servants - Ushers: * selected from counting team

3/01 Jeff Tesch, Steve Boyle, Russ Clarke

3/08 Cindy Blob, Tom Poe

3/15 Kara Urban, Sally Wilson

3/22 Katie McDonough, Belinda vonGunten, Beth Mangano

3/29 Tina von Gunten, David Caple, Marie Wilson

Church Openers/Closers: 3/01 Zach Pittinger 3/08 George Pittinger
3/15 Sheryl Findley 3/22 Zach Pittinger
3/29 George Pittinger

Rev. Kathy L. Altman, Pastor

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Website: sandymountumc.com

March 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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