

The Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday, February 17 this year, is the beginning of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost-cycle of the Christian year. Each year, Christians worldwide attend church services centered on the liturgical act known as the imposition of ashes. The marking of ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of believers as a reminder of mortality and belonging is how Christians begin the forty-day journey of Lent leading to Easter and ultimately the Day of Pentecost. For some churches, this time of Lent begins on the eve of Ash Wednesday, known as Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, where Christians party for one last day and clean out the pantry as fasting (one of the spiritual disciplines during Lent) begins on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday, usually begins with a service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins, and return to our loving God. We recognize life as a precious gift from God, and we return our lives toward Jesus Christ. We may make resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ.

In an Ash Wednesday service, usually a minister marks the sign of the cross on people's foreheads, using ashes. This year due to Covid, individuals will be given a small container with ashes and make the mark of the cross on their forehead. While the ashes remind us of our mortality and sin, the cross reminds us of Jesus' resurrection (life after death) and forgiveness. It is a powerful nonverbal way that we can experience God's forgiveness and renewal as we return to Jesus. Ash Wednesday is one of the few times when followers of Jesus are marked in a visible way.

As we begin our Lenten journey let's keep our eyes focused on Jesus who "humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phillipians 2:8)

Prayer: "Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**"

Affirmation From I Timothy (United Methodist Hymnal)

"There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify. This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen."

~ Pastor Ron



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Worship Schedule
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Livestreamed to Youtube
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Livestreamed to Youtube
 11:30 p.m. Roca Eterna
 Servicio Hispanol
 Livestreamed to Youtube



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Broadway Book Club

Thursday, February 18 @ 6:30

"The Invisible Life of Addie Larue " by V.E. Schwab"

In-Person Worship Resumes

If you plan to join us in the sanctuary this week for the 9:00 Worship or the 10:30 Worship, reserve your space and bring a mask. You can reserve your space through Sunday morning 8:00 am. There will be sanitation measures in place to sanitize the worship area and Narthex restroom between the two worship experiences. These services will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Roca Eterna is meeting in person at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings and also livestreamed on Facebook on the Roca Eterna Facebook page.

Brown Food Pantry Every 2nd and 4th Saturdays 9:00 am to 11:am



Barnabas Purse

Supports those in our church family who need help with purchasing food, paying bills to stay afloat, and other basic needs.

YOU CAN GIVE
HOPE
THE SALVATION ARMY
WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST
Free Lunch Every Friday
Served 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Broadway United Methodist Church and The Salvation Army partner together to help end hunger for the homeless. If you are interested in helping, contact the church office.



Nancy Lambert Cate

Margaret E. Lambert

Arlene Mendelsohn

Jack Mendelsohn
Brown Food Pantry



Dr. Kim Cline

Phyllis B. Hoffman

*Thank
You!*

Dear Broadway United Methodist Church, Thank you for your support of The Salvation Army in Blount County. In October through January we were able to help 1,350 people & serve 2,241 meals through the generosity of donors like you. We were also able to provide gifts for 531 children at Christmas.

Again, thank you for helping us share love & hope to our neighbors who have needed it the most.

Blessings!

Prayer Request Emails



Deadline for next newsletter is
5:00 pm Thursday, March 11.



THANK YOU BROADWAY!

The United Methodist Women would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting the "No-Bake Bake Sale."

We raised \$2,310.00!!! That will definitely help the Broadway United Methodist

Women continue our contributions to local, district, conference, and national missions. Hopefully, we can look forward to "getting back to normal" in a few months – hosting suppers, luncheons, and other great fellowship events, as we continue to support missions.

At our January Leadership Team meeting, our UMW Treasurer, Dale Henry, reported that **we sent \$2,935.00 to the District for missions in 2020**. \$2,450.00 of that amount was payment of pledges and the rest were special offerings such as World Thank Offering, Special Mission Recognitions, Gifts in Memory, etc.

The Broadway UMW also **gave \$1453.54 directly to local missions**, including Holston Home for Children, Haven House, Susannah's House, Wesley House, and Hispanic Ministries.

In a challenging year, we have continued to help those in need because of the generosity and dedication of our members.

Thank you for supporting UMW missions!

Ruth Barton

Patsy Russell

Co-Presidents, Broadway UMW

Brown Food Pantry

The Brown Food Pantry was open February 13 despite the relentless cold rain. The team served 53 families representing 155 individuals, including 12 new families. BUMC volunteers enjoyed the enthusiastic and capable assistance of five senior nursing students in Hope Bruce's Community Nursing course at South College, as well as four Maryville High School Key Club members.



Packed and ready to open. In addition to the regular bags, each family received an "extra" bag filled with items obtained from Second Harvest Food Bank free or at very low cost.



Key Club members serving a client.



Nursing students counting cheese slices for bagging.



Pastor Ron offering encouragement,, prayer, and devotional materials.