

Season of Lent 2018 Grow Guide

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During the Season of Lent, testimonies and prayer concerns will be given during the announcements in the beginning of the service. If it is not your story to share, please keep in mind privacy concerns and permissions. We invite you to use the prayer cards in the pews or the online form at nccpumc.com/care.

Order of Worship

February 18, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

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may we seek wholeness.**

All: May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.

L = Leader; P=People (written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on <http://rev-o-lution.org/>)

OPENING SONG

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH #496

*9: Song Set

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord! give me courage and love to open the door and constrain
You to enter, whatever the disguise You come in, even before I
fully recognize my guest. Come in! Enter my small life! Lay Your
sacred hands on all the common things and small interests of that
life and bless and change them. Transfigure my small resources,
make them sacred. And in them give me Your very Self. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Take Time to be Holy"

UMH #395

SCRIPTURE John 5:19-30

*11: Gloria Patri UMH #70

MESSAGE: Celebration of Discipline: Meditation & Prayer

*9: Praise Song

CONFESSION

Incarnate God

For the times we've hurt you

Forgive us

For the times we've hurt others

Forgive us

For the times we've hurt ourselves

Forgive us

For we are made in your image

and it is very good.

~ (by Clare McBeath & Tim Presswood, 2007)

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

CLOSING SONG

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

UMH #352

*9: Praise Song

BLESSING

*9:45 "Spirit Song"

UMH #347

Feb 18 Scripture & Questions

John 5:19-30

Jesus responded to the Jewish leaders, "I assure you that the Son can't do anything by himself except what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. 20 The Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he does. He will show him greater works than these so that you will marvel. 21 As the Father raises the dead and gives life, so too does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. 22 The Father doesn't judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son 23 so that everyone will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever doesn't honor the Son doesn't honor the Father who sent him.

24 "I assure you that whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and won't come under judgment but has passed from death into life.

25 "I assure you that the time is coming—and is here!—when the dead will hear the voice of God's Son, and those who hear it will live. 26 Just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. 27 He gives the Son authority to judge, because he is the Human One.[a] 28 Don't be surprised by this, because the time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice. 29 Those who did good things will come out into the resurrection of life, and those who did wicked things into the resurrection of judgment. 30 I can't do anything by myself. Whatever I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just. I don't seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me.



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OPENING SONG

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH #382

*9: Song Set

OPENING PRAYER

Today, O Lord, I yield myself to you. May your will be my delight today. May your way have perfect sway in me. May your love be the pattern of my living. I surrender to you my hopes, my dreams, my ambitions. Do with them what you will, when you will, as you will. I place into your loving care my family, my friends, my future. Care for them with a care that I can never give. I release into your hands my need to control, my craving for status, my fear of obscurity. Eradicate the evil, purify the good, establish your kingdom on earth. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:16-18

*11: Gloria Patri UMH #70

MESSAGE: Celebration of Discipline: Fasting & Study

*9: Praise Song - *following message*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not loved you;

you call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,

wrapped up in our own concerns.

We have gone along with evil,

with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,

so that, as you move toward us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ posted on the **PCUSA** website. <http://www.pcusa.org/>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UMH #39

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

CLOSING SONG

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

*9: Praise Song

BLESSING

*9:45 "Spirit Song"

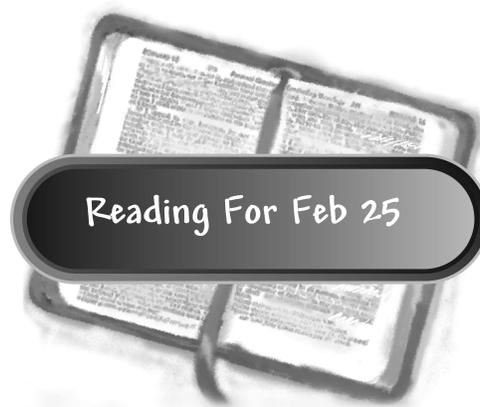
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Feb 25 Scripture & Questions

Matthew 6:16-18

16 “And when you fast, don’t put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward.

17 When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. **18** Then you won’t look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.



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March 4, 2018

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OPENING SONG

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH #400

*9: Song Set

OPENING PRAYER

Suffer us, O Father, to come to Thee. Lay Thy hands on us and bless us. Take away from us forever our own spirit and replace it by the instinct of Thy divine grace. Take away from us our own will and leave us only the desire of doing Thy will. Give us that beautiful, that lovable, that sublime simplicity which is the rest and greatest of Thy gifts. Amen. (by J.N. Grou)

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:25-34

*11: Gloria Patri UMH #70

MESSAGE: Celebration of Discipline: Simplicity & Solitude

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Knowing that our God walks with us in our confusion,
our doubts, our failings, our struggles,
we now come humbly before God to ask for mercy.
For the times we fail to offer hospitality
to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we
pray:

God, have mercy on us and your people

For the times we lack courage to address the causes
of injustice, oppression and poverty, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation
when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph
over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

Merciful God, receive our petitions.

***Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world
caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness and fear.***

Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people.

***Support us as we seek to respond in solidarity and with
hospitality. Amen*** ~ by Loreto Conroy

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

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CLOSING SONG

"Be Still, My Soul"

UMH #534

*9: Praise Song

BLESSING

*9:45 "Spirit Song"

UMH #347



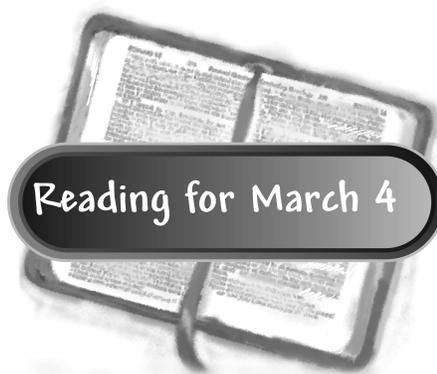
The United Methodist Church features an open table. You do not have to be a member of our parish to have Holy Communion.

Everyone is Welcome!

March 4 Scripture and Questions

Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore, I say to you, don’t worry about your life, what you’ll eat or what you’ll drink, or about your body, what you’ll wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are? 27 Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? 28 And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don’t wear themselves out with work, and they don’t spin cloth. 29 But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of these. 30 If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it’s alive today and tomorrow it’s thrown into the furnace, won’t God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? 31 Therefore, don’t worry and say, ‘What are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ 32 Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 Instead, desire first and foremost God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



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~ written by Rev. Mindi

OPENING SONG

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

UMH #528

*9: Song Set

OPENING PRAYER

Dearest lord, may I see you today and every day in the person that is sick or hurting, and, while nursing them, minister unto you. Though you hide yourself behind the unattractive disguise of the irritable, the exacting, the unreasonable, may I still recognize you, and say: "Jesus, how sweet it is to serve you."

~Mother Teresa of Calcutta

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

SONG OF PREPARATION

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

UMH #419

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:14-21

*11: Gloria Patri UMH #70

MESSAGE: Celebration of Discipline: Submission & Service

*9: Praise Song - *following message*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Wisdom's Heart: deep within, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature.

Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by your gentleness. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet. Amen.

~Thom Shuman

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

CLOSING SONG

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH #474

*9: Praise Song

BLESSING

*9:45 "Spirit Song"

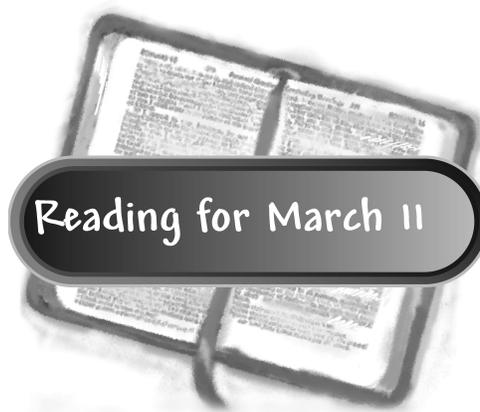
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March 11 Scripture and Questions

Ephesians 3:14-21

This is why I kneel before the Father. 15 Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. 16 I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. 17 I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, 18 I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. 19 I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.

20 Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; 21 glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.



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~ written by Rev. Mindi

OPENING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH #77

OPENING PRAYER

Examine me, God! Look at my heart! Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts! Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me, then lead me on the eternal path! Amen. ~Psalm 139

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

*The 9 a.m. Service will feature the St. John's Choir Cantata

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

UMH #479

SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:5-10

*11: Gloria Patri UMH #70

MESSAGE: Celebration of Discipline: Confession & Guidance

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Oh God, you call us to patience and diligence
in the painstaking work of your Reign,
But we get discouraged and give up too soon.

Lord, have mercy.

Oh God, you call us to collaborate in community
in the painstaking work of your Reign,
But we neither trust nor honor the gifts of others.

Christ, have mercy.

Oh God, you call us to be full of joyful confidence
In the painstaking work of your Reign,
But we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

Lord, have mercy.

(a moment of silent prayer)

Forgive us, O God,
and lead us in the ways of patience, community and joy.

~ by Rev. Susan A. Blain

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CLOSING SONG

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

UMH #357

BLESSING

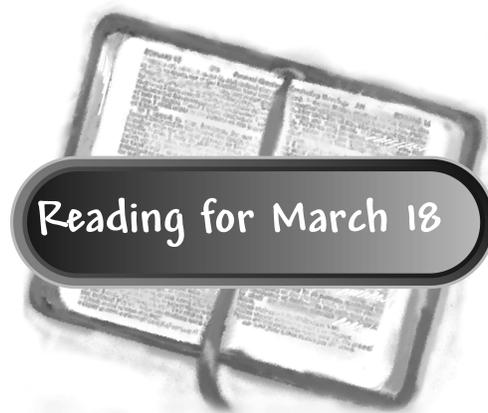
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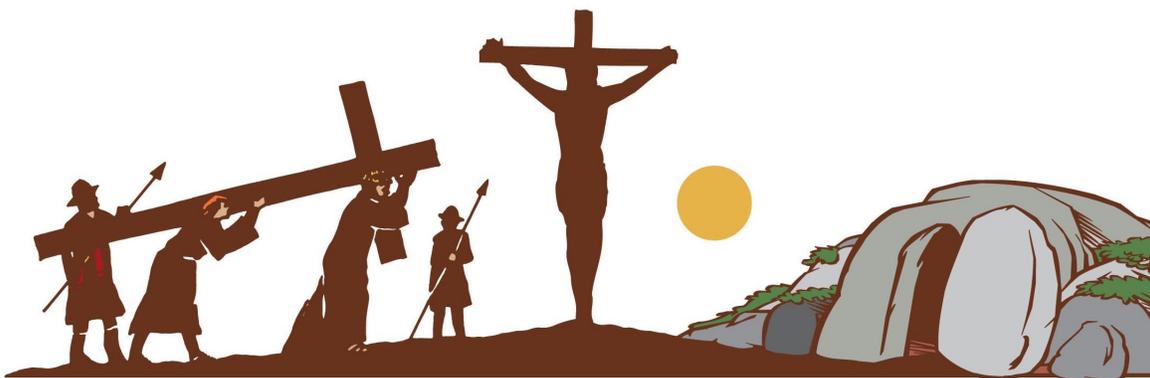
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March 18 Scripture and Questions

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: "God is light and there is no darkness in him at all." 6 If we claim, "We have fellowship with him," and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully. 7 But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. 8 If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong. 10 If we claim, "We have never sinned," we make him a liar and his word is not in us.





HOLY WEEK WITH NCCCP UMC

March 25 - April 1

Sunday: Palm Sunday Services 9; 9:45; 10:30 & 11 a.m.

Thursday: Maundy Thursday; St. John's 7 p.m.

Friday: Good Friday Readings; Greenmount 12 Noon
Good Friday Service; Grace 7 p.m.

Sunday: Easter Sunrise; Greenmount 6:30 a.m.

Easter Services; 9; 9:45; 10:30 & 11 a.m.



March 18 at 9 a.m.

March 25 at 11 a.m.

Feb 18

9:00 Paul Gordon
9:45 June Archibald
10:30 Youth
11:00 Linda Raver

Feb 25

9:00 Janet Vizkelety
9:45 Mike Dunbar
10:30 Youth
11:00 Ron Frankland

March 4

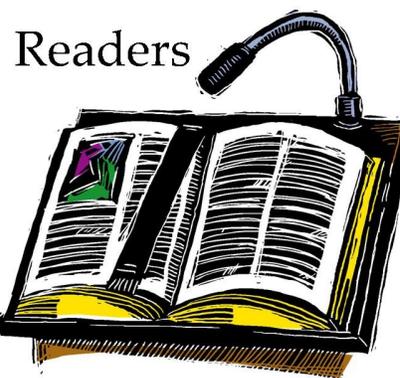
9:00 Keith Johnson
9:45 June Archibald
10:30 Youth
11:00 Ken Paulin

March 11

9:00 Jimmy Thompson
9:45 Jacob Sines
10:30 Youth
11:00 Carolyn Parelik

March 18

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9:45 June Miller
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11:00 Linda Raver





Snow Tubing at Liberty

February 25

meet at our Greenmount Location at 1:30 p.m

Men and Boys Banquet

March 16

6 p.m. at our Grace Location. Enjoy a turkey dinner, guest speaker and great fun.

Trivia Night at St. John's

March 17

6 p.m potluck dinner with contest to follow

**Calendars with all nccp events are available online and as hard copies at each location*

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