April 8 and have lunch.

view the Solar Eclipse on Tanako near Hot Springs to Come with us to Camp

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

MONDAY, MARCH 18

No Wednesday Night Activities the week of Spring Break
March 18-22

Payroll:

CHURCH-WIDE EVENT

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A Record of Our Faithfulness

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Security Team Update...

Beginning Sunday, April 7, the Security Team will implement measures designed to protect our worship space from any potential intruders. These measures are recommended in consultation with the Sheriff’s Department security specialist Mike McWilliams. A staff person will lock all exterior entry doors on the east end of the building following Sunday School at 10:30. The Courtyard and North Parking Lot doors will be programmed to lock at 10:30. Bathrooms may be accessed in the office wing next to the nursery. You may exit any door from inside the space as required by the fire code. Thank you for your cooperation.

Young Adult Sunday School Class

We are looking to start a new Young Adult Sunday School. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kenny at (479) 871-2425.

A NEW SUN

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Introduction:

Join us as we observe Holy Thursday by participating in the Lord’s Supper.


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Thursday, March 28
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

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Mauundy Thursday Worship Service

The Visitor

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To invite all to know the love of God, to share grace, and to develop relationships
March 13, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
5:30 p.m.
Averitt Hall

Mundie Sunday!

Magnolia Junior Charity League is collecting new socks, undershirts, and undies for Columbia County schools during the month of March. Basket is located in the office area.

RATRERCLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 6
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
FUMC Peace Hall
Proceeds go to Rotary Community Projects
$10, Admit One

Sponsors are: Peoples Bank
Farmers Bank & Trust

Spring Break begins
March 18-22
No Wednesday Night Activities.
Have a safe week.
Clearing out the junk

After a hectic week at work, Penny and I were looking forward to sleeping in on Saturday. We let the kids set their own bedtime on Friday night, which usually ensures we can have a little extra sleep on Saturday morning as they sleep off an all-night blue light session. I literally did not get out of bed until 10:30 AM. In an uncharacteristic move, I went from the bed to the Keurig to the recliner in that order. Penny got up at about 11 AM. I sat there in the recliner until my iPad was nearly dead.

When the two of us finally mustered up the ambition to do anything, it was 12:30 PM. We both began cleaning up the kitchen, starting an endless amount of laundry, straightening the den, and taking out the trash; Donovan wandered downstairs. He was scrounging around for something to eat, giving us a vague promise of helping with the housework at some yet-to-be-determined time. He needed to go to Brookshire’s to check his schedule for the following week.

The chore that the adults were dreading most of all was the teenage girl’s bedroom. We’d been putting off a significant deep cleaning in that room for several weeks. During the interim, Sam had straightened up a couple of times, but our failure to do a thorough inspection all but guaranteed a two-hour tour. We tentatively ventured into the nether regions when we finally exhausted all the other things that needed to be done, including deep cleaning the bathrooms.

Our worst fears were confirmed. The closets, under the bed, the dresser, and the chest of drawers were full of an indescribable collection of paper, toys, hair ties, and various sundry items of detritus. Samantha is usually not much help once it devolves to this level of uncleanness.

We were soon emptying drawers, closets, and under the bed. It took an hour and a half for us to finish the task. During that time, I changed out a burned-out light bulb in the closet and repaired a door knob on the closet. By the time we finished, it was 4:30 PM. We were ecstatic that the room was in order, clothes were put away, and the floor was thoroughly vacuumed (even under the bed). We were all much happier once these chores were done.

Penny and I went to do our weekly grocery shopping. Once everything was unloaded and put away, we made an executive decision. There would be leftovers for dinner. We retired to the den and promptly flopped down on the couch and in the recliner. We were tired, but as Penny often says, “It was a good tired.” Both of us were content that some things were finally off our to-do list.

Lent is a lot like this. It’s a time for cleaning up the dusty corners of our lives. We use these forty days to get our spiritual house in order. God needs all the space in our hearts uncluttered, cleaned out, and set in order. Our hearts are God’s home, a place where the Holy Spirit resides.

Lent is also a time for us to take on some different habits. We can add spiritual discipline to our daily routine as we eliminate the clutter and make space in our days for God. Maybe you haven’t given anything up yet, but let me encourage you that it is never too late to begin. Change is difficult, but it is a part of the rhythm of following Jesus. So clean out, clean up, and make a new start. Today is the first day of the rest of your life.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5

Easter Worship Service

Sunday, March 31
10:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Service

Join us for a grand worship service in which we will celebrate the presence of Jesus, our Risen Lord!

Pastor Kenny