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**March 8, 2020**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** Mary Gugler, Music Director

**\*INTROIT:** "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

**\* REPEAT INTROIT ANNOUNCEMENTS/VISITORS/FAMILIES OF THE WEEK/BIRTHDAYS:** Many happy returns on the day of your birth  
May sunshine and gladness be given, and may the dear Father  
Prepare us on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** Leave your well-worn paths and walk with God.

**C:** But we are secure where we are.

**L:** Walk in new paths and you will be blessed.

**C:** Can't God bless us on our own turf?

**L:** If you walk in faith, God will bless those who bless you, and  
curse those who curse you.

**C:** Lead on, O God, your faithful people await.

**L:** Receive God's blessing to be a blessing to others.

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

Loving God, you delight in showing us your kingdom...a place of blessing, a place of light, a place of Spirit and truth. May we be born anew in your Spirit, that we might see the glory you have in store for us and for the world. For you sent your Son into our world, not to condemn us or put us to shame, but that we might have life and have it abundantly. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE: #98 "To God Be The Glory"****\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 121

Page 440 in pew Bible

Dorinda Paxton

**ANTHEM****SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS****PASTORAL PRAYER****GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****\*OFFERTORY****\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****CHILDREN'S TIME****\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #159 "Lift High The Cross"****\*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING****WITNESS TO THE WORD****\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #389 "Freely, Freely"****BENEDICTION: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"**

\*Denotes please stand if you are able.

**TODAY'S THEME**

Genesis and John tell of God's blessings, so that we can be a blessing to others. God promised to bless those who bless Abram and curse those who don't. John assures us that God's Son was sent to save the world, not condemn the world. How can we as Christians not extend these blessings to others.

## **Prayers for our Families of the Week**

Ernie and Mary Bantos; Robbin Brewer, Josh and Johnnie Maitland;  
Ben and Robin Brockwell; Nila Miller; Frankie Taylor;  
Ellie Maynard, Dicki, Bryson and Annie Parrish, Annie, Christian and  
Claire Maddox, Joey and Michelle Barbour; Tina White  
Kay and Casin Whitehead;  
Katherine, Nevaeh, Xabien Moerls and Jacion Green

**Please update your prayer requests. Share the good news of healings and update those in need.**

### **Our Ministry in Prayer:**

Prayers for our country, state and local leadership, areas of war,  
Disasters. Famine, unrest, the homeless, those who are searching.

### **Prayers for our Active Duty their families and friends:**

James Bartran II, USAF, Timothy Keen USA, Michael McClennon  
USMC

Scott Moore USCG, Aerick Paxton, USAF David Plessinger, USA

Andrew Manning, USMC

### **Prayers for our EMS, Fire Departments, First Responders, Teachers**

## **Membership and Budget**

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Membership</b>             | <b>185</b>         |
| <b>Attendance last Sunday</b> | <b>88</b>          |
| <b>Monthly Budget</b>         | <b>\$12,290.75</b> |
| <b>Monthly Total</b>          | <b>\$4,760.73</b>  |
| <b>Offering last Sunday</b>   | <b>\$4,760.73</b>  |

## **Future Scripture Readers and Greeters**

|                        |                     |           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Dorinda Paxton      | Psalm 121 |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup> | Barbara McCaughey   | Psalm 95  |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Norma Jean Matthews | Psalm 23  |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup> | Gary Ayers          | Psalm 130 |

We are always looking for volunteers to be readers and greeters. This is a great opportunity to get to meet and greet your church Family as they enter the door, and to get an opportunity to read God's Word to the church. We ask that on the Sunday you are to greet and read, that you be at church at 8:45, so that you can say "Good Morning" to everyone as they enter the building. Wear your best smile and welcome your neighbors!!

### **Sunday Snacks**

|                        |                                         |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Ed Clark                                |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup> | Bill Hoofnagle                          |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Catherine and Will Ford                 |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup> | Birthday Cake and covered dish luncheon |

*There is always coffee and snacks in the social hall after worship service.. Please come and join us!!*

### **LECTIONARY TEXT FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

## **This Week at PUMC**

|           |                                                                  |               |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday    | Worship                                                          | 9:15am        |
|           | Adult Sunday School                                              | 10:45am       |
| Monday    | Golf at Tanglewood                                               | 9:30am        |
| Tuesday   | Hand Bell practice                                               | 5:00pm        |
|           | Choir practice                                                   | 6:30pm        |
| Wednesday | Bible Study (French's home)                                      | 7:00pm        |
|           | Al-Anon meeting                                                  | 7:00pm        |
|           | Quilting Group                                                   | 9:00am        |
|           | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays |               |
|           | Woodcarving at Ron Seward's                                      | 6:00pm        |
| Thursday  | (Rev. Ken's day off                                              |               |
| Friday    | Exercise Classes in Social Hall                                  | 7:30 & 8:40am |
|           | Walk with Ken at Golf Shop.                                      | 7:30 am       |
|           | Bible Study at Golf Shop                                         | 8:00am        |

## **Monthly Events**

|                           |                                                          |               |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday    | Communion with Service                                   | 9:15am        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday | WATCH Night                                              | 6:00pm        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday    | <b>Journey Forward Grief Support<br/>at Dowling home</b> | <b>4:00pm</b> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday    | Council Meeting<br>(Every other month)                   | 5:00pm        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday  | UMM                                                      | 6:30pm        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday    | UMW                                                      | 10:00am       |
| Last Sunday               | Lunch and Birthday Cake in Social Hall<br>After Service  |               |

## **Looking Ahead**

|                        |                                                                                                                |                   |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| March 29 <sup>th</sup> | <b>PUMC choir, bell choir and local churches will perform.</b> More information to come.                       |                   |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Palm Sunday</b>                                                                                             |                   |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Maundy Thursday</b>                                                                                         |                   |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Good Friday</b>                                                                                             |                   |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Easter Sunrise Service and Church Service</b><br><b>Easter Egg hunt after services</b>                      |                   |
| April 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Spring Cleaning at PUMC</b>                                                                                 | 10:00 am until... |
| April 25 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Yard Sale at PUMC</b>                                                                                       | 8:00 am -12 noon  |
| April 27-29            | <b>Springtime Jubilee at Myrtle Beach, SC.</b> Anyone interested in more information, please see Jan Thrasher. |                   |

The website is [www.jubileeconferences.com/spring/index.html](http://www.jubileeconferences.com/spring/index.html)

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|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| May 4 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Music Night</b>   | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>CPR/AED Class</b> | Time-TBD           |

## **Farmville District Listening Post/Information Session**

**March 9th South Hill United Methodist Church 6:30 pm**

**Web information is found at:**

<https://www.vaumc.org/SeparationAgreement>

**Prospect was blessed with 6 new members and a baptism on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **Trustees for 2020**

Patricia Conner – Chairperson

Gary Ayers – Vice Chairperson

Lynn Graves – Secretary

Kate Moreen, Gerry Cluett, Ray Barden, Will Ford, Peggy Donochod, Chris Ruch and Charles Jones

## **BUDGET FOR 2020**

The yearly budget of 2020 will be **\$147,489.00**. That's **\$12,290.75** per month which is **\$220.75** more per month than last year. Please be in meaningful prayer about your stewardship for your church.

## **Church Keys**

If you have a key to the church, please let Patricia Conner know in order to update list.

## **FYI**

If you are a friend of Prospect and would like to be included on the membership and friends list, please get in touch with Annette Jones, [cajones@buggs.net](mailto:cajones@buggs.net) or 434-636-2297. If you are interested in joining our fellowship please talk to Rev. Ken 434-955-0253. Annette Jones, Membership Secretary.

Our United Methodist Women and Men would like to invite you to consider joining them in a time of fellowship each month. The UMW and UMM are involved in many local and international mission projects. They are also a great opportunity to get to know some of the people who attend church at a much deeper level. Please pray about allowing God to use you to spread the gospel to the world.

**Stewardship is our commitment to God. It involves not only our tithe, it also involves our gifts, our talents, and our time. As God devotes His time to you, let us devote the time and talents to make disciples to truly transform the world. Please note the increase in our budget for 2020. Our budget has increased by \$220.75 per month.**

**Need Your Help!!** The food box/wagon in the front entrance is in need of filling. Please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for **Holly Haven**. Monetary donations are also welcomed and appreciated. Make checks payable to PUMC, Holly Haven in memo.

