

## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p>SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>Choir: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 @ Western Sizzlin" <b>Missions mtg @</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Grief Share- 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p>  <p>World Day of Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Spring Ahead....</b> <b>1 hour</b></p> <p>UMM Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m. @ Friendship Inn</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Camp fundraising "taco" lunch.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>Dinner Therapy: 6:00 p.m. @ El Zarape'</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p>Choir: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>  <p>UMW 10:00 am @ The Towers Grace Day mtg: 5:45 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>Choir: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p>  <p>Finance mtg- 6:30 p.m. Grief Share- 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p>Choir: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>Grief Share- 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>SS: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p>				

## All Beautiful the March of Days.....

All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go;  
the Hand that shaped the rose hath wrought  
the crystal of the snow; hath sent the hoary frost of heav'n,  
the flowing waters sealed, and laid a silent loveliness  
on hill and wood and field. ...

O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows,  
Thyself the vision passing by in crystal and in rose,  
day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim,  
in ever changing words of light, the wonder of Thy Name.  
—Frances W. Wile

## March 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day...

**P**atrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the Declaration, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the Declaration, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God". The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The Declaration says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted "thousands". Patrick's efforts against the druids were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland, despite the fact that snakes were not known to inhabit the region.

Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.



## March at Grace....

**T**he World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. **(March 6, 2020)**

## Spring "Ahead" 1 hour... March 8<sup>th</sup>



DST is a seasonal time change measure where clocks are set ahead of standard time during part of the year, usually by one hour. As DST starts, the Sun rises and sets later, on the clock, than the day before. Today, about 40% of countries worldwide use it to make better use of daylight and to conserve energy.

## Joy Seekers.....

**I**n northern Minnesota several years ago, some women formed a "joy circle." They settled into a routine of meeting every couple of weeks to share joys they've noticed. Their aim, amid our troubled world and chaotic lives, is to deliberately focus on the positive. The women don't simply hope to stumble upon good news among the outrage, bitterness and tragedy surrounding us; they actively seek out joy and report it to the group.

Joy is a fruit of the spirit named in Galatians 5:22-23. As Christians, we don't ignore or dismiss life's struggles and sorrows, and neither do joy-circle participants. But God promises that life is stronger than death, and Jesus' resurrection is proof. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can make a spiritual discipline of seeking and sharing joy — and thanking God for it. —Heidi Mann



