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# THE WHITFIELD



# SPIRIT

For Members and Friends of Whitfield Memorial United Methodist Church  
 February 25 - March 10, 2018

## *“Observe a Holy Lent by Fasting”*

Dear Whitfield Family,

Hello to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Once again, we find ourselves in the season of Lent. Once again, we journey as a family of faith toward Jerusalem and Calvary. During our Ash Wednesday service, I read the “Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline” found in *The United Methodist Book of Worship*. It says, “I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.”

Regarding fasting, the following suggestions are made in the words of Pope Francis. God is using these words to speak to me. May they speak to you, as well. Please share them with others.

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

When we think of fasting during the season of Lent, we typically think of fasting from a specific mealtime or activity, in order to create more time and space to commune with God as we journey with Him toward Jerusalem and Calvary. However, the words of Pope Francis serve as a powerful reminder that, in addition to fasting from specific mealtimes and activities that we embrace, we can also fast from specific mindsets and actions that we desire to avoid. It is my hope and prayer that each of us, both during and beyond Lent, will think and act with kindness, gratitude, patience, hope, trust, simplicity, prayer, joy, compassion, reconciliation and listening. May it be so through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit!

Fasting with you,

*Carolyn*

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a*

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” Galatians 5:22-26*

*“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9*

**Weekly Focused Corporate Prayer:** Please pray that you and others will encounter Christ in fresh and powerful ways during and beyond Lent.

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Church Office Hours:

8:15 - 3:15, Monday - Thursday

Office closed Fridays.

Sunday Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

### Worship Assistants:

02/25/18

Ushers: (8:15) Mark Willis  
 (10:30) Youth

Counters: Jim Solomon, Jimmy Vice

Soundboard: John Carmichael, Jeannie Anderson

Readers: Margaret Feld, Jeannie Anderson

Van Driver: Ron Capel

03/04/18

Ushers: (8:15) Mary Thomason  
 (10:30) Carl Stevenson, Brownie Brown,  
 Amanda Senn, Ron Capel

Counters: Jan Heath, Gene Holsenbeck

Soundboard: John Carmichael, Jimmy Lee

Readers: Mark Willis, Earl Heath

Van Driver: Pam Merritt

Children's Worship: 2nd-4th Sundays, 10:30 Svs

**Lenten Season  
Stations of the Cross**



We will explore the *Stations of the Cross* during our Lenten Wednesday Night Programs. Each of the 3 weeks, we will explore 5 stations, taking a deeper look at the events of Christ's life in his last week on earth, and the lessons we can take into our own lives, as individuals and as the Body of Christ in this place.

**February 28: Intro & Stations 1-4**  
**March 7: Stations 5-9**  
**March 21: Stations 10-14**

**Primetimers**

March 8 @ 11:30 a.m.  
 Mr. Gus's on Atlanta Hwy  
 RSVP: Call Gail Gilmore, 396-3358  
 Hostess: Joan Rodgers

If you have any of Whitfield's medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, etc.), please call the church office and report the use of these items.  
 If you no longer need these, please return them to the church as soon as possible.  
 We have folks in need of these items.  
*Thank you*

**Rev. Nancy Pugh will be leading us in worship on Sunday, February 25.**

Nancy will also cover our pastoral care needs Friday, 2/23, through Sunday, 2/25.  
**334-244-2468 home; 334-467-6111 cell**

**Attendance February 11**

Sunday School 46                      Worship 89

**Attendance February 18**

Sunday School 44                      Worship 85

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**  
 February 28 - 5:30 Supper Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Cornbread, Dessert, Drinks  
 6:15 Program: Lenten Stations of the Cross

March 7 - 5:30 Supper Menu: Poppyseed Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Roll, Dessert, Drinks  
 6:15 Program: Lenten Stations of the Cross  
*Supper reservations due by NOON on Monday.*

**The Spirit is published every other week.**  
**Next printing: March 7**  
 All articles must be submitted by March 1 for that issue.



**New Sunday School Class  
for Young(ish) Adults**

Led by Alice Henley, our first study is Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours that Changed the World*, a multi-generational Lenten study that will include our Youth Sunday school.

**Restaurant Supper Club will meet at**



**Monday, February 26 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
 For Reservations, call Curtis & Nancy Ingram, 279-9811

*Society of Arts & Crafts invites you to*  
**A Memorial Show & Reception**  
*in memory of*  
**Peggy Milburn Brown**  
**March 4, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**529 S. Perry Street**  
**Montgomery, AL**

**ALTAR FLOWERS 2/25**

The flowers on the altar are offered to the Glory of God.

**ALTAR FLOWERS 3/4**

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There are still many dates available on our Flower Calendar. Contact the church office to request your date.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

<b>Sunday, February 25</b>		8:15 a.m.
Worship		9:15 a.m.
Sunday School		10:30 a.m.
Worship		
<b>Monday, February 26</b>	<i>Reservations Due for WNS</i>	7:15 a.m.
Walking Group (M-F)		All Day
<b>Tuesday, February 27</b>	<b>Election Day - Sheppard Center</b>	7:15 a.m.
Prayer Group		2:00 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study (Library)		
<b>Wednesday, February 28</b>		5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Supper		6:15 p.m.
Stations of the Cross		
<b>Thursday, March 1</b>	<i>Nothing Currently Scheduled</i>	
<b>Friday, March 2</b>		10:00 a.m.
Sew n Sews		
<b>Saturday, March 3</b>	<i>Nothing Currently Scheduled</i>	
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>		8:15 a.m.
Worship		9:15 a.m.
Sunday School		10:30 a.m.
Worship		2:00 p.m.
Homebound Communion		2:00 p.m.
Peggy Brown Memorial Art Show (529 S. Perry St)		
<b>Monday, March 5</b>		7:15 a.m.
Walking Group (M-F)		
<b>Tuesday, March 6</b>		7:15 a.m.
Prayer Group		2:00 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study		
<b>Wednesday, March 7</b>		8:30 a.m.
Newsletter Group		5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Supper		6:15 p.m.
Stations of the Cross		7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice		
<b>Thursday, March 8</b>		11:30 a.m.
Primetimers @ Mr. Gus's Restaurant		
<b>Friday, March 9</b>		10:00 a.m.
Sew n Sews		
<b>Saturday, March 10</b>	<i>Nothing Currently Scheduled</i>	
<b>Sunday - Thursday: Rummage Sale set up</b>	<b>3/16-17: Rummage Sale</b>	

**Joel 2:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." <sup>13</sup>Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.



**Food Pantry Needs**  
 Paper towels, jelly, powdered milk, 14-16 oz cans Beans & Vegetables

**Congregational Care Workshop**

**Saturday, March 3**  
 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

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Upon completion of this seminar, volunteers will be equipped to provide care on behalf of the church. Workshop Topics to be covered include: *Prayer, Theology of Care, Boundaries & Ethical Practices, Listening, Visitation, Death, and Organization.*

**Cost: \$25**, includes book and lunch  
 Register at [www.fumcmontgomery.org](http://www.fumcmontgomery.org)

**Rummage Sale — March 16 & 17**

Call Gene Holsenbeck to pick up items for the sale. 322-8737, 485-3140

**You Are In Our Prayers!!**

**Whitfield Members**

Alma Reynolds, Dottie Suber, Mildred Jones, Kay Littlepage, Elmer Stelk, Helon Haack, Daisy Stelk, Caryll Carrick, Vivian Rogers, Edna Kohn, Peggy Gordon, Martha Pippin

**Home Bound Members (in-town)**

Nealie Pruitt, Emmett Turner, Teresa Chavers, Rubye Solomon, Wayne Read, Delores Dodson, Mitzi Warren, Libby Richardson, Margaret Deacy

**Home Bound Members (out of town)**

Elaine McBride, Martha Payne, Juanita Pritchett, Katie Hopper

**Friends of Whitfield**

*Wayne Russell, Verna Stevens, Jeff Varner, Margaret Ann Batley, Joy Lushington, Kate Lindsey, Paul Lanier, Wayne Merritt, Brad Ruud, Jean & Gary Lee, Cindy Macready Flowers, Pat Nelson, Darla Battle*

**Peace for the nations and protection for all those who live and serve in harm's way.**

**Note:** Please submit any names you would like added to the church via telephone (281-2467) or e-mail ([whitumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:whitumc@bellsouth.net)). All names submitted are kept on the prayer list for **four weeks** unless otherwise notified. *Those names in Italics are in need of long term prayers.*