



MARCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:	9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: Women of God Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.

Spring is just around the corner!



MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Stephanie - on vacation through March 8			 2 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 12:00 noon	3 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	4	5
6 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	7	8	9 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	10 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	11	12
13 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS	14 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting ←America for Christ Offering	15	16 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	17 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	18 2:00 pm Lamplighters	19
20 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship Happy First Day of Spring!	21 ←America for Christ Offering	22	23 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	24 10:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 11:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26
27 9:15 am Prayer in Library 9:30 am Worship Private use of Fellowship Hall 1:00-6:00 pm	28	29	30 5:00 pm Women of God Bible Study	31  March 13, 2022 Daylight Saving Time Starts Turn clocks forward one hour		

FEBRUARY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
2/6	36	12	\$1,495.00
2/13	43	9	\$1,550.00
2/20	51	6	\$4,025.00
2/27	NA	NA	NA

2021 Year to Date received: *24,316.72 (as of 2/20)

2021 Budgeted Amount: *21,682.16 (as of 2/20)

Amount Needed Per Sunday: \$2,710.00*

***These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.**

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

USHERS FOR MARCH RONNIE TIEMAN & AL PARLIAMENT



**Ladies, the book of the month
for MARCH is EZRA.**



The **ABW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are hanging on the bulletin board downstairs. If you know of a young lady interested in college or already in college, please pick up and application. **Scholarship deadline is March 31, 2022.**

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2022

“I will praise you and testify about what you have done.” PSALM 22:22

AMERICA FOR CHRIST 2022 OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN MARCH 13 AND MARCH 20 DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Tayler Anne Gardner
5 Dylan Gilk
6 Jackie Williams
10 Carole Mathieu
13 Barb Horton
17 Denny Horton
20 Harvey Lee Brewer
21 Chris Paul
23 Ellen Hawes
Dan Van't Hof
Summer Hessamfar

24 Larry Mohr
25 Bridget Van't Hof
Breanna Van't Hof
30 Val Thompson

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2 Marv & Becky Thorstenson
5 Dwayne & Jackie Williams
18 Duane and Doris Carlson

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Art Ingalls 3-05-17
Palmyra Spencer 3-30-17

LAMPLIGHTERS



The Lamplighters, a ministry within the Union Gospel Mission, met on February 18 at Wesley United Methodist Church. We had a delicious dessert and an assortment of veggies & dips. Pastor Manuel Loaeza gave a devotion from Matthew chapters 8 and 25. He compared the scriptures to the work done by the Lamplighters. The Union Gospel Mission is celebrating 122 years on March 17. There will be an Open House from noon - 5:00 p.m. Also, a chili bake off.

121,995 meals were served in 2021. We learned that torn or soiled clothes are baled and used in building materials such as shingles, stepping stones, etc. The Women's project is buying a large refrigerator for the Women's Center. The cost is between \$4,000-\$5,000.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Valley Springs Reformed Church. The Love Gift is men's and women's underwear.

Report submitted by Helen Peters

What can I do?

I have had the privilege of giving invocations at city council meetings in both of the last two communities in which I've lived. It makes me proud of my faith and my community to serve as a bridge between church and community. Since my job is prayer and prayer is the most important thing we can do, I believe I am contributing to the success of the meeting and the prosperity of the community. I consider this duty to be a fulfillment of what Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica:

I URGE YOU, FIRST OF ALL, TO PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE. ASK GOD TO HELP THEM; INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF, AND GIVE THANKS FOR THEM. PRAY THIS WAY FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY SO THAT WE CAN LIVE PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES MARKED BY GODLINESS AND DIGNITY. THIS IS GOOD AND PLEASES GOD OUR SAVIOR, WHO WANTS EVERYONE TO BE SAVED AND TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4)

Last month we tried to reason out the difficulties facing our nation by the aggressive actions of people who push government as the solution. What they have wrought in twelve months is staggering. But, as I said last week, the outcome is in the Lord's hands. We need not worry a bit. This month I want to impress upon you that our best, most powerful response to all situations is to pray. Prayer is our most important contribution to the community and culture in which we find ourselves. Consider what Paul wrote:

- FIRST OF ALL puts prayer in perspective; it is the thing of primary importance.
- The scope of our prayers have no limit, as we are to PRAY FOR ALL PEOPLE.
- The subject of our prayers is to ASK GOD TO HELP.
- Whether we are of kindred minds on individual issues or not, we are to INTERCEDE for them in prayer, giving THANKS to God for them. Wow!
- A special subject of our prayers is ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY. If we understand AUTHORITY to be "influence," then there are going to be quite a number of authority figures who are the subject of our prayers. We may pray for God to bind the influence of evil doers and to loose the influence of good and godly leaders.
- There are two acceptable motives for this kind of prayer.
 - o One, we pray for them to benefit ourselves: SO THAT WE CAN LIVE PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES. Those who practice this prayer and lifestyle will be known in the community as possessing GODLINESS AND DIGNITY.
 - o Two, for a divine blessing of this practice of prayer; it IS GOOD AND PLEASES GOD OUR SAVIOR.
- This kind of prayer support advances the will of God, WHO WANTS EVERYONE TO BE SAVED AND UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH.

Differences (written by Carla Hepp)

I hope this gives Beats to the heart of every Christian

I walked by the pharmacy and the glass doors unveiled a wearied face staring back at me. A face of buried secrets. I can acknowledge my personal, physical story was reorganized over time by life's journey. I often struggled to understand the depth of pain I harbored about my physical appearance. I have accepted it is the descriptive, cursory comments of misguided words spoken by other people. Hurtful words caressing the buried pain I have never shared with those that love me. Whispered taunting thoughts that enveloped my self-worth as a person. "You have gotten fat, why do you walk funny? You have so many scars, your glasses are so thick, you are not very smart, you deserved skin cancer if you sun tanned". Just many of the indelicate comments I heard in my life. The distressing words of others; became me denying myself, my own well-being.

When we accept God in our hearts, we are his children and we become his voice on this earth. Our individual souls are guided and walking with God. The physical appearance is not what shows our beauty. It is the soul walking with God. Christian's voices need to reflect God as much as the souls walk with God. Physical appearance is packaging that details our life journey on earth. We all have experienced a different road. The soul's depth: gifted of God, bear witness in eyes for us to see. To see that we all need to be cognizant of our words, the way we look at each individual person and the way we treat one another. The physical packaging of a person bears a road map for us to share our souls. It is a pathway of hope, love and stories that need to be shared. It is a gift, not a representative label. A Christian's mirror is God's love reflectively brilliant in words, voice, and actions. Empowerment of empathetic fine tuning is a spiritually centered vision of perception. It should be a Christian's ability; through God's love, to see any physical differences as a life strength story. May God's love guide your voice, thoughts, actions, and words. I see beauty in our difference. I pray God's love finds your soul sharing the same pathway.

2022 Lenten Series

"The Seven 'I Am' Statements of Jesus"

March 6

John 10:7+9 - "I am the Gate"

March 13

John 10:11+14 - "I am the Good Shepherd"

March 20

John 8:12 - "I am the Light of the World"

March 27

John 6:35, 41, 48, 51 - "I am the Bread of Life"

April 3

John 15:1+5 - "I am the True Vine"

April 10

John 14:6 - "I am the Way, the Truth, & the Life"

April 17

John 11:25 - "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

April 24 (Epilogue)

John 21:20-25 - "Jesus and John"

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Abigail is answering the call to ministry, thanks to you

With health and financial challenges, Abigail didn't know whether she'd be able to follow her dream of attending seminary.



"I have asked God," she says, "how I was going to be able to receive training to do His work." But now her path is clear. Abigail has been awarded the Daniel E. Weiss Scholarship.

The Weiss Scholarship is given to emerging American Baptist leaders. "I was in shock," Abigail says, "when I received this wonderful blessing."

With overflowing gratitude, she says, "I would like to thank those who awarded me with this scholarship, the people who contribute to this scholarship, and my God who has not failed me yet and who has made it possible for me to go to seminary."

Your gifts help to train and inspire new leaders who are committed to growing the American Baptist denomination. **Please give your America for Christ Offering contribution today.**



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How you helped Maggie make a difference in her low-income community

Maggie lives in an impoverished neighborhood made up of mostly immigrant families. As a junior in high school, she took it upon herself to plan a community project.



She wanted to clean up an abandoned, trash-strewn lot in the area. Maggie led the effort with classmates and removed all the trash. Her positive act inspired others and set the wheels into motion.

A short time later, the city announced that it would transform the lot into a neighborhood park. Instead of trash, needles and abandoned cars, this spot would be a small but peaceful place for neighbors to gather. It's all because one young person decided to change the narrative and make a real difference.

This is the good you do. Your support enables ABHMS to provide scholarships, mentoring, tutoring and more to inspire young people to take charge of their future. **Please give your America for Christ Offering contribution today.**



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