

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

1. Fast from hurting words and say kind words
2. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
3. Fast from anger and be filled with patience
4. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
5. Fast from worries and trust in God
6. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
7. Fast from pressures and be prayerful
8. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
9. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
10. Fast from grudges and be reconciled
11. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

--attributed to Pope Francis

Calendar for February 14, 2018

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
5:30 PM-----Two Year Old Music Group, Circle Room
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, ages 3-4, Circle Room
6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5), Drama Room
*6:45 PM-----Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
*7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, February 15, 2018

6:45 AM-----Youth "Breakfast at Betty's", Betty's
10:00 AM-----Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library

Friday, February 16, 2018

5:45 PM-----DNow Dinner, FUMC-J.O. Smith Building
7:30 PM-----DNow Worship, Grace Community Church

Saturday, February 17, 2018

5:30 PM-----DNow Dinner, First Baptist Church
6:30 PM-----DNow Worship, Grace Community Church

Sunday, February 18, 2018

*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J. O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM----- Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
2:00 PM-----Forrester Reception, Simmons Parlor
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:00 PM-----Children’s Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
5:30 PM-----Children’s Fellowship, Sharp Building
5:45 PM-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Monday, February 19, 2018 - Presidents Day

-----Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
9:30 AM-----Church Staff Meeting, Simmons Parlor
11:30 AM-----Church Staff Luncheon
6:00 PM-----Sistas Bible Study, Children’s Fellowship Room

* denotes ‘nursery provided’

Pastor Mike’s Upcoming Sermons

New Sermon Series: “Covenant”

A covenant is a solemn promise or agreement between two persons, or, in the biblical context, between God and us. In the next few weeks, we will look at some Old Testament passages (and one passage from the New Testament) that tell us about God making covenant with us and what it tells us about God’s grace (God’s unearned, undeserved love and favor toward us).

- February 18—Genesis 9:8-17—“A Sign in the Sky”
- February 25—Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16—“Promises, Promises”
- March 4—Exodus 20:1-17—“The Commandments”
- March 11—Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-17—“Healing”
- March 18—Jeremiah 31:31-34—“Writing on the Heart”

Christian Fellowship Dinner

If you are on the standing reservation list and are unable to attend, please contact the church office or email Lauren by Tuesday at noon. If you are not on the standing reservation list and wish to join us, please do the same by calling the office or emailing Lauren at laurenturner1962@gmail.com by Tuesday at noon. To assist with the ease of checking in, please come with correct change if possible.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the forty days (Sundays excepted) prior to Easter during which we prepare ourselves through reflection, repentance, confession, and the experience of grace for the celebration of the Resurrection. We will have our traditional Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes (marking Christian disciples with the sign of the Cross using ashes made from the branches used at Palm Sunday last year) on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Let’s join together as a community of faith to begin keeping a holy Lent.

Forrester Reception

Please join us on Sunday, February 18, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Simmons Parlor for an In-Town Reception hosted by the Handbell Choir in honor of Bobby and Bess Forrester, who were married on January 27, 2018.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Monday, February 19, for Presidents' Day. The office will re-open Tuesday, February 20.

Wesley Glen Annual Strawberry Sale

The annual Strawberry Sale benefitting Wesley Glen (our South Georgia Annual Conference Ministry to the Developmentally Disabled) has begun. The cost is \$18.00 per flat (12 pints). Pre-orders are being taken through the Church Office until Tuesday, February 20. Call the office at 229-246-1864 to place your order. Money must be turned in by February 22. Pick up will be on Friday, February 23, at the Church Office. Please make checks payable to "Wesley Glen Auxiliary." Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Handbell Concert

On February 23-24, our church is hosting the annual area Winter Ring with 8 handbell choirs from Tallahassee, Thomasville, Cairo, and Bainbridge participating. Clinician Jeff Faux from Bonita Springs, FL, will be leading us in a weekend of learning to be better handbell players and musicians. The event will culminate in a concert featuring the pieces of music we will have worked on during the weekend. Please join us at 3:30 p.m. on February 24 in the J.O. Smith Building for the Closing Concert.

Adult Fellowship Groups Kickoff

The first gathering for adults who signed up for fellowship groups will be Sunday, February 25, at 12:00 noon in the J. O. Smith Building. At that time the groups will be revealed to all participants! Parents of school-aged children, please know that your children are welcome to attend the luncheon as well. Each fellowship group will have an opportunity to meet with group members to make plans for best meeting locations and times for the upcoming months.

Methodist Children's Home Spaghetti Luncheon

Our annual Spaghetti Luncheon benefiting The Methodist Home for Children and Youth will be Sunday, March 4, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 apiece and can be purchased in the Church Office. If you would like to help, please contact the Church Office.

Methodist Children's Home Mission

Our church has a BIG heart for missions and The Methodist Home (TMH) needs our help! To show our love for all God's children, we will be collecting the following items to be delivered to the main campus in Macon in early March:

- towel sets (bath, hand, and washcloth)
- twin-size sheet sets
- twin size comforters
- standard pillows
- twin-size mattress pads/covers

Please bring donated, NEW items to the Church Office NO LATER THAN March 4. Please see Merydyth Earnest, our church's TMH Advocate, with any questions. Thank you for expressing the love of Christ to these precious children through your gifts.

Christian Sympathy

Bainbridge First United Methodist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Kay Rogers and family in the death of Kay’s father, Don Cook, who passed away on Saturday, February 10. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Colquitt Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 14, at 11:00 a.m. at Cook’s Union United Methodist Church, with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Still Waters

Still Waters is a nondenominational, faith-based, temporary residence for women and children. The ministry relies on volunteer help and donations of items. They are always in need of the following: Trash Bags (13 gal.), Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Kleenex Tissue, Dishwasher detergent, Dish detergent, Laundry detergent, Dryer Sheets, Vinegar, Bleach, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Soap, Deodorant, Towels (new), and Washrags (new). Contact Karen Howell at Still Waters (229-416-4061) or the Church Office for more information.

Food Bank

Food Items Needed:

Peanut Butter (16 oz), Dried Beans (16 oz), Evaporated Milk (12 oz), Canned Soups (10.5 oz), Chunky Soups (18 oz), Canned Vegetables – Green Beans, Corn, Tomatoes, etc. (14.5-15 oz).

I will support my church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

February 4, 2018 Attendance: Sunday School-----90
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. -----61
11:00 a.m. -----112

Members Who Minister

Ushers for February 2018: John Bridges, Paul Johnson, Todd Mills
Greeters for February 18, 2018: 9:00 AM Carla & Curtis Robinson
11:00 AM Mary O’Quinn Sunday School Class
Contemporary Worship Leader for February 18, 2018: Brent Farrington
Snack Supper for February 18, 2018: Ida Cooksey
Offering Steward: Craig Fletcher

Services of Worship

February 18, 2018
9:00 AM – Contemporary Service
11:00 AM – Traditional Service

ANTHEM-----“Beside the Springs of Living Water”-----Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE----- Genesis 9:8-17-----Rev. Mike Brown
SERMON-----“Covenant: A Sign in the Sky”-----Rev. Mike Brown

Music Notes

Children's Music and Arts Ministries:

Two Year Old Music Group (for ages 18 months-2 years old): meets in the Circle Room from 5:30-5:55 p.m. for developmentally appropriate music activities: singing, instrument playing, and movement.

Preschool Music and Arts: Children age 3 (by September 1) – age 4 meet on Wednesdays in the Circle Room from 6:25-7:25 p.m. for developmentally appropriate music activities and Bible stories and crafts.

Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5): meets from 6:25-7:25 p.m. in the Drama Room. We're hard at work on our spring musical, "Rescue in the Night." We have changed the date for the performance to March 25 at 7:00 p.m. The dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, March 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We will also be rehearsing during Children's Fellowship time on Sunday evenings. Be sure to listen to your CD's so that we can make the best use of our time in rehearsals!

Chancel Choir: rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and sings for the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday. Warm-ups begin at 10:30 a.m. We're starting to work on music for our special Holy Week services and invite anyone who would like to join us for a short time commitment to consider singing with us for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (March 29 and 30).

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12): will not rehearse this coming Sunday afternoon. Our next performance date is March 11. Please mark your calendars for Music Camp, June 10-15, 2018

Handbell Choir: rehearses on Sunday from 5:45-6:45 p.m. We're preparing to host the annual area Winter Ring, February 23-24. We'll also be playing for the 11:00 a.m. service on February 25.

Children's Chat

Don't forget to bring in your maps!! Our trip to Tallahassee will be on Saturday March 3rd. Study your lines!! And listen to your cd's.

Youth News

The tickets for the Casting Crowns Concert have been purchased. If you requested a ticket, please contact Steven and he will let you know what is owed for the ticket.

Do you have any breakout skills? Can you get out of a sticky situation when you need too? If so, come and participate in our first Road Trip Funday on Saturday, March 24. We will travel to Tallahassee and enjoy some food and an adventure!!!

Members to Visit, Call or Send a Card

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