

First United Methodist Church, McAllen

March 2019

The Messenger



LOVE GOD. SHARE JESUS. GROW FAITH.



March 6th
6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

As the Lenten season approaches we invite you to plan to be a part of the opportunities available at FUMC to draw closer to Christ through study, worship, and fellowship. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. During the 40

days of Lent, Christians reflect on Christ’s life and death and the significance of that for all humanity. Lent is a time for repentance, prayer, fasting, and meditation. It is a time for re-evaluation, re-dedication, and discipline. The Lenten season culminates with Holy Week, which includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday observances, followed by the Easter celebration. Grow closer to Christ with us this Lenten Season.



Pastor’s Perspective

March 2019

Easter is late in this calendar year – April 21. Here in the RGV we’ll be knocking on the door of summer! This also means that the season of Lent does not begin until almost a full week into March. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and it falls on March 6.

An Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes serves as a reminder of our need for God. We are dust and to dust we shall return, but God has provided a way through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus so that dust doesn’t have the last word. Through the love and power, grace and forgiveness of God life forever is our final destination not dust.

Ash Wednesday jump starts our Lenten journey which is a time to prepare spiritually to receive all God has desired for us in Christ Jesus. I say if you want to give something up for Lent, give up part of yourself so you can take on more of God. Take on more time in prayer. Take on more time in scripture. Take on more servanthood. I look forward to worshipping with you on Ash Wednesday at 6pm.

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Worship Information

- 8:30 am—Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am—Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 am—Traditional Worship



Gloria and Phil Crum feast on delicious pancakes at last year's Pancake Supper.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



- ❖ TUESDAY
- ❖ MARCH 5TH
- ❖ 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Social Room
- ❖ All are invited!

Love offering will benefit the Woven Women Ministry.

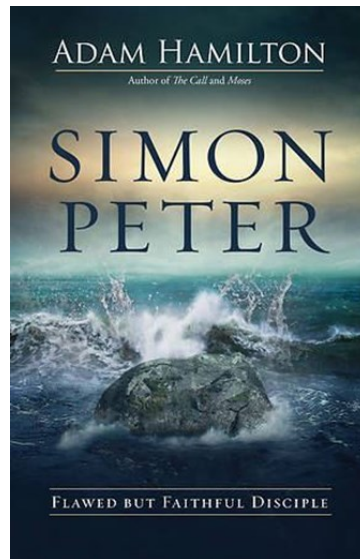
*Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other.
John 13:34b*

Women's Lenten Journey

*6:00 pm on Mondays
March 18—April 8
East Overflow Room*

Women will journey through Lent focusing on a word a day, reflecting on “who God calls us to be” as modeled by Jesus in Matthew 4 where he prayed and fasted for 40 days before beginning his ministry. We will gather on Mondays evenings for prayer, discussion and sharing.

Lenten Bible Study



Simon Peter

*Tuesdays, March 12-April 16,
10:30am-11:30am, Koinonia Room*

Simon Peter—an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That’s one way to describe Peter. Here’s another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn’t even sound like the same man. And that’s the point

of *Simon Peter*, a six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton.

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Join Pastor Robert during the Lenten season to discover how you, just like Peter, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. The study will meet on Tuesday mornings, 10:30am-11:30am, in the Cry Room of the South Building.

Youth Speak

We thank God for you!

The youth ministry has been overwhelmed by the love received from our church family. It is time for Confirmation Classes and we needed help with dinners and we also needed with Wednesday night classes. We asked the Sunday School Classes if they could host Wednesday night dinner, and we let a few male church members sign up to lead the youth on Wednesday nights. Well the response was amazing! We are so thankful for the love that has been shown to us. As a matter fact one of our youth that had not experienced Confirmation dinners before asked, “Why are there so many people here? We are usually all alone during youth.” Your presence and wisdom matters and it is important to our Youth Ministry. We want to thank and recognize each one for being so generous with us:

◆ **Dinner Hosts:**

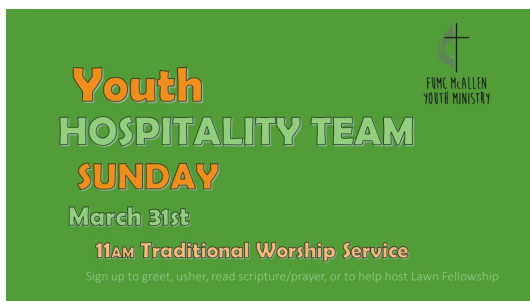
- ⇒ Jim & Libby Brown
- ⇒ Open Door Sunday School Class
- ⇒ Friendship Sunday School Class
- ⇒ Aldersgate Sunday School Class
- ⇒ Brisa & Mark Sullivan
- ⇒ Beth & Ramses Martinez
- ⇒ Unity Sunday School Class
- ⇒ Woven Women Ministry

◆ **Lesson Leaders:**

- ⇒ Steve Crain
- ⇒ Dr. Angel Martinez
- ⇒ Ken Wilson
- ⇒ Roland Pecina
- ⇒ Chuck Crowsey
- ⇒ Mike Summers

◆ **Midwinter Chaperones:**

- ⇒ Wayne Johnson
- ⇒ Roland Pecina
- ⇒ Erika Renfrow



Important Dates

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, March 2
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Magic Valley Men of Accord

Sunday, March 3
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

Shrove Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5th
5:00—7:00PM in Social Room

Ash Wednesday Worship

Service

Wednesday, March 6th
6:00PM
In the Sanctuary

Confirmation Sunday

April 28
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Please see our detailed calendar online at www.fumcmcallen.com

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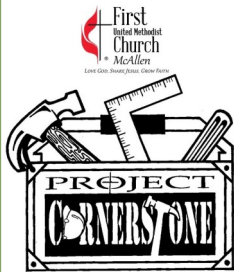
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online at our website:
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Pastor's Perspective, cont'd

Just a reminder that our Rejoicing in the Harvest "First Fruit Offering" will be received on March 10. This marks the initial offering toward this campaign. Everyone will receive a letter and a special envelope the week before March 10. Please bring your First Fruit offering to church with you that Sunday. If you will not be here, please return it to the office before March 10 to be included in the total.

Thank you for your love, support and commitment to Christ and his church.

With a Grateful Heart,
Pastor Ricky



FEBRUARY Communion Offering CORNERSTONE/TRP Ministry

*The February Communion Offering will go to support
First UMC Cornerstone/TRP Ministry in which we go into
our community and build handicapped accessible ramps for
people in need.*



First United Methodist Church

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Saturday morning, April 6th, First UMC family will gather for **"INSIDE-OUT" Church.**, at 8:00 a.m. On this day, we are turning our church **INSIDE-OUT!** We meet **for our morning of service** until 12:00 noon outside our church walls, in our community. In the past we have served in such places as the Salvation Army, Comfort House, Food Bank of the RGV, Keep McAllen Beautiful, the Hand Crank Transportation, Veteran's War Memorial and others! There will also be a few opportunities in which you can serve here at the church, for those who cannot go out or those who come to church without knowing about our special day's activities. Some can be served at as a family, depending on the place and age. Special ways to serve are planned for younger children here at the church.

A list of places to serve will be available soon. We will be asking that you sign-up for a specific place we have arranged. At Worship,, the following morning at Church, we will CELEBRATE our day of service!
So, MARK YOUR CALENDARS and watch for MORE DETAILS!