



Yesterday at my virtual seminary graduation, the president, in his charge, told us that our hour had come. That we were beginning our ministry in a time when the world needed us most. And that started me thinking. We are ALL ministers. Some of us are called to preach. Some of us are called to teach. Others of us are called to the many vocations that we are involved in. But these tumultuous times mean that for all of us called Christians, our hour has come.

We are living in a shattered and divided world that is waiting for us to bring hope and peace and light to it. There has never been more of a time when we as brothers and sisters in the faith need to be out in the world showing love and concern and compassion to our neighbors.

We need to be praying for everyone that we can. We need to be thinking about ways that we can safely help people in the community. We need to speak kindly to everyone that comes into our sphere of influence. We need to be showing the world the example of Christ in all that we do and say. This is our hour. This is our time to shine in the darkness and bring hope to all that we can.

As we begin to think about what our part can be to show Jesus' love to the world, we can remember that we are in the middle of a third COVID-19 surge. DeWitt County has a 22.5% positivity rate as of January 28th. Because of this we need to be especially careful and try to protect our neighbors as much as we can. We need to double mask, practice safe distancing, avoid gatherings except with people in our household and wash hands as much as possible.

I know that we are all weary of not being with family and friends. I am personally tired of not being able to shake hands and give out hugs. I want to be able to go about my life like I used to and not even think about mask wearing or disinfecting things. But that is not our reality right now and what we do now can be a benefit to our community.

Christ always thought about his neighbor first. And this is our opportunity to put our neighbor first in just a small way. All these things are hard on us. But we are protecting our fellow brothers and sisters who may not be able to protect themselves.

We are the hope for the kingdom. We are the light in the darkness. We are the example of how the world should and can be. We are the example of Christ in the world. Praise be to God.

*Pastor Jackie*

## ***The Sanctuary for Lent 2021***

A Lenten Devotional Booklet "The Sanctuary for Lent 2021" by April Casperson is available in the Church Office or in the Church Narthex. Call the office if you would like one mailed to you.

The booklet contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion and a closing prayer – all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Through her thoughtful reflections, April Casperson helps you faithfully journey through Lent as you prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection.

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



L.I.F.F.T.

*Ladies in Faith & Fellowship Together*

March 9, 2021

10:00am

Fellowship Hall



## *United Methodist Women*

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Meeting in Fellowship Hall

February 15, 2021

6:30pm

No Meal



## *Ash Wednesday*

## *February 17*

## *6:00pm*

## *Cuero First United Methodist Church*

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost-cycle of the Christian year. Each year, Christians worldwide attend church services centered on the liturgical act known as the imposition of ashes. The marking of ashes in the shape of a cross on the foreheads of believers as a reminder of mortality and belonging is how Christians begin the forty-day journey of Lent leading to Easter and ultimately the Day of Pentecost. For some churches, this time of Lent begins on the eve of Ash Wednesday, known as Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, where Christians party for one last day and clean out the pantry as fasting (one of the spiritual disciplines during Lent) begins on Ash Wednesday.

However, as COVID-19 cases continue to soar, churches are left with the task of re-envisioning these liturgical markers while keeping faithful to their importance and meaning in the community of faith. We are taking into considerations different scenarios for the preparations and the imposing of the ashes safely for Ash Wednesday.

***Cuero FUMC  
Movie Nights on  
Sunday Evenings  
CANCELLED***

Parsonage Open House  
February 14

**CANCELLED**

**Financial Information  
January 2021**

Revenues:

**\$8,717.48**

Expenditures:

**\$10,394.99**

***Cuero FUMC Bible Study***

Our Bible Study on First Corinthians continues on Thursdays for the next several weeks. The classes will begin at 6:30 PM. Call the office to receive the book.

On Zoom

February 4, 11, 18, 25

March 4



Sacred Spaces

Cuero FUMC

YouTube Page

We are providing a devotional on Tuesday evenings. These are simply times for you to reflect on God's word and hopefully find peace of mind for the times that we are living in. These can be found on our YouTube page.



**February Worship Volunteer Schedule**



Date	Liturgist
2-7-2021	<i>Pastor Jackie</i>
2-14-2021	<i>Colette Barth</i>
2-21-2021	<i>Mildred Weldon</i>
2-28-2021	<i>Tom Cheatham</i>



## Birthdays

Joe Reuss	10 <sup>th</sup>
Kayla Pickett	14 <sup>th</sup>
Emily Cheatham	16 <sup>th</sup>
David Alan Calliham	17 <sup>th</sup>
Jean Eldridge	18 <sup>th</sup>
Louise Buchhorn	20 <sup>th</sup>
Roy Zengerle	21 <sup>st</sup>
Charla Jones	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Mary Wood	24 <sup>th</sup>
Ray Sager	24 <sup>th</sup>



## Anniversaries

Stayton & Mildred Weldon	7 <sup>th</sup>
John & DeVonna Eldridge	25 <sup>th</sup>
Lynn & Lisa Haferkamp	26 <sup>th</sup>

C.A.M.A.L. House  
Collection for February:

### Canned Meats



## 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

*<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*



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