



Mainsail Newsletter

First United Methodist Church

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Observe a Holy Lent



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning, "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation by the devil and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

March 9

Daylight Savings Time



United Women in Faith

Meeting & Meal

2nd Sunday of the month
11:30am @ Fellowship Hall

Next Meeting
March 9



*NO Hymn Sing & Potluck
On March 30*

Joint Worship & Meal
March 30 @ 10:30am
Chapel w/out Walls

Chicken (supplied)
Please bring side dishes
and or desserts

Come and enjoy
Faith * Fellowship * Food



Bible Study
with Pastor Lindsey
Wednesdays @10am
Doodles Room

United Women in Faith



Sat., March 29

5:30pm

Spring Fling
Lasagna Dinner

Monetary gifts appreciated

Make reservations

Live Music

Contact Judy Adams
for more info.



The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of forty days during which we prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week and Easter.

Ash Wednesday - March 5

12:00pm - Chapel w/out Walls (joint)

Holy Week - April 13 - 20

Palm Sunday - April 13

10:30am – Cuero FUMC

Maunday Thursday - April 17

6:00pm Cuero FUMC (joint)

Good Friday - April 18

6:00pm Presbyterian Church (joint)

Easter Sunrise - April 20

7:30am @ Rabke UMC

Easter Sunday - April 20

10:30am @ Cuero FUMC



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Ron & Shelly	Emily Cheatham	Euner Johnson
Linda Thamm	Judy Adams	Pam Zengerle
Pastor Lindsey	Pastor Lindsey's Mother	Sonya Brown
Ezra Salinas	Wayne Wolf	Bob Barth
Lisa Langton	Tommie Gipps	Jennifer Sonsona
Donna Weatherly	Wendy Mcphereson	Sarah
Becky Trusty's husband	Pastor John Britsch	Carol Rau

March Volunteers

Date	Liturgist	Ushers
3-2-25	Tom Cheatham	Charla & Bobby Jones
3-9-25	Earl O'Connor	Tom Cheatham Sue Halbert
3-16-25	Sarah O'Connor	Monica Clint Dorothy Brown
3-23-25	Colette Barth	Tom Cheatham Sue Halbert
3-30-25	Joint Worship	



New Office Hours

Monday –Thursday

9am – 1pm

Office needs volunteers for

March 17 – 20

Please contact Pam @

361-275-5272 or 361-564-6108

CAMAL House Food Pantry

Non-Perishable Food
Donations Needed.

Please leave in the cart in
the narthex of the church.