

Calendar

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	February 26th Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Morning Worship The Call Bible Study Lucia Rehearsal Soul Food: Winter Soup
Monday, 9:30 - 3:00 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	February 27th Kindermusik classes Prayer Group Shake Your Soul Pacesetters, Sanctuary
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	February 28th The Call Bible Study Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	March 1st Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 10:30-12:30	March 2nd Kindermusik classes
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	March 3rd Homeschool Music Classes
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 9:40 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	March 5th Morning Worship Coffee and doughnuts in FH Lent Study, Library Morning Worship Lucia Rehearsal Soul Food: Winter Soup
Monday, 9:30 - 3:00 9:30 a.m.	March 6th Kindermusik classes Prayer Group
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	March 7th Ladies Book Club
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	March 8th Children's Choirs Wednesday Night Supper Adult Program, B2B Kids, UMYF Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 10:30-12:30	March 9th Kindermusik Classes
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	March 10th Homeschool Music Classes

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February 26-March 11, 2017

Lent is a season of prayer and fasting that lasts from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Traditionally, these are days that people have abstained from certain foods or pleasures. This causes us to deepen our dependence on God. These 40 days (except for Sundays) are to imitate the life of Jesus when he fasted in the wilderness for 40 days.

Some people today give up smoking, or chewing gum, or cursing, or eating meat. But it is possible that we miss the point of the season if this is all we think Lent is about. The real reason for Lent is a preparation for the death and Resurrection of Christ. It is a time of self-denial and reflection.

Through the years the tradition has fluctuated from 40 hours of fasting to 40 days. What we are to really give up is our sin. These are solemn days of penance in which we yield our lives more fully to the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is not a season to beat ourselves up: it is a time that we allow ourselves to be loved by God. It is a time to not just *give up* some things, but to *give* some things. It is a time to ask "What is God looking for from us?" In Isaiah chapter 58 the Lord teaches us what kind of fast God wants. I invite you to read and study it over the next few weeks. The acceptable fast of the Lord is about feeding the hungry, about releasing people from their burdens; it is about clothing the poor.

Yes, this season I'm considering giving up Face Book, giving up TV, giving up meat. That is fine if I can do it, but the real fast is about doing the things God wants me to do. If this season means anything, it will be that in the reflection I will hear and listen to God's call to do something for others. If we go back and read Isaiah 58, we might get some insight into what God really wants from us as people of faith.

I hope that we all will use this Season wisely as we *Listen for God* and respond to God's call in our lives.

On March 5, the first Sunday of Lent, I will be leading a class in the library getting into Isaiah and specifically chapter 58.

Use this special season to listen for God and to invite others to participate with you in worship. More people are open to a personal invitation than you might realize. People who may have not been to worship in a long time will appreciate your invitation, and there is a good possibility that they will respond to it.

Blessings to you.

Jody Alderman

Worship Service

February 26, 2017

Sermon: A Glimpse of Heaven

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 1, 2017 6:45 p.m.

Joel 2:1-2, 12:17; Psalm 51:1-17;
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Worship Service

March 5, 2017

Sermon: It's Complicated

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19



Tuesday Night Supper February 28, 2017

Program: Shrove Tuesday Variety Show and Pancake Supper
Menu: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, king cake, tea, and coffee.

Cost: \$5. Children under 5 are free.

Wednesday Night Supper March 1, 2017

Program: Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
Lasagna/chicken, broccoli mix, corn on the cobb,
tossed salad, french bread, tea, and coffee.

Wednesday Night Supper March 8, 2017

Program: Chasing the Holy Spirit

Chicken pot pie, butter beans, stewed carrots,
Fruit salad, brownies, roll, tea and coffee.

Cost: Adults: \$7; Youth (7-12) \$3; Children (3-6) \$1;
Children under 3 are free. To reserve or cancel, call the church
office at 706-724-9641 by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before.
Or fill out an online supper reservation form.

United Methodist Men will meet March 14 at 6:30 for dinner (\$7.00)
with the program at 7:00 p.m. Dale Kuehl will speak on his
Appalachian Trail thru-hike. All are welcome! Please notify the Church
Office if you plan to attend.

Our Prayers

The family of Jack Jackson, Bill Bohling, David and Hildred
Allard, Glenn Markle, Parmie Lay, Gary DeMore, David Lewis,
Don Gordon, Curtis Oglesby, Tom Rogers, The Hale House,
New Bethlehem Community Center, The Stith Mead House,
Military at home and deployed overseas,
and the troubled corners of our world.

Sunday

Preaching
Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

Acolyte
Crucifer
Offering Counters
Sound Technicians

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Preaching
Liturgist

Lay Reader

Ushers

Communion Stewards

Bread Baker

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February 26th

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Jim Garvey, 11 a.m.
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Marion Butler, 11 a.m.
Bob Zeyfang, 9 a.m.
Charlie Tudor, Chair, Gerry Aldridge, David Brunk;
Mark Fissel; Carol Klein, Bubba Nash;
Roy Stampley Jr., Jimmy Thompson, 11 a.m.
Harper James
Ellie Kyzer
William Walker and Melissa Spurr
Rich Laschober, 9a.m.
Michael Young, 11 a.m.

March 5th

The Reverend Dr. Jody Alderman
Allen Smith, 9 a.m.
Patty Strickland, 11 a.m.
Shirley Markle, 9 a.m.
Barbara Jean Roberts, 11 a.m.
Kathy Morris, 9a.m.
Charles Piercy, Chair; Gerry Aldridge; Colin Gordy;
Carol Klein; Lansing Lee, III; Roy Rockman;
Vivian Stampley; Charlie Tudor; William Walker, 11 a.m.
Kathy & Mattie Morris, 9 a.m.
Corinthia & Paul Greenway, 11 a.m.
Linda Gordy
Abby Kight
Lucy McJunkins
Marion Butler and Bubba Nash
Rich Laschober, 9 a.m.
Bobby James, 11 a.m.

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

Budget: In memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Earl Wright. In
memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Eugene Wolfe.

DCCM: In memory of Jackie Lott and J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Bonnie
Hodges. In Honor of Clara Claussen's birthday by Bonnie Hodges.

Endowment: In memory of J. Clarence Jackson, Jr. by Brenda Kirkland.



Tickets available now for our fourth annual
"Celebrating Women" event for members and friends
of St. John, ages 10+. Join us for a High Tea
on Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 pm. Our speaker will be
Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels from Covenant Presbyterian
Church, with a performance by Lucia Ensemble. Get your tickets
Sundays & Wednesdays or at the church office Monday—Thursday. \$7.

New Spring class for our Brown Bag Bible Study series! Join us as we
read and discuss Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God*. We meet Tuesdays
at noon in Rm 126, beginning March 14th. Bring your lunch if you'd
like! Contact Nichole to reserve a book. \$14.

Basic Lay Servant Training, March 18 and 25

(both sessions must be attended). Deadline – March 15. Cost - \$40

Advanced Lay Servant Training (UM Polity), April 22 and 29

(both sessions must be attended). Deadline – April 19. Cost - \$40

Contact the District Office for details. 706-651-8621

The Ladies, Literature & Laughter Book Club

will meet at 7:00
pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the home of Kathy and
Mattie Morris, located at 904 Lake Avenue, North Augusta.
Phone 803-279-0886 or kgirlearl@aol.com on
The Bartender's Tale by Ivan Doig. We welcome you to join us!

Faith and Film Club. Join us as we begin a new small group for those
who love movies and discussing faith in film. Our 1st meeting is on
Saturday, March 4th at 3:45pm at the Regal Cinemas in Augusta to see
the 4pm showing of *The Shack* (PG-13). Dinner and discussion to
follow at a nearby restaurant. RSVP to Nichole.

In memoriam

J. Clarence (Jack) Jackson, Jr. March 4, 1924— February 10, 2017