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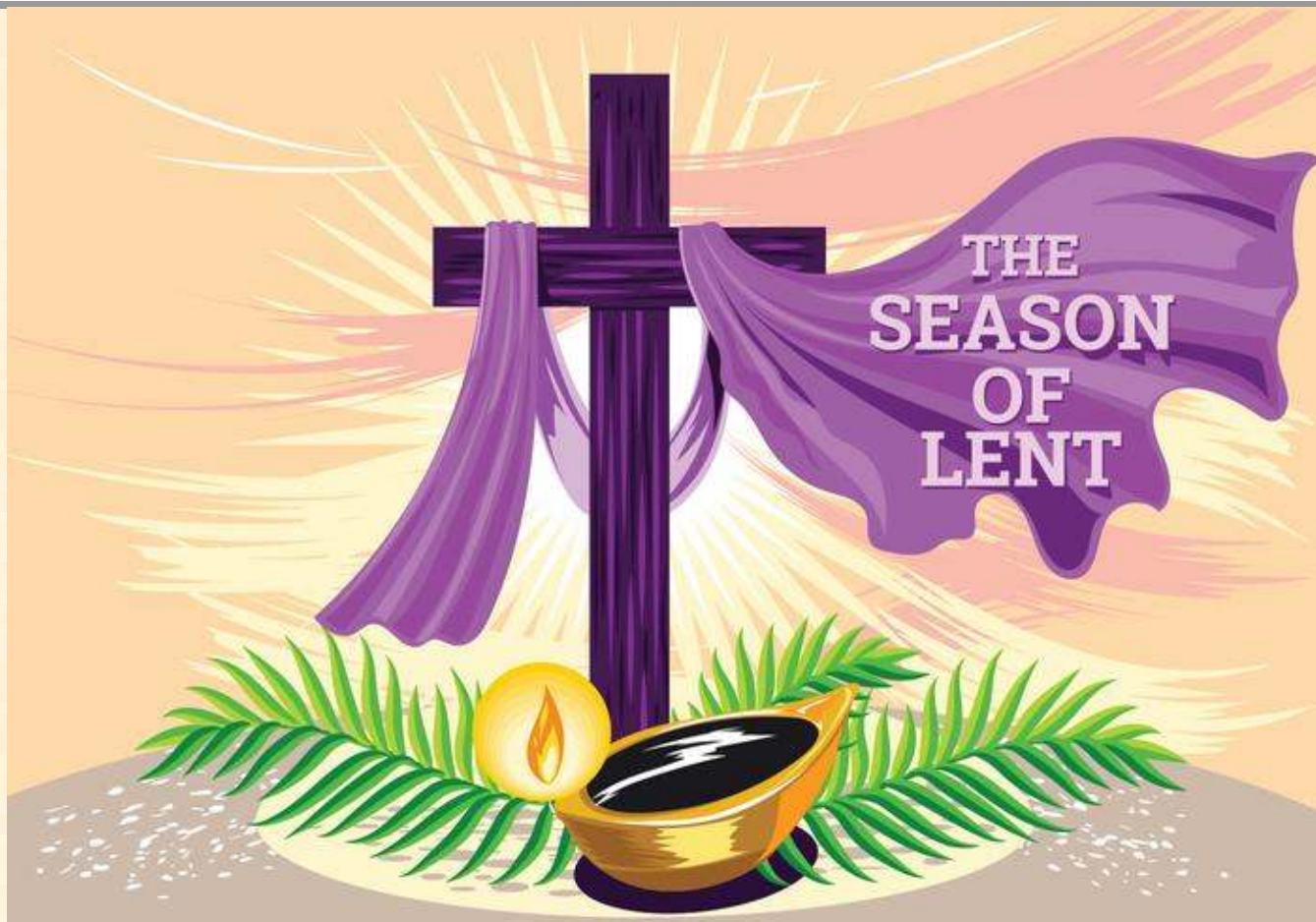
Wentzville

United

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Church

MARCH 2020



March 1

In Depths of Silence

Matthew 6:5-8

March 8

In Pathways of Compassion

1 John 1:1-4

March 15

In Love Itself

Colossians 3:1-4

March 22

In Contemplative Eyes

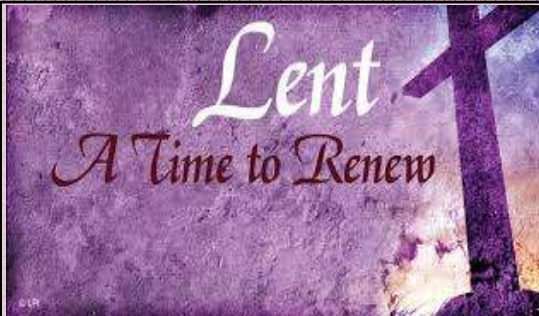
Romans 8:26-27

March 29

In Non-Dual Thinking

Philippians 2:1-5

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Loving God,

During this season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so I may discover the grace of a prayerful life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of grace and simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen

Dear Friends:

The month of March is typically a month of preparations: Easter is coming, Spring is almost here, prom dresses are being bought and sized, and golfers are polishing their clubs.

March 15th is the day Donna Norman will officially retire. There is something about the *Ides of March* that Donna likes, so with grateful hearts for 13-1/2 years of service we say, 'Good-bye and Thank you.' Donna has served a vital role in this congregation as our Office Manager. We will be sad to see her go, but she and Phil will be here on Sundays for worship.

We are planning a day of celebration on Sunday March 15th with one worship service at 10 a.m., followed by a carry-in dinner at 11:15 in the Café and Christian Life Center. Donna and Phil will be our special guests as we say 'thank you for your service and dedication to the work of God at Wentzville UMC.'

A new sermon series begins with the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the start of a six-week period of preparation for the passion of Christ. You are encouraged to follow along or host discussion groups using Richard Rohr's "*Silent Compassion: Finding God in Contemplation.*" We live in a very hectic world of news and information. This series will help us to slow down, to be in prayer and to reflect on God's Word. Our themes in worship will be: *In Depths of Silence, In Pathways of Compassion, In Love Itself, In Contemplative Eyes, and In Non-Dual Thinking.* I look forward to joining you in this time of reflection and prayer.

May God bless our congregation and increase our witness as we share the love of God and Good News of Jesus Christ.

God bless us every one,

Pastor Mark

Connections is published each month. Our church vision is to *Live for God, Love Our Neighbor, and Grow in Christ.* Visit us at 725 Wall Street, Wentzville. Sunday worship is at 9 and 10:30 am.

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Deadline for the
APRIL 2020 Newsletter
is Monday, 3/23



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LIVING FOR GOD

WANTED **MEETER/GREETER**

Our Hospitality/Worship Host Teams due an amazing job to meet and greet our Sunday morning members and guests to make them feel welcome. But once worship begins, they leave the lobby and work the service.

We would like to have one **MEETER/GREETER** who remains in the church lobby during each worship service. If a newcomer arrives when the lobby is empty, it's nice to have someone "on hand" to properly direct them.

This is a Volunteer Position that anyone can hold. If you regularly attend 9 am worship, consider working the 10:30 service — and vice versa.

If you would be interested in hearing more about this, contact Pastor Mark Dumas at 573-301-8210 or markdumas@wentzville-umc.net. Thanks very much!

Redeemed Praise Band **SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 6 pm**



The March offering for the **2019-2020 Concert Series** will be our very own **Redeemed Praise Band**.

This talented group of musicians will present songs in a Coffee-House style performance. Enjoy coffee, tea and a great variety of desserts—cheese cake, pie, and other goodies!

Mark your calendars and invite family and friends for a great evening of music!



Good **FRIDAY** *Cantata*



THE WEeping TREE *by Joseph M. Martin*

Here is a poignant rendering of the cross that uses beloved hymns, newly composed music, thoughtful narration and simple sacred symbols to create a touching testament of grace for Holy Week worship. Hymn titles include *The Weeping Tree*; *Without His Cross*; *Of Tears and Sorrows*; *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*.

6:30 PM

APRIL 10TH

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!

Looking for extra voices for the cantata — and voices for the entire year!

WHEN: Rehearsals at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday

CONTACT: toddoberlin@wentzville-umc.net

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR



United Methodist Women meets in the church Café at 12 noon on Thursday, March 12th for their monthly program.

Hostesses Elaine Gilmore and Lori Hunt will provide our annual "Meager Meal," so do not bring a potluck dish this time!

"We Rise: Meeting God's Call to Transform Communities" will be presented by Patsey Skelton and Pastor Mark Dumas. A special offering will be taken for the annual Call To Prayer and Self-Denial observance.

For more information contact Nancy at 636-357-7571.



NEEDED:

One Volunteer!

The Caring and Sharing pantry needs a volunteer to pick up bread and other items from Schnucks on Monday and/or Friday mornings, and deliver to the pantry location on Highway A in Wentzville.

Can you help?

Please contact Kay at 636-328-5451

EASTER CAKE ROLLS Show Me Dough Fundraising For Adopt-A-Family Ministry



Six flavors are available for purchase:

Carrot Cake Chocolate Crème
Lemon Cake Pumpkin
Red Velvet Strawberry Cheesecake

Each cake roll costs \$15 and serves 8-12 people. Order forms are at the Connections Center.

Order by Wednesday, 4/1— Pick up product on Sunday, 4/5

Thanks for supporting Adopt-A-Family!

GROWING IN CHRIST



NEW Adult Small Group Study

Sunday at 9:30 am

"The Walk" by Adam Hamilton
begins on Sunday, March 1st

Meets in the Youth Room
across from the Christian Life Center

Ongoing Adult Small Group Studies

Sunday at 10:30 am

*If You Want to Walk on Water,
You've Got to Get Out of the Boat!*

by John Ortberg

Meets in the Library off the church lobby

Women's Study, Thursday at 1 pm

Book of Genesis

Meets in the Pastor's Office

Sunday at 10:30 am

The Journey

Meets in the Pastor's Office

Children's C H U R C H

Greetings from Children's Church!!

*Christ be with me
Christ before me
Christ behind me
Christ in me
Christ beneath me
Christ above me
Christ on my right
Christ on my left
Christ where I lie
Christ where I sit
Christ where I arise
Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me
Christ in the mouth of every man
who speaks of me
Christ in every eye that sees me
Christ in every ear that hears me
Salvation is of the Lord.*

...From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

March is upon us and the Hope of New Life is here with us. As the children and I study God's Word each week, the seeds of faith are being planted deeply and firmly. I wait in trust and faith that my students will bear much fruit for Christ.

Children's Church will be hosting an event on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm at the Town Square movie theater in Dardenne Prairie.

We will be viewing the live recording of the **Sight & Sound Theater's spectacular original production of *The Life of Jesus***.

I have been assured this production was created with families in mind, but it is advised to talk to your child about the Crucifixion. We will also gently discuss this in class. If your family would like to attend, ***please purchase your tickets at JesusEvent.com***. Choose the Tuesday, April 7th 6:30 pm showing at Town Square in Dardenne Prairie. Tickets are limited, so get yours now!!

Here is the trailer link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrbpv7LRknE>

Blessings,

Angela Langdon
Children and Family Director
314-920-5370

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Wentzville, MO
On Location Day Camp

THE
WAY

Early Bird \$100

Regular \$125

Register before Feb. 28 for the discounted rate!



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June 15-19, 2010

For Children Ages 6-12

\$125 per child

Register online at www.nextgencamps.org

**Co-hosted by Wentzville UMC and
The Way**

**Camp will be held on the Wentzville UMC
campus**

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Game Day for the 55+ Crowd
Wednesday, 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.



Wednesday, 3/4 at 6 pm

"Mermaid's Chair"

by Sue Monk Kidd

Wednesday, 3/25 at 6 pm

"Akin" by Emma Donoghue



Saturday, 3/21 — 8 am
Golden Corral in O'Fallon

Phil Erdmann will share
his life testimony

Good food and fellowship!

Questions? Call Kermit, 636-734-2171



Sunday, March 15th
11:15 am

Join us for fellowship and a great meal as we say "Thank You" to Donna and Phil Norman.

Donna is retiring after 13-1/2 years of service as our Office Manager. Check the Connect Card on Sunday morning if you plan to attend.

All are welcome — Let's party!



...to the Men's Group for purchasing 4 new high chairs for the church Café

...to all those who are helping with the painting of the Men's, Women's, and Family restrooms in the Christian Life Center foyer.

MARCH Quik View

Lydia Circle Quilters

Tuesdays, 8 am—12 Noon

Game Day for Seniors

Wednesday, 3/4 at 1:30 pm

Book Club

Wednesday, 3/4 at 6 pm

Wednesday, 3/25 at 6 pm

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, 3/8 at 2:00 am

United Methodist Women

Thursday, 3/12 at 12 Noon

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 3/15 at 10 am

Hymn Sing at Parklane

Thursday, 3/19 at 10 am

Men's Group Breakfast

Saturday, 3/21 at 8 am

Village Café in Lake St. Louis

Needlework for Missions

Thursday, 3/26 at 9:30 am

Redeemed in Concert!

Saturday, 3/28 at 6 pm



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