



The Ambassador February

A Word from Pastor Dana

When February rolls in, we usually find ourselves preparing for the season of Lent, which always begins on Ash Wednesday. This year, however, Ash Wednesday isn't until March 2nd, which puts Easter on April 17th! So, unlike most years, we'll be spending the entire month of February in what's known liturgically as "Ordinary Time" which started back in January. No, "Ordinary Time" does not refer to the boring time after Christmas! It's actually an opportunity for spiritual growth for each disciple and the congregation. I thought you might appreciate learning more about "Ordinary Time" from "Ask the UMC", a ministry of United Methodist Communications. God bless, Pastor Dana

The Christian year includes two central cycles focused on major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and Easter cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost).

Each of these seasons begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration. A season designated as Ordinary Time follows each cycle.

The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered" or "ordered," and *tempus ordinarium*, "measured time."

The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.

For some congregations, this will mean a focus on evangelism, as found in the Old Testament and Gospel reading for each week. For others, the focus will be preparing to help others grow in their discipleship. The Epistle reading each week emphasizes this.

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.

Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world.

We thus experience two regular cycles of preparation, celebration and action in ministry each year, with the Ordinary Times as the primary periods of action.

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-ordinary-time>

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The PGUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry group continues to meet every second and fourth Monday. We knit and crochet shawls for those in need whether sickness, grieving, sadness,

recovering, or a special occasion. If you know of someone who could use a shawl please let us know whether it be for a woman, man, teen or child.

We make these shawls with much love and prayer. In His Love, Amy Faulkenberry, Glennell Holbrook, Pat Bradley, Brenda Richards, and Sandy



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Announcements

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

Start shopping for good deals on soup now and bring as many cans as you can for Souper Bowl Sunday on February 13th. We'll donate it all to The Place to help feed the hungry in Forsyth County.

SMALL GROUP STUDY FOR LENT

We pray the Lord's Prayer together nearly every Sunday at church. It's a regular part of many of our individual devotional lives. Most of us know it by heart, but do we really understand and appreciate what we are praying? Join us for our Lenten Small Group Study: **"The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus"** by Adam Hamilton. Join us in the Club House Sunday mornings at 9:00 beginning March 6th or OR Tuesday mornings beginning March 8th. Cost for the study book: \$15. Order your book through the church office by February 24th.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women are ready for a new year. Officers were installed by Pastor Dana.

They are as follows:

President : Linda Walraven

Co-President: Diane Gilbert

Co-Secretaries-Mary Cheatham

Barbara McNutt

Treasurer– Amy Faulkenberry

Upcoming Events

Homebound Communion will begin in March.

Senior Luncheon-March

UMW Sunday-April

150 year Celebration in May.


















February 2022

Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Zoe Scott 	9 Pat Bradley 	10	11 Rex & Denise Tallant 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Amy Murphy 
20 Jason & Amy Murphy Gavin & Darlene Delaney 	21	22	23	24 David & Jane Martin 	25	26
27 Kelley Tribble 	28					

February

Worship & Activities

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10-Bible Study  7:00	2  7:00	3 Quilting 	4	5 9-1- Sewing
6 9:45-Choir 10:30-Worship  5:30- Girl Scouts	7	8  10-Bible Study Cub Scouts	9  7:00	10 Quilting 	11 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby-6-9pm	12 8-12-Pinewood Derby	
13 9:45 - Choir 10:30-Worship  5:00- Youth 5:30-Girl Scouts	14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 	15 10-Bible Study 	16 7:00 	17 Quilting  6:30 sewing	18	19	
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