



Brundidge United Methodist Church Newsletter March 2017



Fish and Lint?

Shortly after I arrived in New Orleans in the year 1989 I got a job with an advertising agency. In the studio I did a voice over for a seafood restaurant. "It is a Lent seafood special for just \$7.95!" When the commercial was finished I was very puzzled because I did not understand what lint had to do with seafood. It seemed like an odd association to me?

Of course "lint" were those pesky nomadic fabric fragments that you constantly pick off your clothing I thought. Did you gather your lint into one bag and receive a discount at this restaurant when you gave them your lint?

Well, New Orleans has a strong Catholic influence with various religious traditions such as only eating fish on Fridays. Some actually refrain from eating any red meat (beef steak, hamburgers, and so forth) during the season of Lent and only consume fish for their meat. I was raised in an informal Southern Baptist Church where Easter and Christmas were the only church seasons. When I became United Methodist I realized that our denomination recognizes different church seasons similar to the Catholic Church.

I know some folks are not computer users. But **www.umc.org** is such a great website that the United Methodist Church provides for all clergy and church members. There you can find explanations of things related to our church such as the definition of "Lent." "Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017, this year) and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter." Easter is April 16, 2017.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally "turn around" and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

So maybe "Lent" is a time of "lint." Time to let Jesus roll away those pesky useless strands of material that taint your image of Christ. "But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin." (1 John 3:5)

In Christ's love.....Rev Ed

Children's Sunday School News

March is already here! Many of our kids will be enjoying Confirmation Class with Rev Ed. This class that begins March 5th, 10 a.m., in the sanctuary is open to anyone in the church with a desire to learn more about the United Methodist Church.



March will also be a time to discuss Lent and the Easter Season. The children will also prepare for singing and bringing in the Palms on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Easter is an exciting time in the church and a time to count our blessings.

Happy Easter—Dana Thrash

Confirmation Classes Begin Sunday March 5th 10 a.m. in Sanctuary

This is open to everyone of any age! You will learn how to defend and define your Christian faith. You will learn Methodist History and the meaning of church membership. You can call the office to register at 735-3180 or just be sure to show up at the first of five sessions that continue through April 2nd. All will be given the opportunity to become members of Brundidge United Methodist Church at the conclusion of Confirmation Classes. We are excited about this year's confirmation classes!

Reasons to Walk the Education Building Hallway



I know we often just pass through the front door of the sanctuary building and leave on Sundays without veering off course. However, you may be missing some blessings on the walls of the education building. Barb Homann keeps a community news bulletin board updated and always decorates with a special emphasis for the month on another board. Melanie has been digging around in the supply room to find some hidden treasures: one is a banner that the Brundidge UMC's WMW made in 1984 to celebrate the bicentennial of Methodism. We found a place for it. Another is a picture of the 1967 Boy Scout Troop presently being framed by Dan Fraley. More neat wall attractions are on the way! So walk this way!



Homecoming Yearly Formula to Remember 3rd Sunday in October

We've decided this will perhaps help boost attendance and make it easy to remember homecoming. So, what is the 3rd Sunday in October 2017? October 15th, 11 a.m. Homecoming Sunday. Our guest speaker for this year will be the Rev. Bruce Fitzgerald. He served Brundidge UMC from 1981 until 1985. Next year we have Bishop David Graves schedule for homecoming. If you converse with any former members please let them know about our annual homecoming services.

New Copier Should Make Everything A Lot Better

I apologize for previous newsletters that have not been completely printed. We sent them to a print shop. They were unaware of what was supposed to be in the content. Duplications were made in multiple errors and distributed. Through your generous support of the church we had the resources to purchase a commercial grade copy machine that is more economical and reliable than our small printers. We print our monthly newsletters and bulletins on the premises now! Yeah! Thank you!

Please Give Us Your News & Comments for the Newsletter



Please share your Sunday School announcements, Bible study group news, a devotional, or even a memory of church days past. Remember it takes some time for us to compose the newsletter and we would like to receive all contributions to the newsletter by the 23rd of every month. We have been receiving some great articles lately and we thank you. A few were sent to us past the deadline and we could not get it in the newsletter.

Camp Stew for Sale to Benefit Relay for Life

Please see Don Renfroe to make your order at \$10 per quart. Everybody can help by bringing meat and broth for the ingredients. This is a great fundraiser for Relay for Life. Brundidge United Methodist Church consistently provides significant donation for the cause of finding a cure for cancer and improving treatments.

We are looking for a Sunday 11 a.m. Worship Service Pianist

Please help us get the word out and help us locate some one. The salary is \$75 per Sunday with a commitment of 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call the church office (334) 735-3180





Dana Thrash-2nd, Ken Dickert-2nd, Dylan Hollis-2nd, Wes Bundy-4th,
Rev. Ed Shirley-5th, Bo Coppage-5th, Andre Paez-9th, Sharon Shirley-10th,
Bud Ross-11th, Cady Rose Bowden-12th, David Hollis-16th, Cleone Rogers-16th,
Mike Warren-16th, Gibson Baker-16th, Donna Copeland-17th, Mary Catherine Hix-
21st, Elsie Clare Coppage-22nd, Katie Wallace-23rd, Mike Jones-24th,
Ken Price-25th, Daphne Coppage-25th, Don Renfroe-26th, Mary Ann Flowers-27th

In Loving Memory



In Memory of Jane Senn

Betty Coppage-BUMC

Bud & Margaret Ross- Prayer Cushions

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hudley- We Care

Larry & Ann Webb- Choir Fund

Nellie Sue Helms- Clay Hill & BUMC

Cot & Jean Wallace- We Care

Jessie & Edna Dorrill- We Care

Mike & Sue Richards- Building Fund

Sherroll & Irene Tatom-Building Fund

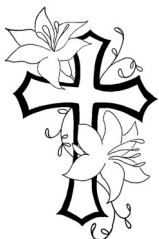
Don & Martha Price-Building Fund

Linda & Vernon Jackson-Prayer Cushions

Cleone Rogers and Terry Rogers-BUMC

Rachel Rodgers Morning Circle-We Care

Tammy & Eddie Powell- We Care & Prayer Cushions



In Memory of James & Jeanette Caldwell

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund

In Honor of the Renfroe-Copeland Family

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