



March Madness

This is my favorite month of the year. I was so excited when I heard that Carlisle High School was to host the 2A state tournament this year. I have been slipping over there during my free time to watch games this week. I love the passion and excitement of tournament basketball. March of course is when the NCAA tournament takes place plus all of the conference tournaments. Even when my beloved Razorbacks are not playing – I still love it.

March, this year begins the Church season of Lent. Lent may be new to you if you have not grown up in the United Methodist Church. Lent is 40 days of preparing to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the new life He offers to all of us. The tradition is rooted in the early church during the time of persecution. People joining the church would enter this 40-day period as a time for purification and commitment to Christ. At midnight on Easter morning they would be robed with white robes and baptized into the faith. This would take place under the cover of darkness, unless they might be caught for practicing Christianity.

After the legalization of the Christian faith, the church started to observe this period as a time of renewal and deep self-evaluation. Many followed a practice of fasting and prayer throughout the 40 days. Today we observe the season of Lent in a very similar way. It is a time to look to Christ and ask Him what you might do to grow closer in relationship to Him. You may want to add something like a daily Bible study, prayer time, or other act of

worship. I have known families who commit to serve together during the season.

Another common way of honoring this season is to give something up. I try to think of things to give that may have become too important in life or may hamper my relationship with God. What things are in your life that may rival your commitment to put Jesus first?

I want to invite you to enter into the season of Lent with your church family. Join us for the Fat Tuesday Duck Gumbo dinner on Tuesday evening March 5th. Join us again the next night for our Ash Wednesday service. Throughout the season we will be looking at the book of Mark in a series “Who is this guy?” This is the theme in which the entire book is written. My prayer for you during our Lenten journey together is that you will know Jesus like you never have before.

Don't forget – You Matter to God!

Pastor Rob





GRAB & GO DRIVE THRU

Lunch Fundraiser
Sponsored by
The Wade Knox
Child Advocacy Center

<p>WHEN & WHERE</p> <p>Sunday, April 7, 2019 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Lonoke Bonded Warehouse (West of Rice Dryer) Front Street, Lonoke</p>	<p>MENU</p> <p>3 Pieces of Catfish 2 Chicken Strips 4 Ribs Hushpuppies, Slaw, Fries, Beans, Onion, Pickle</p> <p>\$25.00 PER PLATE</p>
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GREAT APPETITES! GREAT FOOD! GREAT CAUSE!

<p>NEED EXTRA RIBS??</p> <p>SLAB OF RIBS—\$25.00 PER SLAB Limited quantities!! Order Today!!</p>	<p>Flunheel PIES PIES THAT MAKE YA HAPPY</p> <p>PIES WILL BE SOLD THE DAY OF THE EVENT ONLY.</p> <p>\$3.00 FOR (1) OR \$5.00 FOR (2)</p>
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Youth News

By Christy Rollason

I have been asked to write about what led me to work with our youth group, and I'm struggling with actually writing it. I think I have typed, erased, and retyped about a hundred times, trying to put into words what for me, can only be described as a true calling. I felt pulled in a way that I never had before to work with our youth, but especially our junior youth. At the time I asked to have a role with UMY, I had just been offered a position at Lonoke Middle School and was seeking to answer the call I felt in my heart. I'm so glad Pastor Rob allowed me to help out! Each week, I am blessed with the privilege of spending a couple of hours with our junior and senior high youth serving our community through helping at the food pantry, eating a meal, playing games and joining together in learning and growing through bible study. And I am especially fortunate that I get to be at school with many of our junior youth each week. Seeing them at school, and forming relationships with them is exactly where I want to be! My heart is so full and I feel so grateful for this opportunity!

Reminders

- ◆ Fat Tuesday Duck Gumbo Youth Fundraiser tonight (March 5th) at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday Service, March 6th at 6pm.



Update from the Serving Committee

By: Danny Wright

The Serving Committee met on Sunday February 17th. It was discussed that Easter is coming up on April 21st and that we needed to work on the church and grounds prior to that date. Please make plans to attend the following work days. Work will start at 9am and lunch will be provided

Saturday March 30

Saturday April 6

Saturday April 13.

The following projects will need to be completed:

- Interior windows, blinds and curtains
- Exterior, pick-up trash and powers wash everything
- Paint railings at entrances
- Minor landscaping

Bring any supplies needed to complete the project that you choose to work on. We really need to get the church and grounds beatification completed prior to Easter.

Welcome FUMC's Newest Addition

Please welcome Lawson Gavin Gammill to the FUMC family. He is the son of Caleb and Bridgett Gammill and precious baby brother to Luci and Lilli. He was born on January 22nd weighing 8.3 pounds and measuring 20.5 inches long.





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Worship Info

9am

Contemporary Worship

10am

Sunday School

11am

Traditional Worship

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Fat Tuesday Duck Gumbo Supper (youth fundraiser), Tonight at 6:30pm.

Ash Wednesday Service, March 6th at 6pm.

This Wednesday, the youth will meet at 5:45pm and attend the Ash Wednesday service together. It will conclude at 6:45pm.

Confirmation Meeting Sunday, March 10th at 5pm.

Lee Glover Langdon will have his Eagle Honors Award in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 10th at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to stay afterward to celebrate his accomplishment.

Agape Circle Meeting, Tuesday, March 19th at 10am. Alice Bridges will be hosting at the church.

Growing Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 26th at 6pm.

5th Sunday, March 31st. Pancake Breakfast at 8am, Combined Service at 9am and Sunday School at 10am.

Our first Children's Ministry Program will take place on Sunday, March 31st at 3:30pm for 2nd-5th graders.

The Handbells will meet at the church every Wednesday at 5:30pm.

The Choir will meet at the church every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Prayer List

Our prayers are with Carl Toombs, David Duncan, Joseph Neal Anderson, Lindsey Davis, Gloria Green, Wayne Wilson, Jamie Thomason Houghton, Patsy Goode, Steven Duncan, Jimmie Boyles, Hazel Evans, Kenny James, Christy Carmichael Cavin, Ron Gault, Jane Fowler Dorothy Hogue and Christian sympathy to family and friends of Hazel Cole on her death.