

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- March 1 -
Lent Study
- March 5 -
SPRC
- March 11 -
Time Change
- March 12 -
Worship
Committee
Meeting
- March 16 -
Sister Friends'
Coffee & Chat
- March 20 -
First Day of Spring
- March 21 -
UM Women

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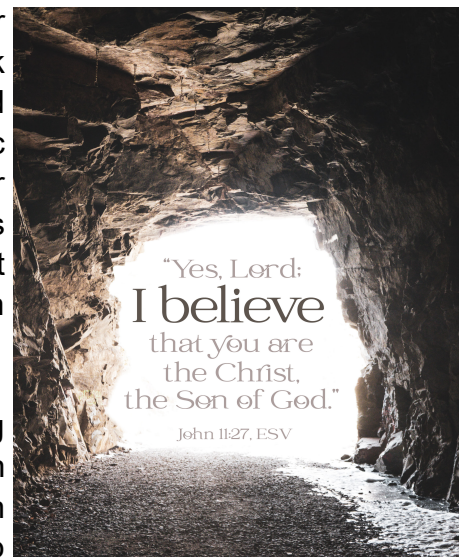
Resurrection Faith

In spring 2020, while Manhattan pastor Timothy Keller was writing a new book about Easter, the world — and his world — stopped. The corona virus pandemic ravaged New York City, and Keller received a stage 4 cancer diagnosis. Suddenly the theologian had to confront death head-on and reassess his views on eternal life.

"I realized I only half-believed I was going to die," he tells *The Christian Post*. "In some ways, I also only half-believed in the Resurrection — not Intellectually so much, but all the way down deep in my heart. I realized I needed to have a greater, a deeper faith in the Resurrection, both intellectually and mentally."

While undergoing cancer treatments, Keller took a deep dive into historical and scriptural evidence for Easter's main event. He also prayed that the Holy Spirit would make the Resurrection, which can seem abstract, real to his heart.

Facing your own mortality puts earthly things into clear perspective, says the pastor, and it's a wake-up call for Jesus' followers to act. "The Resurrection means that God has not at all given up on the world," Keller writes in *Hope in Times of Fear*. "But Beyond that, it gives meaning to suffering and gives hope that through the suffering will come healing. The Resurrection guarantees that this renewal is certain and is also a call for Christian to work now against what is wrong and unjust."



Lent: A Journey of Spiritual Reflection and Repentance

**GIVE YOUR
BODIES
TO —→ GOD**
BECAUSE OF ALL HE HAS DONE
FOR YOU.

LET THEM BE A
**LIVING
HOLY**
SACRIFICE



ROMANS 12:1

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” - Romans 12:1-2.

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall and were amazed by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked his father, “What is this, father?” The father responded, “Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don’t know what it is.”

While the boy and his father were watching an older lady in a wheelchair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button, The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circles of lights with numbers above the walls light up. They continued to watch the circles as the lights ascended and then descended. The walls opened again, and a beautiful 24-year old woman stepped out. The father said to his son, “Go get your mother.”

Only if our transformation could be as easy as that.

**“And when we
are
transformed,
we are
transformed
for good.”**

Therefore if anyone is in
CHRIST
he is a
New Creation
The old things have **PASSED AWAY**
Behold
ALL THINGS
have
Become New
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that when we accept Christ, we become a New Creation. We are transformed. And when we are transformed, we are transformed for good. But that doesn’t mean we will not feel the sting of temptation and sin. Transformation involves personal and spiritual struggle. It requires us to confront our sin and recognize our inability to free ourselves from our sinfulness.

Lent is the traditional forty-day observance which represents the amount of time Jesus spent in the wilderness, confronting Satan’s temptation, and preparing for begin His ministry. It is a

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time when Christians fast, pray, and prepare for the coming of Easter. It is a time that gives us an opportunity to step back and pause to recognize our humanity and sinful nature. The Lenten season reminds us of our need for a Savior.

As we spend this Lenten season focusing on our relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves in faith, I encourage you to take a moment and reflect on our church and its mission in joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Tyler



Surrender

What a privilege and opportunity it is to utterly come to the end of one's hope—not only to run out of answers but to run out of questions. To be beyond fighting, to come to that suspended animation where we are so confused and so weak that we can neither fight [nor] run.

When you come to the end of yourself, you find the beginning of God. And there and nowhere else, you find the answers you seek. You find fulfillment for the longings of your soul.

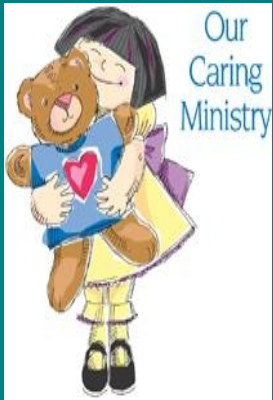
— Max Anders



Christian Symbol

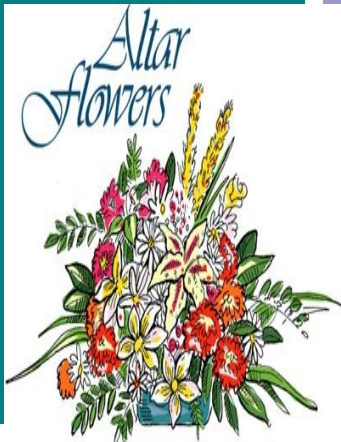
SHAMROCK— St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, “Is this one leaf, or three?” Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.





... let your
request be made
known to God.

**“God doesn’t
just give us
grace; he gives
us Jesus, the
Lord of grace.”**
- Joni Eareckson
Tada



Our Caring Ministry

Short Term Concerns

Rhett Bozeman
Bonnie Hall
Joyce Little
Joe Rector
Sofia Rodriguez
Joe Schrufer
Mary Schrufer
Willard Smith
Sarah Lynn White
Laura Williams

Intercessory

Eric Alford
Connie Carpenter
Virginia Williams

Caregivers Persecuted Christians

“Be more concern with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.”

-John Wooden

Those Battling Cancer

Iann Kollarik
Luke Melvin
Karen Pilcher

Our Shut-Ins

Joe Webb
Ann Weiler

Our Military Ukraine

Please contact the office with any updates to this list - Thank You!

Requests can be done by emails, phone calls, or prayer card placed in the offering baskets.

FLOWER CALENDAR

March 05 - Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Register
March 12 - Mr. & Mrs. Laddie Williams
March 19 - Mr. & Mrs. Henry McCrone
March 26 - Miss Stacy Sims

Chancel Choir
Youth
Wednesdays
@ 5:30 pm



March

Healthy
Living Group
Thursdays
@ 5 P.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Pam Hand Offering UM Student Fund	Ushers Glenn Kimbrel Jimmy Cox Standby Bill Jordan		1	2	3 🎵 Montez Golden 🎵 Porter Smith	4 Second Sunday of Lent → 🎵 Gail McCaskill
5 Staff, Parish, Relation Committee meeting 12 noon	6 ← 🎵 Roger Williams ♥ Amanda & Perry McGhee ←	7 GriefShare 5:00 pm	8 Bible Study 10:00 am	9	10	11 
12 Worship Committee 12:00 noon 🎵 Pam Hand	13 Third Sunday of Lent ←	14 GriefShare 5:00 pm 🎵 Gary Parrish	15 Bible Study 10:00 am ♥ Peggy & Jimmy Cox	16 Sister Friends 10:00 am	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Lent	20 🎵 Laura Kastli	21 United Methodist Women 10:00 am GriefShare 5:00 pm	22 Bible Study 10:00 am	23	24 🎵 Elijah Jordan 🎵 Jaden McGhee ♥ Pam & Ronnie Hand	25 🎵 Laurie James
26 Fifth Sunday of Lent	27 🎵 Wynelle Bateman	28 GriefShare 5:00 pm 🎵 Virginia Williams	29 Bible Study 10:00 am	30 ♥ DellAnne & Michael Schruefer	31	



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**Glorifying God by loving and leading all
people to Christ.**

PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

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| 1. Laura & Roger Williams /
Virginia & Laddie Williams | Dottie & Bob Fleck | 22. Becky Kastli /
Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel |
| 2. Barbara Wilson /
Esther & Joe Alford | 12. Mary Flowers /
Frank Gates | 23. Jonathan Kimbrel Family /
Clay Knight |
| 3. John Averett Family /
Dresa Barfield | 13. Montez Golden /
Mildred Guilford | 24. Richard Leath /
Alva Martin |
| 4. Vymelle Bateman /
Vicki Bennett Family | 14. Bonnie Hall /
Peggy Hall | 25. Sally & Mike Mayo /
Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill |
| 5. Mary Margaret & Bob Barsch /
Connie & Alton Carpenter | 15. Pam & Ronnie Hand /
Louise & Sonny Harrison | 26. Marc McCaskill Family /
Michael McCaskill Family |
| 6. Betty Ann Cayson /
Ron Copeland Family | 16. Norah Handley /
Eileen Hatch | 27. Danita & Glen McClellan /
Hentz McClellan Family |
| 7. Finlay Corbin Family /
Jimmy Cox Family | 17. Brooks Hayes Family /
Cheri & Quentin Henderson | 28. Kyle McClellan Family /
Heath McClellan Family |
| 8. Gina & Tyler Cox /
Jessie Doyal | 18. Mark Herndon Family /
Jackie & David House | 29. Helen McCowen /
Sharon & Henry McCrone |
| 9. Ashley & Joe Durden /
Kebly Durham | 19. Owen House /
Nick Hughes Family | 30. Perry McGhee Family /
Phyllis & Frank Miller |
| 10. Debbie & Tommy Edwards /
Peck Eldridge | 20. Laurie James Family /
Sandra & Jim Jines | 31. Brenda Parrish /
Gary Parrish |
| 11. Gale & Joe Ferguson / | 21. Kinsey & Seth Jones /
Billy Jordan Family | |