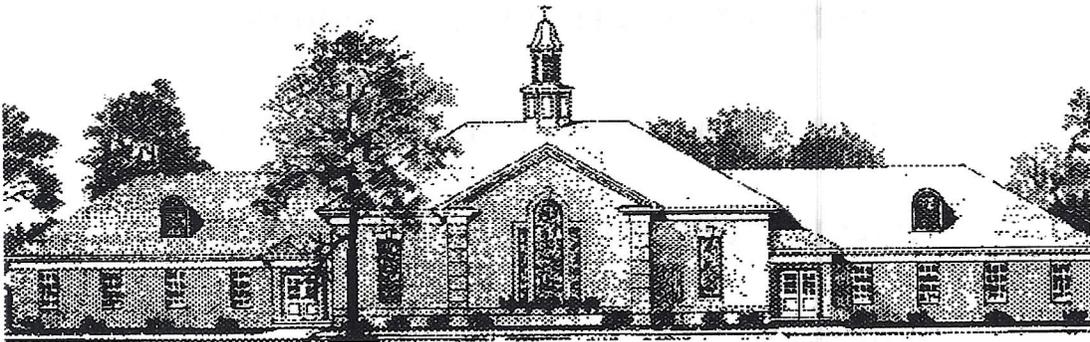


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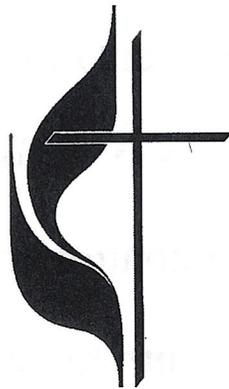
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OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

A Lenten Reflection

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON:

Give up complaining-focus on gratitude.

Give up pessimism-become an optimist.

Give up harsh judgments-think kindly thoughts.

Give up worry-trust Divine Providence.

Give up discouragement-be full of hope.

Give up bitterness-turn to forgiveness.

Give up hatred-return good for evil.

Give up negativism-be positive.

Give up anger-be more patient.

Give up pettiness-become mature.

Give up gloom--enjoy the beauty that is all around you.

Give up jealousy-pray for trust.

Give up gossiping-control your tongue.

Give up sin-turn to virtue.

Give up giving up-HANG IN THERE!



From The Pastor's Desk.....

Do You Tremble?

Luke 20:2 "Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?" (NRSV)

Do you sense the tension in these questions? "By what authority...who gave you this authority?" These words follow Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when crowds welcomed him with palm branches. Suddenly, the Jesus movement was not a distant, fringe gathering; it had entered the heart of the city. Matthew's gospel even uses the word "turmoil" (21:10) to describe the atmosphere: a sense of upheaval and agitation, a city trembling with anticipation and uncertainty.

Can you hear the tremble in Matthew and Luke's accounts? If you look closely, you'll notice two kinds of trembling. The first is the fear gripping the religious leaders who questioned Jesus with "by what and who gave you this authority." They are trembling because they are unsure what to make of him, what to do with him. He entered as a king, challenged their authority, claimed the temple as his own, and overturned the money changers' tables. When he returned the next day to teach, his presence upended business, religion, and politics in a matter of days. Their fear was not only for their own status, but for the well-being of their people, who could suffer if Jesus was not truly who he claimed to be.

While the leaders trembled in fear, the followers of Christ trembled with expectancy. Their devotion was wholehearted. They laid down garments and palm branches before Jesus, offering him a royal welcome. They had felt the power of his healing, his presence, and his teaching. Eager to be part of the new thing God was doing, they cared little for the potential cost. They believed God sent Jesus to shake the very foundations of the earth, to heal their brokenness, and to bring them closer to God than they had ever imagined.

But the trembling we encounter in life and in this scripture is not simply one or the other; it's both. As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we meet both kinds of trembling at the cross. The good news is that only one, the trembling of fear, remains in the tomb.

The other that walks out as hope that is and is to come, the promise that the words Jesus taught and the life he promised them would come true. An expectant hope we can live and claim, as Paul wrote to the Galatians,

"I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:19-20).

So, may we ask ourselves as we begin the season of Lent, what makes me tremble?

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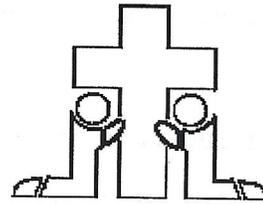
THIS 'N THAT.....

PRAYER LIST

Dot Luper
The family of Bill Adair
Myra Williams
Walt Liebscher
Brenda Stanley
Bill & Callie Nugent
Jennifer Nugent
John Craft
Gena Howard
Lenny McLaughlin
Loretta McClain
Rev. Ken Eller
Robin Barefoot

Bob & Linda Ellerbe
Peggy Brookshire
Paul Thompson
Libby Bibb
Bill Williams
Wendy Armstrong
Karen & Norris Griffin
Allene Gaither
Trudy Jones
JoeAnn Ogburn
Sandra Miles
Scott Todd
Jason Jones
Larry Tate
Cole Stephens

Our Youth
Our church
Our community
Our Nation & World



HARMONY GROVE FINANCIAL RECAP

Truist Checking **\$17,638**

Truist Building Checking **\$15,005**

Truist Designated Savings **\$21,077**

UMF Building **\$179,501**

UMF Parsonage **\$139,104**

Scholarship **\$40,671**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

March 3 Donovan Allen
March 5 Ava Dohn
March 6 Curt Craft
March 7 Sydney Marpoe
March 8 Allene Gaither
Bill Williams
March 12 Chris & Christy Ogburn
Keith Allen
March 13 Sandra Miles
March 14 Susan Bennett
Reggie Willard
March 15 Adam Mendenhall
March 16 Darby Allen
March 20 Matthew Bullard
March 21 Patrick & Gail Welch
March 24 Chad Jones
March 26 Libby Bibb
Noelle Stanley Wolfe
March 28 Matt Carver
March 31 Jason Cutright
March 31 Rachel Harper

EVENTS

March 1 7 cans for 7 Sundays
March 3 1pm Lenten Bible Study
March 4 11am Community Lenten
Services

March 4 4:30 Choir Practice
March 8 7 Cans for 7 Sundays
March 8 12:00pm Youth meeting
March 10 1pm Lenten Bible Study
March 11 11am Community Lenten
Service
March 11 3-4:30 pm Drive Thru prayer
March 11 4:30pm Choir practice
March 14 9am – 1:30pm Community
Blood Drive @ Shiloh
Lutheran Church
March 15 7 cans for 7 Sundays
March 17 1pm Lenten Bible Study
March 18 11am Community Lenten
Service
March 18 4:30pm Choir practice
March 22 7 Cans for 7 Sundays
March 22 12:00pm Youth meeting
March 24 1pm Lenten Bible Study
March 25 11am Community Lenten
Service
March 25 4:30pm Choir practice
March 28 1-3pm Easter Egg hunt
March 29 7 cans for 7 Sundays
March 31 1pm Lenten Bible Study

FUN & GAMES.....

Wordsearch G42 - Beatitudes

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch G42

Matt.4:23-5.8

Beatitudes

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BLESSED EARTH
 BROUGHT FILLED
 CROWDS GOD
 DISCIPLES HEART
 DISEASES JESUS
 GALILEE JORDAN
 HEALED JUDEA
 HEAVEN MEEK
 HUNGER MERCY
 INHERIT MOURN
 KINGDOM PAIN
 MERCIFUL POOR
 PREACHING PEOPLE
 SEIZURES PURE
 SICKNESS REGION
 SPREAD SPIRIT
 SUFFERING SYRIA
 TEACHING SEVERE

JERUSALEM

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FUN & GAMES.....

Wordsearch G43 - Beatitudes 2

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Wordsearch G43

Matt.5:9-19

Beatitudes2

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BREAKS	ABOLISH
CALLED	BLESSED
DEEDS	COMMANDS
FULFILL	DISAPPEAR
GIVES	FALSELY
GLAD	FATHER
GREAT	HEAVEN
INSULT	HIDDEN
LAMP	KINGDOM
LEAST	LONGER
LETTER	NEITHER
LIGHT	PROPHETS
PEOPLE	REJOICE
PRAISE	REWARD
SALTY	SMALLEST
SHINE	TEACHES
TRUTH	THROWN
WORLD	TRAMPLED

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7 cans for 7 Sundays

We are suggesting that you utilize the schedule of non-perishable foods for donations shown below so that we don't end up collecting a lot of the same items for the entire time frame of the event.

- 1st Sunday (Feb. 22)- boxed pastas and rice- suggestions include mac & cheese, Suddenly Salad, Hamburger Helper, Pasta Roni, Kraft Spaghetti Dinner, Minute Rice, Rice A Roni, any type of boxed noodles.
- 2nd and 3rd Sunday (Mar. 1 and Mar. 8)- canned meats- suggestions include tuna, chicken, chili, stew, chicken/dumplings, spaghetti, ravioli.
- 4th Sunday (Mar. 15)- canned soups or ramen noodles.
- 5th Sunday (Mar. 22)- canned fruit.
- 6th Sunday (Mar. 29- Palm Sunday)- canned vegetables- focus on green beans, corn, potatoes.
- 7th Sunday (Apr. 5- Easter Sunday)- canned vegetables- focus on peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, other bean varieties.

Our goal would be to have at least 125 items donated each Sunday/week during this food drive (total of 875 items for the entirety of this event). We can easily attain this goal if everyone could donate just 2 items per week for the next 7 weeks.

Thank you for supporting this event that is helping to address hunger and food insecurity for those that are less fortunate and in need in our immediate community.

Donation Request

Fellowship Hall Appliances

The appliances for the new fellowship hall have arrived. The costs of these appliances were not included in the construction costs, and we are asking for donations to help offset these expenses. The appliances purchased are as follows:

- Two Free-Standing Ranges (one electric and one gas)
- Dishwasher
- Upright Freezer
- Food Warmer 5-Tier
- Commercial Ice Maker
- Stacked Washer & Dryer

The total costs for the appliances are \$6024.14

If you would like to contribute towards these expenses, you can make a donation and note "appliances" on your check/envelope.

Thank you for your assistance,

Joel Williams

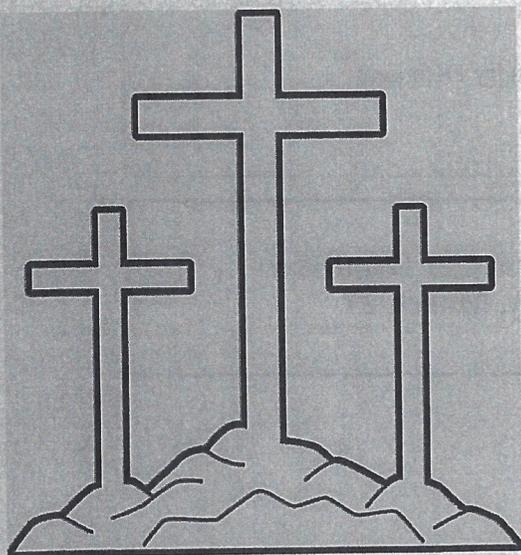
You're Invited to **Lewisville Lenten Services**

Where: Harmony Grove United Methodist Church
5041 Styers Ferry Road

When: March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, & March 25th
Worship Service: 11:00-11:45am
Fellowship/Light Refreshments: 11:45-Noon

Sponsored by: Sharon United Methodist Church, Harmony Grove United Methodist Church, Lewisville United Methodist Church, New Hope AME Zion Church, and Lewisville Baptist Church.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Lewisville Community Assistance Program



"Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you."

Psalm 51:10-12

Harmony Grove UMC
5041 Styers Ferry Road
Lewisville, NC 27023
Phone: 712-0057
Church Email: harmonychurch@bellsouth.net

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Eric Hurd
Chairperson of Vision Quest Team
John Craft
Lay Leader
Norris Griffin
Chairperson of Evangelism
Carole Rosenbaum
Chairperson of Outreach
Donna Ireland
Administrative Assistant

March Outreach Needs

Prison Ministries - Soap, bath size

Samaritan Ministries – Lysol All purpose spray,
Paper towels, sugar

Church- School partnership – Underwear (children's
sizes), sweat pants (children's sizes)

LCAP– Cream of chicken soup, chicken broth, beef broth,
tomato soup, brownie mix

Bethlehem Center—Laundry Detergent

**April Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, March 27**