

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden, Pastor

# The Visitor

Early Church – 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:50 a.m.

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**February 9, 2017**



Lynn Yates, Family of Patsy Gill, Ann Moss, Louise Mercer, Kelly Johnson, Max Britt, Deborah Clifton's husband, Mike Hawks, Stacey Homra, Cynthia Smith, Jerry Lacewell, Robert Barclay, Peggy & Kenneth Crews, 3-in-1 Children, Parents, & Volunteers, Joe Pete Mann, Pearl Mann Thompson, Pastor & Church, Ronnie, Jim Ketterman, Barbara Ann Rumley, Susan Parr, Kim Murray, Bubba Grooms, Marilyn Stokes, Holden & Kari McConnell & baby, Greg & Debbie Williams, Phil Clifton, Ken Wade, Rick & Elaine Hawes, Michael Mulhearn, Elaine & Bruce Satzman

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Nursery

Feb 12 Susanna Whitesell  
Feb 19 Carmen Barclay  
Feb 26 Amy Barclay  
Mar 5 Kelly Barnes

### Children's Church

Feb 12 Nancy McConnell  
Feb 19 John & Katie Parr  
Feb 26 Greg & Carmen Barclay  
Mar 5 Dave & Amy Barclay

### Acolytes

Feb 12 Avery Nanney  
Feb 19 Caroline Barclay  
Feb 26 Jentry McConnell  
Mar 5 Myranda Parr

### Wednesday Night Volunteer

Feb 15 Susan Rushing  
Feb 22 Brenda Mahan  
Mar 1 Julie Riddell  
Mar 8 Linda Barclay

## Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals are well under way!  
The meal begins at 5:30pm. Bible study for all ages follows the meal each week. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, under age 4 is free. (\$20 cap for families)

### The menu is:

February 15 **Lambert's Night. Fried Chicken, Pass Around Side Dishes, and Thrown Rolls**  
February 22 **Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert**

## Electronic Waste Recycle Program

The United Methodist Men (UMM) will accept "E-Waste" on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 am. The types of scrap being accepted for recycling include: Computers, Flat Screen Monitors, Printers, Other Computer Accessories, Cellphones, and Smartphones. The rules imposed upon us by the recycler state that CRT (tube type) Monitors will be accepted for a \$5 charge each. Old televisions WILL NOT be accepted for recycle. The UMM organization offers this as a service to the general community and we encourage your participation!

## United Methodist Women

The UMW are not meeting in February.

## United Methodist Men

The UMM meet again March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

## UMYF

The UMYF Mystery Trip is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

# Happy Birthday!

## February

Tim Grubbs	Sara Gossum
Abigail Reese Nanney	GINNA SIMPSON
Ryan Mullins	Caden Mullins
Jacob Crittendon	Glen F. Ivey
Margaret Lynn Yates	Shirley Branch
Brenda Mahan	Bill Fossett
Betsy West	Robin Whitesell
Marvin Lynch	Rita Pirtle

Dr. Bill Smith

# Announcements

The code to the office door has changed. For everyone who has the code: It is the old code MINUS the last number.

There is a problem with doors being left unlocked at the Church on different days of the week. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure the doors are locked after activity in the Church. Please work together to resolve this issue.

When you exit the push bar doors (atrium and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) please double check that the door is secured. They are not latching.

On Wednesday nights, choir practice starts at 7:00 pm and the atrium doors need to be unlocked so they can get in. The choir will then be responsible for locking the door after practice.

## Mark Your Calendars

*Ash Wednesday Service*, March 1 at 6:15 p.m.  
All-age worship to begin Lent.

*Thursday Lenten Breakfast Gathering at 6:30 a.m.* Prayer, fellowship, and Book discussion. Join us for a light breakfast and book discussion of Cross-Shattered Christ. Breakfast gathering begins March 2.

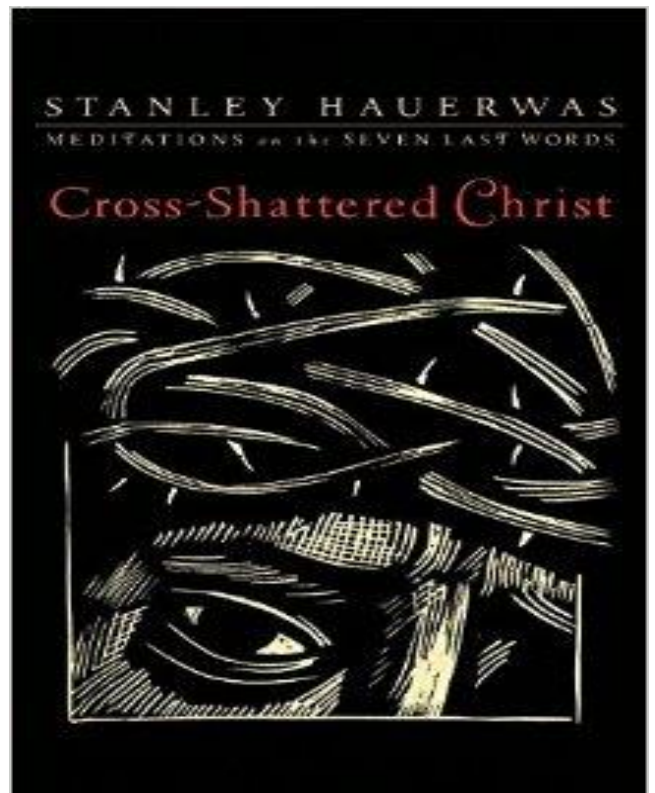
*Wednesdays following Fellowship Dinner, 6:15 p.m.* Lenten focus on Jesus' last seven words from the cross. Study begins March 8.

## Welcome



Mike Grissom is the new custodian here at FUMC and the Willingham Center. He is part-time and is here in the morning hours Monday-Friday. Mike is married to Tina and has three grown children-2 daughters and a son. He worked for the railroad for 11 years. Tina is a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Union City School. Mike grew up in this area, on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. If you see Mike, please give him a warm welcome!

## From The Pastor's Desk



### Invitation to Lenten Reading

Each Lent I adopt the tradition of prayer, fasting, and service. Yet I've discovered in recent years the importance of books and music to reinforce my Lenten discipline. This Lent I am inviting everyone to join me in reading and studying the last seven words of Christ from the cross. We will also center some discipline reflecting on Stanley Hauerwas' *Cross-Shattered Christ: Meditations on the Seven Last Words*.

If you are interested you can sign up to receive a copy of the book at a cost of \$10. Read the book and then join us at Wednesdays Fellowship Nights and /or Thursdays Lenten Breakfast gatherings to discuss. Both gatherings will also use music and prayer to center us even deeper into Christ's final words. Let me or Ashlee at the church office know you would like a book.

*-Pastor Nancy*

### What is Lent?

Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God.

**When is Lent?** It's the forty days before Easter. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. Basically, it's about one-tenth of a year (like a tithe of time). Mardi Gras is the day before Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday. This year it's from March 1 (Ash Wednesday) to April 16 (Easter), 2017.

**Why Lenten Disciplines?** The most important rule of any Lenten discipline a rule that is consistently repeated throughout the church fathers: let each one take on what they are able to do. It is much better to take a smaller discipline that you can keep for 40 days than aspire to a lofty goal that you abandon the second week of Lent. Any fast you devote with wholeness of heart unto the Lord will be a fast pleasing to Him.