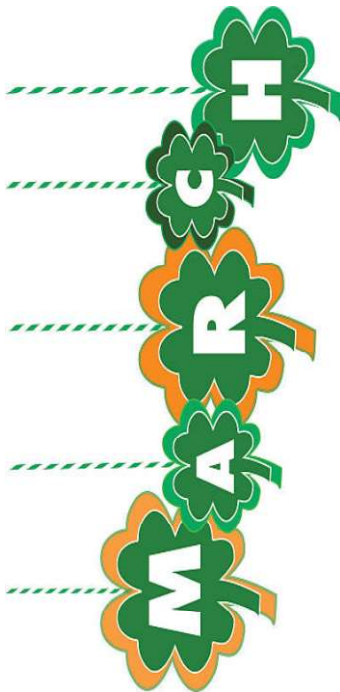




March

General Board meeting will be on the 8th at 6:00 PM.



A Word from Reverend Randal...

Well, so far, I have been lucky. I would like to say that I have been good, but I will have to settle for lucky. Ever since the church season of Lent has begun, I have tried to do without sweets.

Luck has come in when I was about to order a wonderful dessert or some sweet treat, and luckily, I would hear someone mention Easter or Lent. It would get me out of the dessert trance and keep me from breaking my Lenten discipline. This even happened once when I overheard a comment about lint in the dryer.

Of course, it would not matter in the whole scheme of things if I didn't remember until it was too late and had taken a bite. It wouldn't matter in the long run if I would eat some dessert or sweet after remembering I had decided to go without. It would only matter to me.

I would feel sad that I could not even get through 40 days of doing without something sweet to eat. This is such a small thing and yet even for that small thing I was not faithful. I was unable to keep the discipline for the

Lenten season.

When I compare such a small thing with all that Jesus went through as he went up to Jerusalem. Jesus knew all that time that Jerusalem was to be the place where he would die a horrible death for us. I feel the depths of just how lacking I am.

Then, thank God, I remember that I have been forgiven. Even before I sin, the mechanism for my forgiveness is in place. Christ has borne our sin and given us forgiveness.

Sometimes, after I have done something wrong, sin can feel as if it is too big or too bad to be forgiven. Then I remember God forgives me even when I am not able or maybe willing to forgive myself.

Joy upon joy all of our sins are forgiven. We are to be a part of the resurrection and will dwell with the Lord forever.

Share the fear, doubt and sorrow of Jesus through this time of Lent, then the joy of the resurrection and life eternal will be even more full and real.

Blessings,  
Rev. Randal

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries



### BIRTHDAY

- 1- Zoe Dryer  
Roberta Reed
- 2- Carol Schupp
- 4- Amber Kueker  
Andy Rugen
- 5- Sawyer Asbury
- 6- Shirley Kueker
- 7- Vickie Wise
- 10- Steve Green
- 12- Jeanette Root
- 14- Beth LaGore
- 16- Zach Gaba
- 18- Peyton Marshall  
Kelsea Milliron
- 22- Alice Barnes

- 22- Ryleigh Halsey  
Lori Layton
- 25- Josh Hundley  
Kyle Naylor
- 26- Rhiannon Bowlen  
David VanHorn
- 28- Doyne Alexander  
Mark Harvey
- 30- Jacob Uhrig
- 31- Charles Bentley



- 2- Drew & Shirley Jackson
- 3- Fred & Jane Hartley
- 6- Jeff & Christy Coslet
- 20- Jim & Stacey Smith
- 21- Bobby & Terry Cobb
- 25- Dan & Cindy Brandt  
Jeff & Missie Kriesel

A BIG THANK YOU...to the Church for allowing us to store the cereal, put up a "total board" in the parking lot, and giving so generously to the Cereal Run. There is no success for projects like this without people who are willing to give of their time and efforts...you are each appreciated.

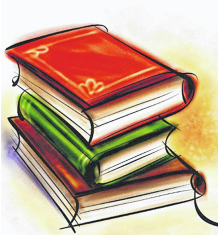






# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Church Ladies Luncheon— Bloomfield's 11:00	3	4
5	6	7	8 General Board meeting @ 6:00	9 Praise Band rehearsal @ 7:00	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Praise Band rehearsal @ 7:00	17	18
19	20	21 CWF group meeting	22	23 Praise Band rehearsal @ 7:00	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Praise Band rehearsal @7:00	31	



From the Library- Parents please help your child to turn in the book lists. REWARDS ARE WAITING! Three children have read 10 books each, and one child has read 20!

To Alice Barnes' 90th birthday celebration! Join the family March 19th from 2-4 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. No gifts please.



### Upcoming Special Services:

- April 2– Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 am  
Dinner and an Easter Egg Hunt To follow service
- April 6– Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm
- April 9– Sunrise Service at 6:30 am  
Easter Service at 10:00





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