



Plattville United Methodist Church
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From the Pastor's Pen:

Did you ever wonder why we mark ourselves with ashes at the beginning of Lent? It is a reminder that someday our life on earth will come to an end. For some people, the idea of death is so scary that they don't want to think about it at all. But for Christians, death is the gateway to eternal life with Jesus, thanks to his saving death on the cross, and His resurrection on Easter.

At the beginning of Lent, we remember that the Holy Spirit and the promise of salvation have been given to us, and we ask ourselves, "How are we living differently because of that Gift?"

The Lenten Spirit is one of:

1. CHANGE 2. REPENTANCE 3. REORGANIZING PRIORITIES

During this Lenten Season, we are to rise above the doubts and difficulties that come into our lives! Lent is sometimes compared to a desert, a time Christians have traditionally given over to 40 days in a combination of prayer; serving the needy, and fasting in order to draw closer to god. Like the time Jesus himself spent in the wilds of Judea as he confronted Satan at the beginning on his ministry, Lent gives us an opportunity to think about the Holy Scriptures so we can better understand the gift of salvation and the meaning of our baptism.

Lent gives us the chance to receive the "living water" Jesus offered the Samaritan Woman at the well in the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. Each time we gather as family to pray with scripture, living water gushes up within us to refresh our drooping spirits. And where is water more valuable than in a desert?

In Luke 9:25, Jesus asks us a very serious question to help us think about how we are living our lives. We can spend a lot of time trying to have more and more, a bigger share of what the world has to offer---money, a beautiful place to live, fabulous vacations and more. While there is nothing wrong with having and enjoying the good things, if we "lose ourselves" in the process, that's not a good thing. What does Jesus mean when He says "lose ourselves"? Jesus has a simple message for us: it is possible to go off track to lose ourselves in the quest for the things of the world unless we stay rooted in Jesus, in the gospel, and in the church.

Lord Jesus draw us near to You each day. You gave Your Life for us on the cross.
 Help us to give our lives for You this Lenten season and for always.
 God bless each of you, Pastor Terry

CALENDAR

March

- 1 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service – Communion
- 11:00 am Church Council meeting
- 8 Time Change – Spring ahead
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 7:00 pm KC PADS
- 15 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 22 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- Soup Sales
- 29 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship Service – Praise Band



PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Clara McLaughlin | Pastor Terry | Aletha Collins |
| Dorothy Cooper family | Doris Gabel | Elyse Southcomb |
| Dan Thur | Bonnie Gunterman | family of Glen Renner |
| Tim & Sandi Moran | safe travels for Dave & Missy Smith | |
| Bill Davis family | Our country's leaders | Military troops |

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

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| 1 Mary Thur | 17 Robert Hamilton |
| 1 Tripp Ashton | 19 Jolene Howell |
| 2 Sue Mueller | 20 JW Ashton |
| 3 Megan Breen | 23 Megan Friel |
| 4 Josh Cooper | 23 Dave Smith |
| 8 Savannah Southcombe | 26 Mark Hamilton |
| 8 Aletha Collins | 27 Ed Leifheit |



8 Cyndie Plante
10 Bill Ashton
11 Debbie Stadel

30 Sue Hamilton
31 Rachel Eaton

NEEDS

In March our Change for Mission collection will go **Compassionate Friends** organization to support their newsletter ministry with those parents whose children have passed.

We will be serving the evening meal at **Kendall County PADS** on March 8. If you can provide food contact Debbie Stadel.

Soupy Sales will be distributed Sunday, March 22. If you would like to make soup Beef, Chicken or Cream please contact Sherry Stewart soon. Once we have soup makers, we will have sign up for those who want to reserve a quart of soup for a minimum \$7 donation.

We enjoyed celebrating Carolyn Wildy's 90th birthday with her family.



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