



2nd
Sunday
in
Lent

Smithville United Methodist Church

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Smithville, MO 64089

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Celebrating Life through Divine Worship

Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 am, March 20, 2011

The time of centering: Now the time of reflection and stillness is upon us. Now is the season for inward searching. Close your eyes. Be still. Listen. We are entering a holy time, the time of Lent. We are journeying to the sacred center of our faith. We are entering the depths of our own hearts. At the center of our faith, in the depth of our hearts, God is waiting for us, reaching out to us, inviting us to leave ordinary time and to follow him along the journey that brought Jesus to the Cross. God is calling you. Listen.

PRELUDE

Worship begins with the playing of music

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

INVOCATION

Most Holy and Gracious God - you who are the wind that brings new life and the breath that sustains us - blow upon this day. Inspire the words we hear and speak and sing. Sweep away the dullness of our minds that we may know you more fully. Clear our hearts of those things that clutter them that we may love you more deeply. Banish from our wills any weakness that prevents us from doing your will. Amen.

WELCOME

Education Moment

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

“Spirit of the Living God” 393

“On Eagle’s Wings” 143

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Welcome, travelers, to the journey of faith.

PEOPLE: **The faith journey is the best route through the land called life.**

LEADER: Then come and continue the quest, acting out your faith by living life to the fullest.

PEOPLE: **We will let our spirits soar like eagles;**

LEADER: Taking a deep breath we will stretch ourselves to the limit like fully inflated balloons, colorful, hopeful, ready to sail and to soar,

PEOPLE: **And to drink in the world’s color, absorbing in light and texture, inhaling its fragrance, dancing to its music.**

ALL: **The God of new beginnings, of new birth, has called us to this place. We celebrate the new life that is ours as God’s faithful people. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adult Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TIME OF PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

OUR DISCIPLESHIP OF GIVING

Offering

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"I Surrender All" 354

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

John 3:1-17

MEDITATION

Blessings along the Journey: Birth
Pastor Kathy

Harmon

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the hope that is our through your love. We thank you that you forgive us and give us power to begin anew. Therefore we pray that you will come to us and touch those secret places in our lives that we most need to change. Tear down the barriers that keep us from loving others. Root out all violence from our lives. Free us from dependency on any person or thing or substance, that we may place our full trust in you. Instill us with discipline to establish new habits. Prune away the dead leaves of our lives; through your creative power, may new shoots come forth from the barren stem. Bring new life within us. Amen.

***HYMN FOR GOING FORTH "Breath on me Breath of God" 420**

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

God gives life. God renews life, God is life. Celebrate the life within you and let it overflow to enliven the world. May you be in a continual process of rebirth. May the peace of God dwell within the week and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able when indicated by an asterisk**

Please pray for: Lou Petersen, Carol White, Barb Kravec, Marilyn Phopheter, Marie Allard, Jackie Murphy (niece of Debbie Shoaf) and for all the people that are having medical or surgical worries.

The memorial book is opened in loving memory of Violet Myers
Altar flowers in memory of Brad Welch by Gene & Sandy Littrell

USHERS THIS WEEK

Ushers for today, March 13th are: Ron, Bev, Cassie and Molly McClellan, Jacob Crider and Megan Warring



***Bridal Shower
for
Jessica Johnson
(preschool teacher)***

Monday, March 28th at 4:00 pm

Smithville United Methodist Church

***Jessica is registered at Target,
Bed, Bath and Beyond and
Macy's (dishes only)***

***R.S.V.P. by March 21st
816-532-3200***





"JOURNEY BLESSINGS"

**Starting Wednesday, March 16th
5:45 to 7:00 pm**

March 16th - Bread

March 23rd - Birth

March 30th - Water

April 6th - Sight

April 13th - Tears

April 20th - Perseverance

**Come enjoy a meal, fellowship
and study**

Soup providers will be:

March 16th - Missions Chair & Lay Leader

March 23rd - Corner Stone Class

March 30th - Genesis Class

April 6th - Youth

April 13th - UMW & Tuesday Study Group

April 20th - UMM

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

They have had many requests for food from the pantry recently. Please help fill the shelves with the following items: Diapers, baby formula, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, chunky soup, pork & beans, Jell-O (diabetic and regular), canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, etc), stew and canned pasta i.e. ravioli.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 20

11:30 am Education Meeting
 3:30 pm Boy Scouts
 4:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
 4:00 pm Youth Council Meeting
 5:30 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 am Coffee w/"Walt & Wayne"
 9:00 am Study Group
 5:30 pm Preschool Steering Meeting
 7:00 pm Scout Pack Meeting

Wednesday, March 23

10:00 am Art Class
 5:00 pm Den #4
 5:45 pm Lenten Bible Study
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 24

9:00 am Crochet/Knit

Friday, March 25

1:00 pm Quilting

Saturday, March 26

1:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Sunday, March 27

3:30 pm Boy Scouts
 4:00 pm Ad Council Meeting
 5:30 pm Youth Group



March 13

General Fund - \$2219.75
Debt Reduction - \$625.00
Attendance - 81

EMAIL ADDRESSES, HOME ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

If you have an email address or a change of email address, change of home address or phone number change and the office does not have it will you please leave it in the office. We will be doing a lot more communication by email. Thanks for your cooperation.



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Custodian: Leo Gaffey
Preschool Teachers: Jessica Johnson,
Kim Frick & Amy Simoncic
Altar Flowers: Lu Darr