



The Ivy Vine

February 2017



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united and uniting

Our church, the United Church of Christ, is a unique church and a wonderful church. Yes, we are unusual; we are distinctive. The UCC is a creedal church—that is, we are a church which affirms others' beliefs.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the birth of the United Church of Christ. Our fascinating, peculiar denomination came into being June 25, 1957. We celebrate that the United Church of Christ can be anyone's church. We seek to be a **united and uniting** church. In 1987, United Theological Seminary Professor, the Rev. Dr. Louis H. Gunnemann, praised the UCC for aspiring to ever-fresh, loving perspectives in his book **United and Uniting**.

On January 18, 2017, the UCC released an important, new video entitled **Trading Places**.

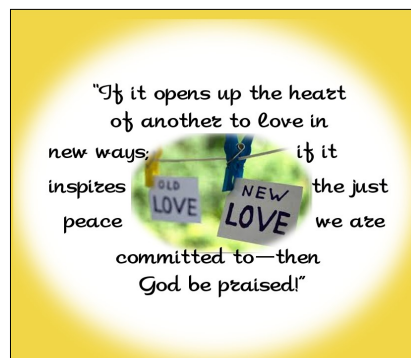
Here is a partial transcript: "The message for today is about faith in God. Our beliefs are brought to life through love and compassion for our neighbor, peace and kindness. It is our commitment to the Ten Commandments...the importance of marriage and the family...that we demonstrate our love for God, through sacrifice and prayer, and we heed the call for charity and social justice."

Each faith is unique and wonderful in its own way.

But what unites us is greater than what divides us.

As our Savior invites, "Come and see." You need to see **Trading Places** for yourself. This video will touch your mind and your heart. Please take a look.
<http://tradingplacesucc.org/#our-works>

In his message introducing this video, the Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, writes, "*We want difference to be perceived as beauty and not as threat... This video is intended to tell the world who we are in the United Church of Christ and what we dream of. If you care about interfaith understanding and building a world free of religious intolerance, you will share this message... If it opens up the heart of another to love in new ways; if it inspires the just peace we are committed to—then God be praised!*"



In coming days, beloved companions, may you and I respond to this invitation. God's world is a good place. All human beings are children of God. Differences are beautiful, and diversity is strength.

Let's strive to live out this visionary prayer written by Marianne Williamson

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(Illuminata: A Return to Prayer, 1994):

Dear God,

Thank You for this new day, its beauty and its light.

Thank You for my chance to begin again.

Free me from the limitations of yesterday.

Today may I be reborn.

May I become more fully a reflection of Your radiance.

Give me strength and compassion and courage and wisdom.

Show me the light in myself and others.

May I recognize the good that is available everywhere.

May I be, this day, an instrument of love and healing.

Lead me into gentle pastures.

Give me deep peace that I might serve You most deeply.

Amen

Come alive, O child of God.

Each faith is unique and wonderful. What unites is greater than what divides.

Purely by the grace of God, do any become united and uniting.

Begin now. Call on God's grace.

Love,

Pastor Dan

Lenten Offering

We praise God that people of Ivy Chapel UCC congregation are exceptionally generous with time, talent and money. Our Church Council and Christian Action Board will be introducing a new giving opportunity for our congregation during the upcoming 2017 Lenten Season. This new outreach opportunity grows out of a concept shared with us at Ivy Chapel's 2016 Stewardship Dessert by Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister.

There are community service organizations doing highly meaningful work which receive little publicity. The idea is for Ivy Chapel UCC to support this type of unsung, deserving organization. Special offering envelopes will be provided for us to offer a gift each Sunday. Please place cash or a check in one of these envelopes and put the envelope in an offering plate. All of these gifts, large or small, will be given with love to a deserving organization, group or individual who is providing meaningful community outreach. More information will be coming soon as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten Season.

Our Christian Action Board and our Council have

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Council News

We still need to fill a few key positions on Ivy Chapel's Council and Committees. The Christian Education Board and Fellowship Committee need Council representation, and the Stewardship Committee needs two more members. Ivy Chapel has always stepped up to serve the community; perhaps it is time to ask yourself how you might serve Ivy Chapel this year. I ask you to prayerfully consider if you can fill one of these positions. Please contact, or speak with either Annie Sampath, Vice Moderator, or Jo Ann Moody, Moderator, if you are interested in serving our congregation in one of these positions, or would like additional information.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

February 18, 2017

Please save the date—and share it with friends, neighbors and family! We also will need lots of volunteers to help on February 17 and 18 to set up, cook, serve and clean up. Sign-up sheets for those jobs will be in Fellowship Hall. Call Gail Thoele (314-576-0091) or Pat Winship (636-394-5991) with any questions.

More Ways to Help with the Dinner:

Donate Raffle Items

This year there is going to be a raffle at the Spaghetti Dinner. The committee would like to have about 10 or more items, donated by the congregation. A few examples might be Dierbergs gift cards, restaurant gift cards, homemade gift baskets, gift certificates for yard work, etc.



It's Not Dinner without Dessert...

We are also planning to serve homemade brownies and pies as dessert at the dinner on February 18th. We need 10 batches of brownies, in 9 by 13 pans. **The brownies and pies need to be brought to church on Friday, February 17th.** We are asking that the brownies be uncut, so they will stay fresher and can be cut uniformly. No icing please!

Look for the sign-up sheets in fellowship hall. There are many ways to help.

And finally...

If you know of any way to help us offset any of the costs of food or supplies, please contact Gail Thoele (314-576-0091 or gtholo@sbcglobal.net) or Pat Winship (636-394-5991 or p_winship@hotmail.com).



Ivy Youth In Action February 5, 2017

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Matthew 25:35

¹¹John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11

On Sunday, February 5, following worship our youth will be standing near the doors at the rear of the sanctuary holding soup pots for your donations to **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** - the nationwide effort to help the hungry. Cash donations as well as donations of non perishable food items are welcome. The youth of Ivy Chapel will use these donations during our World Vision Famine lock-in to purchase needed items for Joint Neighborhood Ministries and Circle of Concern.



¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 1 John 3:17



All Church Bowling – February 12!!!!

*The Youth of Ivy are again sponsoring our annual **ALL CHURCH BOWLING ACTIVITY** on February 12 following worship!!*

***All** of the people of Ivy Chapel UCC (Pre-K through adult!) are invited to attend this fun fellowship time together. In the past we've had quite a few adults come along, so feel free to join the fun! Bring money for lunch at the bowling alley or eat before you come. Times and prices will be printed in the IYIA purple sheet in the Sunday bulletin.*



THE 11TH ANNUAL UNDIE SUNDAY!! – February 26

Can you believe it! It's the 11th anniversary of one of our favorite offering opportunities! Eleven Undie Sundays – eleven opportunities to give kids the gift of something we often take for granted.

Remember how great it feels to get brand new underwear? It's like having a whole new start! Ivy Chapel UCC youth, in conjunction with the Christian Action Board, are once again sponsoring "Undie Sunday". We are collecting new underwear (kids' sizes), socks and undershirts beginning February 12 through February 26. The underwear will be donated to Joint Neighborhood Ministries to be given to children in need. Look in the Narthex for the sign and deposit your packages of new underwear in the basket! Or if you would prefer to make a cash donation, we can do the shopping for you! Just see Linda Lowry.

ARK/ALPHA-OMEGA YOUTH WORLD VISION FAMINE EVENT

Friday, February 24 & Saturday, February 25



Youth in grades 6 – 12 will meet at Jimmy John's on Olive on Friday, February 24 at 5:30 - bring \$\$ for supper. We will eat together, and then go shopping at Aldi's with our Souper Bowl of Caring offerings. Then we will come back to Ivy Chapel to take part in "famine-related" activities and have some fun. On Saturday morning, February 25, we will meet back at Ivy Chapel at 8:00 and participate in a service related activity. Watch for more information coming soon.

Additional adults are needed to help chaperone these activities. Contact Linda Lowry.

Please let me know if you will be attending the famine activities! And bring your Souper Bowl of Caring or World Vision t-shirts (or any "faith-based" t-shirts) if you have them! We will wear them for shopping and the service activity!

CONFERENCE YOUTH EVENT – 2017 February 18 - 20 at Camp MoVal

Calling All Youth grades 9 – 12! If you are interested in attending this year's Conference Youth Event please let Linda Lowry know ASAP!! Adult sponsors will be needed if there are youth interested in attending this inspiring and fun youth retreat!

\$50 deposit and registration are due now.

See Linda Lowry and the Youth Bulletin Board for more information.



Looking Ahead to March:



LENTEN CANNED FOOD OFFERING

March 5 – April 16

We "can" help feed the hungry.

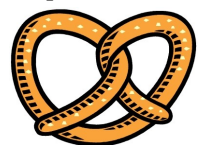
Thanks for the wonderful response we have had in the past several years during our Lenten Food Drive. The youth of Ivy Chapel and the Christian Action Board are sponsoring our 4th Annual Lenten Canned Food drive during the weeks leading up to Easter. Let's help fill the shelves this Lent. During the Sundays in Lent we will be collecting canned goods for Circle of Concern and Joint Neighborhood Ministries. Watch for more information coming soon. Collection begins the first Sunday in Lent, March 5 and runs through Easter, April 16.

Our First Sunday of the Month Activity – March 5

All Sunday School youth: be sure to join us on Sunday, March 1 in Fellowship Hall for a special First Sunday of the Month activity for the season of Lent.

Can you guess what it is?

Come and hear the story of why the pretzel is associated with Lent.

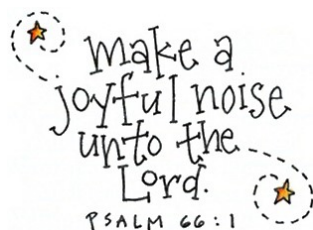


The Note

I'm sure by now you will realize I am the eternal optimist. I truly try to look for the good in every situation. Sometimes, I fail. We all do, but for the most part I like to find the good. I had a rough day recently. In the grand scheme of things, it wasn't so bad. Again, we are blessed with money to buy food, healthy children, running car etc. so it wasn't THAT bad of a day. Regardless, I managed to lose my keys in a grocery store. I know. Way to go, Anna. (Also, worth mention, this is the second time I lost my keys in the past two months. But, the first time, Charlie put them down and another baby took them home with him.) Regardless, I lost my keys. Charlie was beyond ready for nap. I was trying to get him to eat something, and he was just not having it. So, I said fine. Let's go. I go out to my car. No keys. I'm frantically looking. Nothing. Charlie at this point decides to climb up the side of the cart. Pulls the cart down on him. Now, he's really crying. Still no keys. Charlie is potty training, he pees his pants. (Of course). At this point, I am at the brink of tears. Literally, tears welling up in my eyes. And a stranger, someone I have never met is kind enough to stop and try to help. She gets Charlie a cookie. She asks customer service. Then, customer service gets involved, and we're all looking. Finally, I realize that maybe I left them at the previous store. I called they are there. Crisis averted, but it was a rough time. In that rough time, I realize how thankful I am for the kindness of strangers. So, this is my reminder. Believe in the goodness of others. Be the good. It reminds me of the Mister Roger's quote, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." Be the helpers, my friends.

Do you want to help make a joyful noise unto the Lord? Do you play an instrument, and I do not know it yet? Do you want to sing in the choir, but are

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LENT

The 2017 Lenten Season will begin
ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

We will mark the beginning of this sacred church season throughout the day with :
Prayer time in God's Sanctuary (6 am – 5:30 pm)

6pm We'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a Bread and Soup then at

7:30pm We will Worship in the Sanctuary



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decided upon the first organization that we would like to support. This Lent, we will invite gifts for the not-for-profit Creve Coeur Meals-on-Wheels (CC-MOW) organization, and they are excited to partner with Ivy Chapel UCC. Our donations will help cover the cost of meals for those who cannot afford to pay the entire amount, the cost of insulated transport boxes, and general supply items needed to carry out their program. Several Ivy Chapel UCC members currently volunteer with Creve Coeur Meals-on-Wheels and recognize the value of this outreach ministry to a growing, aging population still living in their own homes.

Christian Action Board is helping to lead this new effort. Each of us can help with our offering gifts and with our ideas for future places, groups and ways to extend Ivy Chapel's outreach mission to the community. The Season of Lent focuses on our manner of living and encourages taking on an additional level of Christian devotion. Let's all embrace this invitation and respond with loving generosity in the manner of Christ.

Community Service Opportunity

Meals on Wheels is a great support program for citizens who have trouble getting to the grocery store or cooking. Some clients are temporary while receiving medical treatment; others are longer term with major health challenges. There's no means test; clients simply call to request the service. Food for Creve Coeur MOW is prepared by Mercy; it's nutritious and bountiful. There's a minimal charge per meal; the program is underwritten by government subsidies.

Due to some recent 'retirements,' there's a need for

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Spaghetti Dinner



Eat in or Carry out!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



IVY CHAPEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

620 N. WOODS MILL RD., CHESTERFIELD - 63017

\$10 ADULTS, \$5 CHILDREN UNDER 12

- DELICIOUS HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI (TOMATO OR MEAT SAUCE), SALAD, BREAD, DRINKS & DESSERT
- RAFFLE

For more information:

314.434.4991

www.ivychapel.org

Ivy Chapel UCC

620 North Woods Mill Road

Chesterfield, MO



Trivia Night

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Ivy Chapel UCC invites you to a family friendly
Night of Trivia!

All are welcome!

Tables of 8 are \$80 or \$12 per person.

Tea, lemonade, popcorn and pretzels are provided and you are
welcome to bring outside food and drink (beer, wine, soda).

50/50 raffle and cash prize for winning.

To reserve a table, contact Stephen Lowry
lowrys5358@gmail.com or the church office
ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org or 314-434-4991.

March 11, 2017

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Ivy Chapel UCC

620 North Woods Mill Road

Chesterfield, MO 63017

Fellowship Hall

Scripture & Worship

Feb 5~5th Sunday aft Epiphany: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16),
Matthew 5:13-20



Feb 12~6th Sunday aft Epiphany: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9,
Matthew 5:21-37

Feb 19~7th Sunday aft Epiphany: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18;
Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23;
Matthew 5:38-48

Feb 26~Transfiguration Sunday: Exodus 24:12-18,
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2nd Peter 1:16-21,
Matthew 17:1-9



Lectionary readings from: <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

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drivers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Routes generally take less than two hours including deliveries, food pickup and time to return the containers to the hospital. While weekly drivers are welcome, most routes have two partners so each driver spends less than five hours per month performing this service.



If you'd like more detailed information about this very rewarding community volunteer opportunity, talk with Nancy Litzinger. Or call and leave a message on the MOW voicemail: 314-251-1882.

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unsure of the commitment? If so, I want you. Again, you don't have to sing every Sunday. I need substitutes. I need people to make special services even more special. I am SO excited about our Palm Sunday and Easter anthem coming up. I need all the voices I can get. Again, we are having a band for Easter Sunday, and if you want to participate, you need to let me know. I know, I know.. you're thinking "Anna, it's only February, and you're already thinking about Easter?!" You bet I am! I am even thinking of summer music. So, if you've got an idea to make a musical contribution to worship, let me know! Let's all join together and praise God with our music!

Until next time...
Smiles,
Anna DiVesta

Mary and Martha Group

The Mary and Martha Women's Group met on Jan. 17th and discussed plans for the next months. These are the tentative plans.

- Feb. 21st meeting-Black History Month-Race Relations with Sally Dodge
- Mar. 21st meeting - Lenten Devotion with Pastor Dan
- Apr. 18th meeting - Information on Deaconess Foundation Building Project possibly with Beth Noonan who is the Project Manager
- May 7th- Plant Sale
- May 16th meeting - Plan summer luncheon
- June 20th - Ivy Chapel Women's Luncheon
- July - No meeting
- Aug. 13th - Sunday - Dessert for a Dollar during Fellowship

Aug. 15th meeting - ?

Sept. or Oct. meeting - Lunch, Tour and/or volunteering at Circle of Concern

We also hope to collect cleaning supplies for Lydia's House in the autumn, to contribute to the Harvest Fest and go to Holiday Brass in Dec. We will keep you posted in the KYP and future Ivy Vines.

Trustees

Another year has come and gone. As we begin 2017, we have another fresh start. Your Trustee Board would love to hear from you. When entrenched in the tunnel vision of keeping the facility functioning, we sometimes forget that we are here to serve the Glory of God. You and your children are the reason we are here. The Trustees are always looking for ways to improve your experience at Ivy Chapel. We encourage you to talk with anyone on the Trustee Board. We would love to hear your suggestions and/or concerns.

Your 2017 Trustee Board includes: Frank Purviance (Chair & Council Rep.), Gary Lindhorst (Secretary), Ralph Weiland (Budget-Finance), Bruce Wilking (Fellowship) and Mark Gerdes (Nominating).

This is your church; the Trustees not only invite you, but encourage you to participate. All of our lives are over-scheduled and busy. As a result, you may not be able to attend various scheduled workdays. We understand. However, if you would like to help in any capacity at any time, we look forward to seeing you.



God's Blessings and...

Happy Anniversary to...



No anniversaries this month.

Happy Birthday to...



2 Isabella Del Carmen

3 Carol Faust

Gregory Scott

14 Diann Sheahan

15 Nancy Marston

16 Paul Farrell

17 Dan Wilson, Pastor

20 Joe Del Carmen

20 Marg Ivey

20 Rich Marston

23 Betty Lindhorst

23 Kate Mc Neal

27 Taylor Cox

Serving God's People

God has called us to our positions, and we rejoice when we are able to serve God in these places of ministry.

If there is some way in which our staff may be of help to you, please contact us at 314-434-4991.

Pastor Dan Wilson: pastordan@ivychapel.org 314-580-4564

Linda Lowry: linda@ivychapel.org

Anna DiVesta: music@ivychapel.org

Frieda Clark: ivychapelucc@ivychapel.org

Monday/Friday 8:30AM-3PM Tuesday/Thursday 8:30AM-2:30PM



Ø **GIVING STATEMENTS** are available from Don Wolff 636-532-5080.

Ø **NEED TO BORROW** Chairs or Tables? Please call Ralph Weiland 314-878-3230.

Place your unwanted shoes and boots in the white box/
bag in the cloak room at Ivy Chapel. Every time
we fill it, Frieda will call them for a
pick-up. www.shoemanwater.org



LIONS CLUB recycles old eyeglasses: We have a
collection bag in the office. If the office door
is closed you may also leave unwanted
glasses in the wall pocket next to the
office door or in the cloak room.



CIRCLE OF CONCERN NEEDS

Peanut Butter Jelly/Jam Pasta/Rice Pasta
Sauce Dried Beans Canned Pasta Dinner
Mixes Macaroni & Cheese Soup Canned
Meats/Fish Baking Staples Canned Vegetables/Fruit
Boxed Cereal Ground Coffee Bar Soap Toilet Paper
Shampoo



**See the full Shopping List on
Fellowship Hall bulletin board.**

For other ways to donate call 636-861-2623 or visit

www.circleofconcern.org

CARE CORPS

Care Corps Feb: Leader Marsha Ramey 636-405-2576 **Co-Leader** Sue Wilson 314-324-3765

Care Corps Mar: Leader Sarah Heend 314-283-5215 **Co-Leader** Kay Kreder 314-878-5296

ASSISTING IN LAY MINISTRY

Please find YOUR Name.

Reminders are sent each Tuesday.

If you cannot help on your specific day, please switch with someone then inform the church office-314-434-4991.

DATE	NURSERY	ACOLYTE	WELCOMER	GREETERS	USHERS	LITURGIST	COFFEE
5 Feb †	Sally Dodge	Skylar Droege, Rory Winship	Jan Wirtz	Tom, Debbie Glenn	Donna Grote, Kathryn	Michael Winship	Kreder Family
Communion Team 1: Lee Headrick, Evelyn Stecher, Beth Noonan, Frank Pfau							
12 Feb	Sally Dodge	Stuart Kirk	Nancy Litzinger	Lee Headrick, Linda Ledbetter	Rod, Judy Hertenstein	Carl Ramey	Moody Family
19 Feb	Jo Ann Moody	Michael Pfau, Miller DiVesta	Kay Kreder	Stacey, Brooke Hilton	Jack, Ann Molyneaux	Ronn Foster	Wilking Family
26 Feb	Sally Dodge	Ben Wehling, Gregory Scott	Marsha Ramey	Jack, Nancy Litzinger	Tom Wehling, Jennifer	Brenda Otterson	Pfau-Noonan Family
1 March Ash Wednesday	† Intinction Communion				Lee Headrick, Jan Wirtz	Nancy Litzinger	_____
5 March †	Sally Dodge	Nick Wintrode	Marsha Ramey	Carol Faust	Curt, Jennifer Wintrode	Gloria Wintrode	Donna Grote, Evelyn Stecher
Communion Team 2: Judy Hertenstein, Calvin Heend, Donna Grote, Celeste Tichy							
12 March Daylight saving	Sally Dodge	Matthew Wehling	Nancy Litzinger	Evelyn Stecher, Gail Thoele	Rich, Calvin Heend	Brooke Hilton	Glenn Family
19 March	Jo Ann Moody	Gloria Wintrode,	Judy Hertenstein	Earl, Kay Kreder	Mark, Nancy Gerdes	Annie Sampath	Jan Wirtz, Nancy Litzinger

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Groundhog day	3	4
5 5th S aft Epiphany-Gn 9a Ad Bbl Stdy 10a Worship w/LS SS 	6 CE MTG 7pm	7	8 CC Rehearse 7pm	9	10	11
12 6th S aft Epiphany-Gn 9a Adult Bible Study 10a Worship/SS Deacons Mtg Christian Action Mtg ALL CHURCH BOWLING PP's 	13	14 St. Valentines Day	15 The Ivy Vine articles due CC Rehearse 7pm	16 Trustee Mtg 7:30pm	17 Setup for Spaghetti Dinner	18 (Setup-Noon) Spaghetti Dinner Serving 4-7pm No other Reservations pgs 2/6 CYE @ Camp MoVal
19 7th S aft Epiphany-Gn Teacher Appreciation 9a Adult Bible Study 10a Worship/SS CYE @ Camp MoVal	20 Presidents Day CYE @ Camp MoVal Council Mtg 7pm	21 M&M Wms Grp 1pm	22 Men's Lunch 11:30am Houlihan's 1085 N Mason Rd. Creve Coeur, MO 314-469-1167 CC Rehearse 7pm	23	24 World Vision® Famine Activities PP's	25 Private Party 1-6pm 
26 Transfiguration-Wht 9a Adult Bible Study 10a Worship/SS Undie Sunday PP's	27	28	March 1 CC Rehearse 7p	March 2	March 3	March 4

MARCH

1st Ash Wed Prayer Vigil 6a-5p –Pg 5
 Soup Bread Supper 5:30p
 Worship 7:30p (pg 6)
 5th Lenten Canned Food Offering-PPs
 11th Trivia Night (Flyer Pg 6)

AA=Alcoholics Anonymous
CA=Christian Action
CC=Chancel Choir
CE=Christian Education
EMMP=Eric Moody Memorial Pavilion

Monday
AA 10:30a

Tuesday
Anna DiVesta 3:30-8pm

FH = Fellowship Hall
JNM=JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES
KYP=KEEPING YOU POSTED
LS=THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wednesday

Thursday
AA 12:00pm
Anna 7-8pm

LL=LOWER LEVEL
M&M GRP=MARY AND MARTHA WOMENS GROUP
PP=PURPLE PAGES
SS=SUNDAY SCHOOL

Friday

Saturday
AA 10:30am