

March Birthdays and Anniversaries *(Please pray for them on their special day.)*

- Mar. 1 Morgan Hilyard, Joe Rietveld, Abby Ruble
2 Marsha Olson
6 Robert Hostettler, Halle Maki, Brian & Celeste Bancroft
7 Joyce Yuhasey
8 Michael Uren
9 Brooks Edlebeck, Marchella Mariucci, Lizzy Ryan
11 Ken & Deb Saul
12 Trinity Blagec, Krista Harry
13 Brent Hostettler, Jonathan Ryan
15 Miles Mulka, Kevin Waldbillig, Bill & Wilma Verrette
17 Chuck Kuder
18 Jennifer Ahola, Maria Hyrkas, Ada Maki, Cindie Trevillian
20 Francis Marshall
21 Steve & Roxanne Hudson, Dean & Robin Rose
22 Ruth Ann Badini, Tobias Bancroft, Tracy Blagec, Tim & Renee Grunewald
25 Mario Santoni
27 Henry Badini, Paul & Chris Langer
28 Clairice Strehlow
29 Carol Moore, Dennis Smart, Parker Summerfield



Hospitalized since our last issue: Blair Daugherty, Joyce Yuhasey

March's Mission of the Month is God's Country Cooperative Parish. This very-worthy mission includes the churches of Engadine, Germfask, Grand Marais, Hulbert-Tahquamenon, McMillan, Newberry, and Paradise.

This a Volunteer-in-Mission Project. Their mission is to help the churches of the parish in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ by strengthening them through ministering to each other, by sharing talents and resources, and through reaching out to all people by pastor and laity.

Volunteers are needed for many projects to improve the lives of people in their area. Volunteers can be individuals or groups. You can find more information on their website: www.gccp-umc.org. Please consider contributing to the Mission of the Month.

Committee Information

Engaged Ministry Team, March 2, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM
Finance Committee, Thursday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM
Church Council, Monday, March 15, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM
Staff Parish Relations Committee, Thursday, March 18, 6:00 p.m., ZOOM

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Water
will gush
forth in the
wilderness
and streams
in the
desert.

Isaiah 35:6



**Facebook Live Worship on Sundays
at 10:30. Go to
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Order of Worship for February 28 & March 7, 2021
The Second & Third Sundays in Lent
10:30 Facebook Live

Lenten Theme is ‘Streams of Living Water: Wash Us Clean’

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Opening Lenten Prayer

O God, we are your beloved children.

*Just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face,
so let us look to you in order to understand the things we have done wrong.*

We are like a reed shaken in the wind; like the snow that falls where it will.

Wash us clean, God. Use our weakness for some good purpose.

Leave us not to ourselves,

but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions. Amen.

Children’s Time 2/28 ‘K’ is for ‘Kindness’
3/7 ‘L’ is for ‘Love’

Generosity Gem *What kind of Generosity have YOU seen this week?*

Doxology ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’ #92 UMH Folliot Pierpoint, 1864

2/28 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flowers, sun and moon and star of light:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

3/7 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

Scripture 2/28 Mark 8: 31–38 and Psalm 13
3/7 Matthew 25: 31–40 and John 2: 13–22

Message 2/28 ‘How Long: Lamenting Evil’
3/7 ‘I Dream of a Church’ Sacrament of Communion

Benediction *Go forth to honor God, remembering your Baptism with thanksgiving!*



Reflections on the Season of Lent from Bishop David Bard, February 17, 2021
I greet you in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the peace and power of the Holy Spirit as we enter the season of Lent.

The United Methodist Book of Worship tells us that Lent “began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.” Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, where we are reminded of our mortality. Somber colors are encouraged, with an encouragement to remove “all shiny objects from the worship area,” and perhaps give up flowers. Individually people often give something up for Lent.

It was last year during Lent that our churches were asked to refrain from in-person worship due to the coronavirus pandemic. The hope early on was that perhaps by Easter, we would again be able to gather together for worship. It was not to be. Months later, we would also be asked to refrain from in-person worship during the Christmas season. We have given up a lot, and we are not yet through this pandemic.

Of course, some have given up even more. This past year has been a year of incredible loss. Reminders of our mortality arrive every day as we hear the running total of deaths from COVID-19, now over 400,000 here in the United States. Some of you are grieving loved ones lost, whether from COVID or not. We have lost time together with family and friends, missed marking milestones in ways we would have liked. There have been moments where we’ve lost a measure of hope, moments such as the death of George Floyd, or when some of our cities were aflame, or when our political rhetoric burned, or when we witnessed the violent storming of the Capitol building.

Lent acknowledges loss and limits. It invites giving something up, but that never for its own sake. When we voluntarily give something up it is intended to be in the service of creating space for something new, creating more space for God’s grace, God’s love. Lent reminds us we don’t have all the time in the world, so we are invited to use our time well. Lent reminds us that life entails real loss, so we are invited to appreciate its good gifts when they come our way. Lent encourages us to be more disciplined in our use of time, in the direction of our attention, in the expenditure of our energy. Discipline – and the most important Lenten disciplines are the disciplines of love – patience, kindness, thoughtfulness, and humility. I wrote about these in my monthly blog for February, and I hope you will go back and read it.

Friends, Lent reminds us that we are fragile, mortal, and sometimes broken, that we know loss and that we lose our way. Yet we are also always loved by God, wildly and extravagantly, and in these limited mortal lives of ours, we might reflect that love of God in what we do and who we are. Disciplines of love exercised in grace help us do that. I invite you to observe a holy Lent, honing the disciplines of love, knowing that you are loved by God. *Grace and Peace,*



David Alan Bard, Michigan Area Bishop