



*St. Georges United Methodist Church*

*Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.*

**February 2021**

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

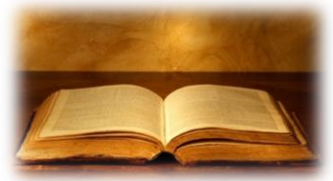
In Isaiah 58, God calls for the prophet to address false religious practices. The people were observing spiritual disciplines for selfish reasons while ignoring the needs of others. The solution is true devotion to God. People who love God worship him for the sake of honoring rather than manipulating Him. And, if we love God, we will also love our neighbors. So, during this Season of Lent, let us consider what God would have us do and not do as we honor Him.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Lent Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, believers focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter"



"Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over, and over again, expecting different results." This quote is commonly used in 12 Step programs. Yet, it can be a good beginning for us to examine ourselves. Our Lord and our Savior is calling for us to be transformed into His likeness. Therefore, we need to make better choices. And, if we listen closely, certainly we can hear God's call for us to change.

Perhaps a loved one, friend, family member, or co-worker has told you something about yourself that gets in the way of you being a better person. Maybe you haven't taken your relationship with God very seriously. You go to church on Sunday, and do your share, but you don't really take time to study God's Word. Perhaps you've allowed your mind to become cluttered with ungodly thoughts. You may not be hearing the cry of the needy or can't remember when you've answered that cry. It could be the deep wounds of resentment and anger from your past that has



plagued your ability to deepen your relationship with God and neighbors. Whatever the case may be, please put yourself in position to receive God's richest blessings.

Something all of us can do is commit ourselves to being more reflective. In doing so, we can examine the desires of our heart and ask God for the strength to abandon the ones that are not of Him and the strength to act upon the ones that are. Prayer and studying God's Word is a great place to start. We may want to get up a half an hour earlier to give God the first fruits of the day. We may want to practice generosity. Giving has always been an important part of Lent. Generosity is an attitude. It is a sense that no matter how much we have, all that we have is a gift from God, and given to us to be shared. Whatever we decide to do or not do, let us not omit fasting. Fasting gives us a greater sense of purpose and awareness of God's grace.

The Season of Lent is also a great time to build-in some family practices, which can be a fun way for us to journey together in our effort to develop a deeper commitment to God through spiritual disciplines.

Let us pray:






Lord, grant us your grace and mercy to become more like you during this Season of Lent, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rudy



 Donna Goes Walk About....

 Well it finely looks like winter around here, which makes some people anxious and  
 others happy. For the record, I am in the latter group. Hopefully you have managed the  
 recent snowfalls safely and taken some time to build a snowman or at the very least,  
 create some snow angels. February is notoriously tricky in this area. It seems to be our  
 snow month, so it's best if you can just go with the flow. With so many of us working  
from home already because of the pandemic, staying home for a snow day is not as

exciting as it once was! We're all praying that life will soon get back to some semblance of normal. Many of you may have already gotten your Covid vaccine and others have made your appointment. We are all trying our best to do our part.



We were all so saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Barbara Eaton on January 14th. Barbara was always so supportive of her church family. Always ready to lend a hand at church activities and events. On a personal note, Barbara would always stay and chat with mom after church to keep her company while I was doing choir rehearsal upstairs. And in 2010, when I was visiting friends in Melbourne Australia, she was visiting her family in Brisbane. My plans included visiting Australia Zoo outside Brisbane and when Barbara found out, she offered her family's home for me to stay. I was welcomed from the moment I walked off the plane. We all went to the zoo together! Barbara was a lovely person who was always giving of herself. We will miss her bright spirit and ready smile. Rest in peace my friend.

That's all for now. Stay well and I'll see you soon!

**Donna**



## Methodist Women

Unfortunately, the women's group has been unable to meet during the pandemic and with continued concerns for everyone's health, we will not be meeting again this month. Because our Christmas party was canceled for these same reasons, it was decided that we will attempt a Christmas in July celebration when we can gather safely. At that time we will reveal our prayer pals from last year.

Women's group President, Kris Foltz, along with T.C., has been monitoring and organizing the Community Food Pantry. Due to the colder weather, the pantry has moved indoors with a note posted on the cabinet outdoor, inviting those in need to ring the back door bell of the church and Pastor Rudy or Barbara will help them get what they need. Donations of food are still needed and can be placed on the table in the social hall. Thanks to everyone who has donated!





## Friendship Star Quilters

The quilting group has not been meeting during the pandemic but all the members have been working at home and bringing the finished quilts into church as we wait for another delivery to Quilts for Comfort. The group looks forward to a time when we can gather again to work together and enjoy each other's company.

## Missions Update

The Glasgow Lions Club has teamed up with St. Georges UMC to help make personal care bags for the homeless entering in to Code Purple Shelters. Any left over items will be donated to Meeting Ground in Elkton that ministers to the homeless. They provide some shelters for men and women. Unfortunately, there are more in need than space available. They also have an area where those in need can get a shower. If you have any full sized personal care items, I'm sure the shelters will make good use of them. If you have sample sizes, hotel sizes or travel sizes, these are ideal for the "baggies" since they have little storage. Many are on the streets or in the woods. If you have any extra blankets or comforters, place them in a plastic bag and put them in the large black box in the Social Hall. Many sleep in their cars or live "in the woods" to quote the house manager of Meeting Ground. We will not be meeting to fill the zip-lock bags, so if you can fill one and donate, that would be a tremendous help. Please do not include anything containing alcohol ie: mouthwash, hand sanitizer.

Items needed for the bags are as follows:

### Men-

Bar of soap and a sandwich baggie to place it in  
Shampoo  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste  
Lotion  
Chapstick  
Disposable razor/shave cream  
Sm pkg. tissues  
Band-aids  
New socks  
Handwarmers  
Cereal bar or snack

### Women:

Bar of soap in a sandwich bag  
Shampoo  
Comb or brush  
Hair ties  
Lotion  
Tampons/pads  
Chapstick  
Sm. pkg. of tissues  
Band-aids  
New Socks  
Handwarmers  
Cereal or snack bar

Once again I thank you for your loving and generous hearts.

Carole Jaques  
Mission/Outreach Chair

"The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

# Troop 123 & Ship 123 Update



Scouts working with Steve, from Your Creation Station, on the Pottery Merit Badge.



## Happy Birthday to...

Trish Carrico.....Feb 7  
Dawn Lowe.....Feb 16  
Sara Shrouds.....Feb 25

Pastor Rudy White.....Feb 10  
Babs Dorn.....Feb 16  
Kim Tobin.....Feb 27

**"I loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness. Jeremiah 31:3**

## Office Hours & Contact Information

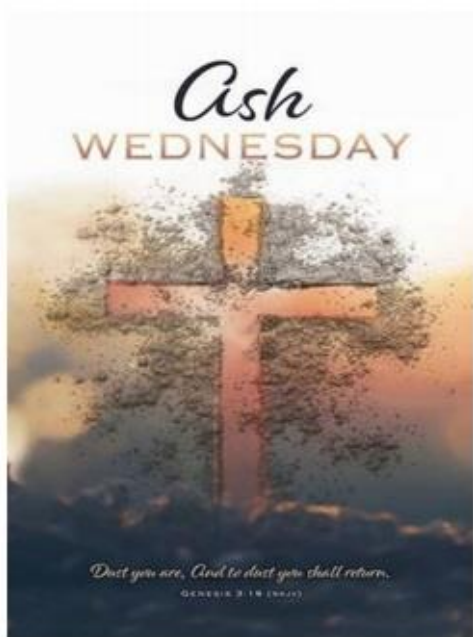
If you have a prayer request that you would like sent along on the prayer chain, please contact Rudy White by phone at 302-832-2211, by email at [pastor@stgeorgesumc.com](mailto:pastor@stgeorgesumc.com), or use the prayer wall at [www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall](http://www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall)

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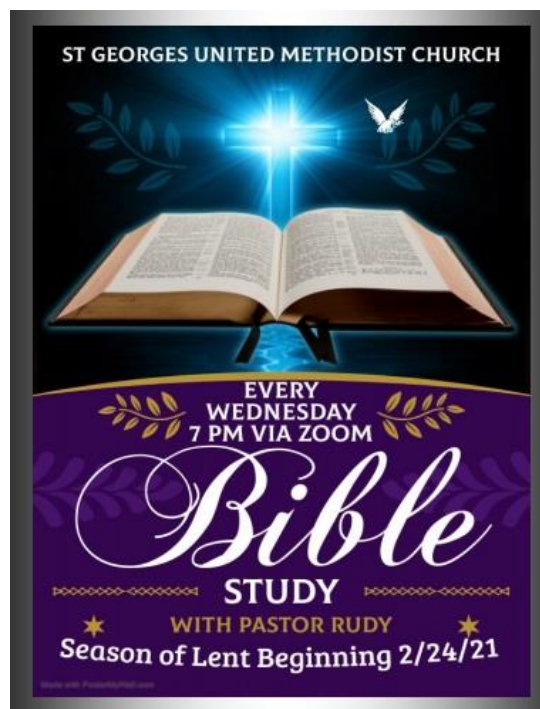
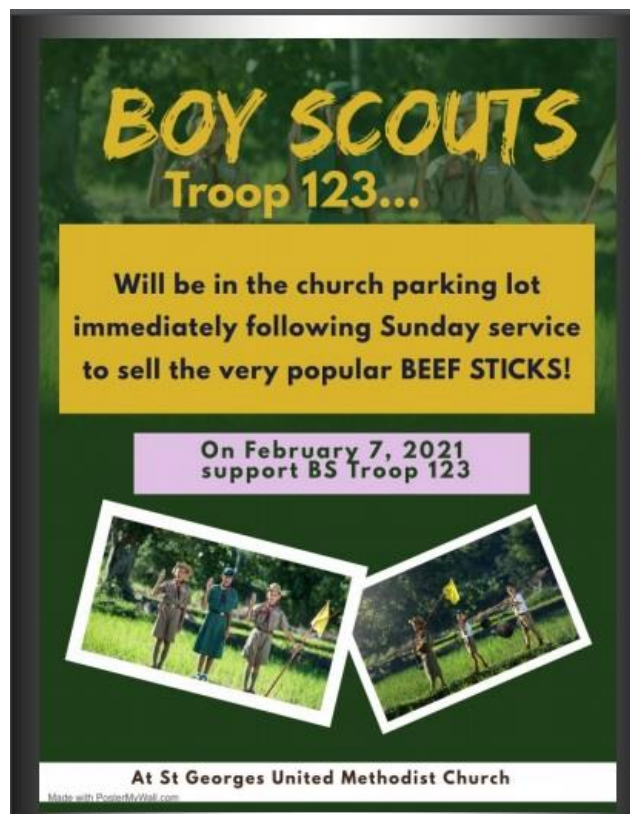
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St. Georges UMC  
February 17, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

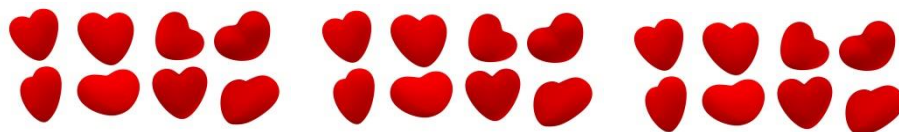


### Game Night Schedule

Hosts:

- 2/4 – Donna Cavender
- 2/11 – Earl & Carole Jaques
- 2/18 – Draper Family
- 2/25 – Sue Tobin & family





*1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

*1 John 3:1-3, NKJV*



*7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

*1 John 4:7-12, ESV*



*11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. . . Whoever does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*



*1 John 3:11-12a and 14b-18, ESV*

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## Dates to Remember

Feb 7.....1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Communion  
Feb 17.....Ash Wednesday service @ 630pm  
Feb 21.....Ministry Meeting 11:30am  
Feb 24.....1<sup>st</sup> night Season of Lent Bible study via Zoom 7pm

Traditional worship service every Sunday @ 10 am  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 am  
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