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Sunday, March 2, 2025 **Eighth Sunday After the Epiphany** 

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## This Week At A Glance

#### March 2 - Today

9:00 PM Worship - Contemporary (CC) 10:15 AM Sunday School Classes 11:15 AM Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM Denbigh Christian Church (CC)
6:00 PM Children & Youth Ministries
8:00 PM AA Mtg (Rm 20)

Monday, March 3\* 9:00 AM Senior Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 AM Meals on Monday Prep (FH) 12:00 PM Meals on Monday Serve (FH) 6:00 PM Pickleball (CC) 6:00 PM Bible Study (Rm 21) 7:30 PM Choir Practice

**Tuesday, March 4\*** 9:30 AM Shekinah Prayer Time (Sanctuary) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (library) 6:00 PM Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, March 5\* 6:00AM Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Dinner Church (FH) 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6\* 2:30 PM Bible Study @ Vancostas 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (Rm 27/28)

Friday, March 7\* 6:00 PM Pickleball (CC)

#### Saturday, March 8

9:00 AM Barbara Liddick Circle Retreat

\* Meals on Wheels Pick Up Location

# Rodney Wise at

Facility Use Agreement

## This week's message will be based on Matthew 6:16-18 Week 8: Spiritual Discipline of Fasting & Abstinence

Our final spiritual disciplines are about self-denial, choosing to limit ourselves in order to be more fully filled with God. Fasting, to abstain temporarily from food and drink, and abstinence, to refrain from sexual relations, are found in the Old and New Testaments and used by God's faithful to refrain from their bodily and earthly needs and desires so that they can experience the power of being sustained by God's love and presence. To rely wholly on God for our lives is a powerful experience, and one that we should seek to employ at least once per year, if not part of a more regular practice. Come and see why Christians have continued to pursue holiness in these spiritual disciplines.

## **Upcoming Events:**

#### Senior Fellowship Breakfast

Join our senior fellowship group tomorrow morning at 9:00AM at Vancostas for an informal gathering and enjoy breakfast together. Please RSVP to Linda Brooks if you plan to attend.

#### Monday Evening Bible Study Begins Tomorrow

From 6:00 to 7:00 PM join Pastor Sarah for Monday Evening Bible Study. The study will start at the beginning of Genesis. All you need to bring is your Bible.

#### Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes & Worship Service

Stop by on your way to work/school on Ash Wednesday for Pastor Sean to bless you with Ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Between 6:00 and 8:00 AM, enter through the main parking lot. Ash Wednesday worship service will be at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary following Dinner Church. Nursery will be available for the little ones during the service.

#### Lenten Book Study

Pastor Sean will lead this year's Lenten book study on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM in Room 10 from March 11th to April 15th. The book will be "The Final Days" by Matt Rawle. Through this book during our Lenten journey we will ponder the Lenten themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love.

#### **PORT (People Offering Resources Together) Shelter Is Coming Soon:** Our annual

week to host the PORT shelter is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th to Wednesday, March 19th. Our night to host is Sunday night and the youth will be a huge part of that evening. If you are interested in helping to volunteer during the week, please reach out to our Facility Manager, Rodney Wise, by calling the church office at 757-877-2270 or email facility@wmumc.org.

#### Senior Fellowship Book Club

Join us for the next book club gathering on Thursday, March 20th at 12:30pm at Craft 60 Taphouse & Grill. The book they are reading is "Flight Patterns" by Karen White.

#### **Resurrection Play**

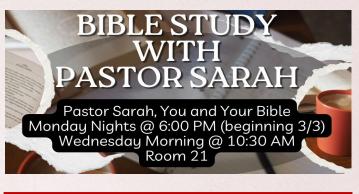
On April 12th we will have an Easter event which will include a dramatic performance of the Resurrection scripture, crafts, and fun for children (and adults) of all ages. Volunteers needed for many parts of this event. Please reach out to Pastor Sarah to learn more on how you can help with this event. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

## JOIN US FOR NDAY SCHOO

## **Sunday School Classes**

All classes begin by 10:15am.

To find out more about a class you would like to attend, feel free to ask one of our greeters or pastors as you exit the service.





Please pray for those at home, in the hospital or care facility: Ruth Ritenour (Mennowood) \*Betty Palmer (Hidenwood) \* Frances Topping (Mennowood) \* Margie Pillow (Walter Reed Rehab) Nancy Setty \* Norma Coleman \* Anne Corliss \* Marvin & Pat Hill (Barbara Amaker's brother and sister-in-law) \* Katie Tanner-Barker \* Jeff Cox \* Vince & Marion Bonacci \* Wilma Miller (Sheri Vann's mother) \* Chuck and Cynthya Nothstine \* Barbara Freund \* Bea Hoal \* Lorie & Cheryl Pruitt \* Cindy & Doug (Beth Stabnow's friends) \* Megan (Christine Dimock's granddaughter) \* Ken Marcuson \* Lori McCormick \* Lonnie Frye, Sr. (Mary Ann's brother) \* Carol DeGreen (Mary Ann Hoye's relative) \* Mark Crockett (Cheryl Pruitt's cousin) \* Kevin Moorehead \* Will Davis (Josie Cole's Brother) \* Ann Pulsifer (Amanda Blake's Mother-in-Law) \* Kelly Flick \* Trish Ployd \* Charles Ragan \* ike Clevenger \* and all those who are grieving or sick - God knows!

Deployed Armed Forces: Laura Lomas, Lance Sczesny (South Carolina, Coast Guard).

#### Attendance Numbers (2/23)

9:00 AM in-person: 107 Online Weekly Views: 51 11:15 AM in-person: 68 Online Weekly Views: 38 Sunday School: 72 Dinner Church 2/26/25:



Our Children, Youth and Young Adult Fellowship, now known as "Next Generation Ministry" is a fun and exciting ministry time that is planned for Sunday evenings. You are invited to come and help with the faith journey of our children and youth.

- \* Children's Fellowship for students K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- \* Youth Fellowship for students  $6^{th} 12^{th}$  grade.

Both groups meet on Sunday evenings, 6 – 7:30PM.

Feel free to reach out to leaders for more information:

Pastor Sean 757-234-8962 or email pastorsean@wmumc.org Kerry Blazek 757-310-9891 or email kerryblazek@gmail.com Sharon Ellis 757-478-5020 or email cutygrgal@cox.net

#### Youth Sunday School Lenten Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, March 9th, Pastor Sean and Kerry Blazek will lead a Lenten Bible Study for our youth during Sunday School hour. They will be be studying the Book of Mark between March 9th and April 13th. All youth are invited to join them in the youth room at 10:15AM.

#### **Book of Mark Community Bible Study**

Linda McLawhorn is leading a community Bible Study group on Thursdays at 2:30PM at Vancostas (food ordering is not required.) She has started the study of the Book of Mark. Bring a Bible and study materials will be provided.

#### **5th Sunday Fellowship Brunch**

On Sunday, March 30th, we will come together during Sunday School hour to fellowship on the 5th Sunday of the month. We will provide water, coffee, tea and lemonade. Please bring something to share.

#### **Church Library**

The library would love to have additional books to share with our friends at Dinner Church! The "Free Book Table" has proven to be exceedingly popular with those who attend our Wednesday night worship service. We welcome all kinds of Christian reading: fiction or nonfiction for adults, teens, and children as well as devotional books. Donations can be dropped off in the Church library.

#### Honduras Medical Mission Trip Review

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Join Carlos Liceaga and his team during Sunday School hour next Sunday, 3/9 for a review of their Honduras Medical Mission trip.

## Come and Be Social With Us ...







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