



# PUMC Connections

From the desk of... Reverend Thomas Davenport



## LENT

## What is "Lent" all about?

Lent (Latin: Quadragesima: Fortieth) is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial.

There is a connection with other 40 day periods of time and the People of God.

Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)

Elijah spent 40 days and nights walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)

God sent 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood of Noah (Genesis 7:4)

The Hebrew people wandered 40 years in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33)



Jonah's prophecy of judgment gave 40 days to the city of Nineveh in which to repent or be destroyed (Jonah 3:4).

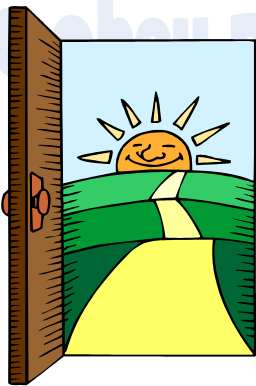
Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where He fasted for 40 days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2, Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-2).

It is also popular in Protestant traditions to add a spiritual discipline (rather than just deny something). It could be as simple as daily devotional reading, or perhaps an intentional activity, such as walking or helping at a local ministry.

Lent is a great time to focus our lives for a short period and perhaps create a new habit.

Pastor Thom

The Open Door



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# March 2017

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			<p>1 6pm Ash Wednesday Soup Supper</p> <p>Ash Wednesday 6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir</p>	2	3	<p>4 9am UMW Lenten Breakfast</p>
<p>5 9:15 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 6pm Lenten Study</p>	<p>6 6:30 Women's Cancer Survivors Lounge</p>	<p>7 6:30 Boy Scouts Comm Mtg</p>	<p>8 6pm Lenten Soup Supper</p> <p>6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir</p>	9	10	11
<p>12 8am Men's Bkfast-Michelle's 9:15 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship 6pm Lenten Study</p> 	13	14	<p>15 6pm Lenten Soup Supper</p> <p>6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>16 7 pm Trustee Mtg</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18 Private Event Noon-6pm Social Hall/Kit</p>
<p>19 9:15 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship</p> <p>6pm Lenten Study</p>	<p>20 Newsletter Articles due</p>	21	<p>22 6pm Lenten Soup Supper</p> <p>6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir</p>	23	<p>24 Cub Scouts Pancake Fund- raiser 6-8 pm</p>	<p>25 Private Event Noon-6pm Social Hall/Kit</p>
<p>26 9:15 Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship</p> <p>6pm Lenten Study</p>	<p>27 7pm Finance Comm Mtg</p>	<p>28 7pm Leadership Council Mtg</p>	<p>29 6pm Lenten Soup Supper</p> <p>6:30 Cub Scouts Comm Mtg</p> <p>6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir</p>	30	31	

**Head Usher for March: Dan Miley**

**Trustee on Duty for March: Chuck Arney**



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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 Laurie Davis       | 19 Tom Woolworth        |
| 4 Rebecca Ford       | 20 Harold Nelson        |
| 4 Sarah Holderbaum   | 21 Jason Gumper         |
| 4 Mark Pardee        | 22 Denise Hancox        |
| 7 Megan Porritt      | 23 Katherine VanderMeer |
| 8 John Flamm         | 24 Max Hausermann       |
| 9 Nicole Croy        | 24 Dan Miley            |
| 11 Danielle Closson  | 24 Irene Pardee         |
| 12 John Costello     | 25 Caleigh Shurter      |
| 12 Nancy Feniger     | 25 Christopher Shurter  |
| 12 Jim Pierce        | 26 Natalie Baker        |
| 16 Robin Bailey      | 26 Marcia Stafford      |
| 17 Linda Flowers     | 29 Curt Flowers         |
| 18 Kristopher Gumper | 30 Wayne Loney          |
| 18 Bobbie Larsen     | 30 Joann Pierce         |
| 18 Joy Sandefur      |                         |



## STAFF SECURITY

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Parchment United Methodist Church is looking for one or possibly two security person/s to join the staff.

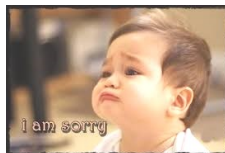
Please submit your resume to the Staff/Parish Relations Committee. Your resume may be placed in the mailbox outside the church office



- 12 Alvin & Betty Holmes ('54)
- 22 Dan & Nancie Closson ('86)
- 28 Chuck & Pat Arney ('69)

Betty Holmes (January 29) and June Thomas (January 30) ....

Your birthdays were missed in the January Newsletter and I am so very sorry!



*Kathe B.*

### Kudos to...

The Fellowship Committee for providing and serving a **wonderful** Valentines Day lasagna lunch after worship on February 12th. Thanks, too, to the many who brought a dessert to share!



### FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

	<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
2/5	90	20
2/12	120	15
2/19	124	16
2/26		

# ~Missions~

Kandie Wood, World Missions Chair, would like the congregation to see and read the wonderful and informative newsletter from the Lord's Mountain Orphanage. A copy of this newsletter is displayed on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Sparkle, sparkle, shine, shine!!!

Over a year ago, the church was gifted a beautiful **diamond ring**. I was given the charge of having it appraised and giving the money to the church. The ring is a size 7<sup>1/4</sup> and it appraised between \$1000 and \$1400 by a local jeweler. I wanted to give church members the opportunity to invest in this ring. Joann will be having it over the next few Sundays and will be accepting offers on it. I would love to have it remain local.

Jim Pierce

THE PUMC NURSERY IS IN NEED OF  
A PACK 'N PLAY.

Do you have one you can donate?

This will provide a place for the little ones to nap while they are there.



## SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS NEEDED

The PUMC sound crew is still in need of additional members. After training, each member is responsible for running the sound board one Sunday each month. See or call Andy Knight at 342-1316, or [knightmusik@chartermi.net](mailto:knightmusik@chartermi.net).

## STRINGERS AND SINGERS PRAISE BAND

PUMC Stringers and Singers Praise Band is always open to new members.

## CUB SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

Join us for a **delicious pancake dinner** supporting Parchment Cub Scouts Pack 218 on **Friday, March 24th from 6pm to 8pm**. Kids are encouraged to come in their pajamas and bring a blanket and/or pillow so they can watch cartoons in the gym after dinner! Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S  
COMING EVENTS:**

March 4	9 am	Lenten Breakfast
April 21 (Fri)	1pm-6 pm	Rummage Sale
April 22 (Sat)	9 am-2 pm	Rummage Sale
May 4	6 pm	Mother-Daughter Banquet
June 1	6 pm	UMW Potluck

I want to express my appreciation for all the support, prayers, cards, and meals during my convalescence. Norman and I are so thankful for our church family.

Sherry Jones

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sponsor/Servers</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
March 1	Choir	Pastor Thom
March 8	Scouts	Stephanie Hoffman, Open Doors
March 15	The Weavers	Lisa Batten, Wesley Foundation
March 22	UMW	Matt Weiler, Free Store
March 29	TBA	TBA
April 5	TBA	Jim Pierce



# Lent 2017

Beginning with Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (February 28, 6:30)

Ash Wednesday Soup Dinner (March 1, 6:00)

Lent this year will include a Lenten Study on Sunday Nights beginning March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 - Lounge

Weekly Lenten Soup Dinners on Wednesday's at 6:00

Maundy Thursday 7:00 April 13, 7:00

Good Friday Service at Gull Lake UMC April 14 7:00

Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt! (for the community)

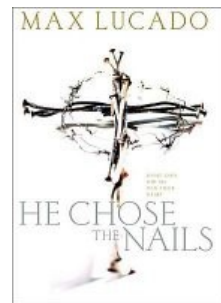
Easter Morning

6:30 at Kindleberger Park

8:30 at our Memorial Garden

9:30 Easter Breakfast

10:30 Easter Worship in the Sanctuary



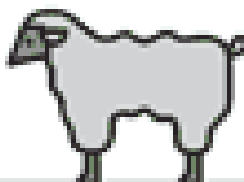
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Monday—Thursday

9:00 a.m.—1 p.m.