



Gore United Methodist Church
MONTHLY NEWS

February 2018

Lay Leadership meeting
Thursday Feb 8th 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday service at
Vian UMC Feb. 14 7pm

Movie Night Friday Feb
16 7pm "In the Name of
God"

Food Pantry delivery and
packing boxes Tuesday Feb
20th 8:30am

Food Pantry distribution
Thursday Feb 22 1-4pm



The season of Lent is a wonderful time to start weekly family devotions. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days, not including Sundays. Sundays are excluded because those are the days we remember Jesus' resurrection. Every Sunday is a little celebration of Easter and a time of joy.

Historically, the Christian church has recognized Lent as a time to bring people closer to God. Individuals and groups engage in Bible study, in mission and service, and in fasting to prepare themselves for Easter.

The forty days of Lent are symbolic of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he began his ministry. During that time, he was tempted; but he stayed true to God.



To everyone who made us feel so loved and grateful with the baby shower for Morgan and baby Jasper! They are still in the NICU and unable to send thank you cards but were overwhelmed by your love and generosity.



Basketball & Breakfast
7:15 a.m.



Our Basketball breakfasts have gone very well. Both players and coaches have appreciated the great support of Gore UMC. We're looking at how we can serve those involved in spring sports so stay tuned for news!



Friday February 16th
7pm



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

During the Ash Wednesday service, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

The ash cross on the forehead is an outward sign of our sorrow and repentance for sins.

Career Café
Inviting Students

Our Career Café at Gore High School has very well received by both the administration and the students. Thank you to Michael Salsbury, Dr. Sinclair Armstrong, Parke Largent and Principal James Bliss for your presentations to the students. Steve Pool is our scheduled guest speaker for February. If you'd like more information on this wonderful outreach ministry, or would like to help with pizza and drinks, please visit with Pastor Marcia.



We're currently in a series titled "Back to the Basics" on Sunday evenings at 6pm which include discussion about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the church and United Methodists. We invite you to join us for study, worship, praise and fellowship. We end the evening with a light meal or snack.

Bible Study

You're invited at 2:30 each Tuesday for mid-week Bible study. This is a great way to get that mid-week "pick me up" we all need and an opportunity to come together in a relaxed atmosphere as we dig deep into the scriptures. Invite a friend, we'll have the coffee pot on!



**Low Impact Exercise
Each Monday at 5:30pm**



Coming Soon....

Photo opportunity for our new directory. Information forms can be found on the counter in the narthex. Please complete the form and leave it on the pastor's desk.



**February 14th 7pm
Vian UMC**

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Lent is a beautiful time in the church year. It is the season when we recommit ourselves to a life of faith. We examine our life and lifestyles and assess the strength of our commitment to God. It is a time of repentance, acknowledging those areas where we might have turned our hearts away from God. It is also a time of adopting spiritual disciplines that will bring us back or closer to God. Most importantly, Lent is a season of action. Do something for Lent! I pray that the season will bring you closer to God, your neighbors and yourself.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)

Life is full of journeys. Life itself is a journey. Our Lenten Journey is no different. As Christians, we embark upon a daily movement from exile, from life under the burden of sin (our failure to trust God) to the joy of the forgiveness that is ours in Jesus. As we begin this journey, don't be surprised to discover that Jesus travels with us. All of your sins have already been laid on Him. He has always been our guide from the beginning, and He will journey with us to the end. We embark on this Lenten journey contemplating the reality of our earthly journey with eyes fixed on the destination: the empty tomb and the open gates of eternal life. We do this with the confidence of knowing that we do not walk alone!

Where do we get this confidence? In God's Word. In Baptism. In Holy Communion. Because God says so, we know that all of this is true. "And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." It's an already accomplished fact. Because God says so!

In the hope that we might all observe this season of Lent together, I have provided a 2018 daily reading plan. This is the plan that I will be following through Lent and I hope you will join me on this journey where we might read, study and reflect daily upon God's words to us.

May we all find ourselves more connected, more equipped and more in love with Jesus every day.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Marcia*