

The Spire Lite

March 2022

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10



Thank You Sandy

Sunday, April 3rd, we will be celebrating Sandy Kushner's amazing devotion to the Upland Baptist Church. After 30 years, Sandy's last Sunday as the organist/ accompanist will be Easter Sunday, April 17.

The April 3rd service will be filled with music as we rejoice in the contributions Sandy has made to our worship throughout the years.

We invite you to join us for worship and a light reception following the service.

Everyone is invited to *shower Sandy with thank you cards* on April 3rd. You can bring your card with you or mail it to the church attention: Sandy Kushner.



Ash Wednesday is March 2. This year we will again have a drive-up service from 7 – 8 pm. People will be invited to stay in their vehicles and receive ashes. Lenten devotional materials will be available for pick-up; they will also be available in worship.

We want to thank the Upland Fire Company for volunteering to bring lights and help with the evening.



Easter Greetings

We will be sending Tom Geveke, our college student, an Easter basket. There will be plastic eggs at the church for you to fill. We are hoping people will put notes and candy in the plastic eggs. Please fill your eggs by March 27th.

Lenten Offering

The Lenten Offering will be used to support future Main Street Elementary School projects. You are welcome to give to the Lenten offering at any time during the Lenten season. You can give in person or online, please mark your donation *Lent*.

Food Bank

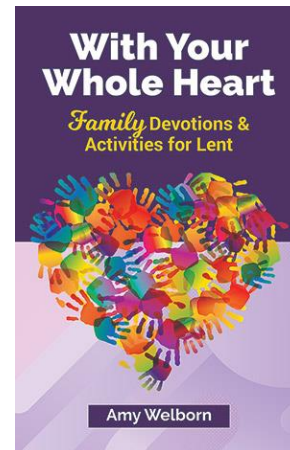
The item of the month for March –
Cereal.

Please donate boxes of cereal anytime during the month.



Lenten Devotionals

This year we will be reading *With Your Whole Heart* Family Devotions and Activities for Lent. You can pick up your devotional at the drive-up Ash Wednesday, in worship, or call the office to request a copy. The sermons during Lent will be based on the devotionals.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for March and April

March Birthdays

15 Jimmy Machamer
22 Rev. Brenda Shaw
 Kyle Lord
25 Rachel Miskowic
30 Normajeane Colby
 Katie Boyer

March Anniversaries

None

April Birthdays

2 Mary Kefalas
9 Sam DeVecchis
13 Dan Miller
15 Kimberlee Kalichak
21 Darlene Strunk
24 David Pysher
 Denise Sweeney
27 John Shaw
30 Anna Geveke

April Anniversaries

27 Jimmy and Liz Machamer



Church Directory

The Church Directory is available on our website: www.uplandbaptist.org. When we get a correction or update, the online directory is updated. It is password protected. If you need the password, please contact the church office or ask Pastor Brenda.



Church Accompanist Search

We continue to pray for our Church Accompanist Search. We have not had any applications at this time. We continue to look for new avenues and share our job description. Mrs. Marge Waltman has agreed to play the piano in worship for April 24 and the month of May.

This is not the news we hoped to share, but we continue to hope and pray for our next accompanist.



WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL

Outreach at the Delaware County Pregnancy Center

January 30 was Service Sunday and a group from Church had planned to do some maintenance work at the Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester. However, due to a snowstorm the day before, the Center's Director postponed the work. The Director, Destiny Diggs, asked if some of the work that had been planned could be done sometime in February. John Kofroth and Frank Kulp went to the Pregnancy Center on February 7 and hung a TV in the "Dad's Cave" and installed an air conditioning unit in the Director's office.



Lilies

We won't be ordering memorial Easter Lilies this year. The only place that was able to give us a price was \$24.99 for each lily. We decided that was not practical.

We will be getting a few lilies to have in the church for Easter Sunday.



Devotional Thought...

Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed for I am your God; I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Do you have a go to Bible verse(s)? One you can pull from memory when needed? Maybe one you learned in Bible or Sunday School? John 3:16 comes to mind when circumstances make me question God's love – He gave his only begotten son to save his people. Of course, He loves us. When I face a personal problem that I am not sure I can get through, Isaiah 41:10 is there telling me God will strengthen and uphold me. When I am not feeling kindly about the world around me, John 13:34 reminds me to ..."love one another; even as I have loved you that you also love one another." When I need rest, peace, and to clear my mind Psalm 23 is my favorite. I sometimes use it at night or as a meditation and envision green pastures, still waters, walking down the path of righteousness with Jesus through the valley of death. I admit that I may fall asleep from time to time before I get to the end. When I am grateful, it's Psalm 36:1 "give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and His steadfast love endures forever."

Add the Bible to your reading list. When you hear a verse that speaks to you, memorize it, or mark it in your Bible so you can go back to it when you need it most.

Priscilla Mills

Lent Quiz Questions

1) Which is the first day of Lent?

- a) Ash Wednesday
- b) Valentine's Day
- c) Shrove Tuesday
- d) Maundy Thursday

2) What is the original meaning of Lent?

- a) Autumn
- b) Spring
- c) Fast
- d) Penance

3) Which is the last Sunday of Lent?

- a) Easter Sunday
- b) Whit Sunday
- c) Palm Sunday
- d) Pentecost Sunday

4) Lent is said to be of 40 days even though from Ash Wednesday to the last Saturday of the season it is 46 days. Why?

- a) Sundays are not included
- b) Mondays are not included
- c) Counting error
- d) Saturdays are not included

5) How is ash for Ash Wednesday made?

- a) By burning palms used during a previous Palm Sunday
- b) By burning logs
- c) By burning books
- d) By burning clothes

ANSWERS: 1)a: 2)b: 3)c: 4)a: 5)d

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