

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED: Charles Blume, Darrell Baker (brother-in-law of Chuck Quimby), Martha Deal, Louise Moore (mother of Derek Albea), Carol Fleming, Barbara Morgan, Alisha Dowell Dollar, Rodger & Margie Erickson (friends of Ruth Quimby), Unspoken prayer needs, Pete Skinner (son-in-law of Chuck & Ruth Quimby), Telka Gullett (sister-in-law of Donnie Whitesides), Johnny Myers, Joy Brown, Randy Grant, Charlotte Gehrke (great niece of Mary Helen Myers), Pat Chaffin, Malcolm & Peggy Bullock, Sam & Gloria Correll, Kate Wilson, CC. & Peg Williams.

Public Safety Personnel: Probation officers, firefighters, paramedics, sheriff and police officers. **Military:** James & Sarah Fullwood (Marines), Logan Willis (National Guard). **Missionaries:** The Raymer Family

Pastor Nominating Committee, Next Pastor for Unity Church, Salem Presbytery, Our Nation.

DEACONS TO COUNT OFFERING: Travis Crotts & Libby Watson (Next Sunday: Jason Whitley & Helen Dickson)

NURSERY TODAY: Kathi Albea (Next Sunday: Kim Foster)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to (27) Wyatt Shumaker (3) Cody Haire (4) Martha Deal.

The Session of Unity Church voted to offer two options for worship on Sundays beginning February 27. The service will take place live in the sanctuary for all who wish to worship there. Those who feel more comfortable in the larger space may continue to worship in the Fellowship Hall where the service will be projected on the video screen. Masks are optional in both spaces. Sunday School classes will resume meeting on Feb 27.

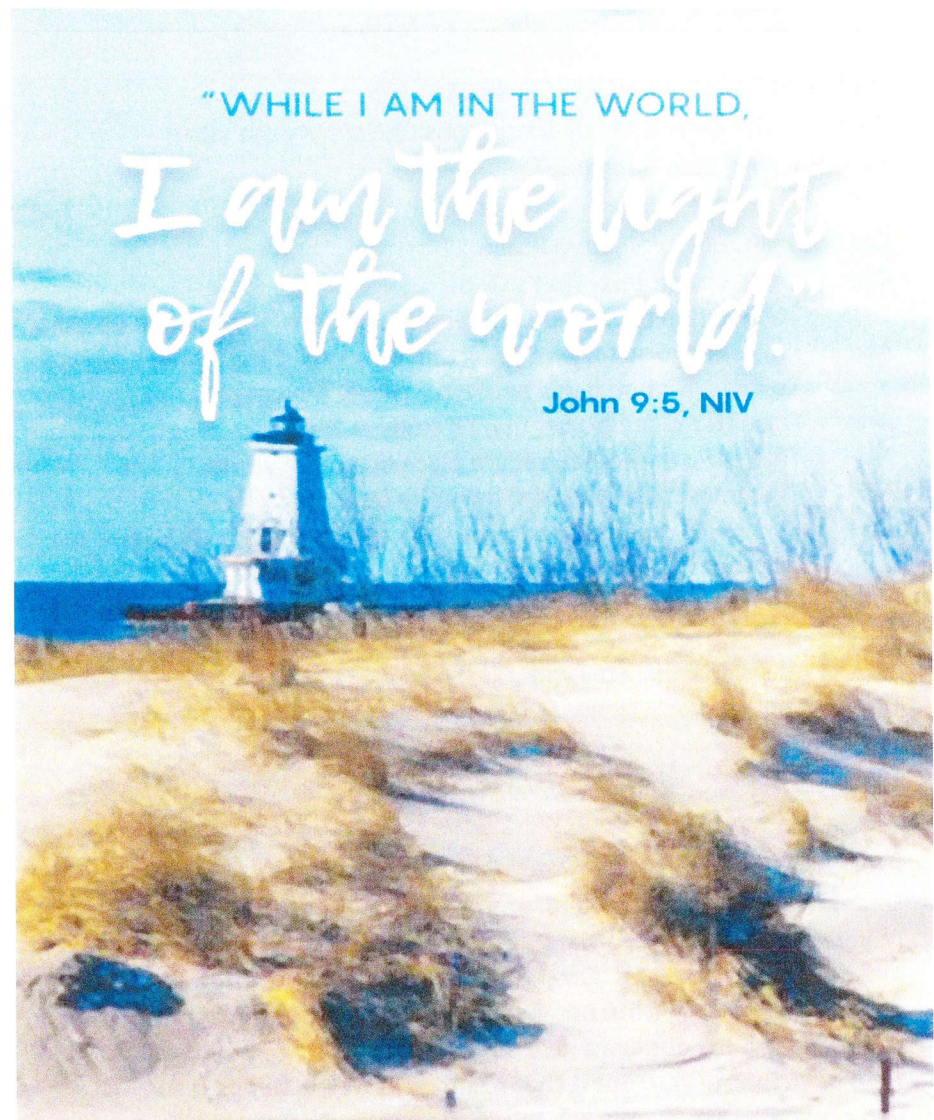
Please pick up your copy of the March newsletter today.

Pennies for Hunger will be taken up next week.

The Action Committee will meet Monday, February 28 at 6:00pm.

Unity Church will be hosting the first of our Community Easter services on March 2 at 7 pm. Unity will host the Ash Wednesday service, The Arbor will host the Maundy Thursday service and Woodleaf Methodist will host the Good Friday service. Please make plans to join us for these Lenten worship services.

Women's Circle meetings will resume on Tuesday, March 8 at 2:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. We will continue where we left off in our book "God's Promise I Am With You". Study lesson 5 "God With Us When We are Powerless".



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UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 27, 2022

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 27

One: Light, space, zest- That's God!

So with him on my side I'm fearless, afraid of no one and no thing.

All: I'm asking God for one thing and only one thing.

To live with him in his house my whole life long.

One: I'll contemplate his beauty, I'll study at his feet.

That's the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world,

All: The perfect getaway, far from the buzz of traffic.

God holds me head and shoulders above all who try to pull me down.

One: I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness in the exuberant earth.

All: Stay with God! Take heart. Don't quit.

I'll say it again; Stay with God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN "When We Walk with the Lord"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Understanding God; in spite of your call for absolute obedience; in spite of your call to reject all other gods; we continue to follow old customs and keep our old habits. Forgive our unfaithful behavior; forgive our actions that show we are not loyal to you. Open our eyes to the way you view the path for our lives; give us the opportunity to mend our ways. Help us to follow your Spirit that reminds us of the things Jesus demonstrated for us. We ask this in His name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are grateful, Lord, for all that you have given to us. We celebrate all the ways that you challenge us to learn and grow and give. Today we rise to the challenge and bring the best of what we have to offer. Bless these gifts so we may continue to grow in understanding of your plan for our lives. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-12; 35-41

MESSAGE

"Blind People"

Sue Moore

STATEMENT OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed"

HYMN

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

John 9:1-12; 35-41

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." 38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, [a] "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." 40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."

There will be a fundraiser for

Meals on Wheels Rowan on Thursday, March 10.

Port-a-Pit BBQ is preparing meals that will include 1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, Roll and Dessert for \$12 each. Meals must be pre-ordered and pre-paid by March 6. There is an envelope available in which to place your order and your money in the vestibule. If you would like to add a donation you may place that in the envelope also.

Please make out checks to Meals on Wheels Rowan. A person from our church will place all our orders, pick the meals up and bring them to the church at 5 pm on March 10. This is another way that we can help members of our community.

ONE CHURCH/ONE CHILD: Several years ago, our church joined with the Dept. of Social Services in supporting this mission/outreach program. We have previously donated leftovers from our yard sales and have taken donations at Christmas to help purchase gift cards for the children under their care. They currently have a need for new or gently used shoes for children and teens (that can be worn year-round), new underwear, and new socks for children. The Session approved the request of the Outreach Ministry Team to collect these items throughout the month of March. There will be a tub in the narthex to receive these items. Thank you for your support!

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