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**Open Minds,
Open Hearts,
Open Doors.**

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Pastoral Ponderings

With all the hype of the secular celebration of Easter, it may be easy to forget the holy experience of Lent. It is impossible to appreciate the ALLELUIA of Easter without having had placed both feet into the wilderness as Jesus did. What is it that we can do to increase our awareness of holy living? In what way can we increase in our faithfulness to God? This is the challenge of Lent. John Wesley preached that salvation and holiness are synonymous terms. Below is a short reading by Abby Thornton Hailey on her thoughts on the word "holy" you might find interesting. This season of Lent, I encourage each of us to ask Jesus to scoot over a bit, making room for us to sit with Him during this holy time of spiritual reflection.



Holy" is a word we hear a lot in church. But what does it mean? Simply put, "holy" means "set apart." This doesn't necessarily mean being physically separate, but rather to be different in one's deepest self, in one's way of being. To be holy is to be designated for a sacred purpose, set apart to live a life that does not look like others.

The Bible frequently praises God as holy. This makes sense — who would want to worship a God who was just like anyone else? We need God to be different than us and the standards we are used to. But what might it mean when God tells us to "be holy, as I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44)? Perhaps it means that we, too, are to live lives that look different, that are set apart from what is ordinary or standard, to serve a sacred purpose. What might it look like for you to live as a reflection of a holy God?

Pastor Penny

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Valentine Bags were delivered to 22 Shut-Ins in February. Many members of our congregation shared a heartwarming visit with the people they delivered to. The Shut-Ins are always so delighted to receive the bag and the visit.

We are looking forward to having a Ladies Dinner on April 26. So save the date. Ladies we have soooooo many wonderful events and mission projects to

look forward to this year, please consider joining us.

March 17 at 6:30 (remember it's our new meeting time) will be our next UMW meeting. Marilyn DeLorio will be sharing divine devotions and serving some of her scrumptious goodies. Shelda Roerig is planning an inspirational program. Hope to see you there!

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*We are the Round Lake
United Methodist
Church...
Opening doors,
Opening hearts,
Opening minds!*



God didn't promise days
without pain

Laughter without sorrow

Nor sun without rain

But he did promise
strength for the day,

Comfort for the tears

And light for the way

—author unknown

UMW (Con't from pg 1)....

Don't forget our Garage Sale in May when you're cleaning out your closets, attic or basement. Free your life and get rid of those things you haven't used in years!

If you have questions, please call Carol Millington at 899-2418.



Trustees Report...

Trustees have started the New Year by updating the Building Policy for the church and also adjusting Fee Schedules and Liability Agreements. This coincides with the requests from outside of our church to use our facilities. Once these policies have been approved by the Administrative Council, they will be made available for everyone to read.

finish the entry way floor, start painting in the parsonage and start planning for any other projects that need our immediate attention.

As always, we encourage the members of the church to attend one of our meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

In the next few months, Trustees hope to

The March meeting will be on the 5th at 7pm.

See the Light (in others) ~ Be the Light (to others)...

Her name is Patti. She entered the exercise floor with her head wrapped and the bravest smile on her face. I didn't know her name yet, but noticed that she danced well and enjoyed it, and she approached other class members and offered a hug. Today I asked her name. She is the Patti our class had prayed for during her cancer recovery! For me, today, she was my light. I saw in her the courage and hope I will seek when and if I am on that journey. I also observed that when others did not know how to approach her, she went to them. That is God confidence - a model for me. I thanked her for the light she shines for us, and we hugged.

needs of a "lost" child. Last week she said "I wish I could just not be so angry all the time." That's an open door we cannot ignore; we need to act on that plea. It doesn't even demand an answer in words, but a chance to be the light. "I understand Kathy. It doesn't have to be that way. Ask for peace, believing it's there for you." I believe the plea came from Kathy seeing the peace that others have; she wants a piece of the pie. Her heart can be warmed – by being the light for her. Words, actions, helpful scripture verses or readings ~ all offered with love and encouragement. It comes with a need for accountability. A hope so tender and vulnerable can be dashed if the light that offered her healing flickers and goes out. Once a light, we must always be the light. We know not who is watching,

...who is searching,

... who is following our light.

God's message,
through the heart of Phyllis Sommerman



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 9 Worship 10 Coffee Hour	24 1p Stone Soup	25 Torch Deadline 8p AA	26	27 7p Choir Practice	28	Mar 1
2 9 Worship 10 Coffee Hour	3 1p Stone Soup	4 7p Finance Committee 8p AA	5 7p Trustee's Meeting	6 7p Choir Practice	7	8 11:30 Soup & Sandwich
9 Daylight Saving Time 9 Worship 10 Coffee Hour	10 1p Stone Soup 7p Administrative Cour	11 8p AA	12 7p One Achord Practice	13 7p Choir Practice	14	15
16 9 Worship w/One Acho 10 Coffee Hour	17 1p Stone Soup 6:30p UMW	18 8p AA	19	20 7p Choir Practice	21	22
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30 9 Worship 10 Coffee Hour	31 1p Stone Soup	Apr 1 7p Finance Committee 8p AA	2 7p Trustee's Meeting	3 7p Choir Practice	4	5

Want more details? Check out the interactive version @ RoundLakeUMC.weebly.com. Want to add your event, birthday, anniversary, etc.? Email it to RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com Attn: Calendar Event!



Wishlist

At the last Administrative Council meeting the idea of having a "wish list" posted in the church was brought up. We will post items here for people to see if they can help out...

"We have one at Malta and one time I asked for a flat screen TV for movie night and wouldn't you know, a man in the church who repairs televisions had a perfectly good one for us and just gave it to the church. You never know until you ask."
Pastor Penny

Counters, Readers and Ushers...

March 2nd ~

Usher(s): Ron English

Counter(s): Walt Agnew/Phyllis Sommerman

Reader(s): Phyllis Sommerman

March 9th ~

Usher(s): Ron English

Counter(s): Shelda Roerig/J.Halme

Reader(s): Tamara Russell

March 16th ~

Usher(s): Ron English

Counter(s): Bob Washburn/C.Christopher

Reader(s): Joyce Meurs

March 23rd ~

Usher(s): Ron English

Counter(s): Linda Milkins/Jean Halme

Reader(s): Steve Mitchell

March 30th ~

Usher(s): Ron English

Counter(s): Terry Reynolds/Jean Halme

Reader(s): Duane Colson

Anyone interested in volunteering to be a Usher, Counter or Reader should see Jean Halme or send an email to:

RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com with Attn: Counters/Ushers/Readers in the subject line.

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Upcoming Scriptures for Worship

Sunday, March 2, 2014 ~Holy Communion~
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 2 Peter
1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, March 9, 2014 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7;
Psalm 32 (UMH 766); Romans 5:12-19; Matthew
4:1-11

Help Wanted...

- ⇒ A person to send out thank you letters for memorial contributions. Letters can be done in the convenience of your home.
- ⇒ Light duty. Church member to service on nominations committee. This group meets only occasionally in the spring and fall. This committee considers members for various positions of our church.

Care Ministry

Many of our church family are caring for others by sending cards, providing meals, visiting shut-ins in their homes and nursing homes, calling and by doing many other acts of kindness. If you are wondering how you can help or if you know of someone that needs help, please call Mina Cranston at 877-5408 or Carol Millington 899-2418.

Sunday, March 16, 2014 Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121 (UMH 844); Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 23, 2014 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95 (UMH 814) Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 30, 2014 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137) Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

- ⇒ Do you want to do something but don't like going out for a meeting? Your church needs someone to call people to serve as a greeter on Sunday mornings.



***Are you that generous person?
If so please call Joyce Meurs
at 237-0788.***

Easter Flowers

Time to order your Easter flowers. The cost of the flowers will be \$10.00 and the choice of flowers are tulips, mums and lilies. Please see Gail Dean or Carol DeMartino to order your flowers. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Orders must be placed before March 24th.



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