February 19, 2019

# The Springs

SAND SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Don Tabberer

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!"* (Psalm 118:1, NRSV)

Ash Wednesday is two weeks away, which means that Easter Sunday is still eight weeks off. Sunday, April 21st is Easter this year. Before we get there, we need to walk through the Season of Lent together and try to make sense of the incredible sacrifice of Jesus. Lent is a time of preparation for us; it can be a time of sorrow when we think of all that Jesus went through in his life; and it leads us to a celebration of great joy.

This year, I am preparing a sermon series called, ***"With All Your Heart."*** In this season of formation and preparation, I recognize that we all approach these forty days of Lent from a variety of different perspectives and at different places along our Christian journey. Lent is a call to return to God with all our hearts, which is why it has become a season of prayer and fasting for so many.

For hundreds of years this season served as a time for new converts to prepare for baptism, traditionally part of the Easter Vigil worship. I believe that all this call and response is initiated by God, who invites us to come before the altar of God with all our hearts.

Our series this Lent will articulate the direct pathway that begins with God's call on our lives and continues through the process of our own repentance, reconciliation with God and with one another, and preparation to publicly proclaim our belief in the Risen Christ. I pray that this season becomes a place for us to revisit and renew our beginnings along the Christian journey of salvation.

I hope that each of you will make a commitment to be present at each of our Lenten worship services this year. From Ash Wednesday and continuing on each Sunday of Lent, join us for the ***"With All Your Heart"*** sermon series. If you are available, we will once again hold weekly worship and lunch events at noon on each Tuesday of Lent; the schedule for these is found elsewhere in this newsletter. On the evening of **Palm Sunday**, our **Chancel Choir** will present a moving Easter cantata to bring us into the holiest week of the Christian Year.

On **Maundy Thursday**, **April 18th**, we will gather at 6:30PM at The Well for our annual supper and worship. This year, in hymns and reading, we will invite God to, ***"Be Present at Our Table."*** Then, on **Good Friday, Aril 19th** we will commemorate the last hours of Jesus' life in a traditional Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary at 6:30PM. Finally, on **Easter Sunday, April 21st**, we will fill the sanctuary with light and music to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our redemption from sin and death.

This is indeed a time to give thanks to the Lord! Even though we take time to reflect on the saddest events in Jesus' life, we already know how the story ends. We move through Lent knowing that the end of the journey leads to resurrection. Even so, it is Jesus who commands us to "Remember" when he gathers with his disciples on Thursday night. It is still our obligation to remember.

Please, mark all these dates on your calendar and plan to walk this path with us. I promise that your Easter will be richer and more meaningful to you if you spend the time in preparation.

Again, I will also ask you to continue to pray for the United Methodist Church. The special called session of the General Conference begins in St. Louis on Sunday, February 24th. Over four days, 800 delegates from around the globe will decide the future structure and policy of our denomination There will be prayers, worship, and heated debate. Of primary concern to this conference is the issue of whether or not to include people of all sexual orientations in the Body of Christ. They will try to discern what Jesus would do in response to the current cultural climate. They will discuss whether or not human sexuality is a matter of nature or nurture. They will be confronted with the command to love God and love others. They will be surrounded by emotions and human frailty. Please pray that, in spite of humanity, the conference can find ways to listen for God's leading and truly discern what God expects from the church.

Praying for a holy Lent,
Pastor Don

# Fourth Monday
## COMMUNITY MEAL

4th Monday of the Month
Fellowship Hall • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 25 5:30PM FELLOWSHIP HALL**
**BRING A DESSERT BRING CORNBREAD**
**BRING A FRIEND**

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## KidZone News

We had a fun time making and sending valentines to some friends in our church. We continue our lessons in "Kingdom Rock-Where Kids Stand Strong for God." Be sure and be there next Sunday as we finish our story on Queen Esther and how she stood strong for God.
Have a great week and see you next Sunday.
Miss Debbie and Miss Marty

## KIDZONE NEEDS...

...paper grocery sacks for a lesson starting March 3rd. Please eave in the narthex.
...large plastic frosting cans for VBS. We will have a box in the narthex for the cans.
Thanks!!

## Lenten Devotional/Luncheon
**Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon**
*Devotional Time, followed by Lunch*

**March 12-**Sand Springs United Methodist Church-4th & Main
**March 19-**Dillon Chapel at Woodland Memorial Park-12th & Cleveland
**March 26-**First Presbyterian Church-222 N. Adams Road
**April 2-**St. Andrew Lutheran Church-3201 S. 113th W. Ave.
**April 9-**St. Patrick's Catholic Church-204 E. 4th
**April 16-**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church-601 Lake Drive

United Methodist Women
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## UMW NEWS

Happy March Birthday goes to Judy Bullard and Marybeth Arnold.

**MEETING DATES:**
March 7-Executive Meeting-5:30pm
March 9-Membership Potluck Brunch-9:30am-Fellowship Hall-Bring a Friend!!
March 12-Lenten Lunch-12:00pm-Fellowship Hall (We are asking you to bring 12 sandwiches cut in half, chips, cookies or cupcakes.) Also, we need greeters and clean up. See Cynthia for more information

**CIRCLE MEETINGS:**
**Faith**
February 28-Sondra Allen
March 28-Rita Randall
**Priscilla**
February 26-Susan Edwards & Gerri Waldschmidt
March 26-Betty Smith & Becky Dillingham
**Ruth Esther**
February 28-Joanna Wilson, Barbara Fisher & Wava Burt
March 28-Chloeen Oney, Jo Ann Nelson & Joanna Wilson
Also, March 23-24-Spiritual Retreat at Camp Egan in Tahlequah.
It will be a busy month but I know our UMW Ladies are up for it!

**REMINDER:** Cookbooks are available in the office for $10. See Tracey
UMW Questions? Call Cynthia Alex 918-851-7233

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## HERBAL AFFAIR

**The Herbal Affair will be here before we know it, April 13, and it's time to start thinking about what goodies we want to share with the community.**
**Also, this year we will be hosting the vendor dinner on Friday night the 12th. We have done this in the past and the city asked if we would host this year in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Herbal Affair. What a great way to recognize our church and the UMW!**
**More information about the Herbal Affair and the vendor dinner will be coming as the date nears. If you have any questions, please let Karen Wilder know.**

# What's Going On?

**SUNDAY LISTS**

**Head Ushers**

8:45am-Amanda Honeycutt
11:00am-Eddie David

**Children's Church**

8:45am-Kingdom Kids
11:00am-Jami Warkentin
February 24-Susie Honeycutt
March 10-Marty David
March 17-Amy Miller

**Sunday Counters**

February 24
Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
March 3
Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
March 10
Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin
March 17
Diana Pond & Jack Vest

**Youth Dinners, Served 6:30, Wednesdays**

February 20-CIA/Pathfinders
February 27-Faith Circle
March 6-TNT
March 13-Ruth Esther Circle
March 20-Spring Break

**Welcome Center—2019**

CIA/Pathfinders-January
Harmony-February
TNT-March
CIA/Pathfinders-April
TNT-May
CIA/Pathfinders-June
TNT-July
CIA/Pathfinders-August
TNT-September
CIA/Pathfinders-October
TNT-November
CIA/Pathfinders-December

**Prayer List… "The Prayer Box"**

***Please remember to pray for these...***

Dick Ford, Jim & Vi McAllister, Betty & Linda Lund, Martha Scudder, June Brown, Mary McGowan, BW Proft, Sue Shaw, Michael Bostwick, Greta Green, Bob & Cathy Hula, Bill & Clare Caldwell, John & Sylvia Johnson, Barbara McClintock, Montie Box, Owen Johnston, Ruth Weaver, Darin Grayson, Bruce & Mona Warren

Also,

Last Week's Prayer Chains & Unspoken Requests

***Sunday Worship Schedule***

*8:45am-Contemporary Worship*

*9:45am-Communion Service*

*(Except 1st Sunday-Communion in Worship)*

*10:00am-Sunday School*

*11:00am-Traditional Worship*

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***1st Sunday of the Month***

***Communion Sunday***

***Blended Worship***

*10:00am-Sunday School*

*11:00am-Traditional Worship*

***Sand Springs United Methodist Church***
*PO Box 336-Mailing*
*319 N. Main—Delivery*
*Sand Springs, OK*
*74063*

## TWO NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FORMING

**Classes begin Sunday, March 10th at 5:00PM and continue for 7 weeks.**

Women's Study:
***"Job: A Story of Unlikely Joy"*** by Lisa Harper
BOOK COST: $12.99

Men's Study:
***"Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance"*** by Tony Dungy
BOOK COST: $6.99

**REGISTER ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE:**

www.sandspringsumc.org

Click on: Adult Bible Study

**Cathy's Notes**

**Chancel Choir** has begun rehearsal has begun on the Easter cantata, "At His Name." This year the cantata will be performed on Palm Sunday evening, April 14, The cantata is rehearsed at the beginning of each Wednesday evening beginning at 7 PM. It is not too late to join us for the cantata.

**Kingdom Kids** will perform "It Is Written" at the next blended worship on March 3. There will only be one service that day, so we will be singing at the 11:00 hour.

# Communion Sunday

## Combined Blended Worship

# Sunday, March 3

## Sunday School
## 10:00 a.m.

## Worship
## 11:00 a.m.

# March 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3<br>Communion Sunday<br><br>10a-Sunday School<br>11a-***Blended*** Worship | 4<br><br>10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs<br><br>7p-Boy Scouts-The Well | 5<br><br>7p-Prasie Team Practice | 6-**Ash Wednesday**<br><br>7:30a-M/W Bfst.-Crescent Café<br>5:45p-Y4Y<br>6:30p-Youth-Ash Wed. Svc.<br>Chance I Choir-After Ash Wed. Svc. | 7<br><br>5:30p-UMW Exec. Meeting<br>7p-Praise Team Practice-Sanct. | 1<br><br>8 | 2<br><br>9<br>9:30a-UMW Potluck-F. Hall |
| 10-Daylight Savings Time<br>8:45a-Contemporary Worship<br>9:50a-Communion Service<br>10a-Sunday School<br>11a-Traditional Worship<br>1:30pm-Finance Cmt. Mtg.<br>2:30p-Ch. Council Mtg.<br>3:00p-Book Club | 11<br><br>10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs<br><br>7p-Boy Scouts-The Well | 12<br><br>12p-Lent Svc/Lunch-SSUMC<br><br>7p-Prasie Team Practice | 13<br>7:30a-Men's Bfst.-Crescent Café<br><br>4p-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall<br>5:45p-Y4Y<br>6:30p-Youth-The Well<br>7p-Chance I Choir Practice | 14<br><br>7p-*Collins Karate-The Well | 15 | 16 |
| 17<br>8:45a-Contemporary Worship<br>9:50a-Communion Service<br>10a-Sunday School<br>11a-Traditional Worship<br><br>11a-*The Well in use | 18-Spring Break<br><br>NL Articles due by 11:00 a.m.<br>10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs<br><br>7p-Boy Scouts-The Well | 19-Spring Break<br><br>12p-Lent Svc/Lunch-Dillon Chapel & Woodland Memorial Park<br><br>7p-Prasie Team Practice | 20– Spring Break<br>7:30a-Men's Bfst.-Crescent Café<br><br>1:30p-Mission to Stitch<br><br>5:45p-Y4Y<br>6:30p-Youth-The Well<br>7p-Chance I Choir Practice | 21-Spring Break<br><br>7p-*Collins Karate-The Well | 22-Spring Break | 23 |
| 24<br>8:45a-Contemporary Worship<br>9:50a-Communion Service<br>10a-Sunday School<br>11a-Traditional Worship | 25<br><br>10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs<br><br>5:30p-4th Monday Dinner-F. Hall<br><br>7p-Boy Scouts-The Well | 26<br><br>12p-Lent Svc/Lunch-1st Presb.<br><br>7p-Priscilla Circle-Betty S.<br><br>7p-Prasie Team Practice | 27<br>7:30a-Men's Bfst.-Crescent Café<br><br>5:45p-Y4Y<br>6:30p-Youth-The Well<br>7p-Chance I Choir Practice | 28<br><br>1p-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall<br><br>6:30p-Faith Circle-Parlor<br><br>7p-*Collins Karate-The Well | 29 | 30 |
| 31<br>8:45a-Contemporary Worship<br>9:50a-Communion Service<br>10a-Sunday School<br>11a-Traditional Worship | | | | | | |