

# The Kresge Kourier April 2022



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*From our pastor*

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**“We share the Christian belief that God’s redemptive love is realized in human life by the activity of the Holy Spirit, both in personal experience and in the community of believers. This community is the church, which the Spirit has brought into existence for the healing of the nations.**

Through faith in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled to God, transformed as people of the new covenant.

‘Life in the Spirit’ involves diligent use of the means of grace such as praying, fasting, attending upon the sacraments, and inward searching in solitude. It also encompasses the communal life of the church worship, mission, evangelism, service, and social witness.” (Para 102, UM BoD)

“We believe divine worship is the duty and privilege of man who, in the presence of God, bows in adoration, humility and dedication. We believe divine worship is essential to the life of the Church, and that the assembling of the people of God for such worship is necessary to Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. (Para 104, Article III – Public Worship, UM BoD)

“It is expected of all who desire to continue in these societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation, *Thirdly*: By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are: The public worship of God. ....

It is very evident that as United Methodist we believe in and are to practice corporate worship. Christianity is a team sport. While the decision to accept and follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is a personal, life after that decision is public and corporate.

When we baptize a person (whether adult or infant) as a congregation, to this question: “Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *these persons* now before you in your care?” we respond, “**With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround *these persons* with a community of love and forgiveness, that *they* may grow in *their* trust of God, and be found faithful in *their* service to others. We will pray for *them*, that *they* may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**”

Membership in a local United Methodist Church comes with great responsibilities. When we join with a local congregation we covenant with God and the congregation to faithfully participate in the ministries of the local congregation by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. The congregation responds: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**”

Membership is a holy commitment. As we journey through Lent toward Easter spend some time in solitude reflecting on your response to the above covenant. Come be a faithful participant in the life of our congregation.

In His grip, Ed

## Lenten Offering 2022

To give thanks and praise for Gpd's Word through Warren Lathem while Pastor Ed recovered from back surgery, we are receiving an offering during Lent to purchase rice and beans for the people of Venezuela. Our contributions will be donated to Venezuela Now staff here in the US, they will ensure safe passage, arrival, and distribution in Venezuela.

During Lent we are asked to give something up so we can take on more of Christ. The idea this year is to give up a meal a day, or three-four meals a week (you decide) then donate the dollar amount saved by not going through a drive through, for example, to this effort. At the end of Lent we will use the offering to buy bulk from a warehouse store.

There is a display in front of the sanctuary that has 50 lbs of rice and 48 lbs of beans. With tax, rounded up to nearest dollar amount this cost \$54.00. At the end of Lent could we possibly have an offering large enough to send 1000lbs of rice and 960lbs of beans? \$1080 is all that it will take.

Each Sunday during Lent our offerings for this gift may be left in the container by the display.

Pray, pray, pray - respond to how God desires you to participate.



The cross in the sanctuary is covered in 3 layers of burlap; burlap overlaid with black cloth then overlaid with purple. The cloths spill down in 6 layers for 6 Sundays in Lent leading to Easter. Each layer has a lit candle. Each Sunday a candle will be removed, the purple folded back to reveal the black. A little more folding back each week until Good Friday when the cross will be all black. Kresge Worship Team

Kresge Ladies--Tuesday, April 12th Meeting at 2:30, Easter Egg stuffing and enjoying each other's company.

Kresge Congregation Outreach--Saturday, April 16th- 2:00-4:00 Easter Egg Hunt at the church. We need everyone to come out and join the fun!

Kresge Congregation Outreach-Saturday, May 14th- Community Yard Sale- 8:00 a.m. -1:00 a.m. in our church parking lot. For more info talk to Charlie Self.

Kresge Congregation Sunday Dinner- Everyone is invited to a wonderful lunch after church on May 15th, hosted by the Kresge Ladies.

Please continue to bring in Easter Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt...Thank you all for being Jesus' hands in the community and for taking care of each other.

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Anniversaries and Birthdays are on the calendar.					1 Matthew 2	2 Matthew 3
3 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional  Sybil Temple Matthew 4	4 Matthew 5	5 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am  Worship Team @ 4:00 Matthew 6	6 Matthew 7	7 Clothing Bank  Grief Share 7:00 pm  Mike Davis Matthew 8	8 Matthew 9	9 Matthew 10
10 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional  Larry Cone Matthew 11	11 Danny & Susan O'Neal Matthew 12	12 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am Matthew 13	13 Matthew 14	14 Small Group 11:30 am Grief Share 7:00 pm  Clean Team Moody Masi Matthew 15	15 Matthew 16	16 Matthew 17
17 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional  Ollie Cooper Matthew 18	18 Joyce Peppers Matthew 19	19 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am Small Group 12:00 S.H.- Pam Himes Jim Cook Matthew 20	20 Cathy Andrews Matthew 21	21 Small Group 11:30 am Grief Share 7:00 pm  S.H.- Maria Masi Debra Willingham Matthew 22	22 Ed Dickens Carol Upton Charlene Morgan Matthew 23	23 Terry Simpson Matthew 24
24 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional Matthew 25	25 Ann Roberts Matthew 26	26 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am Small Group 12:00 Brian McGee Frank Norris Matthew 27	27 Matthew 28	28 Small Group 11:30 am Grief Share 7:00 pm  Clean Team Edge, Cook, Willingham Mark 1	29 Mac Pletcher Mark 2	30 Greg & Krista Cooper Earle Ellis Mark 3