

# The Messenger



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## MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 6

*Communion*

8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship

### Wednesday, March 9

*Ash Wednesday Service*  
7:00 PM

### Sunday, March 13

*1st Sunday in Lent*  
*Scouting Ministries Sunday*  
10:00 AM Worship  
(no 8:30 worship)

### Sunday, March 20

*2nd Sunday in Lent*  
8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship

### Sunday, March 27

*3rd Sunday in Lent*  
8:30 & 10:00 AM Worship

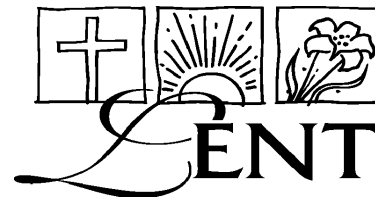
## Lenten Service Project

Lent is a time to deepen your relationship with God. Traditionally, Christians strive to give up something in their life to make room for God. What will you be giving up for Lent? Start thinking about it now because on Sunday March 6th, we are going to be asking you to

make a commitment. This year, we are asking that everyone give up something for Lent, such as coffee, eating out, movies, TV, etc. We are then asking that the money you would typically spend on that item(s) or service(s) be donated to

church. Each Sunday in Lent, you will have the opportunity to come forward during the service to place your money on the altar. Remember that because this money comes from some behavior you have given up, it is above and beyond your tithe. Each Sunday we will be able to watch the

containers fill with coins and cash. On Easter Sunday, we will let you know how much money was raised by everyone's small sacrifices. The money will be put towards the new playground, which will be breaking ground this spring!



## A Hairy Situation

March 13<sup>th</sup> is almost here and for Pastor Michelle, that means the money

she spends on shampoo, conditioner, and hair cuts could be reduced to \$0! For months now, you have stepped up to the challenge to increase worship attendance and Sunday school participation and it looks like we are on track for Pastor Michelle to lose all her hair. Keep up the good work! Now some have expressed concern over the hair loss (Michelle says it will grow back, she hopes) but there will be an opportunity for those

concerned to save the hair. Hmmmm, guess you will have to come and see. Maybe if we raised \$5,000 extra dollars that day, Pastor Michelle would keep her beautiful but graying locks. But the most important part of all this is more are either deepening their relationship with God or are coming to know what that relationship means. Mark the date on your calendar—March 13<sup>th</sup>. **We will have ONE worship service at 10 AM.** And keep coming and inviting people to come worship and study with us well beyond the 13<sup>th</sup>. God is moving and doing powerful things here at First!

**Wednesday Service**

**March 9 - 7:00 pm**

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Save the date! The United Methodist Men will be hosting their third annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 12, at the Marriott-Slaterville social room, 1570 N. 400 W., just about 1/3 mile west of the church on the north side of 400 North. The event will start at 6:00 PM and cost is \$14 per person. Menu will consist of Irish



Stew, Corn Beef & Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Irish Corn Brad and little Green Pistachio pudding pies. Expect to have fun, fellowship and good food— all with an Irish flair. An award will be given for the best Irish dress so start planning. Tickets are available during fellowship time or by contacting Ray Christian at 801-479-6541.



Coming Soon!

2011 Vacation Bible School

June 6-10, 2011

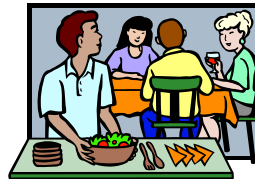
A wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands.



Anyone interested in joining Powder Prayers to ski and fellowship at Powder Mountain is welcome. We will meet on Saturday, March 5 at the Hidden Lake Lodge around 10 a.m. For more information, contact Marty Smith at 801-745-2363 or 801-644-5155.

## WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Please join us in the Wesley Room for a cooking class given by the Utah State University Extension on Thursday, March 24th at 7pm. The USU Extension Food Sense program helps promote healthy eating and an active lifestyle by teaching us how to get the best nutrition



out of what we buy at the grocery store while still being frugal. This class is for anyone ages 10 to adult. All of us could use some new ideas about how to stretch our food budget! Please let Rev. Alane know if you plan to attend.

### March Youth Group Schedule\*

- 6th—Planning
- 13th—No Group
- 20th—Movie
- 27th— Game Day

\*schedule subject to change



## SCOUTS

Sunday, March 13  
Scouting Ministries Sunday

We invite all Girl, Cub and Boy Scouts to dress in your uniforms and join us in worship.

*The Vivace Ensemble (an association of professional musicians in Ogden) will present their first anniversary concert on Sunday, March 13th at 6:30 pm at the Ogden First United Methodist Church. The concert will feature Doug Ball playing the Ysaye solo cello sonata, Jenny Erickson, soprano, and Diana Rippon, alto, singing solos and performing duos with their spouses. The Vista woodwind trio will perform pieces by Faure and Saint Saens. The concert is free and is suitable for children ages 9 and above.*

## Bowling for Scholarships



The United Methodist Men will have a bowling fundraiser for the William & LaDean

Stobaugh Scholarship Fund on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm at Ben Lomond Lanes, 329 Washington Blvd, Ogden. This scholarship fund helps

FUMC students defray the cost of their post-high school education. UMM bowlers will be soliciting pledges so please pledge generously, either with a set amount or a pledge per pin (choose your bowler carefully!) Anyone interested in bowling should contact Paul Kriekard at 801-479-5900.

## Secret Pals

During Lent, we are offering the adults in our congregation an opportunity to get to know the children of our church by becoming Secret Pals. During worship on March 6, a basket of envelopes will be passed, containing the names, ages and pictures of our children. On each Sunday during Lent, we ask you to bring messages to this child, either through the way of a note or an

inexpensive surprise such as bookmarks, paperbacks, candy, pencils, etc. Mailboxes for each child will be in the hallway by the Sunday School rooms for you to place your "mail" in each week. Secret Pals will then be revealed on Easter morning, April 24. This is a wonderful way to bring our children and adults together in friendship.

## Words of Thanks

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE FROM THE MORTON CURE PARALYSIS FUND

Unless it happens to you, you cannot imagine the terror of that phone call from the hospital or a police officer on your doorstep telling you that someone you love has sustained a spinal cord injury and is paralyzed. Until recently that was a life sentence in a wheelchair.

Now, because of research, hope glimmers on the horizon. How has this happened? Because of people like you who have given generously to move this critical research forward.

The Morton Cure Paralysis is very honored to have been selected as your December 'Mission of the Month.' Your many donations enable MCPF to give research grants to fund the most promising cure research.

The mother of a paralyzed 17 year old son said, "Every dollar brings us a day closer to a cure." Your gifts have moved us many days! From MCPF and on behalf of those who are paralyzed and their loving families, please accept my sincere appreciation.

Peter Morton, Executive Director  
Morton Cure Paralysis Fund  
Website: <http://mcpf.org>

## ARE YOU AFRAID OF COMMITMENT?

Then this is the committee for you!! We are in need of 4-5 people to be on a short term committee. We will be putting together a new church cookbook as a fundraiser for the Worship Committee. This committee will help set goals, deadlines, advertise, collect recipes, and sell the cookbooks. Most of this is on-line and it is not a difficult process. Theresa Manning will chair the committee and needs a few others to help make it a raging success. The first meeting will be Thursday,

March 24th at 7:00. We will delegate responsibilities and set time lines. This whole process should only take 2-3 months with minimal meetings. It is our hope to have these published in time for Christmas. This will be a great opportunity to get to know others in our church and to help a worthy cause. No experience necessary! Please contact Theresa at (801)388-6375 or [theresaamstutz@msn.com](mailto:theresaamstutz@msn.com). Stay tuned for further updates and announcements.....



## Summer Camps at Pinecliff

**Jr. High Camp**  
Grades 7-9

**June 10-12, 2011**

**Elementary Camp**  
Grades K-6

**July 18-22, 2011**

**Contact the office for registration forms.**

# March Mission Box Project

The March mission Box is the Catholic Community Services Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank (Northern Utah Food Bank). When you put your loose change in the offering plate or drop coins or bills in the Mission Box in the Narthex you will be helping to support the Food Bank who helps thousands of people every month to feed their families. As they

say, "Times are hard." If you were to drive by the Food Bank on F Avenue, you would see many people on any given day lined up to get food. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." I believe he meant this not only in a spiritual way but also in literal sense. You may have read in the news recently the great need the Food Bank has, not only for food

donations but also donation to help repair the facility. This past year the Food Bank has seen over a 40% increase in people who come to the Food Bank in need of assistance in providing food for their families. During March we have the opportunity to help those in need of a basic element to sustain life-food. You can also volunteer at the Food Bank. All you need to do is call and set up a time to come and lend a hand. *Pastor Michelle*

## United Methodist Women

On Saturday, March 12, at 10 AM, the United Methodist Women will have their General Meeting. They will be having a Book Review. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details on the book to be reviewed. All women are invited.

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Faithful Friends' Circle  
Tuesday, March 22, 1 PM

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Church RUMMAGE Sale  
Saturday, June 11  
Start saving those usable items!

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Women's Spiritual Retreat  
June 3-5, 2011  
Pinecliff Camp and  
Retreat Center  
Registration forms and  
additional information will  
be available soon.

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For more information about United Methodist Women, contact Jennie Sambamurthi, 435-734-2153

### Missional Leader

If you were asked to complete an online "360" survey of Rev. Alane's leadership last fall, you are invited to listening and feedback process interviews on March 8 at 6pm and March 15 at 5:15pm in the Wesley Room.

### Church Women United

#### World Day of Prayer

"How Many Leaves Have You?"

Saturday, March 5, 2011

11:00 AM Registration (\$3 donation)

11:30 AM Meeting

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4050 S. 3900 W., West Haven

Bring canned goods, paper products or other nonperishable items for "SHARE"

### Church Women United Biennial State Assembly

Church Women United (CWU) in Utah's Biennial State Assembly will be held on Saturday, March 26, at Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City. The theme is "Unity Fiesta- Celebrating 70 Years!" and the guest speaker is Margurite Carter, CWU National President. There will be workshops, worship, music, CWU Memorial and Valiant Women Recognitions. Registration is \$15 which covers



program materials, morning coffee and lunch. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 AM with the Assembly program beginning at 9:00 AM. Registration deadline is March 18. Forms are available in the church office. Church Women United is a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive, ecumenical Christian Women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.

## Tupperware Fundraiser

Chris Brack, a Tupperware Consultant and daughter of Bill Wade, is sponsoring a fundraiser for First UMC from March 7-20. During those dates, an online Tupperware party will be up and running for the First United Methodist Church members, family, and guests. 80% of the commission from the Tupperware sales will be given

back to the church. An invitation to the online party will be emailed to you from the church office. You can click on any link in the email to be directed to the party. Catalogs are also available in the church office if you prefer to shop that way. You can then place your order with Chris at (925) 361-7227 or email your order to [chriswade@hotmail.com](mailto:chriswade@hotmail.com)

THE FAMINE IS  
COMING!  
APRIL 22-24.  
WATCH FOR DETAILS  
AND HOW YOU CAN  
HELP!



Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Saturday, March 12 before going to bed.

## Lay Speaker Training

Lay Speakers are active, supportive members of the United Methodist church who witness to their Christian faith by caring, leading and communicating. They serve their church in a variety of capacities. A Lay Speaker is not required to preach! Local Lay Speakers serve their local churches while Certified Lay Speakers serve in their own churches, and sometimes in other churches and through district or conference projects and programs. Basic and Advanced classes are offered several times each year in Utah. These classes equip Christians to become better leaders. Each course is 10 hours and is held on a Friday night and all day Saturday.

The Basic Lay Speaking course and "Lay Speakers Lead Small Groups Class" (advanced) course will be offered on April 8-9, 2011 at Community United Methodist Church in Ogden. The classes are now open to anyone regardless of whether or not they want to be recognized as a "Lay Speaker". The cost is \$30-35 depending on the course and a light breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday. Persons wishing to take the advanced course must order the book prior to the class. Please call or e-mail Cheryl Brown at (801) 568-0108 ([layspeakers@qcom](mailto:layspeakers@qcom)) to reserve a place in the class and to get information on how to order the book for the advanced class.

## Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Ministry at First United Methodist Church was started in January 2007 and has as its purpose: *"to knit/crochet God's love, care, and warmth into shawls for those who need comfort."* As of February 1, we have given away 181 shawls/lap robes. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the church.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to donate new yarn, it would be appreciated. A shawl takes between 600-700 yards of yarn. If you know someone to whom you would like to give a shawl, notify Betty Christian at 801-479-6541, or call the church office. The person receiving a shawl/lap robe does not need to be a member of our congregation.

The **Book Talk** book of the month is *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Join us on Monday, March 14 at 6:30 pm at the home of Cheryl Thompson for our book discussion. Contact Cheryl at 801-773-1782 for further information.

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## Holy Week Schedule

*Palm Sunday, April 17*  
10:00 Worship

*Maundy Thursday Seder Meal*  
April 21

Community UMC

*Good Friday Service*  
April 22

7 PM, First UMC

*Children's Easter Egg Hunt*  
Saturday, April 23, 10 AM

*Easter Sunday April 24*  
SonRise Breakfast 6:45 AM  
SonRise Service 7:30 AM  
Celebration Service 9:30 AM

## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 Modern 10:00 AM Traditional

Sunday School for all Ages

Nursery Care Available

### Church Office Hours:

Tues—Thurs, 9 AM—4 PM, Friday 9-Noon

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