



SOUTH MUNDY MESSENGER 2020

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

A Spiritual Sacrifice

Lent a “period preceding Easter that in the Christian Church is devoted to fasting and abstinence” (taken from an online dictionary) remembering Jesus 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. This season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, and will end on Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020, which is the day before Easter. There are 40 weekdays of fasting, excluding Sundays. As we participate in this time of the year, many of us need to reflect on what spiritual sacrifice we will make during this Lenten season.

Each year, as a church we engage in some form of fasting and abstinence to deny ourselves in order to follow Jesus Christ. This year we (the worship committee) invite you to participate in the 40 days of celebrating a Holy Lent. The season of Lent encourages us to examine our fasting and abstinence methods by giving up something or practicing a new habit. Personally, I like reading various passages in the bible, praying for the United Methodist church, putting away the credit card and giving it a rest, collecting something for a school and donating at least \$10.00 to a local charity. These are several opportunities of sacrifice that we can participate in during this Lenten season.

Jesus became the “perfect sacrifice” on the cross. He prayed and hoped that God would take this cup away from Him. God’s answer was for Jesus to be betrayed, beaten, spit on, crowned with many thorns, crucified and pierced on his side. We too must experience the cost of discipleship and be a living sacrifice in order to represent the name of Jesus Christ. Paul reminds us in Romans 12:1, “So brothers/sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to Him. This is the spiritual way for you to worship.”

What will you do during these 40 days of Lent? Hopefully, all of us will deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus Christ. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts for us to grow closer to the Lord? God desires us to be in an intimate relationship with His son. Take this season to draw nearer to God!

Making a Spiritual Sacrifice; Pastor Sutton

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Pastor's Office Hours

Home office - Mon. Tues.& Wed. (by appt) 11-2

South Mundy Office - Thurs. 11-2

Church office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-2

When Grand Blanc Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church office is closed and all meetings and activities are cancelled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOAH'S ARK & CREATION MUSEUM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at Halsey

SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ALBION

Please pray for the special conference being held on March 7th at Albion college to consider sending protocol legislation to the General Conference. This legislation would preserve the United Methodist Church while allowing traditional congregations to form a new denomination while keeping their local church properties.

LENT EVENTS

Lenten Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at South Mundy from March 2nd to April 7th
Max Lucado - "Six Hours One Friday"

40 Ideas For Keeping a Holy Lent - See page 5 for ideas for the 40 days of Lent

Maundy Thursday Last Supper Reenactment - April 19th 7:00 p.m. at Halsey

Good Friday, April 10th - Attend the Cross - 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (see the sign-up sheet)
Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m. at Grand Blanc UMC

CULVERS FUNDRAISER FOR HALSEY

Come support your friends at Halsey - March 5th
Grand Blanc Culvers from 5-8

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are creating a new website! It is still under construction, but check it out at

www.southmundyumc.org

We are adding pictures from various events that have taken place to put in a gallery. If you do not wish to have your picture posted on our website, please contact the church office.

GROUPS

TRUSTEES & AD BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, March 5th

Trustees at 6:30 p.m. & Ad Board at 7:30 p.m.

LADIES AIDE

Ladies Aide will meet on March 5th - Meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

WARRIOR WIDOW MINISTRY

Third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

at South Mundy - March 19th

If you have any questions, please call Maureen at 810-867-2158



MORNING PRAYER LINE

Tues, Wed and Thurs at 8:00 a.m. Call 515-739-1020 with access code - 495095. Join us and share in the power of prayer.

ZONE 4 MEETING

Monday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Halsey

BIBLE STUDIES

Come join the South Mundy and Halsey combined Bible Study!

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Halsey

Zone 4 Disciple Bible Study - Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

South Mundy

SERVING OTHERS

SOUP KITCHEN

Remember the **FIRST Saturday** of each month, South Mundy shares the love of Christ through serving at the South End Soup Kitchen, located in the Lincoln Park UMC on Fenton Road
Next date-March 7th

BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box is being used! Please help us keep it stocked. There is a basket in the fellowship hall for donations. Below are suggestions for donations:

Canned foods: soup, spaghetti, tuna, fruit, tomatoes, and vegetables

Packaged foods: mac-n-cheese, ramen noodles, rice-a-roni, applesauce cups, breakfast bars, instant breakfast, oatmeal instant packages, pop tarts

Paper products: Kleenex, toilet paper

Hygiene: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, feminine hygiene

Cleaning: Dish soap, hand and bar soap

School supplies: glue, pencils, erasers, lined paper, rulers Any questions? Call Terri Youngs at 810-624-0179

BELLA VITA MINISTRY

Please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. to sing, pray and share Holy Communion with the residents of Bella Vita.



South Mundy Financial Corner

January 2020

By Tom Watrous

The following financial status information is taken from the January 2020 South Mundy UMC Finance Committee Reports. The actual "Income and Expense by Month" summary report is prepared at the end of each month and is posted on the dining room bulletin board.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>January 2020 Amount</u>	<u>Difference From Previous Month</u>
Current Unrestricted Net Assets:	\$27,479	-\$2,705
YTD Average Monthly Income:	\$5,486	-\$1,374
Actual January Income:	\$5,486	-\$2,734
YTD Average Monthly Expenses:	\$7,745	-\$446
Actual January Expenses:	\$7,745	-\$2,675

YTD Income minus YTD Expenses (\$5,486 - \$7,745) = +\$2,259

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

3 - Jake Hitchcock
5 - Maggie Ingram, Sarah Clark, Peggy Rushin
8 - Ed Maxwell
9- Hazel Miller
12 - Karen Alexander
15 - Greg Parsons, Bruce Allen
16 - Doug Youngs
17 - Bill Wykes
23 - Marge Tittiger
30 - Kay Prince



40 Ideas for Keeping a Holy Lent

Day 1: Pray for someone you have a hard time liking.

Day 2: Do something that scares you.

Day 3: Spend a day without watching TV.

Day 4: Give at least \$10 to a good cause.

The First Sunday in Lent: No fasting

Day 5: Take 5 minutes of silence during the day.

Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before.

Day 7: Give items of clothing to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

Day 8: No Whining Day.

Day 9: Perform a random act of kindness.

Day 10: Buy non-perishable food stuffs and donate to a local food bank or shelter.

The Second Sunday in Lent: No fasting

Day 11: Call an old friend you have not spoken to in a long time.

Day 12: Pray the News (pray for people and situations in today's news)

Day 13: Read Psalm 139

Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments.

Day 15: Fast for one or more meals today.

Day 16: Learn more about undocumented workers & refugees.

The Third Sunday in Lent: No fasting

Day 17: Forgive someone (it might be hard, but it's worth doing)

Day 18: Read Matthew 6:1-6

Day 19: Give a gift to a random stranger.

Day 20: Read a devotion from "The Daily Bread"

Day 21: Pick up a pair of socks or warm gloves and donate to your church or local shelter.

Day 22: Share a blessing with someone.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: No fasting

Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor or stranger.

Day 24: Read Psalm 121

Day 25: Bake or buy cupcakes or cookies and give them away.

Day 26: No shopping day. (credit cards need a rest too)

Day 27: Light a candle and say a prayer.

Day 28: Say a prayer for a friend and then let them know you prayed for them.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: No fasting

Day 29: Write a thank you note by hand.

Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags.

Day 31: Turn off all the lights except one.

Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school.

Day 33: Read John 8:1-11

Day 34: Invite a friend to church or a church event.

The Sixth Sunday in Lent: No fasting

Day 35: Be a vegetarian for a day.

Day 36: No Sugar day - where else is there sweetness in your life?

Day 37: Volunteer

Day 38: Pray for the United Methodist Church.

Day 39: Pray for peace around the world.

Day 40: Pray for your enemies. (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good.