

*From The Desk of...
The Director of Ministry
...Susan Hurlley*

With Spring almost here, planning has begun for our summer activities. This year our church will be hosting Vacation Bible School the week of July 23-27. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Amy Pennington or the church office.

On Wednesday, March 7, at 5:30pm in the Youth Room, Janet Kernodle Marshall, Vice President of Development and Clarence E. Trice, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, will be making a presentation about endowments to the Foundation on behalf of our church. This is an opportunity to learn about the foundation and get any questions you might have answered.

Tuesday, March 27, at 11:30am consider joining us for lunch and a movie in the Family Life Center. Lunch will be Chili with all the fixings. The movie will be "Same Kind of Different as Me." The movie is based on a New York Times bestseller. It has been hailed by critics as, "powerful and inspiring. "Same Kind of Different as Me," based on a true story, shows how a simple act of kindness can change everything. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please let the church office know, no later than March 26 if you will be attending. Please note date change from the date printed in the bulletin. We had to change due to a scheduling conflict.

Please watch your email and bulletins for information regarding Palm Sunday, March 25th, Food Friday Service on March 30, and Easter Sunday, April 1.

March Birthdays



3/1 Peggy Grenwelge
3/1 Reba Pridgin
3/3 Barry Park
3/3 Carl Bolte
3/4 Carol Morgan
3/4 Jude Johnston
3/12 Ashley Tumbleson
3/12 Terry Kerbs
3/13 Liz Hull
3/13 Macy Pelts
3/14 Kelsey Frizzell
3/21 Cooper Scaccia
3/22 Colby Burkett
3/23 Linda Bolte
3/23 Edwina Miller
3/23 Ramanda Chappell
3/26 Harve Taylor
3/28 Brylea Hanuska
3/29 Joe Ann Young
3/31 Norma Gentry
3/31 James Morgan



Our Administrative Council met on Sunday, Feb. 25th. During

this meeting, there was a lot of great discussion about the Mission and Vision statements for First United Methodist Clarksville.

Our next meeting will be Sunday March 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Thanks, Brian

My Church

It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly if I am. Its pews will be filled if I help to fill them. It will do great work if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people to it's worship and fellowship if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, fearlessness and faith, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore, with the help of God I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my church to be.



* THURSDAY, MARCH 1
Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM
*SATURDAY, MARCH 3
Scouts Pinewood Derby 10:00AM

*SUNDAY, MARCH 4
Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
Youth Bells Practice 3:45 PM
Youth Choir 4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM

*MONDAY, MARCH 5
Den Meeting 6:00 PM
PEO (parlor) 7:00 PM

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
Kid's Club 3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes 4:30 PM
WNL 5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice 6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM

*THURSDAY, MARCH 8
Glory Circle 6:00 PM

*SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
Youth Bells Practice 3:45 PM
Youth Choir 4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM

*MONDAY/TUESDAY, MARCH 12/13
Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast (setup) Mond. Breakfast on Tuesday 5:00am-2:00 PM

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
Kid's Club 3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes 4:30 PM
WNL 5:00 PM
Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM

*THURSDAY, MARCH 15
Grace Circle 10:00 AM
Power Circle 2:00 PM
Finance Meeting 5:30 PM

*SATURDAY, MARCH 17
MOF 8:00 AM

*SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
Youth Bells Practice 3:45 PM
Youth Choir 4:30 PM

*MONDAY, MARCH 19
Extension Homemaker 9:00AM-?
*TUESDAY, MARCH 20
Extension Homemaker 7:00-3:00 PM

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
Joyful Sound Practice 6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM

*SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
Ad Council 2:00 PM
Youth Bells Practice 3:45 PM
Youth Choir 4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM

*MONDAY, MARCH 26
Den Meeting 6:00 PM
*TUESDAY, MARCH 27
PrimeTimers (lunch & movie. FLC) 11:30 AM

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28
Kid's Club 3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes 4:30 PM
WNL 5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice 6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM



It's never too late to sign your kids up for Kids Club. Kids Club is a Wednesday after school program that takes kids in kindergarten through the sixth grade. Our bus picks children up at the Clarksville schools and brings them to the church for play/music/ Bible lesson and a snack. If you are interested in your child attending please contact Liz Hull at (479)979-7171.



The Focus

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On Track With Bro.Larry...

...Pastor Larry Kelso

God called Abram to a journey, but the divine instruction that comes to Abram is as much about where he shouldn't remain as it is about where he should travel. "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house," the Lord says to Abram, "to the land that I will show you."

What kind of an itinerary is that?

"Leave here, leave the security of home and hearth, of family and possession, and don't concern yourself with where you're going. You'll find out in due time."

And it's not that the biblical narrator in Genesis simply left the destination detail out of the story; Abram really wasn't told. The New Testament writer of Hebrews must have noticed that, because, centuries later, when that writer referred back to this story as an example of faith, he said this: "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going" (Hebrews 11:8, italics added).

The salient point here is that Abram obeyed God and hit the road.

So for Abram, it was about leaving.

We often speak of "the journey of Lent," and think of the season as a journey to the Easter celebration. Perhaps we could take a cue from Abram and let it be about leaving – leaving our sinfulness, our selfishness, our faithlessness; leaving our brokenness, our heartbreak, our sorrow.

Grace and peace – Bro. Larry