

# March

## March Events

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast
- 12:15 PM Church Conference
- 12<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM SPRC Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM Trustees & Building Committee
- 17<sup>th</sup> 12:15 PM Church Council
- 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast
- 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM Holy Week – Devotional & Lunch at BCUMC
- 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Seder
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
- 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 AM Sunrise Service
- 8:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast
- No Sunday School

## Weekly Events

- Sundays:**
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
  - Worship Service 10:55 AM
  - Stone Soup 4:30 PM
- Wednesdays:**
- Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
9 AM – 12 NOON

## Birthdays:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Gingrich  
Zeke Jones  
Kathy Whitehead
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bob Ebert  
Pam Jarrett
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annette Clapsaddle  
Beverly English
- 14<sup>th</sup> Janie English
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Ann Medford
- 30<sup>th</sup> Wilma Reppert

## Anniversaries:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Ben & Gwen Bushyhead
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ron & Marissa Smith
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Artie & Roxanne Olaisen

## THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

### Thoughts about Scripture:

Reading scripture revives the soul. – *Mar 12*

The words of scripture bring us hope and direction. – *Mar 26*

Don't forget to pick-up your free copy of The Upper Room in the narthex or back hall.

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# March 2013



## Newsletter



The first delivery of books to Uganda that were donated by Pam Jarrett and BCUMC.

Enjoy a few of our favorite photos from **February**  
Want more photos? [See More](#) online.



# Memo from the Midbar



## Removing Our Sandals

As you read this newsletter, you are probably going through the Lenten practice of reflection on and recommitment to God's purpose(s) in your life. This forty-day period of intense devotional preparation for Easter, based on Jesus' own wilderness preparation, is one of the places where sacred space is needed.

You might be reminded of the February Midbar article that spoke of the need for sacred space in our lives. We explored the notion that sacred space often is created by God to help us experience the divine in new and significant ways.

Even though few have had a "burning bush" experiences, Moses' story as seen in Exodus 3:4-7, 10 (I'm using the CEB) can tell us a lot about how we might experience God's presence.

The first step to finding sacred space is to

recognize that God is calling out to us: When the LORD saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" This prompted the following response: Moses said, "I'm here." We can see the importance of being still enough to hear God's voice calling out to us.

Next, we should recognize the holiness and awe-inspiring nature of God. It is easy to forget we are in the presence of the one who not only created us but the entire universe. Then the LORD said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground."

By commanding Moses to take his sandals off, which were coated with sheep manure, God is indicating that Moses needs to separate himself from the stinky stuff he had been carrying with him.

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## Church News

### Church Council

The next Church Council Meeting will be on Sunday, March 17 after the service.

### Trustees

After our Church Conference on March 3, we were given permission to use \$30,000 from the church building fund to renovate the existing Fellowship Hall. Work will begin on Saturday, March 9, when we tear down the chimney that is broken and remove the interior walls. The wall will be painted in the near future by the UMM and other helpful volunteers (YOU!?).

There will be a joint meeting of the trustees and building committee on Thursday, March 14 at 5:30pm.

### Staff/Parish

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30pm.

### Missions & Outreach

Residents of Kampala, Uganda were thrilled to

receive dozens of books donated by Pam Jarrett and BCUMC to start a library at their foundation. They would love donations of any type of book or educational material. There are also in need of shoes of any kind or size. Donations can be given to Pam or sent to:

The Inter-Religious Health Outreach Foundation  
Uganda  
PO Box 75591  
Kampala, Uganda, Africa

### Lent Activities

BCUMC is the host of this year's Holy Week Devotional & Luncheon March 25-29 at noon. We will be providing the meal for Monday, but will need additional help throughout the week for set up and clean up. If you are available to help, please see Nancy Jones.

On Thursday, March 28 we will have a Seder meal at 6pm and a Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm.

On Friday, March 29 there will be a Stations of the Cross at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### Removing Our Sandals *Cont.*

Then we see the result of Moses' divine encounter: 'Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.'

Although there are times when it is enough to simply recognize the awesome wonder of God, most often a response on our part is required. God calls us to be his hands and feet to fulfill the purpose of establishing his kingdom on earth. God clearly wanted a response from Moses. Then the LORD said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain

... So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

As we encounter God on our journey through Lent, it will be helpful to remember Moses' burning bush experience. First, God called. And, Moses heard. Then, Moses took off his sandals in God's holy presence. After which, Moses responded.

May your sacred space during this time of Lent be filled with hearing God, recognizing his holiness and responding to bring the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

[Read More](#)

### UM Men

The next UMM breakfast will be Sunday, March 24 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a UMM Service on Sunday, April 28. Please see Sam Brandt to help.

### UM Women

The next UMW

breakfast will be April 7 at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

### Pictorial Directory

We are in the process of updating our church directory and will be including a photo with your name and usual info. We will be contacting you soon with more details.