

Prayer Concerns

Ray Cox, Candy Currance and sons, Lauren Eberle, Carla Houck, Jim Newsom's family, Grey Smith, Leverne Vernon, Harold Watts, Men's Group at Salem Baptist Church

Birthdays

March 6—Mark Pendleton, March 7—Joe Harden

Church Calendar

Today	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship— Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday, March 6	9:00—1:00 p.m.	Terrific Tuesday's Together
	7:00 p.m.	Barn Quilt Painting Class #2
Wednesday, March 7	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:15—7:25 p.m.	Forgiveness Spiritual Growth Study—Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sunday, March 11	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship— Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women
Wednesday, March 14	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:15—7:25	Forgiveness —Spiritual growth study—Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday, March 15	9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.	Northern Stokes Food Pantry Open—Francisco Presb. Church
Saturday, March 17	9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Spring Sweat to Serve

Announcements

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS TOGETHER—This Tuesday, March 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone 75 + is invited for fellowship, fun, learning, crafts, music, food, and fellowship.

SPRING EDITION OF THE CONNECTION—We will be distributing the spring edition of the church newsletter next Sunday. If you have an event or information that you would like included please give it to Pastor Pat by Wednesday, March 7.

SPRING SWEAT TO SERVE SATURDAY—Mark your calendars and join us from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 as we gather together to prepare our church and grounds for Easter services and the spring season. There will be something for everyone—from planting flowers, to painting, to cleaning, and more. We would like to spray a herbicide on the parking lots to kill weeds and grass before March 17. Please let Pastor Pat know if you would be willing to take care of this.

MEALS ON WHEELS—Stokes County Senior Services is in the need of drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Danbury area. It only takes about an hour around 10:00 a.m. week days. Please call Vicki East at (336) 593-8157.

PLANNING AHEAD TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS—As you begin to plan for your garden, please think about adding a row or two for the Northern Stokes Food Pantry. In addition to non perishable goods, the Pantry also accepts donations of fresh vegetables. They just need to be delivered to the Pantry the day before food is distributed (first and third Thursday of each month.) Later this spring we will provide specific dates. The pantry is currently serving approximately 90 families each time they are open and your contributions are always needed and welcome.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY: Everyone is invited to attend a Wednesday evening group during Lent this year. The focus of this group will be the biblical concept of *forgiveness*. We have invited Karen Ring to lead this opportunity for spiritual growth. God's forgiveness of our sins – through the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ, is the very heart of our faith.

We eagerly embrace forgiveness for ourselves, but often find it hard to forgive others. We pray as often as daily that God will forgive us *as we forgive others*. Do we realize what we are asking for? Come join with others as we seek a better understanding of forgiveness, and the gift it offers to the forgiving and the forgiven.

ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES: If someone in your family has moved during the past year or has a new phone number, would you please complete a new information form (available in the narthex or in the pew card holders) so we may keep our records up to date.

BRINGING HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO NORTHERN STOKES COUNTY—Please go to <https://join.buildriverstreet.com> and register. The more people that register in this area, the better our chance of bringing high speed internet to this area of the county.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF STOKES COUNTY—Habitat is looking for volunteers. Call (336)985-3211 or go to www.stokeshabitat.com.

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SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1—Easter—We will be hosting the Sunrise Service and Easter Breakfast for Delta UMC, Snow Hill UMC and members of our community. Please help spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors to join us for all of our Lenten and Easter services.



Automated External Defibrillator

In the event of an emergency, there is an AED located in the hallway behind the chancel area.

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SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**FOLLOW JESUS, MAKE DISCIPLES,
TRANSFORM THE WORLD**

MARCH 4, 2018

**REV. DR. PATRICIA SPICER
PASTOR**

**REV. KEITH LAWSON
ASSISTANT PASTOR**

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Liturgical Color—White

Third Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

We welcome all who have gathered to worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please complete a visitor card, located in the pew card holder, and drop it into the offering plate.

GREETING & WELCOMING OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude and as the Word of God and Light of Christ enter the sanctuary.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(Pastor) The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
(Congregation) the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

Let us praise the Lord together.

† HYMN OF PRAISE *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20: 1—17

PASTORAL PRAYER

† GOSPEL READING John 2: 13—22

ANTHEM *Sing a Song of Bethlehem* Lewis F. Benson

SERMON: *Following the Rules* Rev. Lawson

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord invites to the table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(All pray in silence)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY *Glorify Thy Name*
Lord God, we love You we worship and adore You, Glorify Your name in all the earth. Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us He took the bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said, “Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By Your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His holy banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church. All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

You are invited to kneel at the altar railing for prayer and to receive the bread and the cup.

The body of Christ, given for you. ***Amen.***

The blood of Christ, given for you. ***Amen.***

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN OF DEDICATION *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* UMH 430

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Please remain standing as the Light goes out into the world.

Our service of worship has ended, our worship through service begins.

† Please stand as you are able

*Participating in today’s service: Cindy Roberts—Choir Director,
Jennifer Amos—Piano*