



2 - Nathan Morgan
 3 - Megan Bartel, Butch Ashcraft, Robert Arner, Shirley Brooks
 6 - Shari Powell

7 - Betty Adams
 14 - Cheryl Ashcraft, Don McClelland
 15 - Neva Coester
 16 - Brenda Learned
 22 - Cassandra Folkerts
 24 - LaRita Claassen, Roy Pumphrey
 26 - Timothy Young, Eli Truan
 27 - Eric Stiffler



Prayer Requests

Gary Caldwell, Edythe Wendt, Wilma Comstock in hospice care at Asbury Park; Greg Penner, Patsy Penner making decision about work; Deanna Folkerts mother Beverly Kiesling; Cassandra's Folkerts friend Jacie Garver at MaDonna rehab in Lincoln, NE.; Darrell Langhofer, Deb Bartel's father; Shirley Hurley, Scott Mathews, Don McClelland,

Cindy Clark, a friend of Roxie Truan.

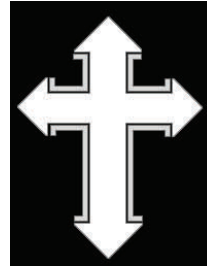
Sympathy to Tom Stafford's family on the death of Tom, also to Lucas Mitchell on the death of his father.

Pray for the whole world to know Jesus and for peace

Pray for all of our leaders, service men, and women at home and elsewhere.

Pray for all Missionaries in the world

PRAISE THE LORD for answered prayers!



The Meaning of Lent

The 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter Sunday, including Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and ending in the Holy Triduum are considered the centerpiece of Christian religion.

The six and one-half weeks (40 days) preceding Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus Christ are known as Lent and hold significant meaning in the Christian faith. Western Christians are asked to prepare for Lent on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday by listing their Lenten plans. These may include daily fasting (or other sacrifices), prayer, and almsgiving.

The number 40 is a particularly meaningful one for Christians: Jews spent 40 years in the desert traveling to the Promised Land, and also, Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting before beginning his ministry. Early on, because fasting was not allowed on Sundays, there were only 36 fasting days in Lent. To increase the number of days to 40, the Church altered the length of Lent by adding four more days: Ash Wednesday and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afterward.

February 2012

First United Methodist Church Regular Happenings

Sunday

9:00 am Classic
Worship Service
10:00 am Coffee
Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday
School & Kids' J.A.M.
11:00 am Contempo-
rary Worship

Monday

7:00 Cub Scouts

Tuesday










11:05 am Week Day
Bible School
6:30 pm Circles™ of
Hope
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday

5:30 F.A.S.T. Meal
6:30 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm 4 Keys to
Hearing God Voice
Led by Rev. Jay Anderson
7:30 pm Choir Prac-
tice
8:45 pm Praise Team
Practice

Thursday

9:00 am Tops

			1 1:30 UMW 6:30 pm 4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice	2  Groundhog Day	3	4- 8:30 Women's Prayer Group 8:00 -:5:00 Circles™ of Hope Ally Training
5 Harvest of Love 3:00 Bell Choir 5:00 Super Bowl Party	6 5:30 Habitat for Humanity 7:00 Finance committee	7 9:30 Staff 11:00 Week Day Bible School 6:30 Circles™ of Hope	8-10:30 Priscilla Circle; 2:Deborah Circle; 6:30 Youth Group; 6:30 pm 4 Keys to Hearing God Voice's; 7:00 Rachel Circle 7:00; Pastor Doug @Asbury Park	9 7:00 Go Team	10  <i>Love Never Ends</i>	11 8:00 UMM Breakfast-FH 9:00 All church clean- ing day
12 Boy Scout Sunday 5:00 Celebra- tion of Love Meal 6:00 service	13 7:00 Jerusalem Team 7:00 Trustees	14  11:00 Week Day Bible-School 6:30 Circles™ of Hope	15 1:30 Bazaar plan- ning workshop 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 pm 4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice	16 7:00 Church Council	17	18 8:30 Women's Prayer Group
19 3:00 Bell Choir	20 -Newsletter articles due  7:00 GIC	21 9:30 Staff 11:00 Week Day Bible School 6:30 Circles™ of Hope	22  6:30 Ash Wednesday Service	23	24  <i>Penance</i>	25 5:00 Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet
26  3:00 Bell Choir	27	27 9:30 Staff 11:00 Week Day Bible School 6:30 Circles™ of Hope	28 6:30 pm Youth Group	29  Leap YEAR		