

ARMVILLE UNITED METHODISTCHURCH



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"NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE GOD"
March 2016



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Lenten Greetings...and may God's grace and peace be with you!

Isn't this a great time of the year? We are seeing glimpses of very pleasant days as we begin really looking forward to springtime--the coming to life season for so many things...including the celebration of coming back to life for Jesus, in what we call--Easter!

In the Gospel of John, the word 'life' is used at least 44 times (depending upon your bible version). In it, Jesus says to all of us: "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35), and "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)! Jesus even tells us He came... that we may have life, and have it abundantly! Profound statements, to say the least!

In fact, is this a God thing or what? The message this past Sunday related to the "Breath of Life" we all take so many times each day...yesterday it was on my heart to share about life in our Lenten March Newsletter (as I am now doing)...and then this morning I received a "Good morning email" from our Assistant District Superintendent, Ed Mann, (which I do each morning) that references life, as well! It was one I had heard before, though in a slightly different version...but once again, the Lord caused me to pause, reflect and give thanks for so many things about my life, including each of you! The email reminder (meshed with the previous version I heard) generally goes like this—

**When we wake up each morning,
It is God's way of saying one more time...
'Go make a difference...Touch a heart...
Encourage a mind...inspire a soul...
And enjoy the day!'**

As believers in Jesus Christ, thankfully we have so much more life to look forward to, even when our days on this earth are completed! Yet today...right now...we are still breathing that precious breath of life as we read our March Newsletter!

So may we right now...pause and prayerfully say aloud...what the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 118:24:

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let (me) rejoice and be glad in it."

Praise be to God! Amen? **Amen!**

Isn't this a great time of the year?

Take care....peace....

Pastor Bil

Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

Community Lenten Services during Holy Week will be held at 12:05pm. Lunch follows at 12:30.

Monday, March 21 – Farmville United Methodist Church, Rev. Rocky Stone, pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church speaking.

Tuesday, March 22 – Farmville Presbyterian Church, Rev. Kevin Jackson, pastor of the Marlboro OFWB, speaking

Wednesday, March 23 – First Baptist Church, Rev. Bill Price pastor of the Farmville United Methodist Church speaking.

Farmville UMC -- HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE ~ March 24 at 6:30pm

Farmville UMC -- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ~ March 25 at 6:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY ~ March 27 ~ 6:30am at the First Christian Church.

Rev. Rick Bailey, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, speaking
(Breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall)

Farmville UMC – EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES at 8:30am and 11:00am

LENTEN OFFERING FOR ADVANCE MISSIONS SPECIALS

Just a reminder of our Lenten offering for Advance Mission Specials. Funds raised through the Lenten offering go directly to missions that are not in our operating budget. If you do not have a Lenten Coin folder/offering box, there are some on the Information Desk. Please bring your Lenten offering to church on or before Palm Sunday.



**Food Pantry
Needs**

MARCH IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH

The Farmville Benevolent Ministries distributes food to the needy each Tuesday. As part of the FBM, our month to supply the canned food is March. **Each bag of food has 6 cans, 1 each of meat**, (spaghetti O's, ravioli, peanut butter, vienna sausage), **soup** (no cream soups and broth), **fruit** (peaches, pears), **corn, baked beans or macaroni and cheese, & peas or green beans**. We will be collecting through Sunday, March 27, when we will bless the food. Please place items in the grocery cart by the information desk. Thank you.



AWAY DAY GROUP – April 5 – 10:00AM

The Away Day Group met on March 1 with about 14 in attendance. After our devotion by Tracie Durrett, we enjoyed a musical video presentation by Bill Slede, which was enjoyed by all. **Our next Away Day gathering will Tuesday, April 5 from 10-12. (New Day)** The group decided that first Tuesday in each month maybe a better day and more people could attend. We plan to take a trip to Wilson, time and place to be announced. Join us on the first Tuesday in the month; we have fun, good snacks, and great fellowship.



FARMVILLE CANCER CARE MINISTRY GATHERING

On Tuesday March 1 at 6:30 the Farmville Cancer Care Ministry held its monthly "Gathering" in the fellowship hall of the Farmville United Methodist Church. The "I've Still Got a Lot of Fight Left in Me" bell in celebration for accomplishments in cancer. Jean Price was our speaker. She explained what a Meditation and Prayer Labyrinth is all about and that we will have the opportunity to walk an indoor labyrinth during Easter. Following the gathering there was a time to attend a patient or caregiver support group or an encouragement, and prayer time. This is open to any one that would like to attend. **Our next gathering will be April 5 at 6:30pm** (registration at 6:00). We will again celebrate all accomplishments and memories and have a drawing for a *Blanket of Hope*. **Nutrition & Mind/Body Relaxation Classes are offered through out the month.** For more information please call 252-753-4803 or email us at fccm27828@gmail.com, or catch on us Facebook, Farmville Cancer Care Ministry.



Living under the Lordship
of Christ

REVIVAL!!

FUMC is becoming more alive for Christ! There is a burning desire growing within the congregation to Love God more, placing Him foremost in our lives. There is desire to serve Him and others; and to share Him in a passionate way. Scripture, Prayer and Fellowship are at the heart of Revival. Here are two of many great things happening at FUMC that all are encouraged to be a part of!

-Embers Planning Gatherings -

A little history: In October, the discussions of the "Post-It Notes" ministry ideas on the hallway easel, sparked the name "Embers." The attendees wanted there to be a glowing foundation to grow and draw the entire congregation closer to God to better fulfill our Mission of making Disciples of Christ. The Church Wide Planning Meeting and the Spiritual Gifts workshop also generated more excitement. From these activities the Embers Planning Gatherings was formed. Each church member has Spiritual Gifts and each can be an ember that will kindle the flame for our Church to be on fire for Christ! "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. Much discernment of God's Vision for our church has come from the first two Embers Planning Meetings. **Sunday March 6th at 5 pm is the next meeting. Everyone is welcome, come fan the flames.**

-Congregational Prayer Gatherings - Wednesdays at 6:40

All are encouraged to come for weekly Prayer following the Wednesday Fellowship Meal. Our time begins with a short devotional followed by Prayers and Praises. Join us as we take all things to God in Prayer!

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### **UMWOMEN'S News**

The Farmville United Methodist Women met on the third Monday night, February 15. Willa Bullock gave a meaningful program about

how to put joy in our lives with smiles, laughter, and love. The community Lenten service is at our church on Monday, March 21. UMW are in charge of the lunch for 70 to 90 people. Our monthly meeting is that night, March 21 at 7:00. Nancy Harris has the program and Diane and Polly have refreshments.

Diane Warren is organizing Meals-on-Wheels for March 14-17. Please mark your calendars to help with Meals-on-Wheels April 25-28 and June 6-9.

Irene and Randy are cooking the Fellowship Meal on March 9. Darlene and Debra will serve the Heritage Healthcare Nursing Home birthday party on Saturday, March 19 at 10:30. Joy is serving the ECU Wesley Foundation students on Thursday, March 24. Helpers are welcome!

United Methodist Women also donate palms and Easter Lilies for the two Easter services. Farmville United Methodist Women work hard to serve our church and community. All women in the church are welcome to attend meetings on the third Monday in each month at 7:00.



### **FUMYOUTH NEWS**

As spring approaches, we are looking forward to an exciting spring with the MYF. On March 6th, we will

have a parents meeting to discuss and plan our activities for the rest of the school year. Part of that will be signing up to prepare dinner for the youth on Sunday nights. Any one, or group that would like to volunteer to do so, please let me know.

After have the activities lined up, they will be posted in the bulletin board in the hallway. I will also try to have all the information on the fb page.

Anyone who wishes to keep up with MYF activities, all pictures are posted on the FUMC fb page.

Thanks  
Hunter Walters



### **FUN DAY DOWN ON THE MAY LEW FARM**

**Saturday, April 2 at 4pm.**

**BBQ Pig will be provided. Request that you bring your favorite side dish. Many activities for kids of all ages. Bring a chair and enjoy the many activities. Mark your calendars; you don't want to miss out on the fun. Sat, April 2 at 4:00pm!!**



### **UMMen's Meeting**

UMMen Supper meeting, March 14 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All

men of the church are welcome, come join us for good food and great fellowship. Bring a friend.



**E-MAIL PROBLEMS HAS BEEN SOLVED!!!**

HOORAYYYYY!!!! The e-mail issue with Embarq/CenturyLink has been solved! A BIG thank you to Randy Erwin who was finally able to make contact with customer support at Embarq/CenturyLink and convince them there was an issue! If you are still having problems and have an Embarq/CenturyLink e-mail address please let me know! If you have another e-mail provider and are having problems receiving e-mail from Farmville UMC you will need to add farmvilleumc.com to your safe senders list. Fixing this depends on your e-mail provider and the application you use to receive e-mails. I'll be happy to assist if you are having problems. Just let me know and we'll determine the best way to tackle your issue. A reminder, if you want to send an e-mail out to everyone registered to receive e-mails in our church just send your e-mail to farmvilleumc@farmvilleumc.com. It will go out to the congregation from you. If you aren't on the e-mail list and would like to be, just let Nan in the church office (church@farmvilleumc.com) or me (mwells1960@gmail.com) know and we'll be happy to set you up.  
Margaret



**Please Be In Prayer For...** Rufus Cochran (health), Tracey Smith (health), Minnie Lee Winborn (health), Nellie Lang (health), Billy & Gray Baker (health), Lynnette Williams (health), John Sherman (healing), Roxie Smith (health), Leona Kilpatrick (health), Lamm Family, Vickie Herring (health), Mary Allen (peace), Konni Potts (healing) Helen Kelly (healing) Peggy Harrell (healing) Arnesto & Maria Chemin (healing), Jim Duyck (healing), Jean Padgett, (healing), Dan Webb (healing), Arthur Stevenson & family (healing), Melissa Davis (healing), Chuck Stokes (healing), Edna Hobgood (healing), Tammie Frizzell (peace), Randall Warren (healing), J. B. Shackelford (healing), Joyce Smith (healing), Wendy Little (healing) Ed Braswell (healing), Don May (health, a friend of Kay Crossan), John Gurganus (healing, friend of Phil Clift), Amy Johnson (healing, neighbor of Lisa Midgette)



**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK**

**Sunday March 20th, from 12:30-1:30**

Men bring a main dish, women bring a side dish. Dessert will be provided. Parents please bring bags of candy and give them to Melody Ballard before Wednesday, March 16th. Putting the candy in the eggs will happen on Wednesday March 16th from 7-8 and any help will be appreciated!



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar. 1: Jo Ann Lang
- Mar. 2: Rufus Cochran
- Mar. 5: Vickie Herring, Danny Lauderdale
- Mar. 12: Pat Sumrell
- Mar. 17: Hilda Medlin
- Mar. 18: Sandra Parker, Laura Powell
- Mar. 25: Jessica Heath, Julie Warren
- Mar. 27: J. C. Brock
- Mar. 28: Margo Sherman
- Mar. 30: Suzanne Edwards



**COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 12-16**

Community Vacation Bible School will be here at FUMC this year. We need volunteers! It takes a lot of work and volunteers to have a successful Bible School. Please consider helping make this one great! More information will be available in the coming weeks.



## March 2016 Service & Calendar

### USHERS -

Mar. 6: Buzzy Wells  
Mar. 13: Hugh Williams  
Mar. 20: David Baker  
Mar. 27: Brad Durrett  
Apr. 3: Charles Eason

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar. 6: David & Harriett Baker  
Mar. 13: J. C. Brock  
Mar. 20: UMWomen  
Mar. 27: UMWomen  
Apr. 3: Tommy & Willa Bullock

### ACOLYTES

Mar. 6: Bailey Walters  
Mar. 13: Ushers  
Mar. 20: Molly Williams  
Mar. 27: Ushers  
Apr. 3: Bailey Walters

### SANCTUARY GREETERS

Mar. 6: Garland & Connie Mazingo  
Mar. 13: Rachel Patterson & Anita Powell  
Mar. 20: David & Marion Stowe  
Mar. 27: Mike & Debbie Terrell  
Apr. 3: Mike & Paula Tugwell

### WELCOMING GREETERS

Mar. 6: Mike & Debbie Terrell  
Mar. 13: Mike & Paula Tugwell  
Mar. 20: Hunter & Melissa Walters  
Mar. 27: Buzzy & Margaret Wells  
Apr. 3: Hugh & Kirkie Williams

### KID'S Korner

Mar. 13: Mike Wainwright  
Mar. 20: Ashlie Boberg  
Mar. 27: Jean Price  
Apr. 3: Ashley Matthews

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mar. 13: Margo Sherman  
Mar. 20: Tracie Durrett  
Mar. 27: Maggie Williams  
Apr. 3: Brad Durrett

### NURSERY - INFANTS TO AGE 5

Mar. 6: Tracie Durrett & Bailey  
Mar. 13: Mary Monroe & Emily  
Mar. 20: Melissa Walters & Bailey  
Mar. 27: Paula Tugwell & Catherine  
Apr. 3: Kirkie Williams & Molly

### FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Mar. 2: Methodist Men  
Mar. 9: Circle III  
Mar. 16: Circle IV  
Mar. 23: Youth  
Mar. 30: NO MEAL

### BACK PACK PALS PACKING SCHEDULE

Mar. 2: The Monroes  
Mar. 9: Kay Crossan  
Mar. 16: Youth  
Mar. 23: Jenny Lewis & Polly Galloway  
Apr. 6: The Monroes

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Children  
Mar. 6: Jean Price  
Mar. 13: Teresa Parent  
Mar. 20: Debra Evans  
Mar. 27: Sara Peterson  
Youth  
Mar. 6 & 13: Todd & Suzanne Edwards  
Mar. 20: Dwayne & Kristi Benfield  
Mar. 27: Chuck & Pam Johnson  
April 3: Dwayne & Kiristi Benfield

### SOUP KITCHEN

Mar. 21: Bill & Jean Price  
Apr. 18: Polly Galloway & Joy Fields  
May 16: Margo Sherman, Kay Crossan  
& Debra Evans  
June 20: Pat Sumrell & Lisa Midgette

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## Calendar

**Tuesday, March 1**

- 10:00am "Away Day Group"
- 6:30am FCCM Gathering
- 7:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, March 2**

- 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - UMMen
- 6:40pm Prayer in Chapel
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 6 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

- Communion - Girl Scout Sunday
- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 4:30pm Youth Parents Meeting
- 6:00pm Youth

**Tuesday, March 8**

- 7:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, March 9**

- 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - Circle III
- 6:30pm Nominations Committee
- 6:40pm Prayer in Chapel
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 13 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship

**Monday, March 14**

- 7:00pm UMMen Supper Meeting

**Tuesday, March 15**

- 6:30pm FCCM Nutrition Class
- 7:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, March 16**

- 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - Circle IV
- 6:40pm Prayer in Chapel
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:45pm Board of Trustees

**Thursday, March 17**

- 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday**

- Beginning of Holy Week
- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship
- 12:05pm Potluck Lunch
- 12:30pm Easter Egg Hunt

**Monday, March 21 - Monday of Holy Week**

- 12:05pm Community Lenten Worship
- FUMC - Rev. Rocky Stone speaking
- 7:00pm UMWomen - In Parlor

**Tuesday, March 22 - Tuesday of Holy Week**

- 12:05pm Community Lenten Worship
- FPC - Rev. Kevin Jackson speaking
- 7:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, March 23 - Wed. of Holy Week**

- 12:05pm Community Lenten Worship
- FBC - Rev. Bill Price speaking
- 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner - Youth
- 6:40pm Prayer in Chapel
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 24 - Holy Thursday**

- (TBA) Maudy Thursday Worship

**Friday, March 25 - Good Friday**

- (TBA) Good Friday Worship

**Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday**

- 6:30am Sun Rise Worship
- FCC - Rev. Rick Bailey - speaking
- 8:30am Praise & Worship
- 9:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship

**Tuesday, March 29**

- 7:00pm Community Men's Group

**Wednesday, March 30**

- NO FELLOWSHIP DINNER





He has  
given us a new  
birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ  
from the dead.



March 2016

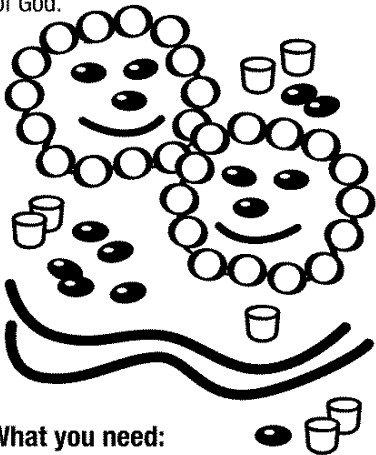


# Lamb of God

 John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah —  and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

## LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.



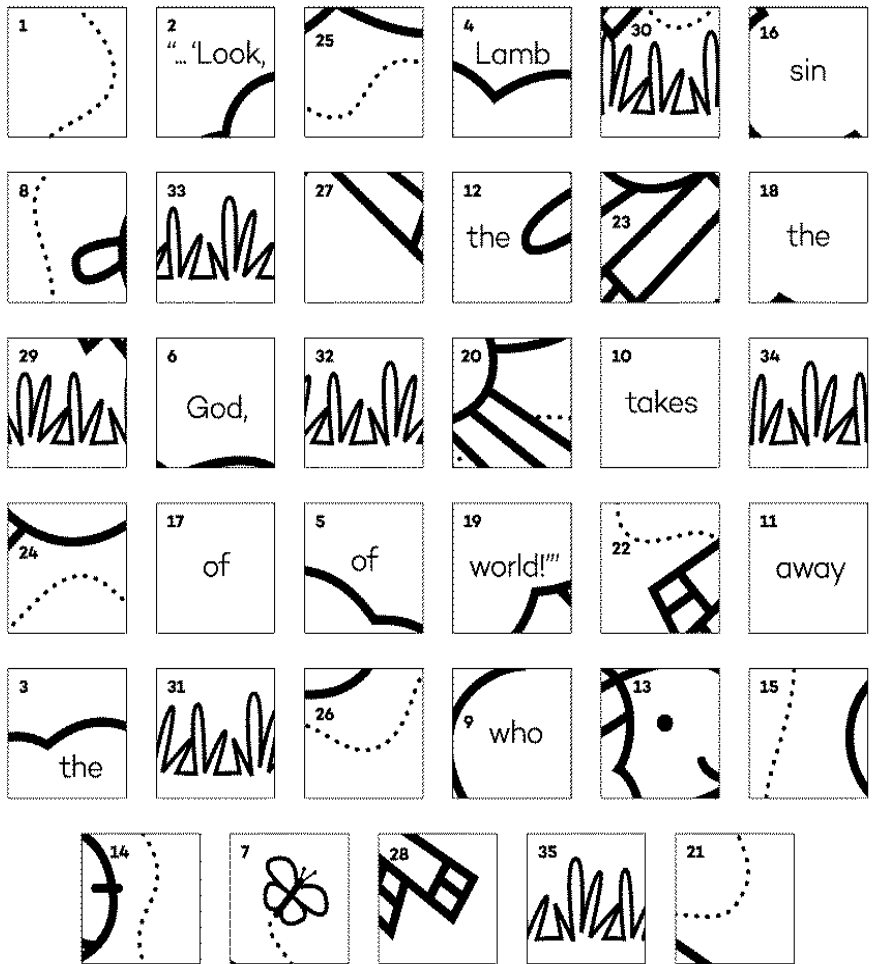
### What you need:

- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

### What you do:

1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
5. Enjoy!

*Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.*





## **FCA Community Event**

**When: March 19th 2016 from Noon until**

**Where: Farmville Central HS Gym**

The Farmville Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes you to join us for a community informational event on **March 19th**. We will be eating Chili at **12:00**, followed by a brief informational presentation by the local FCA leaders. Then we will have a dodgeball tournament for the youth, and the young at heart. Spectators are welcome to stay and watch the fun. Teams will be organized on site. We would really appreciate a donation of three canned food items, as admission (appreciated, but not required). These items will be donated to the Farmville Food Bank. We look forward to seeing you then and there. If you have any questions, please contact:

Blake Modlin [252-902-5870](tel:252-902-5870)

Chris Tomlin 252-814-9940



# UMC Conference Labyrinth

## A Time for Prayer

Journey is a central image in the scripture from the earliest times. Abraham and Sarah were called to leave the place that they knew and go to a new place that God was giving them. And, the entire scriptural witness is a witness of journey, a being called to follow. We follow Christ and we give thanks for the unfolding journey.

Our Annual Conference has a wonderful tool for you to use in your local church that will help you explore your journey with God. It's called a labyrinth. It's a 24 foot canvas map that is clearly marked. You enter the labyrinth and follow the path that winds and turns, which ultimately leads you to the center.

A labyrinth is not a maze. A maze tries to trick us. We come to end places and have to turn around and retrace our steps. A labyrinth, however, is a spiritual tool, because we trust the strength and rightness of the path. Even when it loops back and we think we are moving farther from the center, if we follow the path of the labyrinth, it takes us to the center. This image of the spiritual journey has enriched the lives of people across the years.

Bishop Hope Ward

Please join us on this journey! The Labyrinth will be available after our Maundy Thursday Service, March 24, as well after our Good Friday Service, March 25, and again on Holy Saturday, March 26 in the Fellowship Hall. Specific times will be forthcoming. This will be a prayerful time, one of silence-with soft music in the background. It is a time to focus on our Lord, His life and the sacrifice, that he willing gave for each one of us. For further information, please contact Jean Price.