

# MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b>  Communion Church Council Meeting at 12Noon 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  UMM at 6pm	<b>6</b> Bible Study at 10am & 6pm Prayer Team at 5pm	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> <hr/> <b>8</b>	<b>2</b> <hr/> <b>9</b> Game Night 6pm 
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Trustee Meeting at 6pm	<b>13</b> Bible Study at 10am & 6pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> SPRC	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bible Study at 10am & 6pm Book Club 5pm 	<b>21</b>  UMW at 10am	<b>22</b> Newsletter Items Due! 	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bible Study at 10am & 6pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Spring Cleaning Day
<b>31</b> Worship Committee Meeting 12Noon 5th Sunday Music at 6pm					Trivia Answer: <b>Job</b>	

11. Wavene Poole  
 12. Dot Ping  
 15. Frank Warneke  
 19. Pam Russell  
 21. Jerry & Jean Ray  
 23. Connor Kendrick

Our Ash Wednesday Services will be on March 6th at 7am, 11am, and 5:30pm. All are welcome.



The Book Club will meet Wednesday March 20 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Anne Tyler's novel, A Spool of Blue Thread. We'd like to invite anyone interested in reviewing this four-generation family story set in Baltimore to join us in fellowship!



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Communion is observed the first Sunday of each month.  
Early Service: 9:00 am  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship Service: 11:00 am

**CHOIR:** The St. Mark choir is open to all.  
Practice is Sundays at 5:00. Tony Wood-Music Director  
*St. Mark has assistive listening devices available during  
worship service for those with special needs.*

**Wednesday's Activities**

**10 a.m.:** Bible Study

**5p.m.:** Book Club on the 20th

**6p.m.:** Evening Bible Study with Richard Hodges

**Sunday Morning  
Bible Study Classes  
9:45-10:45**



Adult Classes	Teacher	Room
Agape		A
Faith	Richard Smith	201
Wesley		101
Youth Classes	Teacher	Room
Junior High	Len Motz	205
"All in One"	Mandi Lashley	209
Nursery	Wendy Walker	



# St. Mark United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## “Growing in Christ, Reaching others!”

### A Word From The Faith Class

In 2003 Judy and I bought property in the White Plains area to build a house. One of the first major tasks we faced was to clear massive amounts of trees, shrubs, vines, briars, and in general, rubble of various kinds. One day while we were cleaning, we heard a clear resonant voice in the nearby woods. We both thought it must have been a large bird of some sort, for the notes echoed vibrantly through the woods. We proceeded with our work, though both of us kept hearing the beautiful notes of this bird who seemed content in concealing itself among the vines and matted undergrowth. As the cleaning process continued we noticed other birds joining the chorus, many of which we could easily identify. But, the mystery bird remained unidentified, and clearly it was the leader of the choir. One of my neighbors later identified the bird as “just a sparrow”. I confirmed the identity later by looking it up in a book of songbirds. It was a white-throated sparrow.

Luke 12:6-7 tells us that our true value is God’s estimate of our worth, not our peers and not the world. God cares for us because we belong to Him. Luke tells us, “Not one sparrow is forgotten by God. Indeed the very hairs of your head are numbered. Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows”. Now I would like to think the white-throated sparrows are mine, but in reality they belong to God, as do all believers who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The white-throated sparrow reminds us that God is in nature if you are quiet enough to look and listen. Psalm 84:3 says the following: “Even the sparrow has found a home...a place near your altar, O Lord”. This sparrow and others have certainly found a home and so have we. On any given day if we are quiet and still, we can hear the sparrow’s beautiful song echoing through the trees. It’s just another reminder that God is good, and we can feel His goodness everywhere. By the way, no believer is “just a sparrow” or “just a person”. We are each special to God and our home is waiting for us. Meanwhile, let’s enjoy the sparrow. Let’s enjoy God’s echoes of love and streams of mercy and love.

Trivia Question: What wealthy man lived in the land of Uz?

