

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

February 19th Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

February 26th Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

March 5th First Sunday in Lent Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

March 12th Second Sunday in Lent Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

Ushers

February 19th: Dorli Retinger-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

February 26th: Joyce Campanella, Bob Paine-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

Liturgists

February 19th: Alan Beecher

February 26th: Barbara Carle

Communion Stewards

February 19th: Usha Singh, Myrna Loudon,

Rob Schozer, Bob Carle

March 5th: Nisha Misra, Tom Sattler,

Rob Schozer, Usha Singh

2017 UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES: books of daily devotionals are available at the *Welcome Center* for \$15.00.

2017 PLEDGE CARDS: are available in the *Church Office* and the *So. Transept*. You may drop your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the *Church Office*. Let's partner together to serve God's purpose.

DRAW THE CIRCLE: Evening Prayer Service **Sunday, February 26th 4:00pm** at *Simpson UMC, 30 Locust Ave., Amityville*. District Superintendent, *Rev. Julia Yim* will be the keynote preacher, launching the 40 Day Prayer Challenge for Lent and introducing "The Elijah Challenge" (April 21-23). A light dinner and fellowship will follow.

UMW SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: **February 28th, 6:00pm.** Everyone is invited to join us for food, fellowship and facts about the tradition of eating pancakes to prepare for Lent. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2 children under 12 years. We will have fruit cup, pancakes, syrup, sausages, coffee/tea. See *Jackie Suwalski, Karen Gierie Newman* or any UMW member for tickets.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: **March 1st 12:00noon** at *Farmingdale UMC*.

✠ LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM 2017 ✠

The theme this year is "*A Journey Through Lent*". The study begins **Sunday, March 5th** and continues for six weeks. Program includes potluck dinner and fellowship at 5:00pm; DVD and study 6:00pm.

Following are the topics for each Sunday:

March 5 – Prayer of Confession based on Psalm 32

March 12 – Prayer of Seeking Psalm 34

March 19 – Prayer of Thirst Psalm 42-43

March 26 – Prayer of Rest Psalm 91

April 2 – Prayer for the World Psalm 98

April 9 – Prayer for the King Psalm 110

UMW SUPPORTS THE MOMS OF MILITARY/BLUE STAR MOTHERS: we are collecting items to send to our service people around the world. Copies of their Wish List and a donation box are in the transept. Thank you for your help!

UM MEN'S DISTRICT PRAYER BREAKFAST: **Sat., March 11th 9:00am** at *Grace UMC, 515 Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst*. Speaker will be *Pastor Shim*. He will share insights to the power of prayer and spiritual practices which have sustained & strengthened his life as a Christian and Pastor.

DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT: *Becoming a Soldier in Christ* **Fri. 3/31-Sun. 4/2.** \$100 per person (includes housing, meals, snacks & activities). Open to all 6th-12th grade students. \$50 deposit due by Feb. 22nd, final payment by March 19th. Permission slips will be in *Fellowship Hall*. Contact *Shanna Wurth* for more information.

NEW! SCRIPTURE YOGA: will be offered on **Mondays from 7:00-8:00pm** March 6th thru April 10th in *Fellowship Hall*. Participants will recite bible verses while in each pose, under the direction of *Christina Loggia*, certified Yoga Teacher. Cost is \$90. Registration deadline is Feb. 27th. Bring a yoga mat to each class. Questions, call the *Church Office*.

175th ANNIVERSARY: For our celebration, we are creating a commemorative journal and we need everyone's help in obtaining ads from our merchants and members. Please help make this a success by being part of this journal. Thank you See *Joan Ganz* for more information.

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IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Dorothy Paine, Frank Suwalski, Ken & Kim Bush, Carolyn Holzbaur, Emily Brown, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Barbara Middendorff, Muriel Knoell, Cynthia Hansen, Ruth Burkhardt, Laura Ohler, Ruth Mace and ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. **If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19th

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
	11:30am	Worship with Praise & Songs
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
Mon.	OFFICE CLOSED - <i>President's Day</i>	
Tues.	12:00pm	Gold Circle
	7:00pm	Worship Comm. Mtg. - Library
	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
Wed.	1:30pm	Bible Study - Library
Thurs.	8:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri.	5:30pm	A.A. - F. Hall
	7:30pm	Covenant Group
Sat.	8:00am	Men's Group
	8:30am	Tai Chi

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26th

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
	11:30am	Worship with Praise & Songs
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
	4:00pm	Evening Prayer Service <i>@Simpson UMC</i>
Mon.	6:00pm	Lay Leaders' Mtg.
	7:00pm	Church Council
Tues.	6:00pm	UMW Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - F. Hall
	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
	7:30pm	Finance - Library
Wed.	12:00pm	<u>Ash Wednesday Service</u>
Thurs.	8:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri.	5:30pm	A.A. - F. Hall
Sat.	8:00am	Men's Group
	8:30am	Tai Chi

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