

☀ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** begins **Sunday, March 12th**. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

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

March 19th Third Sunday in Lent Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

March 26th Fourth Sunday in Lent 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Ushers

March 5th: Dorli Retinger-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

March 12th: Joyce Campanella, Bob Paine-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

Liturgists

March 5th: Nisha Misra

March 12th: Mary Bing

Communion Stewards

March 5th: Nisha Misra, Tom Sattler,

Rob Schozer, Usha Singh

March 19th: Myrna Loudon, Tom Sattler,

Bob Carle, Danny Gastelua

ALTAR FLOWER REQUESTS: If you wish to honor or remember someone/special occasion by placing flowers on the Altar, please fill out a form, available in the So. Transept, or call the Church Office (*please specify on the form if you are ordering fresh flowers @\$30 or dedicating silk flowers @\$20*).

✝ **LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM 2017** ✝

The theme this year is “*A Journey Through Lent*”. The study begins **Sunday, March 5th** and ends **April 9th**. 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

PRAYER for the LENTEN SEASON

Gracious God, You take delight in those who trust in You and choose to work in response to the prayers of Your people. We praise You for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have life, joy and peace.

Lord, we pray for our Lenten Journey that You will bless & use this opportunity to strengthen our walk with Christ and discover new dimensions of faith, hope and love that we may live to do Your will. Grant that we may experience afresh renewal and growth in our faith and in our church. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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

UMW SUPPORTS THE MOMS OF MILITARY/BLEUE 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!

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.

L.I. EAST DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES invites you to “*The Elijah Challenge*” Friday to Sunday April 21-23. *Friday 4/21 7:00-9:00 pm at Westbury UMC. Saturday 4/22 & Sunday 4/23* have morning & evening sessions taking place at *Bible UMC in Dix Hills*. At the training, we will be led through Scripture passages, especially the Gospel passages and be shown how the LORD healed the sick with power and authority and proclaimed the Kingdom of God giving evidence that He is the Christ. This is a strategic training for Christ-followers, both clergy and laity. The trainer is *Rev. William Lau* of *Elijah Challenge Ministries*, who has been a missionary in South East Asia, an evangelist all over the globe and has witnessed God’s power at work through hundreds and thousands turning to Christ. The speaker will lead by example and training others onsite the healing ministry for the unreached people. The training will lead us to understand the LORD has empowered His disciples to do “what He has done and will do great things than these.” Register at www.liedistrict.com

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 MARCH 5th

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
		Christian Education Sunday
	11:30am	Worship with Praise & Songs
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
	5:00pm	Lenten Program
Tues.	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
	7:30pm	Trustees - Library
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
	9:00am	UMM Prayer Breakfast @Grace UMC
	11:00am	L.I. Yoga

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12th

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sun.	9:30am	Family Friendly Worship
	11:30am	Worship with Praise & Songs
	1:00pm	Soup Group - F. Hall
	5:00pm	Lenten Program
Tues.	7:00pm	Paisley Circle
	7:15pm	A.A. - Bike Room
	7:30pm	Hardscrabble Board Mtg.
Wed.	1:30pm	Bible Study
Thurs.	7:00pm	SPPR Comm. Mtg. - Library
	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

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Open Doors”*