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*March 2015*

The season of Lent is a time of self-examination and repentance as we prepare our hearts for Easter. The weather messed up our opportunity to worship together on Ash Wednesday, so I want to challenge you to use Psalm 51 as a centering Scripture and the Ash Wednesday Prayer as you prepare your heart for Easter. The importance of the imposition of the ashes is that they remind us of our mortality - "from dust we came and to dust we shall return." They are in the shape of the cross to remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made to save us from our sin, that we would have the opportunity for abundant life. I invite you to use this weekly as we journey together towards Easter — may the cross you see here be an outward sign of the inward grace that is available to all of us.

**Psalm 51**

**Ash Wednesday Prayer (UMH 353)**

O God, maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made,  
 from the dust of the earth you have formed us  
 and from the dust of death you would raise us up.  
 By the redemptive power of the cross,  
 create in us clean hearts  
 and put within us a new spirit,  
 that we may repent of our sins  
 and lead lives worthy of your calling;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



What is it that you need to "fast" from in order to spend more time with God? What in your life is preventing you from having the relationship with God you desire? Lent is a time of searching our hearts, asking God to shine light into the dark areas — may this be true for us this year.

Remember, you are in my prayers.

Rev. Lea Griffith

*NFUMC Services*

*Sunday*  
*Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am*  
*Worship Service: 11:00 am*  
*Nursery and Children's Worship*  
*(Pre K to Grade 3): 11:00 am*

*Wednesday*  
*6:00 pm: A.C.T.S.*  
*(Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)*  
*6:30 pm – Choir*

*Mount Carmel UMC*

*Sunday Services*  
*Worship Service: 9:30 am*  
*Sunday School: 10:30 am*

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Nursery Schedule

March 1 – Judy Gregory  
March 8 – Danielle Williams  
March 15- Amy Davis  
March 22 – Nancy Davis  
March 29 – Malissa Flagg



Children's Church

March 1 – Tiffany Rogers  
March 8 – Nancy Davis  
March 15 – Greta Pitcher  
March 22 – Melba Moore  
March 29 – Emily Young

## ACTS News

We will not meet Wed March 18 due to spring break.

Easter egg hunt is Saturday, March 28 at 10 am. We will hunt eggs, have crafts and snacks. So plan on joining us for some fun as we prepare for Easter☺



GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY  
MARCH 8th

You can now tag your friends in your status or post. Type @ and then type the friend's name. For example: "Had lunch with @John Smith."

**LIFELINE**  
BLOOD SERVICES

Come Save a Life!!  
Friday, March 20th  
Noon – 6:00 pm

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" by setting your clocks ahead 1 hour before retiring on Saturday night, March 7<sup>th</sup>!!



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Several years ago our church started having meals for the families of our church members, whom we lost. We either took meals to the home or provided meals in the Fellowship Hall. It is a ministry we feel is important to our church.

The UMW has taken on the responsibility of coordinating these meals. At one time, we had 3 Food Groups, who we could call on, however we are now down to basically one group of individuals. If you would be interested in providing food for these meals, please contact Linda Wilkerson (431-7601) or Cindy Mitchell (334-7706). We can also use monetary donations to purchase the meats for meals. Checks can be made to the Church and designated for Bereavement Meals.

Thank you for consideration of this ministry of our church.

- 1 Amy Gregory Stewart
- 3 Malissa Flagg
- 5 Alma Ruth Michael
- 6 Patsy Tidwell
- 9 Cary Smith  
Jesse Smith
- 10 Benjamin Pate  
Sherry Sexton Williams
- 11 Kelli Sexton Pugh  
Sara Marisa Davis
- 14 Kevin Steele
- 20 Rev. Lea Griffith
- 21 Justin Bartee
- 27 Brandi Smith
- 30 Nathan Smith
- 31 Julia Rudolph

**LIFELINE Blood Services provides blood products for 16 hospitals in 17 counties, excluding the Memphis area. The church opened its doors to this company many years ago as a collection point and continues to do so. In 2014, the number of people registered to donate was 258 and 214 usable units were collected here. The quota of 35 units per visit has been reached 5 out of 6 times. I am very proud of our donors and the entire Newbern community.**

**Some of our church members donate at other locations. If you are capable of giving blood, consider doing so.**

**It is a very special feeling when the phone rings and the voice on the other end says, "Your unit of blood was used today--- etc." That surprising message lets you know that your time, effort, and donation was beneficial to a sick person in need. To that person, you were a "Good Samaritan".**

**Thank you for allowing Lifeline Blood Services to come into our church and community.**

**Patsy Simmons and Betty Young, workers.**



Direct prayer concerns, updates & praises to [leatgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:leatgriffith@gmail.com) or 334-4393

*Pray for restored health, comfort and peace for:*

**Wendy Adan** (*Faye Greene's niece*) – diagnosed with breast cancer; husband is in Afghanistan

**Richard Anderson** (*Bobbie Butler*)

**James Ashcraft** (*Cherry & Linda Davis*) – being treated for cancer

**Bobbie Butler** – Experiencing heart complications

**Adyson Criswell** (*Criswell Family*)

**Rachel Culver** (*Amy Davis' sister's husband's niece*) – has been diagnosed with bone cancer

**Malia Evans** (*Judy Gregory*) – Melanoma

**Mike Martin (Chad Davis)** – hospitalized with infection

**Kayla Moore**

**Brandon Osborne** (*Debbie Pouyer's son*) – receiving treatments for liver disease

**R.C. Owen** – as he continues therapy on his knee

**Tim & Greta Pitcher** – need God to help them be patient and have faith through the infant adoption process

Residents of Oakwood Community Living Center and Wesley Home of Dyersburg

*Please continue to pray for our friends / family, homebound, in rehabilitation,*

*assisted living or nursing homes:*

**Dorothy Enochs** – Canterbury Place, 900 Hwy 51 Bypass N., Dyersburg, TN 38040

**Jean Forrester** – 614 West Main Street, Newbern, TN 38059

**Mary Helen Ladd** – Covington Manor, Hwy 51 S., Covington, TN, 38019

**Richard T. Moore, Sr.** – Waterford Assisted Living, 8118B Sawyer Brown Rd, #409, Nashville, TN 37221

**Herman Rabalais** – Room 14A, Oakwood Community Living Center, 1636 Woodlawn Ave., Dyersburg

**Emily Wright** – P.O. Box 325, Newbern TN 38059

*Please help us keep the prayer list updated so we can focus on those who do still need prayer and stay updated on any changing prayer needs.*

# March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 After Worship - PPS Committee	2 6:00 pm – Finance 6:30 pm – Council	3	4 6:00 pm – ACTS 6:30 pm – Choir	5	6	7
8 Girl Scout Sunday  Daylight Savings	9	10	11 6:00 pm – ACTS 6:30 pm – Choir	12	13	14
15	16 1:30 pm - UMW  Spring Break Begins	17	18 11:30 am – Ladies Dominoes	19	20 Noon – 6:00 pm Lifeline Bloodmobile	21
22	23	24	25 6:00 pm – ACTS 6:30 pm – Choir	26	27	28 10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				

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*YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME*

*We welcome you! Join us for worship and fellowship as we worship the Lord together. Come explore with us what it means to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ". If you are a guest with us, we ask that you complete an information card and place it in the offering plate. If you do not have a church home, please consider worshipping with us every Sunday.*

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