



March 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village 11:00	3 Adult Bible Study 10:00	4 <i>World Day of Prayer at SSUMC 11:00 with Luncheon after Service.</i>	5
6 Communion	7	8	9 <i>Oxby Brooks Bene- fit Supper 5:00- 7:00</i> Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village 11:00	10 Adult Bible Study 10:00	11	12
13 <i>Time Change!</i> Children's Choir sings Basket Dinner following Church Service with Adm Co Mtg to follow	14	15	16 Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village 11:00	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Adult Bible Study 10:00	18	19
20 <i>Spring Begins!</i> 	21	22	23 Children's Choir 3:30 Prairie Village 11:00	24 Adult Bible Study 10:00	25	26
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Pastor's Page

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*"I can always count on God, my heavenly Father,
For He changes not; He always is the same.*

Yesterday, today, forever, He is faithful,

And I know He loves me, praise His holy name!" – Felten

As God is always faithful to us, are we as faithful to him?

It is that time of year again for us to prepare for the Lenten season, with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, at 5:30. It will be a fairly short service with the disposition of ashes and a few other components.

Lent is a special time for us to in prayer and contemplation with God. Are you as close to God as you should be? I have found that growing closer to God is easiest when I spend talking to him as though he was a person sitting right by my side. We carry on a conversation, and I listen to him as much as talk.

As the nice weather starts coming, again we are looking forward to your smiling faces back in church. If you have any issues that are keeping you from being here please call or come by and visit with me about it.

God's Lenten Blessings to each of you!

Pastor Galen



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| March 4 | World Day of Prayer at 11:00 with a Luncheon to follow. |
| March 13 | Daylight Savings Time begins
Children's Choir Sings at 11:00
Basket Dinner following with
Adm Co Mtg |
| March 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| March 20 | Spring Begins! |



**IONE BROWN'S 100th BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**



On February 12, 2022 Ione celebrated her 100th Birthday at the SSUMC Fellowship hall. Her children Elaine Gaughan, Dale McNerney and Dennis McNerney and many friends celebrated with her.

Her daughter, Elaine, commented that *"when you are on the earth that long and have seen all that she has seen, it should be celebrated!"*





On February 23rd, a Farewell Potluck Supper was held for Nettie Lock and Dave Lock at the SSUMC. They will be moving closer to their family in Eastern Kansas.

We are sorry to see them leave our church and the community. We hope the best for them in their new adventure.

Copied from The Upper Room, 2021

Matthew 25:14-21

TWO LITTLE WORDS

Today's scripture reading describes a master's positive response to a servant's positive response to a servant who handled instruction and resources well. Verse 21 came to my mind in my weekly small group when we decided that each of us would choose a word like *kindness* and *love*. But I struggled when making my choice. I knew I needed to focus on my tendency to act on my own, without considering God's will. The word *submit scared me*, and *obey was not quite right either*.

This scripture story provided the answer. When I meet my Master at the end of my life, I want to hear, "Well done." Therefore, instead of one word, I chose the phrase, *well done*. I am learning to focus on it each day.

Each morning I write down what I consider to have been "well done" from the day before: helping someone unload a shopping cart, sending "thinking of you" cards, filling a box with small gifts for a friend after surgery, paying several bills at once, making necessary medical appointments. With all of these I have given attention to being healthy and helpful. On their own they are small; but the overall change in my life's focus has been huge.

O God, we know that you are the way, the truth, and the life. Help us turn to you first, before deciding or acting on our own. -June O. Bond



SERVICE COMMITTEE

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Kathy McDaniel, Chairman

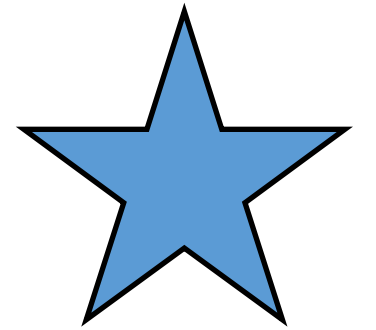
Wanda Funk

Peggy Fischer

Barb Van Laeys

Connie White

Brenda Tropf



**UM Men Groundhog Sausage and Pancake Breakfast
It was a day of Friendship and Home Made Sausage!**