

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**March 6, 2022**

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST  
A TIME OF CENTERING *The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference* Jerrie Sue Massengale  
CALL TO WORSHIP Buddy Butler  
OPENING PRAYER  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Dura Montgomery  
PSALTER, 810 Psalm 91  
EPISTLE READING Romans 10:8b-13 Joy Turner  
\*GOSPEL READING Luke 4: 1-13  
\*GLORIA PATRI, 70 **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Choir  
SERMON "Trusting Against the Grain" Buddy Butler

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 363, 1-3 *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 884 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 89 1  
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES  
\*DOXOLOGY, 95 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION  
(Offerings left on the communion rail will go to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help people in our community.)

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
\*SENDING FORTH  
\*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY  
\*POSTLUDE *The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference* Jerrie Sue Massengale

\*Congregation standing, as able

The Son Seekers and Mixed Blessings adult Sunday School classes are always happy to have new members. Please join either class at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

Our April meeting will be a Plant Swap on Saturday, April 2. More details will be announced when available. We hope all of you will mark your calendars for this special event. The United Methodist Women would like to thank all who supported their pecan fundraiser. Remaining dark chocolate, medium and small pieces are reduced to \$10.00.



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. You'll find it to be a warm caring environment and learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Please pass the word along to those who may benefit from this program. A new 13-week session began on February 26 and will continue on Saturdays 3-5 p.m. through May 21. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.

The new air conditioning unit for Legacy Hall has arrived. If you would like to make a contribution to help pay the \$3,000.00 cost please mark it "AC Fund." \$400.00 has been received to date.

United Methodists wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

We will receive the **UMCOR Sunday offering** on March 27.

If you would be willing to read scripture on Sunday, please put your name and contact information on the Liturgist Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex. Participants will be called in advance with the readings.

**Upper Rooms** for March-April are available in the Narthex today.

All news and calendar items for the **April** issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by Thursday, March 17, at 2 p.m.

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**

### Church Leadership

**Pastor** Gilbert "Buddy" Butler  
**Choir Director** Ben Sexton  
**Accompanist** Jerrie Sue Massengale  
**Secretary** Heidi Rule  
**Custodian** Christine Dowlin

### Sunday Servants

**Ushers** Shirley Russell Bill Simonds  
 Ron Singleton  
**Sound Techs** Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer  
**Webmaster** Marti Lane

### Our Prayer Concerns

**Our Congregation:** Donna Sexton, Ed Massengale, Barb Bender, Hannah Geren

**Homebound/Assisted Living:** Emily Yaxley, ^Warrene Alexander

**Others in our prayers:** \*Ricky and Dennis (nephews of Retha Crain), the family of Glenda Pierce, Tom Reed, Bud Chastain (Covid complications), the family of Ann Coffey (friend of the Massengales), Judy Jones (friend of Cathy Turner), Gabriel Montgomery, twin great-nephews of Lisa Loudermilk—surgery went well, Jeff Bunch (uncle of April Butler), Michelle Nerney (multiple myeloma—friend of Ann Rymer), the family of Joanne McKibben, Richard Meyers (surgery complications—brother of Elaine Minor), Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members

\*new to concerns +Hospital ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

**If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.**

### Birthdays

1 Jerrie Sue Massengale 7 Grace Walker 8 Martha Stiles, Jennifer Walker  
 10 Laura Day, Heather Limburg, Joy Turner

**If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.**

Roy McKibben has a new address: Brickmont of West Cobb, 2782 Dallas Hwy., Room 234, Marietta, GA 30064

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4—6 p.m. Meals are "to go" only. There is no charge for meals but donations are accepted and appreciated. 164 meals were served on Monday. If you would like to help, please contact Sheppie Dunn or Evelyn Stemann. The Community Meal phone number is 423-241-2282.

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	10:00 am Sunday School	7:00 pm Choir Practice	6:00 pm AA Meeting (Legacy Hall)
	11:00 am Worship		<b>Saturday</b>
	<b>Monday</b>		3:00 pm GriefShare
	4:00 pm Community Meal "To Go"		

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