



The Messenger

March 2025

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

"Come expectantly seeking Jesus. Follow Him boldly. Go witness intentionally."



After a long winter we are finally starting to see the first glimpses of Spring on the horizon. Hopefully the recent cold snap represents the final remnants of a winter that is giving way to the

new warmer season of life.

It's a busy time of the year for the Christian calendar, March 5th is Ash Wednesday, and we will kick off the season of Lent with our traditional pancake supper in Joy Hall at 5:00pm followed by our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6pm. Lent is the time where Christians have historically prepared for Easter by observing forty days of adding on or taking away something from our daily life in order to reorient our hearts on Christ in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Our Lent sermon series is "At the feet of the Master," a five-week series that will take us right up to Easter Sunday. What sets followers of Jesus apart from the rest of the world? We will look at Jesus' sermon on the mount to find the answers.

Our Wednesday night Bible Study is continuing to walk through the Gospel of Matthew, how does Matthew offer a unique perspective on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ? After we finish the Gospel of Matthew, we will study one of the more satisfying characters in all of the Old Testament.

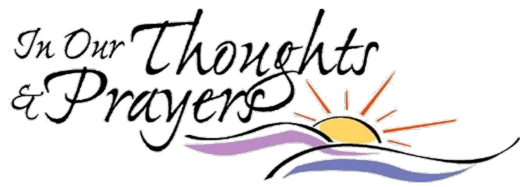
During Lent we will resume our Lenten lunches every Tuesday (more information inside) from noon to one pm. I have invited the various faith communities and their pastors to join us in an ecumenical hour of food, worship, and message to help us prepare for Easter. If you are available for lunch during Lent, I highly recommend that you attend.

There is a lot going on in the life of the church these days, I hope that you will join me in celebrating this sacred time on the Christian calendar.

We are an Easter people living into the promise of resurrection and new life. Because of the cross we know that death does not have the final say in this world!

-Rev. Thomas Harper

*Come &
Worship*



Corey Backer	Sandy Narkiewicz
Mickey Barnett	Pat Neel
Darlene Blair	Marilyn Odom
Betty Bozeman	Bobby Phipps
Ann Crawford	Mary Phipps
Teresa Fulce	Steve Rhodes
Lynda Gibson	Gary Simpkins
Diane King	Beverly Waddleton-Johnson
Stella Lundy	Ron Wimp
Carolyn Manning	
Saundra Mott	



Music Director, Gail Hall, has scheduled bell practice at noon every Tuesday and we are very pleased to have several new ringers to complete the choir.

Bells will ring at the March 18th Lenten Lunch.

About FUMC's March Rail Offering

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

United Methodist churches commonly have a fund called the pastor's discretionary fund which is intended to give the pastor complete discretion and authority to provide confidential financial support to persons in need.

Communion Preparation

Keith & JoAnn Zimmerman

*Mark Your Calendars

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Worship Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Gathering J.O.Y. Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Sanctuary

Monday

9:00 a.m.	Line Dancing
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Tuesday

12:00-1:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
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Wednesday

5:00 pm	Meal
6:00 pm	Bible Study all ages
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 am	Line Dancing
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Financial Update

The February update was unavailable at the time of this publication.



March 2025

8:30 a.m.

Keith and JoAnn Zimmerman

11:00 a.m.

Michelle and David Dobbs

Kevan Burroughs

Marty Jarrell



March 5	Greg Hollen
March 6	Cedar Stone
March 7	Jerry Nichols
March 7	Laura Robbins
March 10	Jack Robinson
March 11	Neal Poppenhusen
March 13	Martha Scroggins
March 15	Greg Eberhardt
March 17	Brooklyn Marcee
March 18	Gena von Reyn
March 19	Jack Jackson
March 21	Will Burroughs
March 25	Poppy Stone
March 28	Linda Powell
March 30	Harriett Bevil
March 31	Glenda Barnett



Beginner Line Dance Class

Beginner line dance classes are Mondays at 9:00 am in J.O.Y. Hall. Classes are \$5.00 each or \$30.00 per month.

Call Charlene Anthony (214-577-7516) to register.

Intermediate line dancing will continue 10:00 am in JOY Hall.



Welcome New Members

Honorable Judge Brad and
Dawn McCampbell



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Church Council will meet
at 1:30 pm in the J.O.Y. Hall
Celebration Classroom:

April 13th
July 13th
October 12th

Sermon Series

March 2

Scripture Romans 12:17-21
Message "Declaring Holy War"

March 5

Ash Wednesday
5:00 pm Pancake Supper
6:00 pm Service, Sanctuary

March 9

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
Message "An Inclusive Faith Rooted in a Tradition"

March. 16

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12
Message "A Different Happiness"

March 23

Scripture and Message TBD
By Rev. Dr. Mark Young

March. 30

Scripture Matthew 5:17-24, 38-48
Message "A Different Standard"

April 6

Scripture Matthew 6:19-34
Message "A Different Pursuit"

*The
Season
of
Lent*



April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Scripture Matthew 7:13-29
Message "A Different Practice"

April 20 (Easter Sunday)

Scripture John 11:25-26
Message "The Day the Tomb Was Empty"

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) 2025



This starts the beginning of a monthly campaign to receive donated items to be used to pack OCC shoeboxes this fall.

If you are willing and able, the following items are being requested for the month of March: **Small toys for BOYS of all age groups (ages 1-14).**

In April, we will request the same for GIRLS. Collection bins will be located in both Joy Hall and the Narthex (main entry to the Sanctuary).

Let's have a great kick off for 2025!

Questions? Call or text Pat Kostial at (619) 379-6920. Together, we can serve our Lord as His disciples....

Invite a friend to lunch...



COMMUNITY *Lenten Lunches*

Quitman First United Methodist Church

Every Tuesday from
March 11th-April 8, 2025

Noon to 1 p.m.
(Lunch service opens at 11:45 a.m.)

Lunch, music, and a short devotional.
J.O.Y. Hall at First United Methodist Church

No reservation is necessary.
No charge for lunch **Donations are accepted

Everyone is welcome!

Devotional Schedule

March 11th	Rev. Mike Midkiff, Faith Baptist Church
March 18th	Rev. Dr. Mark Young, FUMC Quitman
March 25th	Rev. Joel McMullen, First Baptist Church
April 1st	Rev. Mike Fletcher, Spur on Ministries
April 8th	Rev. David Hicks, Liberty Methodist Church

Sunday Gathering

Every Sunday after the 8:30 am service, is a 9:30 am Gathering in J.O.Y. Hall for coffee and pastry before 10:00 am Sunday School. Different Sunday School classes serve as hosts. The Gathering is open to everyone (even non-Sunday School attendees).





Happy Valentines Day 2025





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Sanctuary Worship 8:30 am
Gathering 9:30 am J.O.Y. Hall
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Sanctuary Worship 11:00 am
YouTube Delayed Recording 6:00 pm
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HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?

If so, please contact the church office.

DONATIONS MADE EASY

Want to simplify your giving of tithes, memorials, and other offerings? Then consider using the “Make a Donation” link on the Church’s secure web-site, fumcquitman.org. or simply focus on the QR Code on the right.

PayPal is very safe and reliable and will allow you to Add Special Instructions that specify how your offering is to be applied. It will also provide you with an emailed receipt for your bookkeeping and tax records.

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