



BLACKMAN

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15, 2019

As many of you know this coming Sunday (March 17th) is St. Patrick's Day. Before we consume our green drinks and eat our green food to commemorate this day, I can't help but wonder how many of us know anything about St. Patrick?

Much of what we know about St. Patrick comes from a literary work called The Declaration, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. Tradition tells us that he was born in Roman-controlled Britain (more specifically Scotland) in the fourth century, into a wealthy family.

According to The Declaration, as a young teenager, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish robbers and taken as a slave to Ireland. It says that he spent several years there working as a shepherd. During this time he "found God" and converted to Christianity. The Declaration says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

Patrick, after eventually being ordained a Bishop in the Catholic Church, returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The Declaration says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted "thousands". His ministry to the druids was eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes" out of Ireland (Ireland never had any snakes).

Tradition holds that he died on March 17 and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint. One of those legends is how he used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity. Nonetheless, many thousands were converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message of Jesus' Gospel.

It's easy to get caught up in what is fact and what might be considered "slight" embellishment, but what we can be certain of is that St. Patrick was instrumental in bringing the Gospel of Christ to a group of people who had

never heard this good news. What I want us to consider this day is who are those people who brought the Gospel into our lives? Maybe it was your parents, grandparents, another relative, a friend, neighbor, or pastor.

Regardless of who it was, may we pause to give thanks for the way God used them to make us aware of God's presence in our lives and God's immense love for us.

I want us to also consider how we might be used by God to share the Gospel with others around us. One of the things I love about the liturgy we use for infant baptisms is the way we incorporate the idea that both parents and the congregation will live in such a way that the child will experience, for themselves, the Gospel of Christ and eventually make their own profession of faith. How are we, much like St. Patrick, living our faith so that others might also know the love of God shared in Jesus?

I hope you all have a great rest of the week and to see you all on Sunday. God bless!!

Bro. David

***In case of inclement weather,
stay tuned to Facebook,
Twitter and email for updates on
church services and activities.***

General Conference 2019

Below is a link to the recording of the Bishop's livestream from this past Sunday. He and General Conference Lead Delegates from both the Tennessee and Memphis Annual Conferences participated in this event, which was designed to answer questions and address some concerns from members of the two conferences. If you have any questions or would like more information please see Bro. David.

<https://vimeo.com/322831964>

Sing Along: The next sing along at Rutherford Assisted Living will be Friday, March 29th, at 6:30 pm.

Holy Week/Easter Events

- Bunny Brunch - Sat. April 13th
from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Choir Cantata - Sun. April 14th
@ 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday - April 18th
@ 6:30 p.m.
- Good Friday - April 19th
@ 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise - April 21st
@ 6:30 a.m.
- Easter Worship - April 21st
@ 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prayer Requests

- **Mary Theresa Lowry**, sister of Ralph Smith, pancreatic cancer
- **Family of Carl Shipley**, Dean Shipley's brother, who passed on 3/13
- **Family and friends of Murry Heathcock**, who passed on 3/11
- **Olivia Nottoli**, relative of Jenny Peck, diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Praise: Mike Murphy**, friend of MaryRose, healed from neck cancer, thank you for all of your prayers
- **Perry Lyons**, friend of Whitt family, brain aneurism
- **Anna Dorris**, Aunt of Karen Sloan, thyroid cancer surgery 3/14
- **The family of Charlie Prebble**, Ginny Mathes' Uncle
- **Carrie Borchers**, friend of Tamara Harris, upcoming surgery
- **Marilyn Devine**, health concerns
- **John Sloan**, continued healing for liver cancer
- **Jennifer Matheny**, cousin of Lee Stevenson, stage 4 cancer, hospice care
- **Ivan Benningfield**, Kay Slocum's father, health concerns
- **Norman Runk**, cousin of Harry Hoover, cancer
- **Grant Reed**, friend of Connie Howell, cancer
- **Robert Norris**, Boy Scout Trp. 374 Scoutmaster, health concerns

- **Charles Andrews**, friend of Margaret Brogdon, severe digestion issue
- **Carla Decker**, friend of Margaret Brogdon, breast cancer
- **Judy Johnson**, sister of Tamara Harris, health concerns
- **Carol Matisak**, friend of Nance family, stage 4 cancer
- **Nicole Pankey**, friend of Jenny Peck, Pancreatic cancer – going thru chemo
- **Angelina**, mother of Saru, healing from stroke
- **Lee Roy Pannell**, health concerns
- **Steve Gansel**, healing of ruptured disk in lower back



Thank you to the College Grove Strings for blessing us with their magnificent gift of music.

Lenten Devotion

7 words.....**know, truth, here, forsaken, thirsty, finished, and commend.**
Join Blackman United Methodist Church during the season of Lent to learn how these Seven words come together to tell a beautiful story about the love God has for us and how He showed us through His Son Jesus Christ. We will take a look at these seven words and how Jesus used them at the cross. This will be a church wide bible study. We will send out Weekly Bible lessons through our newsletter email list and also provide paper copies in the narthex. Each week in the narthex you will also be invited to join in a multigenerational coloring project of posters that will highlight the topic for the week. Our goal is to promote a collaborative bible study, prayer and creativity during this Lent season for all ages.



Wed Night Programming returns - March 13th, Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.
and classes for all ages @ 6:15 p.m.
Here are the prices: \$5/teens & adults, \$2/children (5-12), under 5 is free and there is a max per family of \$20.

Here's our classes being offered:

- Bro. David - Lectionary Bible Study
- Joe Burchell - Video based study on Daniel and Revelation (For more information contact Joe @ 615-708-1525)
- Women's Bible Study (for more information contact Sarah Stockton @ sarah.stockton@hotmail.com)
- Chandra - Youth Lent Study (grades 6th-12th)
- Kay Slocum - Grades 2nd-5th
- Nicole Geer/Jenny Peck - Ages 4-1st grade
- (Nursery Available)

Save the Dates:

Children's Ministry: Our upcoming **Bunny Brunch** will be Saturday, April 13th; hope you will hop over and be part of the fun!

VBS - June 9-13th; VBS is going to be out of this world and you will want to be a part of it. I am excited to tell you that our 2019 VBS site is live and ready to go!

The link, for both attendees and volunteers is:
blackmanumc.com/vbs

This year's theme is so much fun - TO MARS AND BEYOND!
Check out the website and register! Thank you, Jenny Peck.



Calling all Acolytes! We need you!
Would you like to be an Acolyte for BUMC? Here is a link for you to sign up for future Sundays.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4FAAAF2FA7F85-bumc4>



Youth Calendar

Update on upcoming youth events:

March 17 Regular Youth

March 20 Wonderful Wednesday, cooking, meal and bible study

March 24 Bibles for Babies

March 27 Wonderful Wednesday, cooking, meal and bible study

April 3 Wonderful Wednesday, cooking, meal and bible study

April 7 Regular Youth

April 10 Wonderful Wednesday, cooking, meal and bible study

April 14 Youth Easter Program

April 17 Wonderful Wednesday, cooking, meal and bible study

April 21 No Youth Happy Easter

April 24 Wonderful Wednesday, cooking, meal and bible study

April 28 Regular Youth



BUMC Volunteer Opportunities:

Sundays- provide meal for youth group
Sunday or Wednesday musician mentors for youth
May 19 Grill Hamburgers for combined service
June 3-7 Local Mission Week
June 9-13 Vacation Bible School
June 24-28 Leadership Camp

Please see Chandra Inglis on Sunday
if you are interested in being
a BUMC volunteer for the above activities or
emailyouth@blackmanumc.com

Leaders in Worship for March 17th

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Rev. David Stockton
Mike Rose, Music Director,
Jan MacKrell, piano
Dianne Hanna, piano

8:30 am:

Nathan Weathersby, Worship Leader
John Slocum, Lay Reader
Charlotte & Henry Nance, Acolytes
Mike Rose, Sound Tech, Payton Towle, Multimedia Tech

10:45 am:

Brandon Whitt, Worship Leader,
Karen Sloan, Lay Reader
C.J. & Drake Goers, Acolytes
Mark Spears, Sound Tech, Cassidy Inglis, Multimedia Tech

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. David Stockton, pastor@blackmanumc.com
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