



The Herald

GOOD SAMARITAN

United Methodist Church



February 2024

Important Dates **February**

Every Sunday

9AM Sunday School

10AM worship service

1st Sun. of every month—
communion is served at
worship service— after we
meet for fellowship time to
share fun, food and great
company.

*Feb. 4th-Making Chinese
dumplings 11:30AM

*Feb. 6th-Trustees 7PM

*Feb 10th-The Sound of
Music

*Feb. 11th-Souper bowl
Sunday-soup served

*Feb. 11th-Vesper's Pray
5PM

*Feb. 14th-Ash Wednesday

*Feb. 17th-Worship Team
10:30AM

*Feb. 21st-UMW Meet 6PM

*Feb. 27th-Church
Council/Finance Meet
6:30PM

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From the Pastor

Greetings to dear families and friends of Good Samaritan UMC, We are almost at Lenten season. It always starts somewhere in February, but this year, it starts early. Lent always lasts 40 days, but those 40 days occur on different dates from one year to the next. The 40 days occur immediately before Easter, but because Sundays are excluded from the count, the days of this season are not consecutive. Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting to grow closer to God. These forty days of Lent, in particular, were about helping us learn how to live the way of Jesus. Lent always starts on Ash Wednesday; this year, it falls on Valentine's Day on February 14th. You can celebrate Valentine's Day during the daytime and come to the Ash Wednesday service in the evening at 7:00 p.m. It will help us to start our journey with Jesus this Lenten season.

Every year, in our Salt Creek Cluster, we share a theme for Lent and do pulpit exchange. This year, we have decided to use "Wandering Heart" by A Sanctified Art group. We are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us. So, I invite you to journey with us.

During Lent, we will provide a Lenten devotional booklet and card for everyone; it is a weekly reading with a theme that follows each Sunday. The booklet includes a poem to read, a song to sing alone, scripture readings with commentary, and Art & Reflection. You can do this by yourself or with your family or find a small group, or you can join me on Wednesdays at Parsonage starting on February 21st at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to host a small group gathering at your home, please let me know so we can have an additional group or rotate the meeting place.

As I mentioned above, simple living, prayer, and fasting are part of the Lent practice, so I would like to offer an experience for you to be part of this Lent—**Forty Days of Fasting and Prayer Relay**. We will provide a sign-up sheet with a date and time; you may choose a meal, a day, a few days, or a week as it works for you to fast and pray. You do not just skip meals but also pray during mealtime. You can read the devotional booklet or other devotional reading during fasting. There will be other spiritual practices during this Lent, such as Bible study on Thursday morning, coins for Lent 2024, and feeding my Starving Children; please look for all these during worship service during ministry opportunities on Sundays for details. I hope every one of you can participate in these spiritual practices during Lent to help you learn, live, and walk closer to Jesus, who gave everything for us.

May Jesus, the Bread of Life sustain you and nurture you during this Lent 2024,

Pastor Jeremiah Lee

FUN EVENT AND FELLOWSHIP TIME!!!!

We will be hosting a fun event on the making of Chinese dumplings on Sunday, February 4th at 11:30 AM, after worship service. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us. We hope to see you there!



ANOTHER FUN EVENT AND FELLOWSHIP TIME!!!!

Come and support our Youth! Please join us on February 10th, The Sound of Music Matinee 2PM at ATHS.

Our Nathan Redman has the role of The Captain. Nathan is the son of Jody Robinson.

**Meet at the church after the play for a 3 course meal of
Salad, Pasta, and Dessert**

For more details see Jody Robinson, Karen Jeschke or call the church 630-543-3725. We look forward to you joining us!



ONE MORE FUN EVENT AND FELLOWSHIP TIME!!!!

Please join us on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 11th after worship service for a bowl of soup.

All donations collected will go to The Night Ministry.

The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty



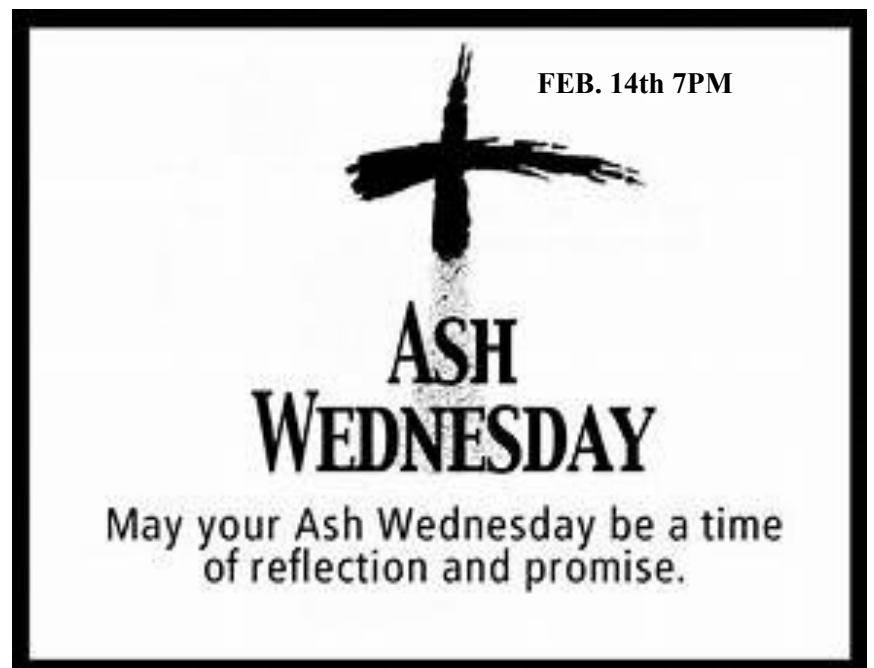
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FEB. 11th

**Transfiguration
OF THE LORD**

Why do we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday? The festival celebrates the revelation of the eternal glory of the Second Person of the Trinity, which was normally veiled during Christ's life on earth. According to tradition, the event took place on Mount Tabor.



FEB. 14th 7PM

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

May your Ash Wednesday be a time
of reflection and promise.



2	Carol Shauf
2	Jen McCaleb
4	Debbie Snowden
7	Karen Jeschke
9	Ninfa Reinoso
17	Brittany (Fiduccia)Gersh
17	Christina (Fiduccia)Beckwith
19	Guy Schlagel
20	Sharon Luikaart
23	Karen Coffinbargar
23	Matthew Delawder
23	Nathaniel Shauf
25	Max Canady
26	Christina Daniello

February meetings.

You are invited to all. If you have questions call the church at 630-543-3725.

*Trustees Tuesday Feb. 6th at 7PM

*Worship Team meeting-Feb.17th at 10:30AM

*UMW-United Women in Faith meet Feb. 21st-6PM supper 7PM meeting. All women invited. Please call the church for location. We would love to have you join us.-you do not have to be a member to join us.

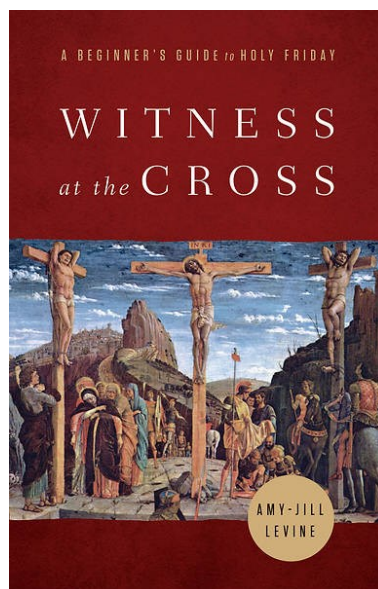
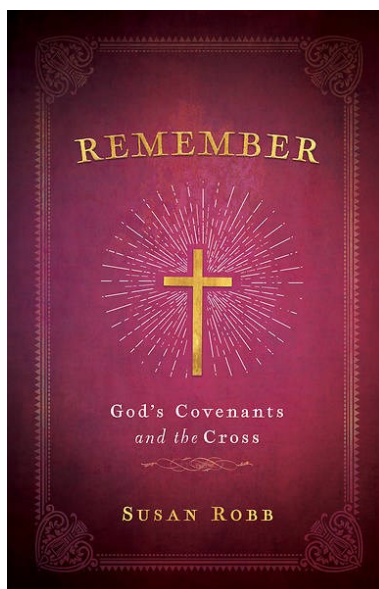
*Church Council/ Finance Feb. 27th at 6:30PM

Happenings during Lent-devotionals & bible studies

Weekly Lenten devotionals begin on Wednesday, Feb. 21st to March 20th at 6:30PM. (not during Holy Week) At the Parsonage. 970 W Army Trail Blvd. Addison IL. 60101

All are welcome. We will provide a booklet & a card. (see Pastor's letter for more information)

All Are Welcome-Lent Bible Studies- Thurs. mornings at 10:30AM-Begin Feb. 15th. Remember by Susan Robb we are off for Holy Thursday-then 6 week study-by Witness at The Cross by Amy-Jill Levine- should you wish to join us or get a book please let the church know (cost of books are \$14 each)



****Friendly reminder****
2nd Sunday every month
5pm
Vespers Prayer Meeting
We meet in the Sanctuary-
This month it is on Feb.11th

Kid's Corner

February Bible Verse

Open my eyes so I can
examine the wonders of
your instruction!
(Psalm 119:18)

February Faith Word Guide

Showing the way, like the light of Christ



The Lord's Prayer Word Search

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**Every month we will be collecting specific items for
The Addison Township Food Pantry-**

This month pasta & rice items. Mac & Cheese, Pasta sauce any kind of pasta, Rice a Roni, rice, Ramen Noodles, anything you can think of that would be pasta or rice related. Peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, protein bars.

There will be a basket out in the narthex.

If it is more convenient for you, you can write a check made payable to Good Samaritan and in the memo line designate the Addison food pantry and we will then purchase the food and deliver it to the pantry.



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Worship Service on line

“Facebook Live” Sundays 10AM

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- Church every Sunday 10AM in person and on Facebook live
- Sunday School Classes for all ages every Sunday at 9AM

