

- ◆ We ask *everyone* to sign and check the appropriate boxes on the **ATTENDANCE PAD** in each row and to pass it along. We invite **guests** to write their address and any other additional information.
- ◆ Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in Friendship Hall before and after morning worship.
- ◆ Please make sure your cell phones are turned off during worship, so that you can fast from texting and other distractions. Also, please refrain from bring food and drink into the sanctuary.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the forty days of Lent, the Christian Church prepares to observe the Lord’s passion and resurrection. We examine ourselves as we remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. In this season of repentance and fasting, we come to terms with our mortality and need for God’s mercy.

PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* Arr. Birchwood
Please use this time for silent meditation to center your hearts for worship.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Jean Eads

L: Leave your well-worn paths, and walk with God.

P: But we are secure where we are.

L: Walk in new paths, and you will be blessed.

P: Can’t God bless us on our own turf?

L: If you will walk in faith, God will bless you and curse those who curse you.

P: Lead on, O God, Your faithful people await.

ALL: May we receive God’s blessing to be a blessing to others.

* **OPENING HYMN** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* #117 (UMH)

LENTEN READING Matthew 9:9–13 Jean Eads

OPENING PRAYER (UNISON) Jean Eads

Jesus, the community You created challenges us. We confess we can be like the Pharisees—on the outside, refusing to participate in the community You have in mind. Reveal to us our prejudices. Forgive us for rejecting the very people You came to save. Forgive us for desiring a so-called safe community, full of people who look like us, think like us, make as much money as us, and vote like us, instead of the real, beautiful, and diverse Church You came to establish. We no longer want to exclude others. We want to embrace them as You embraced us. Give us the grace to repent so we might seek Your good, true, and peaceful kingdom. AMEN.

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

GIVING OR OURSELVES THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS & PLEDGES

OFFERTORY *A Song in Lent* Tayler

* **DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

* **HYMN** *Freely, Freely* #389 (UMH)

INVITATION TO THE WORD

Let the Spirit move through us like an ever-flowing stream that God’s word would revive our spirits to be a blessing to others.

SCRIPTURES SHARED IN THE MESSAGE Genesis 12:1–4a (NRSV)
Romans 4:3; 13–17 (NRSV)
John 3:16 (KJV)

MESSAGE **WHOSOEVER** Pastor Nancy

* **RESPONSE (UNISON)**

May we, too, go out in faith as Abram, trusting in God’s sense of direction. May we remember how much God loves this world and so, love the world in the name of Christ. May our testimony be the good news that someone else has been waiting to receive.

* **CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* #369 (UMH)

* **SENDING FORTH**
As you go out and come in, may God keep you by sunlight and moonlight; may Christ encompass you with love; and may the Holy Spirit empower you with new life, now and forever.

* **POSTLUDE** *Celebrate Love* Hanson

* Please stand as you are able.



WELCOME GUESTS: Thank you for joining us for worship today! We hope that you will find our church to be a place where you feel welcome and experience the presence of God in a powerful way.



We appreciate it when *members and guests* fill out contact information in the black registration pads that are in the pews so that we are able to communicate with you. Please tell us how we can serve your needs by using the yellow card in the pew. Welcome to Milton United Methodist Church, and we hope that you will consider making our church your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children’s worship bags are available in the Narthex to use while the children are in the sanctuary.



DOORS: To insure the safety of our children in the education building, the doors that enter the educational wing will be locked at 11:10 AM each Sunday. Please enter the church using the Sanctuary entrances.

ECCHO: Personal care items or any non-perishable food items are appreciated and needed this month.

TALKING TUESDAY: We will NOT meet at Wendy’s during the weeks of Lent. Please attend the Lenten Lunches sponsored by the Milton Ministerial Association.

LENTEN LUNCHESES: The Milton Ministerial Association will observe Lent with weekly devotions at noon each Tuesday at the area churches followed by a simple lunch. A love offering will be taken to aid the Ministerial Association with their mission outreach. The dates for the Lenten Lunches are as follows:

- March 10, Milton Baptist Church
- March 17, Union Baptist Church
- March 24, Bethesda United Methodist Church
- March 31, Church in the Valley

SPECIAL OFFERING: On Sunday, March 22, we will collect funds for UMCOR, which offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. A special envelope will be available for your donations.

MISSIONS/OUTREACH: We hope you can stay after worship NEXT Sunday, March 15, for a special luncheon sponsored by the Missions/Outreach Ministry Team to raise funds for **Celebration Of Missions Event**. For your donation, you will enjoy a great lunch and fellowship.

Continuing Prayer Concerns
Recently added names are in Italics.
Nursing & Assisted Living Centers:
Cabell Health & Rehab: Louis Mae Conner & Jean Jordan

Others: Our Elected Officials; Sunday School—Children, Youth, & Teachers; Military Personnel; Churches & Ministers; Missionaries; Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball; DS Rev. Dr. Okey Harless; Pastor Nancy White; 130th Unit of WV Air Nat’l Guard; and –

Charlene Allen	Skip Gilkeson	James E. Morris
Jeff Arthur	Bernice Guthrie	Diana Murphy
Kylene Bishop	Richard Hall	Dee Nunley
<i>Brenda Black</i>	Carol Hastie	Terry Polen
Clarence Brown	Tom Hastie	Mike Price
Glen Brumfield	Steve Hays	<i>Myron Reed</i>
Lynn Cartwright	Adam Hoffman	Betty Jean Reynolds
Brenda Chaffin	Caleb Holley	Rev. Jim Richards
Terry & Linda Chapman	Bobby Howard	Molly Shaw
Josh Coleman	Herb Insoce	Donna Short
Andy Conner	Diane Jarrell	Terry & Kermit Smith
Brandon Conrad	Bill Jones	Becky Stowers
Noah Cook	Elenora Karnes	Sue
Bethanne Cooney	Robert Klinestiver, Sr.	Harold Sullivan
Jill Cooper	Judith Knipp	Daniel Tabor
Judith Cremeans	Keith Leap	Arthur Taylor
Thomas Delligatti	Susan Long	Mike Taylor
Brittany Edwards	John Lowther	Nellie Tooley
Monica Evans	<i>Leslie Marion</i>	Sonny Walker
Troy Farris (Jean Eads’ Cousin’s Baby)	<i>Bob Middleton</i>	Paula Wandling
Gene Fisher	Roger Miller	Gloria Ward
	Connie Wilson Morgan	Laura Wareheim
		<i>Millie White</i>

From time to time, this list is modified by adding or removing names as circumstances seem to change.
Please let us know if we have erred, or if other names should be added or removed.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: You can hear the Brass Band of the Tri-State (Randy Doss' band) on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 PM at Marshall's Smith Recital Hall.

The next Fifth Sunday Sing will be Sunday, March 29, at Union Baptist Church at 6:00 PM.



Sermon Notes

CHURCH COUNCIL: Please be aware that the Church Council will **NOT** meet this week, but we will meet **Tuesday, March 17, at 7:00 PM.** This change is for this month only.

CALENDAR for the Week Beginning MARCH 8

TODAY: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship (*with Nursery*) 10:50 AM
- Second Sunday Activities 5:00 PM

TUESDAY

- Lenten Lunch, Milton Baptist 12:00 PM
- Finance Committee** **6:00 PM**

THURSDAY

- T. O. P. S. 4:30–6:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

- Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship (*with Nursery*) 10:50 AM
- M/O Luncheon After Worship
- Children's Ministry Team After Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

Church-Wide Cleaning, March 27 & 28

Fifth Sunday Sing, Union Baptist Church, March 29, 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Children's Sunday School Class for children 5 years of age to 5th grade is held during Sunday morning worship.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: This is a time in the service when all children & youth are invited to spend time with Pastor Nancy.

NURSERY: Although we are happy to have all children in the sanctuary during worship, our nursery is available for children who are newborns through four years of age.

OLDER YOUTH: Youth in sixth grade through high school are invited to stay in the sanctuary during worship.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School 30
 Sunday Morning Worship 48



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Mission Statement

The mission of Milton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by reflecting God's love through faith, worship, and service so others may discover God's grace.

For God

so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that

whosoever

believeth in

Him should not

perish, but have

everlasting life.

~John 3:16 (KJV)

Whosoever

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

East Cabell Shared Ministry: Reverend Nancy White, Pastor of Milton UMC
 Reverend Bronson Clark, Pastor of Bethesda UMC

Ministers: Every Person in the Congregation

Lay Leader & Song Leader: William Deel Organist/Pianist: Lynn McGinnis
 Church Secretary: Wanda Skidmore Custodian: Andrea Woodard

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Pastor's Email: revnancywhite@gmail.com
 Pastor's Cell: 304-549-0496

Church Office Hours (Exceptions may occur.)

Pastor

Monday: 10:30 A.M. till 1:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M.

Secretary

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.