



ST. PAUL'S
United Methodist Church

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Lenten Lunches are every Wednesday at Noon through April 17th.

The Leadership Table Meetings have been moved to the third Tuesday of the Month. The next meeting is this Tuesday March 19th at 6:30 pm.

DHS Student Lunch will be March 27th from 11:15 pm – 1:00 pm.

UMW will meet this Thursday March 21st at 6:00 pm.

We need your help!! We need at least one more volunteer to play the Slideshow Clips on Sunday Mornings. It's easy and no training is needed! Contact the office if interested.



- 2- RJ Weiland
- 6 – Fran Wray
- 10 – Paula McConnell
- 17 – Pat Bowles
- 23 – Sandi Borchering
- 25 – Dina Atnip
- 29 – Randy Atnip
- 29 – Sara Riggs



- 5th – Ron and Michelle Martin
- 29th – Bob and Pat Weber



Sound Suppression Panels in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Lunches!!

Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Porter visiting.

Louise's sister is doing great!



Pastor David Gardner

The Telegraph, a newspaper from the United Kingdom, has this short article about St. Patrick:

“Everyone knows the name – but what about the man? Brush up on St Patrick's story, and the myths surrounding him, in honor of this year's festivities.

1. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, although he was born in Britain, around 385AD. His parents Calpurnius and Conchessa were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales, according to different versions of his story.
2. As a boy of 14 he was captured and taken to Ireland where he spent six years in slavery herding sheep. He returned to Ireland in his 30s as a missionary among the Celtic pagans.
3. Legend has it that he used the native shamrock as a symbol of the holy trinity when preaching and brought the Latin alphabet to Ireland.
4. Miracles attributed to him include the driving of serpents out of Ireland. However, evidence suggests post-glacial Ireland never had any snakes in the first place.
5. Wearing green, eating green food and even drinking green beer, is said to commemorate St Patrick's use of the shamrock - although blue was the original colour of his vestments.
6. St Patrick was said to have proclaimed that everyone should have a drop of the ‘hard stuff’ on his feast day after chastising an innkeeper who served a short measure of whiskey. In the custom known as ‘drowning the shamrock’, the shamrock that has been worn on a lapel or hat is put in the last drink of the evening.
7. Popular Irish toasts on St Patrick's Day, include: may the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends beneath it never fall out.
8. St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1737. Around 34 million modern Americans claim Irish ancestry.
9. It is believed that St Patrick died on March 17 in 461AD. It is a national holiday in Ireland, and on the island of Montserrat in the Caribbean, which was founded by Irish refugees. It is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland and a provincial holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland.

10. Dublin has a parade that attracts hundreds of thousands of people, while in Chicago the river is dyed green for a few hours. The biggest parade is normally held in New York, while the largest celebration in the southern hemisphere is in Sydney, Australia.”

Hugh Whelchel writes for the Institute for Faith, Work and Economics:

“Patrick’s Confession and Letter to Coroticus inform us that he was one of the first Christian opponents of slavery. He was particularly concerned about how Christian women suffered in slavery:

In addition, there are the widows...Of all these, those held in slavery work hardest – they bear even terror and threats, but the Lord gives grace to so many of the women who serve him. Even when it is forbidden, they bravely follow his example.

In his book *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, Thomas Cahill also describes how Patrick brought literacy and learning to the Irish people, creating conditions that allowed Ireland to become “the isle of saints and scholars” and preserving Western culture throughout the Dark Ages. Hundreds of years after the death of Patrick, the descendants of monks he trained would be the bridge between the classical age of Rome and the awakening medieval era.

Patrick’s response to God’s call on his life is what we should be celebrating on St. Patrick’s Day. The church today needs more men and women like St. Patrick who love God and, in response, are committed to living out God’s calling in their lives. A peculiar people who, because of their love for the Father, demonstrate a genuine love for people. A people who stand up for what is right and advocate in both prayer and deed for the cause of those who cannot defend themselves.”

I didn’t know all those things about St. Patrick. I’m just glad that we do have those who go before us - our parents - a spouse - some friends - whose faith legacy they have passed along - they are worth celebrating. Here is what Ephesians 1:15-18 (Voice) says:

“This is why, when I heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus that is present in your community and of your great love for all God’s people, I haven’t stopped thanking Him for you. I am continually speaking to Him on your behalf in my prayers. Here’s what I say:

‘God of our Lord Jesus the Anointed, Father of Glory: I call out to You on behalf of Your people. Give them minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so they will truly know You. Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance.’”

Thank You Lord, for those who shared Jesus with us. That was their calling - and they fulfilled Your purpose. Remind us always that even as we might celebrate St. Patrick - or even St. Nicholas - we are ALWAYS Easter people. Amen

PRAYER REQUEST

Family of Joan Kuehn – She passed away last Wed. Her service is at 10 am on Monday

Edith Suiter and Family – Passing of her husband Jim

Noel Clark

Ross Pipkin – AF technical training

Dorrie Pipkin – Strength and Confidence

Those involved in the Kanowa bus accident

Parker Bowles – Success

Sara Riggs – For Peace and strength to take one day at a time

Drew Cole - Cancer

Junior Brown – Recovering from Surgery

Jimmie Bruner

Connie Green – Cancer

Courtney – Continued prayers for the Allred's 11 yr. old grandchild with neurological issues.

Kathy Allred – Continued prayers for healing

Pat Weber – Foot problem

Billy Branch – Travel Mercies

Stacy Mettler – Cancer

Ann Johnson – Continued prayers for healing on her hip

Oleta Little – On Hospice. Brain Cancer returned

Addie McMurrin

Dave and Margie Robertson

Marcia's circumstances dealing with health, surgery, housing and work

Jason Poorman – (Edith Suiters nephew) Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Addie's friend and relative on Hospice. Peace in her Family

Karen Gibson – Cancer

Gary Gibson – Cancer

Jan Smith – Cancer

Jennifer Shahan – Heart Problems

Iva Johnson – Hospice

Karen Stanfill – Cancer

Rebecca's cousin has eating disorder, liver failure and on transplant list

Kathy Bridges – Cancer

Joe Perry – Kidney cancer

Margaret Averre – Throat cancer

Daniel Whittney – Colon cancer; now liver cancer

Jennifer Allred – Spinal pain and fibromyalgia

Melinda Douglas – Lung Cancer