

THE NEWS

STONE MOUNTAIN FIRST UMC

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Mary Finley.....	Children's Nursery
Vivian Robinson.....	Worship Team
Luke Lea.....	Candler Intern
Cameron Garrett.....	Candler Intern
Sharee Wyatt.....	Custodian

Keeping a Holy Lent

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it.
- Luke 14:28.

Keeping a holy Lent requires preparation. I've found that I must look at my calendar and write in the places I want to grow during Lent. If I don't weave it into the busy-ness of my life, it simply won't happen. I am much more likely to make it happen and enjoy leaning into God, if I schedule it.

Now there are some traditional ways to keep Lent. Prayer, abstaining from food or other comforts and giving away money are probably the most common. They probe our vulnerability and our strength in Christ. They can all make more space in our life for trusting God and loving neighbor.

Some simple things to schedule are weekly worship, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. You might also plan one special thing each week: a long walk or hike one week, a trip to a busy place to be in prayer, planting flowers, preparing eggs for children, or fasting one Friday.

My focus this Lent is the Love of Neighbor. I have some plans to help some folks that are connected to my life. I want to sit in an unhurried manner with folks who have lived longer than I have lived. I want to sit with folks who need what I have to give. I am also allowing God to show me some new ways to love my neighbor.

I hope you will tell me how you are allowing God to shape you this Lent.

See you in church, Ellen+



Lenten Rose

Our Stone Mountain First Church Community



March 1	Cameron Garrett	Psalm 32
March 8	Vivian Robinson	Psalm 121
March 15	Luke Lea	Psalm 95
March 22	Diane Ward	Psalm 23
March 29	Lahronda Little	Psalm 130
April 1	Lahronda Little will lead us in a <i>Lenten Day Apart</i> from 10:00—2:00. Make plans now to attend.	
April 5	Ellen Shepard	Psalm 118
April 9	Biblical Meal	Holy Thursday, 6:30
April 10	Tenebrae Service	Good Friday, 6:30
April 12	Ellen Shepard	John 20 Easter

Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings 10:00—11:30 “Jesus & The Gospels.”

An invitation to look at Jesus in each of the four gospels and ask the question— “Who is the Jesus that you see?”

Wednesday Evenings 6:30—7:30 “Short Stories by Jesus”

GAME NIGHT – 1ST ONE OF THE YEAR – MARCH 13



**Come play with us. Enjoy games, fellowship, and a light dinner.
Ages 8 and up.**

6:00 – 8:30 in the Family Life Center.

Budget Report—January 2020

Receipts: \$16,652.70

Expenses: \$20,183.29, Net (\$3,530.59)

**2020 Total Donations through January
to Stone Mountain Co-op Food Bank:
614 pounds.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!



- 3 Barbara Cooper
- 4 Lahronda Little
- 5 Jackie McGinnis
Vivian Robinson
- 8 Mary Craft
- 11 Savannah Hawkins
- 22 Jean Winfrey
- 31 Luke Hawkins

Happy Anniversary!



- 6 Gerald and Daisy Williams
- 22 Winn and Linda Porter

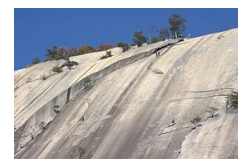


Golden Age Meeting March 26

10:30 a.m.

**Covered Dish Lunch
At Noon**

***** All are invited! *****



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First Saturday of Every Month

Breakfast is served

(all you can eat—\$7.00)

Located at Masonic Lodge #449

Invite Your Neighbors!

March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Service 9:30 Coffee Spot 9:45 Sunday School	2 1 p.m. Exercise Class in Fidelis Room 7:30—9:30 p.m. PB	3 10 a.m. - Noon Art Class 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class 7:45—9:45 p.m. PB	4 10 am Bible Study 12:00—2:00 PB 6:30—Bible Study 7 p.m. Recovery at the Rock 7:30—8:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 10:45 - Al-Anon 4:30—6 pm PB 7:30 pm Pipes & Drums	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Service 9:30 Coffee Spot 9:45 Sunday School	9 1 p.m. Exercise Class in Fidelis Room Finance Meeting at 6pm Church Council at 7 pm 7:30—9:30 p.m. PB	10 10 a.m. - Noon Art Class 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class 7:45—9:45 p.m. PB	11 10 am Bible Study 12:00—2:00 PB 6:30—Bible Study 7 p.m. Recovery at the Rock 7:30—8:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 10:45 - Al-Anon 4:30—6 pm PB	13 3:30 Side By Side Brain Injury Support Group Game Night 6—8 p.m. in FLC	14
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22 11:00 am Worship Service 9:30 Coffee Spot 9:45 Sunday School Agape Meal following Worship Service	23 1 p.m. Exercise Class in Fidelis Room 7:30—9:30 p.m. PB	24 10—12 Noon PTNG Partner Church Meeting 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class 7:45—9:45 p.m. PB	25 10 am Bible Study 12:00—2:00 PB 6:30—Bible Study 7 p.m. Recovery at the Rock 7:30—8:30 Choir Rehearsal	26 10:30 Golden Age Meeting with covered dish lunch at noon. 10:45 - Al-Anon 4:30—6 pm PB	27	28
29 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship Service 9:30 Coffee Spot 9:45 Sunday School	30 1 p.m. Exercise Class in Fidelis Room 7:30—9:30 p.m. PB	31 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class 7:45—9:45 p.m. PB	Most 4th Sundays (Agape Sunday) - One Worship Service at 11. 5th Sunday - There will be a variety of Special Music. ***** Looking Ahead . . . Easter is April 12th. Easter Lilies sign up coming soon.			



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March Greeters

- 1.....Beverly McConnell
8.....Iliana Guess and Trey Guess
15.....Marian Long
22.....Danny Dunworth
29.....Daisy Williams


**Daylight Saving Time
Begins on
Sunday, March 8**

Set your clock forward 1 hour.


Dates to Remember This Month

- 1.....**Communion Sunday.** New Sermon Series on the Psalms during Lenten season.
- 2.....Exercise class at 1 p.m.; Pickle Ball 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- 3.....Art Class 10—Noon (through March 10). Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.; Yoga Class at 6:30; Pickle Ball 7:45—9:45 p.m. (these activities are each Tuesday).
- 4.....Bible Study at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Pickle Ball 12:00 - 2:00; Choir 7:30-8:30 (these activities are each Wednesday)
- 5.....Pickle Ball 4:30—6:00 (each Thursday).
- 9.....Finance Committee Meeting at 6 p.m. and Church Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 13..... Game Night 6—8 p.m. in FLC (ages 8 & up)
- 22.....Agape Meal immediately following the 11 a.m. Worship Service.
- 24.....PTNG Partner Church Meeting 10-Noon.

Help Feed Our Neighbors

The Stone Mountain Co-op Ministry
Hours: Monday and Wednesday 10—1:30 P.M.
Friday 10—Noon

The following items are needed : *Soups,
*Jelly *Peanut Butter *Canned veggies
*Canned fruits *Canned meats, *Toilet paper,
*Toothpaste *Soap, *Dried beans/peas,
*Any other non-perishable items.



We have created an email account for
Prayer requests:

prayersstonemountainumc@gmail.com

It will be checked continually and
emailed to the prayer team.

Looking Ahead. . .

Easter Lilies


The Worship Team invites you to participate in the celebration of Easter at Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church. Instead of purchasing a lily or lilies, please make a donation to honor or to remember a loved one. Twelve lilies will be purchased to grace the sanctuary; the remainder of the money will be donated to the Stone Mountain Co-Op for the purchase of food. A listing of donors will be printed denoting your contribution in honor or in memory of your loved one(s). Donation is \$10.00 per name. Please print legibly and note whether in **honor of** or **in memory of**. Write a check to Stone Mountain First UMC for your total. **Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 5.** (Sign-up forms are forthcoming.)

Sanctuary Flowers Sign Up


The Flower Calendar is located in the church office. If you wish to place flowers in the Sanctuary please fill in the information on the calendar. **Please note if the flowers are to be “in memory” or “in honor” (birthdays, anniversaries, other special occasions) of a loved one or a friend.** The cost is \$60 and payment may be made to the church any time before the Sunday you have chosen.