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From the Session

Session will be meeting on Monday 03/20/23 at 7pm

Outreach Team

CAP Team

Discipleship Team

Property Team

Planning Team

IT Team



A Word From The Pastor

Ash Wednesday kicked off Lent this year – and we thank everyone who attended the service, and also those who attended the pancake dinner sponsored by the youth before the service! We raised almost \$500 for the Youth Mission trip this upcoming summer. We started cooking early on Ash Wednesday (thanks to Tom Stribbling!) and the youth started showing up as early as they could – but dinner actually began before a lot of the youth could even make it to the church. It was an early dinner and early service – so many of the folks who attended made a sacrifice – of time, of schedules, of equipment, of money, of planning to make sure things happened right to kick-off the Lenten season here at Summit.

Then again, in many ways, that's what Lent is about anyway – SACRIFICE! Our journey continues through March into April, when we celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and eventually Easter! Did you give anything up for Lent? That is a common practice for followers of Jesus. As we journey toward the greatest sacrifice of all time, we make our own sacrifices, which, by the way, don't even compare even slightly to Jesus' sacrifice. The idea of a 'sacrifice' for us is so we can spend more time connecting with God. Giving up sweets, or Facebook, or watching TV, or coming to church (wait a second – that's not a sacrifice!) – would be done not so much for our good – but for God's good. In a sense, a sacrifice that we might make doesn't necessarily make God happy.

That's why I focused in on the verses from Samuel above this March. Believe me – sacrifice was important in the Old Testament – and it still is. But notice what is more important! Obedience! Especially make note of the words IT IS BETTER TO OBEY THAN TO SACRIFICE. I believe it would make our Lord much happier if we did things for him rather than giving up things. Pray more, read the Bible more, make the visit or phone call, cook the meal, volunteer – you know what I mean! When we are doing things for God we don't have as much time to get into trouble!

Maybe the rest of this Lenten season you can mark down on your schedule to do some things for the Lord. Make that time that you aren't eating certain foods, or the time you are away from social media, or the time you would have watched the TV show – take that time and DO something for God! Reality is your actions become an offering, or you could say a 'sacrifice', to God. Nothing would make him happier! See you in church!

"But Samuel answered, 'What pleases the Lord more: burnt offerings and sacrifices or obedience to his voice? It is better to obey than to sacrifice. It is better to listen to God than to offer the fat of sheep.'" (1 Samuel 15:22)

In Jesus Love,
Pastor Dan

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Missions Team

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Finance Team

Worship Team

Fellowship Team

Kids Corner (YOUTH)



Sermon Schedule~March

03/05	“UNCLICK”
	God’s judgement is equal. In our Lenten journey we need to realize that we can never think of ourselves as more important than other. We also need to let go of the things that divide – the silly arguments and human judgements that we declare. That’s what the Lord wants.
03/12	“UNCOMFORTABLE”
	Jesus tells his disciples what is going to happen in the near future – and it sure doesn’t sound like Good News. The disciples don’t understand – and they are uncomfortable with the news. But Jesus knows what has to happen. In our own uncomfortable situations, God still reminds us that things will come together for the good.
03/19	“UNDERNEATH”
	When we stand underneath God’s protection, God’s power, and God’s love we realize that nothing more powerful can take any of those gifts away from us. Jesus canceled our debt and nailed it to the cross.
03/26	“UNCLE”
	On this 5th Sunday in Lent, Summit also celebrates its 40th anniversary as a congregation. 40 years ago, a group of faithful folks surrendered to God’s plan for them, and a new church came into being. In Lent, we learn from Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemane to surrender to God’s will in our own lives.
04/02	“UNBELIEVABLE”
	Our passage this morning occurs right after the Palm Sunday story, but reminds us of the unbelievable things that Jesus can do. And we are only in the beginnings of the unbelievable actions of Jesus that he still does today. We see and we shout HOSANNA – GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!



HOLY WEEK 2023

Upcoming events, please mark your calendars:

PALM SUNDAY 04/02:

Worship Service Including palm processional for kids

MAUNDY THURSDAY 04/06:

Meal in Fellowship Hall~6:00p.m.
Worship Service~7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY 04/09:

7:00a.m. Sunrise Service
7:45 a.m. Fellowship time in Narthex
9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch
10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

DID YOU KNOW??

A shamrock is a young sprig, used as a symbol of Ireland. Saint Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, is said to have used it as a metaphor for the Christian Holy Trinity. The name shamrock comes from Irish seamróg ([ˈʃamˠr̝ˠoːɡ]), which is the diminutive of the Irish word seamair and simply means "young clover".

What's New?

40th Anniversary

On March 26th, Summit will celebrate its 40th Anniversary! This is a big milestone! We will celebrate with coffee and fellowship directly following the service. We hope you can join us!



S.E.R.V.E.

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YOUTH GROUP

ROUND-UP!



**ASH WEDNESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER:**

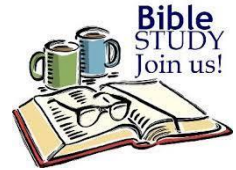
**Summit youth collected \$470.00 towards
their summer mission trip to West
Virginia! As always**

THWOG-

**Will NOT be meeting the week of
March 13th-March 17th due to SPRING
BREAK**

Pastor's Corner

The Wednesday morning virtual Bible Study has resumed on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. This will continue until April 5th, which will be our last meeting. You can join us on Facebook or YouTube at our website: summitstafford.com! For 8 weeks we will be looking at "Witnesses around the Cross" – kind of a Lenten Study leading up to Easter!



Speaking of Easter, Pastor Dan wants to put together the drama, "I SAW THE CROSS" that we did at Summit several years ago. This would be done on Maundy Thursday (April 6th) and we need 12 actors/actresses for the presentation. If you are interested, let Pastor Dan know!





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Caitlyn Brenner- 4 March
- Brice Tchepna- 4 March
- Wendy Roy- 6 March
- Nancy Bowen- 7 March
- Wendy Roosa- 10 March
- Roy Geberth- 14 March
- Brittlea Brown- 20 March
- Jesse Foster- 23 March
- Heidi Boyd-Rice- 24 March
- Karla Alsop- 25 March
- Ron Fox- 27 March
- Grace Marie Buadu- 31 March

ANNIVERSARIES

- Forester & Penny Einarsen-
16-Mar, 1968
- John & Kay Latham-
26-Mar, 1966



GRADUATE'S GAB!

FEBRUARY GRADUATE'S LUNCHEON

The Graduates held their monthly luncheon on February 8th at Bob Evans in Stafford. Ida Lee Cann extended greetings to those present and Leona Fox gave the blessing prior to lunch being served. The February birthdays of Jane Clark. Carolyn Stiltner, Merle Gerke, Sue Lawson, Elaine Wright, Larry Nelson, Don Stiltner, Ann Turpyn, Bill Means and Bob Harmon and the anniversaries of Ed and Pam Dixon and John and Beverly Battaglia were recognized. Attending were: Lloyd Alday; Karen Attreed; David and Ida Lee Cann; Leona Fox; Sieglinde Greenberg; Millie Hollis; Susan Kapes; Pat and Janet Martin; Larry and Nancy Nelson; Pat and Melody Rossell; David and Sherry Somerville; David Thomen and Kip Volkstadt. The next luncheon meeting will be Wednesday, March 8th at Bob Evans Restaurant in Stafford, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Graduates extend an invitation to all "senior" adults of Summit to come and be a part of the next gathering. For further information, please contact Ida Lee Cann (540-623-4786) or Merle Gerke (540-720-8420).

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday – March 8, 2023 11:30 a.m. Bob Evans Farm Restaurant 1020 Stafford Market Place – Stafford, VA. If you plan to attend, please let Ida Lee or Merle know by Tuesday – March 7, 2023. Thank you. Take care. Hope to see all of you there. Ida Lee Cann Telephone: 540-623-4786 – Cell E-mail: ilcann@infionline.net Merle Gerke Telephone: 540-720-8420 E-mail: mtgerke@comcast.net





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Virtual Bible Study- 10:30a.m. Chancel Choir- 6:30p.m. Men's Ensemble- 8:00p.m.	2 Bible Study- 9:30a.m. THWOG- 5:30p.m. Bronze Voices- 7:00p.m.	3	4 Clara Hatfield Memorial Service- 11:00a.m.
5 Men's Breakfast- 7:30a.m. Outdoor Worship- 8:30a.m. Sunday School- 9:30a.m. Indoor Worship- 11:00a.m. Discipleship Team Meeting- Noon Combined YG- 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.	6 Stephen Ministry Training- 7:30p.m.	7	8 Virtual Bible Study- 10:30a.m. Graduate's Luncheon- 11:30a.m. Chancel Choir- 6:30p.m. Men's Ensemble- 8:00p.m.	9 Bible Study- 9:30a.m. THWOG- 5:30p.m. Bronze Voices- 7:00p.m.	10	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Outdoor Chapel- 8:30a.m. Sunday School- 9:30a.m. Indoor Worship- 11:00a.m. Planning Team Meeting Noon NO YOUTH GROUP Finance Team Meeting 6:30p.m.	13 Stephen Ministers Meet- 7:00p.m. Stephen Ministry Trainees Meet- 7:30p.m.	14	15 Virtual Bible Study- 10:30a.m. Chancel Choir- 6:30p.m. Men's Ensemble- 8:00p.m.	16 ROMEO- 8:00a.m. Bible Study- 9:30a.m. NO THWOG Bronze Voices- 7:00p.m.	17	18 Community Meal- 8:00a.m.-Noon Outdoor Window Clean-Up
19 Outdoor Chapel- 8:30a.m. Sunday School- 9:30a.m. Indoor Worship- 11:00a.m. NO YOUTH GROUP	20 Session 7:00p.m. Stephen Ministry Training- 7:30p.m.	21	22 Virtual Bible Study- 10:30a.m. Chancel Choir- 6:30p.m. Men's Ensemble- 8:00p.m.	23 Bible Study- 9:30a.m. THWOG- 5:30p.m. Bronze Voices- 7:00p.m.	24	25 J.U.L.I.E.T. 11:30a.m. Spring Clean-Up 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
26 LENT/COMMUNION Outdoor Chapel- 8:30a.m. Sunday School- 9:30a.m. Indoor Worship- 11:00a.m. Combined YG- 1:00p.m.-3:00p.m.	27 Combined Stephen Ministry Training- 7:30p.m.	28	29	30	31	