

**MARCH  
2017**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mondays in March** at 8:00 a.m. we will gather for prayer, a time of silence, listening and for God.

**Lenten Soup Supper**—Each Tuesday during Lent there will be Soup Supper starting at 6:30 p.m.. Bring your favorite Soup to share and bring a friend. 1st Soup Supper will be March 7.

The next **Barnhart Community Luncheon** will be Thursday, March 9 at 12 noon. Good Food! Good Neighbors!

The next **Mertzon Community Luncheon** will be Tuesday, March 21 at 11:30 p.m. Come visit with your friends and neighbors while enjoying a delicious meal. **This month's Luncheon is the responsibility of FUMC.** Please be thinking about what we will be cooking. The main meat dish is being provided by Bull's BBQ. **What a treat! What a Blessing!!**

**Arbor Terrace**—Arbor Terrace is a nursing home in San Angelo that FUMC Mertzon adopted. Please come and join us for a good time as we sing and visit with the residents. The smiles you receive are well worth your time. Thursday, March 16 at 4:30 p.m.

**Men's Community Prayer Breakfast**—March Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday the 18th of March at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 am.

**Irion County Food Pantry** is Tuesday, March 28 at the Mertzon Community Center. Food items are gathered and sacked up beginning at 11:00 a.m. then handed out between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

**Blessings On Your Journey**  
As you begin this pilgrim *Journey*  
may your heart be open to surprise  
With reverence, *Gratitude* and acceptance  
May you behold your life each day.  
On every step along the way  
May hidden *Goodness*  
come to meet you. In meditating on your  
memories May *Courage*  
be your companion.  
As your life stories rise up to greet you  
May you welcome them home with *Love*  
On every step of your pilgrimage  
May you find new *Grace*  
for living.  
From unexpected places in your life  
May *Blessings* rise up to anoint you.  
As you walk  
the memory road May it become a path of  
*Transformation*  
As you look upon your wounds  
May you know the *Joy* of healing.  
In claiming the *Beauty* of your life  
May you recognize the One  
In whose image you are created.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

### MADE WITH LOVE AND PRAYER

The **First United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues with their knitting and crocheting. The blankets and shawls that are completed are blessed by the congregation on the 1st Sunday of each month. Do you knit or crochet? Please come join these wonderful ladies as they continue with this ministry. Men are welcome too!!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is being challenged with crocheting plastic mats for the homeless using plastic bags. If you have clean plastic bags please bring them.



**Ten Commandments**—A new quilting class began February 2nd. This class will meet each Thursday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Contact Linda Billington for additional information.

**Beginning Cross Stitch Class** each Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in Class Room 1, The first class will cost \$5.00 which covers supplies. Please contact Laurie Swepston for additional information.



**FUMC Youth** (Sr./Jr. High, PreK-6th Grade) **meet on Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm.** If you would like to assist in preparing/serving a meal, please place your name on the sign-up sheet. **The Youth will present a play "Case of the Empty Tomb" on April 9th, Palm Sunday.**

Thank you to every one who gives so generously of their time and energy to prepare meals for our Chrysalis Group and Wednesday evening Youth Groups.

## FUMC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**United Methodist Women:** Monday 9:30 am to 11:00 pm. Starting March 6 and continuing through April 10, "The Easter Experience". Ladies come join this Easter Bible Study.

**Noon Bible Study Group:** Monday Noon till 1:00 p.m. Currently studying Spiritual Gifts.

**Chrysalis:** Monday at Noon, Sign-up to furnish a meal

**Walking by Faith:** 9:00 am Tuesdays, Thursday & Fridays

**Bible Study for All:** Tuesdays 4 to 5:30 pm

**AA/AI-A:** Tuesdays & Sundays at 7:00 pm

**Prayer:** Wednesdays 7:00 am

**Prayer Shawls:** Wednesdays 1:00 pm

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays 5:00 pm

**Pre-K thru 12th Grade:** Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm, Sign-up to bring meals

**United Methodist Men:** Thursdays 7:00 am

**NA:** Thursdays 7:00 pm

**Women's Emmaus Reunion Group:** Fridays 12:00-1:10 pm. Anyone who has attended a walk is welcome to come and participate. As they gather to offer support and prayers for one another in helping each other grow closer to Christ through fellowship and discipleship.

## WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING

**CHALLENGE 90**— Everyone who is involved in this challenge is encouraged to continue. Take time to read. There are a lot of conversations as people talk about what they have read. Join in the conversation. It's never too late! If you have all ready started the reading, **KEEP GOING!** I know the reading has been difficult. Psalms and then the prophets, it is a reflection of us today as it was 2000 years ago.