

## Summary:

– God’s desire is for us to be happy; have full and abundant life. God tells us what we need to do for that to happen. Bending the rules, breaking the rules, cheating isn’t nice and ruins God’s plan for everyone. Pastor Mel

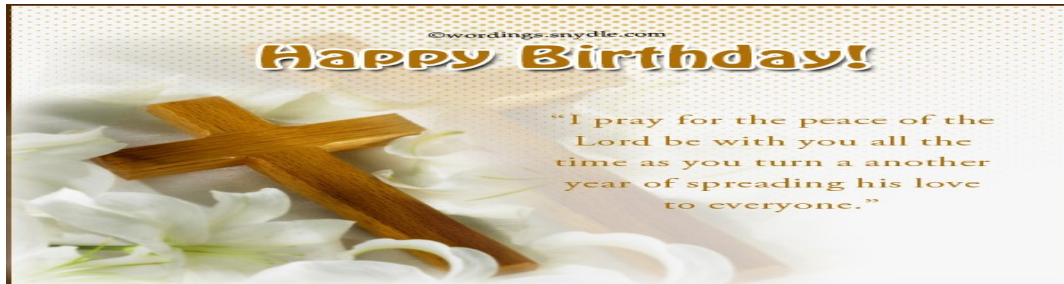
Closing Song

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“Shalom to You”

Shalom to you now, Shalom my friends.  
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom -Christ be your shalom  
Have a Blessed Week!

## March Birthdays!



Dante Oglesby 3/7, Greg Davis 3/8, Julia Doyle 3/12, Kaine Jones 3/15,  
Romello Jones 3/18, Frances Dixon 3/29

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*May Grace & Peace be with You!*



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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**“Growing People through Christian Discipleship”**

**March 4, 2018**  
**Gathering**

**Music**

**11:00A.M.**

*"A hypocrite is more dangerous than a dishonest person.*

*A dishonest person deceives and cheats, a hypocrite betrays and swindles." – Dr. Chia Thye Poh*

**Lauren Wells, Music Director**

**Lighting of Candles**

**\*\* Call to Worship:**

Leader: Lord, come to us today and heal our wounds.

**People: Be in our hearts and our spirits, we pray.**

Leader: Give us courage to put aside the greed and selfishness in our hearts.

**People: Heal our spirits and help us to follow you. AMEN.**

**\*\* Opening Hymn**

Invocation

In Unison

**Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**Prayer of confession:**

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the “temples” of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. . Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. AMEN.

Silent Confession

*Church Announcements:*

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

*Pet Station Installation*

Installation of the Pet Waste Station, originally scheduled for February 24 or March 3, was postponed due to weather concerns and scheduling problems. It is now scheduled for Saturday, March 10th at 9:30a.m. All interested parties are invited to come help or cheer on the workers.

*March 11, 2018 Daylight Savings Time*

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time (move clocks forward) next weekend.

*Wednesday Evening Prayer Service*

A small group has started meeting twice a month on Wednesdays to “**Pray our Future.**” We pray for our church members and our world's needs but particularly hold up our church's future and seek to discern God's plans for us. You are invited to join us as we converse with God.

**Our next few meetings will be on March 14 & 28 from 7:00P.M.– 8:15PM.**

We hope to see you there.

*Weekly Tuesday Bible Study*

Tuesday Bible Study is cancelled this week and next so that Pastor Melvin can attend the Faith Action Network legislative action day in Olympia and have a few days off. We will reconvene on March 13.

*Good Friday Worship Service*

We will have a special Good Friday worship service on Friday, March 30 at 7:00 P.M. Please bring a friend.

*GUMC Easter Egg Hunt*

Grace United Methodist is sponsoring a community Easter Egg Hunt April 1st Easter Sunday at 12:45pm, Immediately after Worship Service. Children up to the age of 11 are encouraged to participate, In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt there will be crafts and face painting. We will be accepting donations of cartons of fresh eggs to give to the Union Gospel Mission's feeding program. Members are asked to bring plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and candy. Please sign up in the back of the church If anyone has experience doing face painting experience please let Carroll Washington know.

*Men's Bible Study on Saturdays!*

GUMC Men's Bible Study has resumed on Saturdays at 9am in the Gardenhire Room (The "Purpose-Driven Life").

## Volunteers Needed for Our “2018 “ Vacation Bible School!



July 23-27th, 2018 5:00pm-7:30pm

### Teachers

- Bible Storytime
- Games
- Snack/Dinner Coordinator

### Director

- Registering Coordinator
- Marketing
- Decorating

Sign up sheets are located in the back of the church

Planning Meeting March 11, 2018 after Morning Worship Service

For answer to questions or additional details please contact  
Carroll Washington at 206-601-7786

### Happening Today!

#### Sexual Orientation and our Faith Conversation

At the discussion last Sunday regarding scriptures and sexual orientation it was determined that a follow-up session was not necessary. On the other hand, there was a sense that more information was needed on that and other subjects. Therefore, Pastor Mel will be holding a “Pastor’s Forum”, an open discussions in the chapel from 1:00 to 2:00 today and during the remaining Sundays in Lent. Feel free to drop by and ask any question on any topic. What is Sanctification? Why don’t we worship on the Sabbath? What have we learned about sexuality in the past 160 years that is new? Is there an alternative to nuclear war? What can one give out at Halloween other than candy? Any question is fair game.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in Christ Jesus. AMEN

### \*\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### \*\* Doxology

#### \*\*Songs of Praise

#### Children’s Sermon

#### Announcements

#### Welcome & Recognition of Visitors

Let us extend hugs and handshakes with people as you are comfortable.

#### Joys, Concerns, Testimonies and Thanksgiving

#### Community Prayer

“The Altar is now open for those who would like to kneel in prayer”

#### 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, the power and the glory forever.

#### Amen

#### \*\*A Celebration of Giving

All things come of thee O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee.

#### \*\*Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

#### First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

#### \*\* Gospel:

John 2:13-22

#### Song of Preparation

Worship Team

#### Sermon

Pastor Melvin Woodworth

#### “ Cheating Isn’t Nice ”

#### Communion

Pages 15 & 16 in the UM Hymnal

#### The Call to Christ

#### \*\* Circle of Blessing

#### \*\* Extinguishing of Candles

\*\*\*\*\*Everyone is invited to gather for refreshments in the Gardenhire Room immediately after service. Members are encouraged to provide refreshments for a special occasion or just because. Let Mary Burns know which Sunday(s) you would like to share. with others.

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Worship Team

