

Weekly Bible Readings

Meet the challenge to read your entire Bible in one year by spending twelve and a half minutes each day. You can start any time. This week's suggested readings: Sunday, II John; Monday, Deuteronomy 26-28; Tuesday, Nehemiah 10-13; Wednesday, Psalm 143-145; Thursday, Song of Solomon 3-4; Friday, Revelation 7-11; Saturday, Acts 23-24.

This Week...

SUNDAY, February 18

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary, Main Campus)
9:45 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (Both Campuses)
10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University (WD102, West Campus)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary, Main Campus)
2:30 p.m. Puppet Workshop (WD105, West Campus)
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (WC112, West Campus)
5:30 p.m. Remedy Youth Grades 9th-12th (WC112, West Campus)

MONDAY, February 19

2:00 p.m. Adult (Bill's) Bible Study (WD101, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Trustees (WD101 West Campus) Finance is cancelled
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Bible Study (WC112, West Campus)

TUESDAY, February 20

8:00-Noon Uniform Closet Open (WD115, West Campus)
9:00-11:30 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)
12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch Bible Study (WD112, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (WB100, Main Campus)

WEDNESDAY, February 21

5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (WD101, West Campus)
3:30 p.m. Bread of Life ChristCare Group (WD101, West Campus)
5:15 p.m. Mid-Week Meal (MC101, Main Campus)
6:00 p.m. "Epic of Eden" Class (WD101, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Nursery Open, Ages 0-36 Months (WD108, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Extreme Kids, LOL Kids, Jam Kids (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Catapult Grades 6th-8th (WC112, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. "Disciple IV" Bible Study (MB105, Main Campus)
6:00 p.m. "Parenting Beyond Your Capacity" Study (WD102)
6:00 p.m. "Namesake" Study, WOW (MA100, Main Campus)
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (MB100, Main Campus)

THURSDAY, February 22

1:00 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Bible Study (MC100, Main Campus)
5:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting (WD102, West Campus)
7:00 p.m. TLC ChristCare Group (MC100, Main Campus)

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, February 24-25

Confirmation Retreat (Camp Baldwin)

Upcoming Events

02/25 Missionaries, John and Lisa Hamilton Visit
02/25 Mission Team Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
02/26 Church Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
03/04 Chili Cook-off, 12:00 p.m.
03/05 Remedy Youth Homework Help, 4:00 p.m.
03/06 "The Miracles of Jesus" Lunch Bunch Bible Study, 11:30 a.m.
03/08 Preschool Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Worship. Study. Serve.

CHILDREN

UMCOR...Our Children's Ministry continues to collect supply items for the UMCOR Relief Health Kits. The item we are collecting for **February** is nail clippers. Please bring items to the drop off boxes located in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or to the Kids' area on the West Campus.

YOUTH

SPRING RETREAT...Registration for Spring Retreat, **April 20-22** is open for 9th-12th grade. Girl's registration is full, but you may sign up on the waitlist. Cost is \$50.

FAMILY

SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT TIMELINE...The Sanctuary Renovation Project is moving forward! The work is slated to begin in late June and conclude sometime this Fall. But we need your financial help now to complete the project. There are commitment cards in the pews. You can also give on-line. If you go to www.spanishfortumc.org there is a designated tab that will give you more information. Thank you for your support, prayers and cooperation as the work to enhance our sanctuary is being accomplished.

CHILI COOK-OFF...Our fourth annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Sunday, **March 4**. Begin preparing your special recipe now with your team. The chili can be hot or mild, beans or no beans, turkey, beef, chicken, whatever you like. The rest of us will taste and vote for our favorite! Tickets and more information about registering your team will be provided soon.

EASTER CELEBRATION...Mark your calendar for **March 25** as we begin preparing for our Easter Celebration! You may sign up your class/group to help by emailing Beth at beth@spanishfortumc.org or calling the church office.

CONGREGATION NOTES

Our condolences to Lisa Musselman and family on the death of Lisa's father, David Scott, who passed away on February 14, 2018.

Our condolences to Charlie Warren and family on the death of Charlie's father, Jim Warren, who passed away on February 11, 2018.

Welcome...

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:6



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First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018 • 8:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!
We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

Prelude

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” ~ Hayes
Cheryl White, piano

Welcome

*Greeting

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So love he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory” ~ No. 577

Ministry Moment

Security Ministry
Stuart Woods

Pastoral Prayer/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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Seek Ye First” ~ No. 405

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed” ~ No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father” ~ No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children’s Moment

Following Children’s Time, the children ages 3 years (by September 1, 2017) through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the lower level Fellowship Hall, next to the Sanctuary, in MC106. Parents may pick up their children, after the worship service, in MC106.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

“Lord, I Know I Been Changed”
Sanctuary Choir

*Dedication

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” ~ No. 95

*Scripture

Matthew 5:6 ~ Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 3

Message

“Those Who Hunger and Thirst After Righteousness”
Rev. Rebecca Rutherford

*Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” ~ No. 340

*Benediction

Postlude

“Jesus Paid It All” ~ McDonald
Wanda Cooper, Organ

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Laura Ford and Rev. Curtis Ford , on the occasion of their birthdays, by their daughter, Elizabeth Sandoe.*

*The flowers on the narthex table are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Richard Garner, on the occasion of his 68th birthday, by his wife, Mary Garner.*

***Please stand as you are able.**

The season of Lent calls us to embrace spiritual disciplines such as praying and fasting. Both Pastor Bill and Pastor Rebecca are challenging our congregation to miss a lunch meal during the weeks across Lent and save the money that would have been spent for the meal for missions. Bring the money saved to worship the Sunday after Easter, April 8th. All monies collected will go to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief.)

Sermon Notes:

If you need to step out of the service with your child, the Mother’s Room is available in the Sanctuary foyer. Please register your attendance in the binder distributed by the ushers during the announcements. If you need assistance during the service, please let one of the ushers know.