

MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

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The Pastor's Pondering:

March is International Women's Month. It is the month we celebrate women from all walks of life. The theme is: "Each for Equal". An equal world is an enabled world. It is a global celebration, celebrating social, economic, cultural and political achievements. It also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. An equal world makes us responsible for our own thoughts and actions. When we challenge the stereotypes, and fight bias, we celebrate women who have struggled to achieve equality for all. (Taken from International Women's celebration website).

Throughout March we will celebrate women who have made a difference in our lives, our churches, our community, and our world. Many of these women have left their mark on society, but some have been obscure, yet have contributed greatly to being a woman.

In March we celebrate women like Sojourner Truth, "*That man over there says that women needs to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helped me into carriage, or over mud-puddles. Ain't I a Woman?*" (Excerpts from "Ain't I Woman?" speech.)

We celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage and Susan B. Anthony who played a pivotal role in the suffrage movement.

This month we celebrate Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman to run for president of United States. We celebrate Jeanette Pickering Rankin, an American politician and women's rights advocate and the first woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican from Montana in 1916 and again in 1940.

We celebrate Pat Summit, basketball coach for the Lady Vols at the University of Tennessee. Pat won over 1,098 games in her career. She is recognized as the most games won by a woman coaching. We celebrate Serena Williams, an African American professional tennis player and former No. 1 champion.

We celebrate Katherine Goble Johnson, African American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanic as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed space flights. Sacagawea was a Native American woman who at the age of 16 went on an expedition with Lewis and Clark to explore the Louisiana Territory, while caring for her infant child.

We celebrate Bishop Leontine T. Kelly, who is remembered as a trailblazer, as a spiritual mother, a bearer of women of color, leadership and a gift to the United Methodist Church. Bishop Kelly was the first African American woman bishop in the United Methodist Church. Because the Southeastern Jurisdiction would not elect her as bishop because she was Black, she went to the Western Jurisdiction and was elected Bishop in the United Methodist Church.

There are so many women who have made us aware of our womanhood that we can't name them all. Women like Corrie Ten Boom, who helped Jews escape the Nazi reign. Kim Bok-dong of South Korea bravely told her story about being forced to be a sex slave for the Japanese Army during World War II. Harriet Tubman, a slave herself, who bravely led slaves out of the slave ridden south to freedom in the North. Anne Frank, a little Jewish girl, whose diary entailed her confinement in the closet of a neighbor as she hid from the Nazi army.

We celebrate Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who brought our Savior into the world and Mary Magdalene who followed Jesus all the way to the grave; and Elizabeth and Sarah, who willingly allowed their aged bodies to be used for the glory of God.

We celebrate women everywhere.

Finally, we celebrate all the women in the world who have done great things, those who have done minor things and those who have done nothing except to be women, we celebrate YOU! Whether you have made a difference in others' lives or in your own life, we celebrate YOU! We celebrate all women pastors all over the world especially in Holston Conference.

I, as pastor of Shady Grove and Meadowview, celebrate the women of these two churches, for you have made a difference in the lives of countless people with your love and compassion. You made these churches Godly places to worship by offering Jesus Christ to the world. I indeed celebrate YOU!

Happy Women's Month to all women!

Calendar for March 2020:

- 8 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving time change
11 11:30 a.m. Half Century lunch at Sister's Café & Gifts(Marion, VA)
15 3:00 p.m. Older Adult outing
22 1:30 p.m. Trustees meeting
29 11:00 a.m. Joint service @ Shady Grove (Meal to follow)

Normal (repeating) schedule:

- Sunday: Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.
Sunday: Choir practice @ 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family

Anita Coulthard	B Neese	Joanna Dennstaedt
Skeeter Yeatts	Peggy Bolling	Doris Quintana
Wade Blevins	Judy Briscoe	Lily Mehl
Linda Martin	Wanda Kealey	Malcolm Nutter
Susan Rasnick	Mack Boyd	Christine Puttock
Jeremy Weaver	Beulah Stringer	Haley Charlton
Lynn Baggett	Adeline Littleton	Nairn Family
Diane Mash Jones	Tony Smith	Christina Reynolds
Sandra Warmoth		

**If you need to add someone to the prayer list or are ready to have someone taken off, please contact Annette Sumrell at shadygrove_umc@yahoo.com or 276-206-3243 (call or text).*

Bible Study – Wed. @ SG

Bible study will no longer be offered on Sundays; it will be only on Wednesdays: 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. at Shady Grove

Daylight Saving Time change

Don't forget to set your clocks **FORWARD** one hour this next Saturday night (March 7th) before going to bed (the official time change is at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th). Note: you'll be "losing" an hour of sleep!

Wanted: Choir members

Jayne Hillman and Judy Farris are recruiting choir members. If you can sing, please see one of them.

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers are needed to teach the children's sermon.

Lay Servant Training

There is a lay servant training event scheduled for March 21 in the Clinch Mountain District. It is being held from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Pleasant View UMC in Abingdon. Cost is \$20.00; bring a brown bag lunch. See Pastor Barbara for a registration form.

March Half Century Outing

The Half Century group will gather at Sisters Cafe & Gifts in Marion on March 11 at 11:30. It has been recommended to us by Gus Velarde and is located across from the theater on Main Street at 212 E. Main. Please let Nancy Latimer know if you can attend. 276-944-4017

The Older Adult Outing for March:

McLain Family Band Concert at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, Sunday, March 15, 3-5 pm. Admission \$10.00 at the door. Everyone is on your own for the concert. Dinner afterward as a group at 5:30 pm at Cracker Barrel at Exit 19. Please indicate your dinner intentions known by making reservation by Friday, March 13 with Neel Rich, 356-6445, 944-3351, or neelrich70@gmail.com. The McLain family band, from Berea, Kentucky, has been performing Bluegrass, Old time and Americana music for over 50 years. They have performed worldwide in 62 different countries. It is a great opportunity to hear them here in our area.

Scripture Readers for March:

03/01: Susan Hayter; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34
03/08: Susan Pennington; John 3:1-17
03/15: Judy Caudill; John 4:5-42
03/22: Becky McKinney; John 9:1-41; Ephesians 5:8-14
03/29: Carl McKinney; John 11:1-45; Romans 8:6-11

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