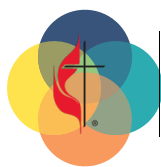


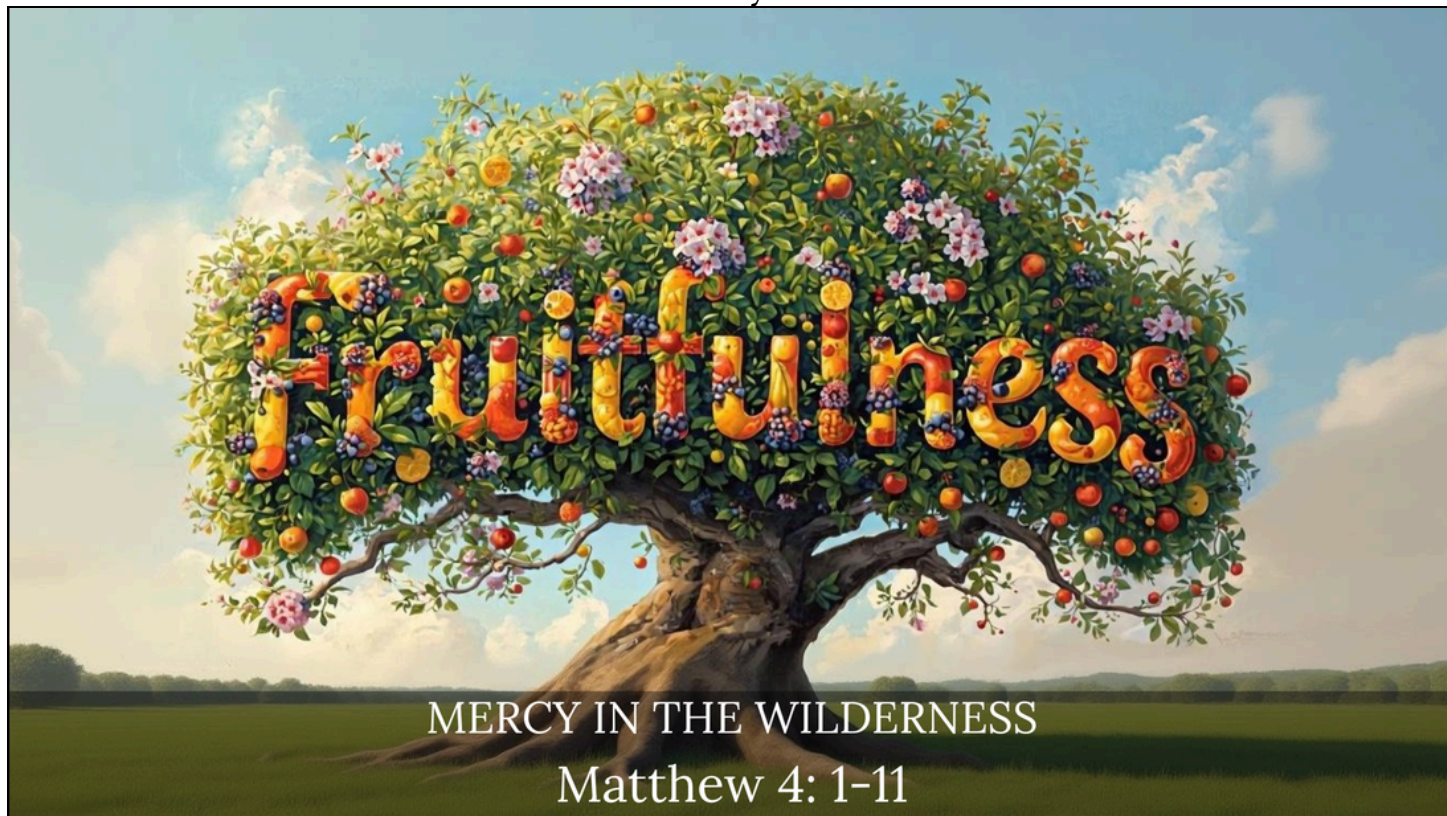
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# FAITH UMC

Weekly Bulletin

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MERCY IN THE WILDERNESS

Matthew 4: 1-11

*February Mission of the Month (loose coin offering): Susanna's Kitchen*  
*February CCS Collection: Lotion/Deodorant & Nonperishable Foods*

## Prayer Requests:

Sue Fitch - Back Surgery <sup>Shirley Evans</sup>  
Sister

Hazel Miller - Brain Tumor

Pastor John Newman's grandson Jesse

Family of Sandy Polk

Irene Weesner - Broken collarbone

**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR 2026**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

THE CALENDER IS AT THE  
SOUTH END OF NARTHEX  
ABOVE THE PEW

NEAR PARLOR DOORS



 South Bend Medical Foundation

**The Heart** +  
of **Giving**

BLOOD DRIVE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>  
1-3 PM

Sign up at:

**GiveBloodNow.com**  
or at info desk



**Lenten Breakfast**  
at 8:00am

February 28th  
@ Faith UMC



Notes



## Stephen Ministry

This past Wednesday, February 18, we observed Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday signifies the beginning of lent which is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, repentance leading to Easter. Core meaning and traditions of Ash Wednesday are: -- according to an AI overview

1. Start of lent- 40 days leading up to easter

2. Symbol of mortality- we were made of dust and return to dust; thus, the ashes in the form of a cross on our forehead

3. Sign of repentance- our grief over our sins and our desire to turn back to God

4. Call to action- receiving ashes, repenting, believing in the Gospel, promoting spiritual discipline (fasting Almsgiving, Praying) for the next 40 days.

Our sins, whatever they are or how big or small they are can cause us loads of distress. Jesus Christ died for all of our sins. We have assurance from God that if we believe in Jesus that he is the Son of God, that he was conceived of the holy Spirit, lived, was tortured by Pontius Pilot. Crucified, died, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, that our sins would be forgiven and we can spend eternity with God and Jesus for ever and ever.

We can believe in Jesus and know that we will spend eternity with Jesus, but still our life remains a mess or we have lost a loved one. Maybe someone else has affected us in some way that we are stressing over. Being Christian does not prevent us from experiencing negative effects of our life. We can be the best Christian and still have things that cause us to not be able to cope well. We all need help in some way and from someone at some time.

If you think you would like to have a Stephen Minister to talk with or you know of someone who may need or want a Stephen Minister you can contact Gayle Thielen at [gblade@aol.com](mailto:gblade@aol.com), or call her at 574-370-3427. You may also contact any Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader and they will pass on your information to Gayle

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- **Sunday, February 22-**
  - 8:30am Traditional Worship
  - 9:45am Children & Adult Studies
  - 10:45am Contemporary Worship
  - 6:30pm Youth Group
- **Monday, February 23-**
  - 6pm Men's Fellowship @ Michaels
- **Tuesday, February 24-**
  - 3:30 Stephen Leaders
  - 5:30 Stephen Supervision
- **Wednesday, February 25-**
  - 10am Bags to Mats
  - 5:30pm Ladies Bible Study
  - 6pm Pickleball
  - 6:30 J-Squad & Youth Group
  - 7pm Worship Team
- **Thursday, February 26-**
  - 10am Prayer Team
  - 6:30pm Veterans Group
- **Saturday, February 28-**
  - **8am Lenten Breakfast @ Faith**
- **Sunday, March 1- Communion**
  - 8:30am Traditional Worship
  - 9:45am Children & Adult Studies
  - 10:45am Contemporary Worship
  - 6:30pm Youth Group

## **TODAY'S PRAYER ASSISTANTS**

1st Service: Linda Wood

2nd Service: Pat Witt

## **HYMNS**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY**  
#98

**COME THOU FOUNT**  
#400

**SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD**  
**LEAD US**  
#381 vs 1,3,4