



Vian United Methodist Church
MONTHLY NEWS



March 2014

Ash Wednesday Service	Mar 5 7pm
1st Sunday of Lent	Mar 9
Family Game Night 6pm-8pm	Friday Mar 14
Multiply Your Impact Team Meeting 12pm	Mar 16
Everyone wear Green!	Mar 16
Vian Spring Break	Mar 17-21
Lay Servant Training at Camp Egan	Friday-Sunday March 21-23
Movie Night 6pm-8pm	Friday Mar 28

What is the significance of ashes being placed on the forehead? Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes, our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Welcome

Welcome to all our visitors! Make sure to fill out a card with your address, phone number & email address to stay informed of church news.



Our Multiply Your Impact team will meet March 16th immediately following the service. Lunch will be provided. We have lots of exciting items to discuss so please plan to attend!



The Ladies Bible study group will begin "Twelve Women of the Bible" each Wednesday at noon, beginning March 5th in the adult Sunday school classroom. Please feel free to join in any time!

If you would be willing to volunteer to care for the children on the first or the third Sunday of each month during morning service, please see Pastor Marcia.



Lay Servant Training March 21-23 at Camp Egan. Lay Servant Training isn't just for those who want to speak in front of the congregation, it's discovering the different ways to connect and serve in the United Methodist community of faith. Sign up forms are available so please see the pastor if you would like to attend. For those who have already attended, please remember you must attend a course at least every 3 years for your status to remain active.

Several of our Vian UMC men attended the men's retreat at Camp Egan and were blessed by the experience. A special thank you to our praise band for providing music for the retreat!



Twenty-four men from 8 different churches attended the "Stepping Up" event on Saturday February 1st. The comments from the men since the meeting have been inspiring. Men are stepping up and stepping out in faith as they invite others to church, take a more active role in their families and churches, and begin mentoring young men. The 10-week "Stepping Up" Bible study for men will begin soon. Plan to join them!



Sat. March 1st at 8:30am. Please feel free to join them and invite someone to come with you.



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Please take a moment to remember these members with a card, phone call or visit. Their information is listed below for your convenience.

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Dear Lord, As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

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Please lift up in prayer:

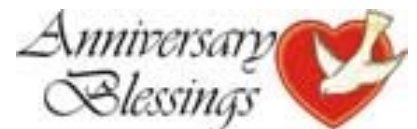
Maggie & Bonnie Higginbotham
Parke & Sue Largent
Roger & Glenna Holloway
A.C. Elliott
Jeanne Farrar
Gordon Holder
Craig Aikman
Teresa Nelson
Norman Fitzgerald
Len Foldenauer
Elsie Johnson
Ray & Samantha Rodgers
Phyllis Hill
Richard Holcomb
Bill & Margaret Bane
Christina Herriman
Rodney Walker
Glenda Harrell
Kyle McGowan
Victoria Salcedo
Felicia Opiela
Sarah Bane
Vernon & Loraine Lawrence
John & Billie Foster
Lucille Ford
Jimmy Hughes
Don Brockman
Don & Patti Jamison
Freddy Howard
Dick & Bess Chamberlin
Darrel Vix
Barbara Jean VanHooser
Richard Hawkins
Mary Ann Casteel
Juanita Long
Kyle Coke
Diantha Judkins
Ruby Green
Diana Anderson West
Cathy Davis
Naomi Carron
Jenny Callhorn
Joney Long
Colbert Croft
Tina Thompson
Justin Mills
Torry Nunnelee
Richard Tyler
Hannah Risley
Tim Allen
Krystine Falling

Please pray for our country, leaders and our military family:

Brandon Van Hooser
Nathan Garrett
Will Boyd
Jim (Buddy) McCoy
Jimmy Hemphill
David Atkinson
Chris Graham
Ryan Tyler
Cody Baird
Marcus Lawrence
Kevin Lamb
Kevin Bray
William Jenkins
Sylas Sloan
Kyle Hamon
Raymond Rodgers



1 ~ Kati Boshers
2 ~ Lisa Mason
2 ~ Marla Crawford
8 ~ Phyllis Hill
9 ~ Abigail Herriman
15 ~ Janie Holcomb
17 ~ Amber Croisant
17 ~ Fred Hamon
18 ~ Rita Larson
19 ~ Ganohili GrowingBear
21 ~ Emery Mason, D.S.
22 ~ Sarah Kay DrowningBear
23 ~ Pastor Marcia Martin
24 ~ Linda Sloan
29 ~ Ajina DrowningBear
31 ~ Helen Farmer



19 ~ Edd & Marla Crawford
20 ~ Grant & Brooke Tracy
22 ~ Kellie & Jennifer Wilburn
30 ~ Don & Patti Jamison

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday's at 6pm—Boy scouts Tuesday's at 4pm—Girl scouts Wednesday: Noon Ladies Bible Study ~ 2pm Bible study for all ~ 3pm Youth gather ~ 6pm Dinner for all ~ 7pm Worship Saturday at 10am praise band practice ~ 2pm choir practice 						 Weekly Events	1 8:30am Men's Breakfast
2 Happy Birthday Marla Crawford & Lisa Mason Communion Sunday	3  POTLUCK DINNER	4 Lent Study 6pm	5  Service 7pm	6	7	8 Happy Birthday Phyllis Hill  SPRING AHEAD	
9 1st Sunday of Lenten season Happy Birthday Abigail Herriman	10	11 Lent Study 6pm	12	13	14  6pm-8pm	15 Happy Birthday Janie Holcomb	
16 Everyone wear GREEN! Multiply Your Impact 12pm	17 Happy Birthday Amber Croisant & Fred Hamon 	18 Happy Birthday Rita Larson Lent Study 6pm	19 Happy Anniversary Edd & Marla Crawford	20 Happy Anniversary Grant & Brooke Tracy	21 Lay Servant Training Happy Birthday Emery Mason, D.S.	22 Lay Servant Train. Happy Anniversary Kellie & Jenn Wilburn	
23 Happy Birthday Pastor Marcia	24 Happy Birthday Linda Sloan	25 Lent Study 6pm	26	27	28 6pm-8pm 	29 Happy Birthday Ajina DrowningBear	
30 Happy Anniversary Don & Patti Jamison Night of Praise	31 Happy Birthday Helen Farmer		Happy Birthday Ganohili DrowningBear 3/19			Happy Birthday Sarah DrowningBear 3/22	

Bible Study

You're invited to join us each Wednesday at 2:00pm in the adult Sunday school classroom for mid-week Bible study. This is a great way to get that mid-week "pick me up" we all need and an opportunity to come together in a relaxed atmosphere as we dig deep into the scriptures. Invite a friend, we'll have the coffee pot on!



Join us Friday March 28th from 6pm-8pm for family Movie Night! We will have 3 different movies showing in 3 different areas for plenty of good choices. You and your family may choose from movies for

- Children
- Youth
- Adults

We'll even provide the popcorn! A fun and safe way for everyone to gather and enjoy a Friday night.



POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday March 2nd



Friday March 14

6pm-8pm

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

I am so excited to see where God is leading us as a church body. Our 2014 teams and committees are in full swing and all have met at least once this year and all have exciting visions for the future of our church.

We have new "Visitor Parking" signs going up to insure that our visitors have a welcome message from the time they drive up to the door!

Our Multiply Your Impact Team has great ideas and plans for this year that will allow us to be even more involved and have a greater impact in our community. You will hear more of this each month as plans are made.

Our praise band & choir are doing a wonderful job serving in their ministry and blessing us each week and even traveled to Camp Egan to bless others.

Many of our men attended the "Stepping Up" event in February and it's easy to see the fire in them. Many went on to the UMM Retreat and invited new men to join them.

Our youth are blessed with two individuals who have a vision and a passion to see this ministry grow and are praying and studying to find the best way to reach the local teens. One teenager accepted Christ in February during a Wednesday evening worship service here at Vian UMC. It's when we study together, pray together and worship together that we see the movement of the Holy Spirit take place in the lives around us. Change in our lives, our schools, our community and our world will only take place when we all become of one accord, focusing on the message of Christ in a hurting world.

As we enter into the Lent season, I'd like to encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbors and yes, even strangers to join you for worship. I recently read a new statistic; on average, it takes 17 invitations before someone will come to church for the first time. For every person who comes after just one invitation, there is a corresponding person who will need 33 invitations to make it through the door. Ours is such a warm and welcoming family of faith, but people will only know that after we've gotten them into the building.

I pray that this season of Lent motivates each of us to dig deeper into His Word, seek a more personal relationship with our Lord Jesus and put away any personal differences in a true effort to bring the love of Christ to those around us. I encourage you to read the chapter of 1 Corinthians 12 and ask God to speak to you as to where He would have you serve, not only in this body of Christ, but in the church universal. Verses 12-14 read, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body-whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free-and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."

*Grace and Peace.
Pastor Marcia*