

Upcoming Events and Information

Tues Feb 28: Women's Zoom Study 6:30 PM

Wed Mar 1: Community Lenten Supper and Worship
(Trinity Episcopal; 6PM Supper, 7PM Worship)

Sun Mar 5: Sperryville Genesis Study 10AM

Sun Mar 5: Charge Music Practice for Lenten Community
Worship **3PM Flint Hill UMC Sanctuary** (Choir and Guitars)

Wed Mar 8: Rapp Charge Lenten Supper Participation: 5PM
Set up; 6PM Supper; 7PM Worship; 8PM Clean up.
(Musicians please arrive by 7:30PM for set up and practice)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

FLINT HILL: 8 Matthew Bywaters, 18 Aubrey Bywaters

SPERRYVILLE: 9 Sandy Antony, 12 Shirley Kushner,
23 Linda Spencer, 27 Aline Johnson

WILLIS CHAPEL: 1 Evan Fox, 2 Dorothy Grimes, 31 Jean
Clements

March Missions:

Rappahannock Food Pantry:

Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant

UMCOR Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief Requests:

Check or cash to local church: memo line or envelope UMCOR
Turkey/Syria. Treasurers will write one check to UMCOR

Prayer List: Brenda and Wayne Payne; Sandy Thompson; Barry; Family of Ron Spencer (Sandy, Richard, Linda, Suzi), Bud and VA Corder; Shirley, Betty, Vickie, and Jane; Tom and Deidra Woods; Linda Kirkland; Pastor Steve and Diana; Mary Ann and Doug; Flint Hill UMC; Sperryville UMC; Willis Chapel UMC.



Rappahannock
United Methodist Charge



“Embracing Suffering”

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

***Standing**

PRELUDE

ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Temptation surrounds us every day.

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Opportunities to stray litter our path.

Happy are those whose sin is covered.

Though we stumble and fall, God's mercy picks us up.

God's mercy picks us up.

God's grace brushes us off.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

God's love meets us there.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our God and we are your people. Amen

***HYMN 140 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wilderness wanderings, many things tempt us; many forces cause our feet to stray. Save us from the time of trial, for we easily succumb to temptation; we often heed voices that cause us to stray. Return us to the garden of your abiding love, for we yearn to walk with you with faithful hearts and upright spirits. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We worship the one who forgives our transgressions and covers our sin. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is greater than our failings. God's grace is greater than our sin. Amen.

HYMN 377 It Is Well With My Soul

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:12-19

PSALTER: Psalm 32 P766

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "Following the Spirit"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD P889

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

***95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 378 Amazing Grace**

***BENEDICTION**

Go with JOY.

Our transgressions are forgiven.

Go with HOPE.

Our sin is covered.

Go with LOVE.

Our hearts are uplifted by the tender mercies of our God.

***HYMN 666 Shalom to You**