

# Sumner Center UMC Newsletter



## March 2023

**Pastors' notes...** Have you ever gotten stuck in traffic and become super frazzled and then gotten home and you shout at your kids and kick your dog?

Okay, maybe you didn't kick the dog, but you get what I'm saying. You get frazzled by a day of work or the commute or just your daily routine in general and then the next thing in your day is negatively impacted because of it.

One of the ways to remedy that natural occurrence is to build a transition into your schedule where you can finish the one thing, then have a moment to refocus and recenter and only then move into the next part of your day. Finding a moment to give yourself personal time to pray and decompress.

**This is what the Lenten season gifts us – 40 days to ready ourself for a fresh season.**

Easter is about 40 days away. To be exact, Easter is April 9th. Easter is a season of hope. It's a season of new life. It's a season of celebration. But after all, we have been through, I think we need to take some time to "walk around the block" before we march into Easter hurried, tired, and discouraged. The "walk around the block" that I'm referring to is what Lent is all about.

Lent is to Easter what Advent is to Christmas. It's a season of preparing ourselves for the celebration of Easter. Traditionally, Lent is a time for prayer and fasting. It starts with Ash Wednesday with a time of confession and repentance. Throughout the season of Lent, followers of Jesus will often fast from something, food, or an activity. The "sacrifice" serves as a reminder of what Jesus endured for us when He went to the cross. One of the goals of giving something up is that the time would be replaced with prayer.

I don't know about you, but I am feeling the need to participate in Lent this year. I need a "reset" of sorts. Will you join me? It doesn't matter if you missed Ash Wednesday, prayerfully consider joining our Lenten services on Wednesday evenings for a time of centering and prayer so that we can enter into the Holy season of Easter with a proper focus on the One who gave His All to allow us to be a part of His family and experience the forgiveness of sins.

**Worship:  
Sundays  
In Sanctuary at 11:00am  
&  
Sumner Center UMC Facebook  
Page**

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Visit our Church Website at:  
<http://www.sumnercenter.com>

**Donations may be sent to our mailing**

**Grace and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ:**

*If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact Pastor Bridget, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information to ([bridget@countrywidecarriers.com](mailto:bridget@countrywidecarriers.com)) Or by bringing your information to Worship on Sunday mornings)*



**The light of God remains  
to shine bright in the  
community of Sumner Center  
UMC, only by your generous  
giving heart!**

**Thank you for your dedication  
and love!**

# Calendar of Events

(Subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Week 1 - Lenten practice focus – Prayer Hosted by: Racine UMC 6:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Combined Worship Service at Racine UMC @10am Meal to follow</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Week 2 – Lenten Practice Focus – Giving of Alms Hosted by: Dexter UMC 6:00pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Spring forward</b> Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday. 
<b>12</b> <b>Sunday School 10:30 am "Children's Time, stories of Jesus"</b>  <b>11:00 am Worship</b>	<b>13</b> Hamburger Night @ Wykoff Community Center 4:30-7pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Week 3 - Lenten Practice Focus - Lectio Divina Hosted by: Sumner Center UMC 6:00pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>11:00 am Worship</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Week 4 – Lenten Practice Focus - Daily Examen Hosted by: Grand Meadow UMC 6:00pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>11:00 am Worship</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Week 5 – Lenten Practice Focus – Hostis Hosted by: Wykoff UMC 6:00pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

**April 2nd - 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday of the Month) @ 10 am Worship Service will be hosted by Sumner Center**

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# MARCH HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Sunday, March 5, 2023

**First @ 10 am** (First Sunday of the Month 10 am Service)

Racine, Wykoff and Sumner Center UMC's

Will consolidate all 3 worship services into:

**Worship Service hosted by Racine UMC @10am**

**Worship**

**Communion**



Mission focus – Donations for UMCOR Cleaning Kits

Fellowship Meal

**A MEAL WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP**

March Mission Project focus will be to collect Monetary Donations that will be sent to UMCOR for the purchase of: **Cleaning Kits. These kits have a Value of \$75.00 per kit**



Below is a list of items **that UMCOR will purchase** with your generous donations.

- One five-gallon round bucket with lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
- One 32–64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16–40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
- One 16–34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap
- One 4–8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- One 6–14 oz. pump spray insect repellant (pack of 10–20 wipes also acceptable)
- One scrub brush
- 18 re-usable cleaning wipes
- Five scouring pads

- 36–50 clothespins
- One 50–100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33–45-gallon sizes)
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1–3 mm thickness)
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
- One pair work gloves

**We will not be collecting the supplies but will be collecting donations for UMCOR to purchase above said supplies.**



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# Lent



**Gathering as Christ's community (5 church connection)**  
**Each week - A light meal starting a 6pm**  
**Followed by an informal worship/study.**

Week 1 - Lenten practice focus – Prayer  
Weds - March 1, 2023  
Hosted by: Racine UMC

Week 2 – Lenten Practice Focus – Giving of Alms  
Weds - March 8, 2023  
Hosted by: Dexter UMC


Week 3 - Lenten Practice Focus - Lectio Divina  
Weds - March 15, 2023  
Hosted by: Sumner Center UMC

Week 4 – Lenten Practice Focus - Daily Examen  
Weds - March 22, 2023  
Hosted by: Grand Meadow UMC

Week 5 – Lenten Practice Focus – Hostis  
Weds - March 29, 2023  
Hosted by: Wykoff UMC



**Palm Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday of the Month) @ 10 am service hosted by Sumner Center**  
**Sunday – April 2nd**

**Good Friday – April 7<sup>th</sup>**   
**6:00pm Joint Worship @ Racine UMC**

## Easter Sunday Worship

Racine UMC 8:30 am  
Wykoff UMC 9:45 am  
Sumner Center UMC 11am







**Every Second**

**Sunday of the Month**

**Story Time with Kathy Hawkins:**

Stories of Jesus

**10:30 am**

Age Pre – k through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

*Matthew 19:14 (NIV)*

*14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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# ***EASTER PREPARATIONS***

*If you would like the church to purchase your Easter Lily for the sanctuary please contact:*

*Kathy Hawkins: [kittykathawk@att.net](mailto:kittykathawk@att.net)*

*Jean McNamara: [jeanmac75@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmac75@gmail.com)*

*Karen Hamm: [hammshaven2@gmail.com](mailto:hammshaven2@gmail.com)*

*Or*

*you may choose to purchase your own Easter plant/flower and bring it to the church. The church would be appreciative of any kind of Spring arrangement/plant!*

*Having our sanctuary filled with the beautiful Spring creations of God would be a wonderful and joyous Easter for all!*



# Lenten Bible Reading Plan

## Journey to the Cross

☐ Matthew 21:1-11

☐ John 12:1-11

☐ John 12:12-19

☐ Mark 11:12-26

☐ Matthew 21:23-32

☐ Mark 12:1-12

☐ Matthew 22:1-14

☐ Luke 20:9-26

☐ Luke 20:27-40

☐ Matthew 22:34-46

☐ Matthew 23:1-39

☐ Mark 12:41-44

☐ Mark 13:1-13

☐ Matthew 24:15-35

☐ Matthew 24:36-51

☐ Matthew 25:1-13

☐ Matthew 25:14-30

☐ Matthew 25:31-46

☐ John 12:20-50

☐ Mark 14:12-26

☐ John 13:1-17

☐ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

☐ John 13:18-38

☐ Luke 22:24-38

☐ Matthew 26:31-35

☐ John 14:1-31

☐ John 15:1-27; John 16:1-4

☐ John 16:5-33

☐ John 17:1-26

☐ Matthew 26:36-56

☐ John 18:1-18

☐ Mark 14:32-72

☐ Luke 22:39-62

☐ John 18:19-40

☐ John 19:1-16

☐ Matthew 27:27-44

☐ Luke 23:26-49

☐ John 19:16-27

☐ John 19:28-42

☐ John 20:1-31



# Lent

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Halleluia  
 James son of Alphaeus  
 Peter  
 Mark  
 Lord  
 Communion  
 Pray  
 Roman soldier  
 Lent

Judas  
 Thomas  
 James son of Zebedee  
 Matthew  
 Resurrection  
 Holy Week  
 tree  
 Martha  
 Easter

Simon  
 Bartholomew  
 John  
 parade  
 Stones  
 Palms  
 cross  
 Mary

Thaddeus  
 Philip  
 Luke  
 Good Friday  
 Reflect  
 Maundy Thursday  
 weeping  
 Disciples