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THE *Circuit Rider*

Bourne United Methodist Church Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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LENT commemorates the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the Adversary, before beginning his public ministry.

We prepare for Easter by observing forty days in our own wilderness, thinking about how we live and how we might live more fully for God.



What flowers are blooming on the desert path you walk?

From the Pastor

In this season of contemplation and introspection, I wish you easy access to time for the quiet. Kentucky farmer and writer Wendell Berry wrote:

*Best of any song
is bird song
in the quiet, but first
you must have the quiet.*

It is a marvelous season to reflect on God's miraculous ability to create something out of nothing. To fashion humans of dust. To bring green out of the dirt and turn it into flowers of every hue, and vegetables, and trees. To fill oceans with life. To make all beings capable of love.

Lent begs us to sit in silence and ponder the big questions.

See you in church.

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The Thrift Store Gets Refreshed

Lots of updates and beautiful changes are being made by members; Here Stu Parsons, Diane Johnson and Bob Burt take care of the new back wall of the store, painting it "Bourne Gray", our new paint color. Come by the Store and enjoy the transformation and shop a little! Or a lot!!





A Culture of Generosity

All of January and most of February are "in the Books". As we take time to measure the pulse of our Congregation at the beginning of 2026, the Culture looks healthy and growing Financially and even more importantly the overall willingness to participate in the life of our Church.

The nomination committee reports that the majority of folks asked to serve said YES!! Folks are willing to participate in the Church such as PUMPKIN PATCH, SOUP SUNDAY, and HAITIAN CHILDREN. The SMALL GROUP is a dedicated core group of 12-15 and there is deep sharing and growth. There are times when help is needed and people are more than willing to dig in and get it done.

The number of people asked to let the Finance committee know of their "Intention to give" has increased over last year as well as the total dollar amount. We can feel that there is a difference in the overall love and friendship during Church Service as well as at Coffee hour and our meetings. It is in fact---- A Culture of Generosity in action. Wonderful things continue to happen and we are grateful.
Praise God! -The Finance Committee

Easter Flowers



Colorful flowers are an exuberant symbol of the hope and new life we have in the Resurrection of our Savior! In celebration we will decorate our Sanctuary with colorful flowers on Easter Sunday, April 5. In order to have the greatest variety of colors and flowers, orders will be accepted through March 15th.

White Lilies (\$12) Yellow Daffodils (\$9) Tulips (\$9)

Flowers may be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service.

Please place your order before Sunday, March 15th with Robbin Bergfors (917-710-8553) or Cathy Tibbetts (508-951-9028).



United Women of Faith will meet Monday, March 2nd at 12 noon to prepare for the World Day of Prayer to be held Friday, March 6th at the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Cataumet.

For more information about the program, please call Joan Davis at 508-759-2104. Please bring your lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided for you.

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SPRING FORWARD MARCH 7TH

We 'lose' an hour in Spring so please change your clocks ahead an hour on March 7th.

March Birthdays

Susan Honan 3/2

Milt Williamson 3/3

Amanda Yarusites 3/3

Mia Edmond 3/5

Nancy Bolles 3/7

Susan Goux 3/8

Charlie Coombs 3/13

Priscilla Manning 3/18

Stu Parsons 3/19

Sara Johnson 3/20

Susan Weston 3/29

John White 3/29

Dottie Cotter 3/31

Nina Haskell 3/31

Sue Williamson 3/31

Anniversaries

Rich and Debbie Dow 3/25

Is the Birthday/Anniversary List Up To Date?

Please email Annie if your birthday needs to be added or is wrong. We want it to be correct. Thank you!



March 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 UWF 12-3	3	4	5	6 UWF World Day of Prayer	7 Children's Clothing exchange 10-12
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	9 Aptucxet Garden Club 10-12	10	11	12 Trustees 4-5 Small Group 7	13	14
15 Last day to order Easter plants	16	17	18 Aptucxet Garden Club 4-8	19 Finance 5:30 Council 6:30	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Bourne Historical Society Ham and Bean Supper Noon on
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				

Weekly Events

Sunday:

9:30am Worship

7pm Women's Bible Book Club via Zoom

7pm Narcotics Anonymous, Crain Hall

Monday:

10:30 am: Meditation

6pm: AA, Classroom

7pm: Narcotics Anonymous, Crain Hall

Tuesday:

8pm: AA, Crain Hall

Wednesday:

7pm: AA, Classroom

7pm: Choir, Perry Room

Friday:

12pm: Al-Anon, Classroom

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