

**WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION**  
**Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson**

This is the Word of the Lord. Jeremiah 5:1-5, 18-31 p. 663 OT

This is the Word of the Lord. Mark 8:11-21 p. 37 NT

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. from

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

One: The Lord gathers the outcasts, he heals the brokenhearted, he binds up our wounds.

One: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden and casts the wicked to the ground.

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+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 4 thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

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- THIS MORNING...**
- the liturgist is Austin Patrick
  - the acolytes are Ashby Bonin & Lily Grace Reynolds
  - the bellringer is Muriel Dillow
  - the W.O.W. leaders are Joey & Bridget Lamie
  - the nursery volunteers are Georgia Crews, Jason & Nissa Morrell and
  - Jan Hardman
  - the sound board tech is

**VISITORS:** We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A YEAR-LONG SERMON SERIES** on the *Gospel of Mark*. Mark says this is the story of God's Son and it is Good News. Each hearer of Mark's story must determine what his/her own response will be to this Good News.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have an Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come and celebrate with your faith family the beginning of this season of reflection and introspection.

**NOONTIME LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES:** Once again this year the downtown churches will be sponsoring Noontime Lenten Prayer Services on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon during Lent. Each will be followed by a free luncheon at 12:30 at the sponsoring church. These services will begin on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and continue through Holy Week, the week of March 29<sup>th</sup>. A schedule of which congregations are hosting and when is on the insert, on the table in the Narthex, and listed below. This is a great opportunity to join hands with Christians of other denominations and show our commitment to the Lord and to one another.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location/Host</u>	<u>Homilist</u>
Feb. 18	Sinking Spring	Steve Pollard (Abingdon Baptist)
Feb 25	Abingdon UMC	Father Francis Musolooza (Christ the King)
Mar 4	St. Thomas Episc.	Robert Countiss (AUMC)
Mar 11	Abingdon Baptist	Hilary Streever (St. Thomas)
Mar 18	St. John Lutheran	Tim Reynolds (Sinking Spring)
Mar 25	Christ the King	Scott Homesley (St. John)

**THANKS TO EVERYONE** who sent cards, called, made memorial contributions, brought food, or prayed for our family during the recent death of my father. Words cannot begin to describe how deeply moved I am at your outpouring of love. It was truly and experience of grace. – *Pastor Tim*

**SERVICE AND OUTREACH**  
**Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn**

**THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON** last week raised \$3,160.20 for our local Faith in Action's ministry to the hungry in our community. Thanks so much to all who contributed and who enjoyed the fellowship and food!

**AND THE WINNER IS....** The winner of the 2014 annual "O Christmas Tree" exhibit is: Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church! A special thanks to the After School Children and Youth of Sinking Spring who made the decorations for the tree, many compliments were noted on our tree because of the decorations made by the children and how the tree's theme represented children everywhere. And thanks to everyone who contributed time, decorations, food and monetary donations. As a church, we were able to purchase 1007 cans of Beans and Franks. Overall Faith in Action received 1,661 food items, which was more than double what they received last year. Thanks for helping make Faith in Action and our local families the real winners!!

**CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes**

**THE MINISTRY TO THE CONGREGATION TEAM** will meet Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the church parlor. New team members are welcome.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** We will conclude our study of *The Kingdom Parables* this week with a study of the parable of The Forgiving Father, better known as The Prodigal Son. After taking a week off for the Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a 6-week Lenten-themed Bible study on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. The study is called *Will You Come and Follow Me* and will examine the meaning of the texts of 6 different Lenten hymns, as well as learning more about the hymn writers. We hope you join us this Wednesday AND the 6 Wednesdays during Lent as we delve into what it means to follow the Way of Jesus.

**DO YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR CHILDREN?** The children's Sunday School Class is looking for additional leaders for that group. Class meets from 10:00 a.m. till 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. The curriculum is easy to follow and the 6 – 8 children that make up the class are eager to learn. Come visit the class to see what goes on. If you are interested contact Janet McGraw.

**WINTER WEATHER POLICY:** Now that winter is here it's probably a good time to remind everyone of our policies for inclement weather!

*Sunday Worship:* Worship will never be cancelled due to weather. Please use your own discretion, however, in deciding whether or not to come. Safety is of primary importance; stay home if you don't feel you can make it safely.

*Sunday School:* The teachers of each class will determine whether or not to meet. Teachers will call class members *only* if class is cancelled.

*Wednesday After School Programs, Bible Study and Preschool:* These activities follow the Washington County School schedule. If Washington County Schools are closed or dismissed early, then these activities will be cancelled.

*All Other Activities (Choir, Session, Committees, etc.):* These will be determined on a case by case basis. The church office will be closed only in the event of *extreme* weather.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Congregational Ministry Team Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

3:15 p.m. After School Program  
 5:00 p.m. Junior Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
 7:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, BabyCakes  
 8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance for February 1, 2015**

Attendance: 157  
 Offering: \$6,893.00  
 Hunger: \$335.00  
 Souper Bowl Luncheon: \$3,160.20

**CHURCH BULLETINS** are now available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>.

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Mazie Cook, Helen Napps, Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins, Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Betty Hunter

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:** The Biggerstaff Family

**WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS:** David Henninger, Charles Henninger, Jay McCallum, Margaret Peters, Arville Mullins, Amanda Hall, Lynn Hall and Colt Powers

**AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY:** Joseph McGraw, Nathan McGraw, Mark Widener, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III and Dexter Bevis

\*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer



Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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