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**Our Mission:**

To help those who don't know Christ to know Christ; To help those who know Christ to live Christ.

**Office Hours**

**Mon—Thurs**  
 9:00 - 3:00

**STEEPLENOTES**



# March 2021 Steeplenotes

...From the desk of Amber

***Return to The Lord Your God***

Growing up in the Lutheran church, during the season of Lent after we had collected the offering, we would sing this scripture from Joel 2:13 in a song. “Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Every year during Lent it is on my heart and mind. The season of Lent is the perfect time to return to your God. He is gracious and kind and can’t wait for you to come back to him. Some of us have done a really good job sticking with God and clinging to him through the last year, but some of us have strayed away from God and his love. Now is the time to come back, church!

How do we come back to God though? I love how The Message translation explains it in Joel 2:12-14, “But there’s also this, it’s not too late—God’s personal Message!— “Come back to me and really mean it! Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!” Change your life, not just your clothes. Come back to God, *your* God. And here’s why: God is kind and merciful. He takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot, This most patient God, extravagant in love, always ready to cancel catastrophe. Who knows? Maybe he’ll do it now, maybe he’ll turn around and show pity. Maybe, when all’s said and done, there’ll be blessings full and robust for your God!”

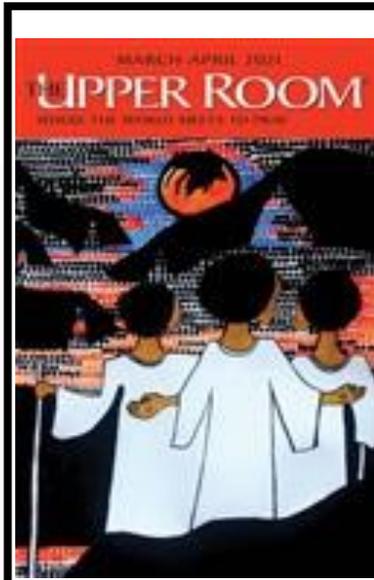
We should come fasting and weeping and full of sorrow for our sins. He wants us to change our lives to show we are his followers. What does that look like for you? It might be giving up something unhealthy for you, but it could be adding something to your life. For me it means spending more time reading scripture and spending time listening for God. Not just so I can be a better pastor and spiritual leader for our church, but so my relationship with Jesus grows.

A group of my pastor friends and I are going through a Lent devotional called *Uncovering The Love of Jesus*. In this book, the author says, “Time with Jesus up close and personal changes us. You cannot spend hours with Love Himself and remain untouched.” So church, I ask you, will you commit to spending more time with Love Himself, Jesus, so that you can grow in love for God and for your neighbor? Take some time to pray what it is you need to change to “Return to the Lord your God” this Lent season. God is gracious and merciful and is waiting for you with open arms!

**HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!**



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The Mar-April 2021 edition of The Upper Room is available for pickup in the church entry. There are both pocket-size and large print editions available.

### ONLINE WORSHIP

Join us on Facebook live.

[www.facebook.com\FlandreauUnitedMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/FlandreauUnitedMethodistChurch)

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels in February. Your dedication was a blessing to those who received their meals.



Want to place an Easter Lily on the altar in memory of or in honor of a loved one? Watch the bulletin for more details coming in March.



During the Covid-19 pandemic The Breadbasket is asking for Noodles, rice, canned meat/fish, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned tomatoes, canned sops, instant potatoes, dried beans, etc. If you would rather donate monetarily, they can use that towards milk and margarine, and/or items from FeedingSD (a food bank from which they order). Thank you!

### Who is on the Team?

Linda Christenson, Treasurer

**Finance Committee:** Chris Iott, Allison Clafin & Tad Jacobs

**S/PPRC Committee:** Linnea Janssen, Tim Yeaton, Sarah Kompelien

**Trustee Committee:** Joan Handberg, Chase Amdahl, Curt Ross

**Nominations Committee:** Roger Janssen, Kathy Jacobs, Marvin Joray

The committees meet at 6:30 -7:15 on the second Monday of each month.  
Leadership team meets at 7:30-8:30

### **Please remember in prayer:**

The family of Rita Staab, the family of Ken Rahn, the family of Bertie Antoine, the family of Ardith Anderson, the family of Catherine Teer, as well as Barb Alberts, Ardis Day (mother of Doug Day), and our church family and relatives living with challenges and their caregivers. Pray for God's protection over our military, as well as first responders: EMTs, Doctors and nurses, firemen and law enforcement.

**Please pray for those in Riverview Manor or hospitalized:**



#### **A Prayer for Lent:**

Father of my soul, Mother of my heart. I know your love for me is limitless beyond imagining. You care for me as a loving parent. Through my smallest Lenten sacrifices, help me to become less selfish and more aware of your ways. Fan the flame of desire to draw ever closer to you. Guide me to seek your love. Amen.



**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!**

**On February 7, 2021**

**Brenton Matthew Westberry & Kiley Breanne Westberry were baptized. They are the children of Darren & Patrina Mulder.**

**Welcome to the family of Christ.**



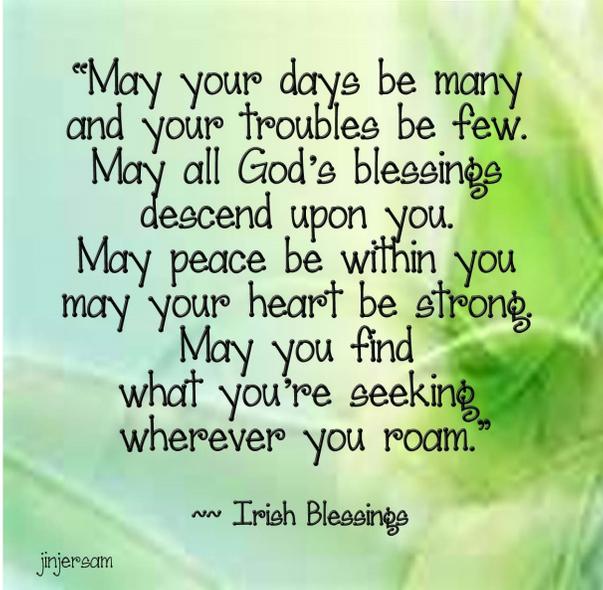
**March 14**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

# March 2021



- 4 Shannon & Jean Pulscher
- 12 Chad & Michelle Iott
- 25 John & Rosalie Bechen



## Confirmation students:

- Remember to take your sermon notes. Forms are on the church website. [www.umcflandreau.com](http://www.umcflandreau.com)

Albert Moore will be 92 Years Young on March 3. Send greetings to him at 2271 Marion St, Roseville, MM 55113

St. Patrick's Day is March 17!

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------|
| 1  | Daryl Christensen | 15 | Sally Thielsen |
| 3  | Marvin Joray      | 17 | Lanz Dailey    |
| 3  | Albert Moore      | 19 | Tailyn Wiese   |
| 3  | Carolyn Story     | 21 | Kyle Williams  |
| 3  | Tim Yeaton        | 22 | Roger Janssen  |
| 5  | Andrew Kompelien  | 22 | Bonnie Wade    |
| 8  | Landon Krumvieda  | 24 | Brian Hammer   |
| 12 | Adeline Laffey    | 25 | John Bechen    |
| 14 | Kevin Christenson | 28 | Elodie Amdahl  |
| 14 | Tom Steinhauer    | 29 | Brooke Iott    |



If you have a birthday or anniversary you want to share, please e-mail [umcflandreau@vastbb.net](mailto:umcflandreau@vastbb.net) or call the church office at 605-997-2857. Thank you!