

March 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 Youth Group 6-8pm	4 11 Zoom Bible Study 2 Elders Meet	5	6
7 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	8	9	10	11 11 Zoom Bible Study	12	13
14 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	15	16 2 Martha CWF Zoom meeting	17 4-6 Youth Group SK service Proj	18 11 Zoom Bible Study	19	20
21 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee Hour	22	23	24	25 11 Zoom Bible Study	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Baby Dedication 12:45 pm Virtual Coffee	29	← 30 →	31 6-8 Youth Group in person, play games, etc	Holy Week →		

March Birthdays

Theresa Pearson 6
Judy Hunter 13
Trysta Gagne 19
Marilyn Elliott 25
Grace Johnson 31

March Anniversaries

Steve & Barbara Tarrant
March 16, 1968

Kenny & Marciel Gilmore
March 20, 1988



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Happy March Church,

Although we've had a fairly mild winter, it's nice to feel us starting to turn the corner in weather as we come into the season of Lent. I know many of us would like to give up quarantine for lent! With the rising availability of vaccinations, maybe we will.

We are planning ahead for Palm Sunday and Easter, including a baby dedication on Palm Sunday. The youth will help to prepare the nursery, since the babies are planning to bring some family and friends with them. Also, because there are 5 Wednesdays this month, the youth will meet again that fifth Wednesday for fun and fellowship.

The Elders are meeting this month at 2pm March 4th to revise and update our groups (who your elder is), and to share about ongoing concerns. So if you have things you want the elders to be aware of, please contact me, Donna Beamer, or Joyce Dart so we can ensure your concern is heard.

The Soup Kitchen is beginning to make their initial plans for reopening the dining room when the governor approves 50% capacity in dining areas. Many people have missed the socialization and joy of the fellowship hall, and I know we'll be happy to host them in Christian love and hospitality again.

May your Lenten season teach you things you didn't know you needed to learn,
Pastor Zane Ridings



Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour After Church At 12:45

Topic: Virtual Coffee Hour
Time: Sundays starting at 12:45 pm
Join Zoom Meeting at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7639584201>

Meeting ID: 763 958 4201
Dial by your location
+1 253 215 8782

Scriptures & Sermon Titles:

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March 7th: Mark 2:13-20 "Dining with the delinquents"
March 14th: Mark 2:21-28 "The Sabbath was made for Humans"
March 21st: Mark 3:1-12 "Healing Dangerously"
March 28th: Mark 11:1-11 "Palm Sunday" & Baby Dedication

Worship Service
Inside the Sanctuary—11:00 AM
Live on Facebook—11:00 AM
If you miss either you can find the service on YOUTUBE by 12:30 pm

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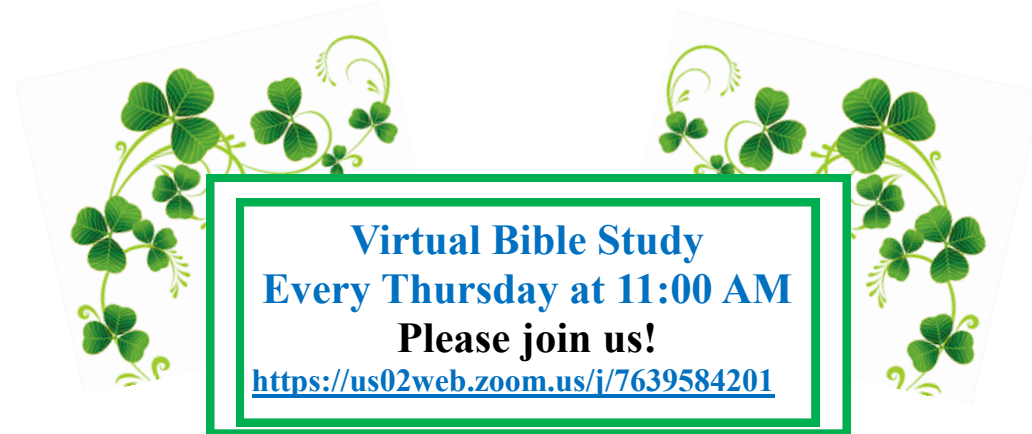
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March 3rd: 6pm-8pm: Regular youth group. We've been asked to help prepare the nursery for some upcoming childrens events, and while we do that I'd like to share some stories about the murals in those rooms, and talk about how we all have difficult times, and sometimes service can help us transform those times.

March 17th: 4pm-6pm Soup Kitchen service project (And also St. Patty's day, please wear green!) This may be one of the last months that we are doing the take-out only, so I'd like to make a strong final showing, then be prepared to assist where and how we can as they head towards re-opening the dining room.

March 31st: 6pm-8pm A bonus fun youth group! We'll gather, play games, and talk about any kind of limited way we may be able to plan some fun events for the summer, whatever that may look like this year.



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Cathy Johnson
 Steven Morgan
 Jesse LeSeur
 Rod Phillips Family
 Arlene Breckel
 Del Eggert
 Myke Eggert
 Betty Lou Rockwell
 Ruth Moss
 Millie Patterson
 Judy LeSeur

Vila Adkins
 Earl Hunter
 John Stolsig
 Jerriane Stolsig
 Addy Opel
 Diana Johnson
 James Lenfesty
 Clint Evans
 Gary Brown
 Shelley Alsdorf
 Joe Adkins

Ronita Slayden
 Gertrude DeButts
 Diana Hoover
 Baby Ella

Service People:
 Sgt. Scot Noss
 Cpt. Tory Petersen
 1st Lt. Kellen Peterson
 Marine Capt. Pete Brawn

Pray for our World, our Church, our Ministers, the Soup Kitchen, and our Regional Ministers.

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.



The Story of Saint Patrick



When it comes to Saint Patrick, the true story is even more exciting than the legend and the myth. The facts are far better than the fable. This day that belongs to St. Patrick has become about leprechauns, shamrocks, pots of gold, and green—green everywhere. Famously, the City of Chicago dumps forty pounds of its top-secret dye into the river. A green racing stripe courses through the city. But long before there was the St. Patrick of myth, there was the Patrick of history. Who was Patrick?

Patrick was born in 385 in Roman Britannia in the modern-day town of Dumbarton, Scotland. Patrick at sixteen was captured by barbarian Irish pirates. When the pirates landed on the Irish coast, they took Patrick about 200 miles inland where he was a shepherd and farm laborer. Six years passed and Patrick had either a vivid dream or a vision in which he was shown an escape route. Emboldened, Patrick made his break from his captors, traveling back over the 200 miles to the shoreline. As he approached the docks, a British ship stood waiting. The sails unfurled and Patrick was home. But he didn't stay long.

Before he was a prisoner, Patrick's Christian faith meant little to him. That changed during his captivity. His previously ambivalent faith galvanized and served to buoy him through those long, dark days. Now that he was back in his homeland he committed to his faith in earnest. He became a priest and soon felt a tremendous burden for the people that had kidnapped him. So he returned to Ireland with a mission.

Patrick had no less of a goal than seeing pagan Ireland converted. These efforts did not set well with the pagan king of pagan Ireland. Patrick faced danger and even threats on his life. He took to carrying a dagger. Yet, despite these setbacks, Patrick persisted. Eventually the king converted and was baptized by Patrick and much of the people of Ireland followed suit. A later legend would have it that Patrick rid all of Ireland of snakes. Snakes were not native to Ireland at the time. Instead, Patrick rid Ireland of marauding ways and a cultural and civil barbarianism by bringing not only Christianity to Ireland, but by bringing a whole new ethic. It was not too long ago that a New York Times' bestselling book argued that St. Patrick and his Ireland saved civilization.

Patrick would come to be known as the "Apostle of Ireland." He planted churches, the first one likely at a place called Saul, in Northern Ireland, a bit inland from the coast and just below Belfast. Patrick planted more churches as he crisscrossed Ireland. The challenge with Patrick is sifting through the legend. Take the shamrock for instance. Some biographers claim definitively that Patrick used the shamrock as an object lesson to teach pagans about the Trinity that God is one in essence and three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is no evidence, however, for such a claim.



Curiously, like most of his legend, St. Patrick is not even truly a saint. He has never been canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. Patrick himself told us he was a sinner, not a saint.

Legend further has it that Patrick died on March 17, 461. He likely died in Saul, where he planted his first church. A significant monument stands atop the hill overlooking the town. Panels depicting scenes from Patrick's life surround the monument's base.

Author [Stephen Nichols](https://www.ligonier.org/blog/who-was-saint-patrick-and-should-christians-celebrate-st-patricks-day/) <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/who-was-saint-patrick-and-should-christians-celebrate-st-patricks-day/>