

THE CHURCH CANDLE

MARCH 2026

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY – March 1st ...

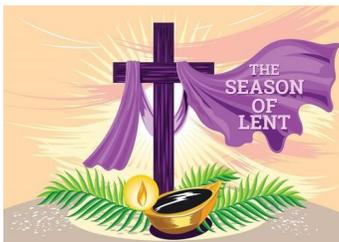
“Food Pantry Sunday” is observed on the first Sunday of the month. For the month of February thirty-five (35) food items were collected. “Dear Sayre Christian Church, Thank you for your recent donation to our Feed My Sheep Food Pantry. We are thankful for gifts of food to refill our shelves after the busy holiday season. Blessings in 2026! In His Service, Athens UM Church FMS Food Pantry”

May His Face Shine Upon You and Be Gracious to You

For all who use envelopes for giving ...
Please write your name on the envelope.
If you have any questions, please see Julie Allis.

SEED FAITH CIRCLE ... The women of the Seed Faith Circle will gather on Tuesday, March 17th at 5:30 p.m. at a local restaurant. Look for details in the March bulletins. All women of the church are invited to share an evening of fellowship. (Each person orders from the menu and pays for their own meal.) Please contact Wendy McKeithan if you plan to attend at 570-496-4008.

IN THE KNOW ...



I wanted to feed you some information regarding the Lenten Season, why we give ashes and the purpose of Lent. Ash Wednesday signals the first day of Lent, this year it was February 18th. It takes its name from the ceremonial imposition of ashes on the foreheads of worshipers as a sign of human sin and mortality. This ancient tradition, going back at least to the tenth century, communicates the human condition before God by solemn word and sigh. The marks of ashes on our foreheads are visual reminders of our need for grace and forgiveness. In most churches, the ashes come from burning the palm fronds of the previous Palm Sunday, and the oil used to make the ashes stick symbolizes healing.

The season of Lent follows Ash Wednesday and happens at springtime, when new life springs up. God who created us out of ash promises to never let us go, and we are in the good hands of our creator. Lent follows the forty days, not including Sunday, that Jesus wandered in the wilderness and faced Satan’s temptations. Therefore, it is fitting that we begin the season of Lent with ashes that remind us both of loss and light, of mourning and healing.



PAULA'S PAGE



Dear Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to add my own blessings during this season of Lent. I hope you picked up your Lenten devotionals and are spending more time with God during this season. You know the season of Lent is an excellent time of year to evaluate your relationship with your creator – it is a time to focus on God's presence in our lives. As we reflect on Jesus' life during this time, he reminds us that God is

our Father in heaven, God loves God's children, God knows us and our needs, and God is present with us even in the secret places. That's comforting and brings peace during these cold dark days of winter.

Our sermon series on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" continues until Palm Sunday, I hope you can join us to learn what Jesus had to say to his followers then and now. Regardless, the activities of the church during the month of March are light, remember the Elder / Deacon meeting on the third and our board meeting on the tenth. A Seed Faith dinner-out is scheduled for the seventeenth, but I don't know where yet. A regional board meeting scheduled for the twenty-first has me at Williamsport I assume, but that is a one-day event. We celebrate Palm Sunday on the twenty-ninth of March. Spring comes to us in March, whether the weather is bad or pleasant it will change for the better, so we have something to look forward to.

Blessings,

Pastor Paula

A LITTLE

Q - Finish Peter's saying: "One day with the Lord is as a thousand years . . .



(See answer on a later page in the Newsletter)

ON
THURSDAY,
MARCH 20TH,
SAY ...



LENTEN DEVOTION ...

As Lent begins, a Lenten Devotion, "**Blessed are the Meek**" provided by the Society of St. Andrew will help you set out on a solemn 47-day journey to Easter.

The Devotional will be available on the table by the front door of the Sanctuary. The Society of St. Andrew will receive any collection of coins that are donated to the "Coins for Cause" program during March and April. These monetary donations will help provide nourishing food for people in greatest need, right here in the United States.



**GIVING REPORT FOR
JANUARY 2026:**

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

January — 2026	
For Current Expenses	\$4,339.50
Designated	\$444.00
World Outreach	\$150.00
Local Outreach	\$156.00
Building Fund	\$802.50



Celebration Sunday will be held on **March 29th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a birthday in March will be honored.

Please bring a dish-to-pass to share.

THE HOLY SEASON ...



April 29th ...

April 2nd ...



April 3rd ...



April 5th ...



MARCH ...

- 1 ~ Gilberta Corneby
- 2 ~ Austin Robert
- 2 ~ Sean Garrison
- 4 ~ Darin Yale
- 5 ~ Brenda Schultz
- 5 ~ David Roberts
- 8 ~ Kathy Robert
- 8 ~ Jim Donahoo
- 8 ~ Jean Stella
- 14 ~ Carol Rosh
- 14 ~ Kevin Arensman
- 17 ~ Eva Kretsch
- 22 ~ Julie Allis
- 22 ~ Shannon Arensman
- 26 ~ Brenda Yale
- 29 ~ Nicole Featherson



LET US PRAY ...

- Ric Rava
- Bonnie Beley
- Anthony Stella
- Bob Felt
- Mike Spencer
- Brett Lattimer



DON'T FORGET ...

SUNDAY, March 8th
Daylight Savings
Time Begins



REMINDER ...

**Maundy Thursday
Worship Service ...
April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

Answer - "and a thousand years as one day." (2 Peter 3:8)



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UPCOMING DATES FOR MARCH ...

Sundays / March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th - Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. / Worship Service at 10 a.m.
Sunday / March 1st - Second Sunday of Lent / Food Pantry Sunday
Tuesday / March 3rd - Elders/Deacons Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesdays / March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th - Bible Study at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday / March 8th - Third Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Tuesday / March 10th - Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday / March 15th - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Tuesday / March 17th - Seed Faith Circle Dinner-Out at 5:30 p.m.
Friday / March 20th - First Day of Spring
Sunday / March 22nd - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday / March 29th - **Palm Sunday**
Celebration Sunday, bring a dish-to-pass to share
Service at the Athens Healthcare Center at 1:30 p.m.



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