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#### WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am

Worship Service

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### From Pastor Mike....

challenge with you.

As I write this newsletter article, I am keenly aware that the Season of Lent is quickly approaching. Lent is the 40-day period leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. It is a time of deep reflection, study, prayer and preparation as we prepare our hearts and spirits for the celebration of Easter. During the days of the early church, Lent was used as a time to help new converts learn about and understand the mission and purpose of discipleship. Here at Archdale Methodist Church, we will be using this time to dig into our understanding of our faith and hopefully strengthening our connections to God and one another. We have a variety of opportunities prepared and scheduled.

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By the time this newsletter is published, we will have begun our weekly Bible Study group that meets on Thursday morning from 10:30 AM until noon. We will meet in the Community Room for eight weeks and study the "Letter of James." This letter is often described as a guideline for living consistently in Christ and deepening one's internal faith so that one can live that out into the world. All are invited to attend and participate in this study. There is no cost involved in this class.

On Wednesday evening, March 5, the church family will gather to worship on Ash Wednesday. The purpose of our service will be to contemplate our mortality while celebrating Christ's power to live victoriously as a disciple. As a sign of faith and remembrance we have the opportunity to experience the imposition of ashes as a reminder of loyalty and obedience. This service will begin at 6:30 PM. During the five Sundays of Lent, I will be preaching a series of sermons I have entitled "Entire Sanctification and Personal Holiness." This series will allow us to look further into the concept of sanctification which John Wesley called one of the "Means of Grace" whereby we grow into Christlikeness in all that we are, all that we say, and all that we do. I am looking forward to this time of learning and

WOW!!! That's a bunch of celebrating and a whole lot of worship scheduled. But it is a joyous and momentous season. And as always, there may be some surprises. Let us come together in spirit and body and as one family and prepare for our Easter celebration. God bless you and may His grace shine on you, both now and forever. Amen! <u>Honorarium</u> In Honor of Denise Warren Given by Rae Askew







03/01 Paul Clausel 03/01 Matthew Connor 03/02 Steve Brown 03/02 Jon Dysinger 03/03 Mariah Askew 03/03 Linda Game 03/04 Alex McGavic 03/04 Tara Owens 03/05 Connor Allen 03/05 Trevor Allen 03/05 Debbie Kennedy 03/05 Michael Linthicum 03/05 Tamara Owens 03/08 Craig Grimmett 03/08 Blair Hawley 03/08 Jim Johnson 03/08 Judy Lentz 03/09 Barbara Jarrett 03/10 Rosemarie Foster 03/11 Alexandria Sarmiento 03/11 Ethan Simpson 03/12 Rusty Smith 03/13 Sue McDonald 03/14 Jonah Peele 03/14 David Stewart 03/15 Lindsay Byrum 03/17 Terry Gates 03/17 Rae Hicks 03/17 Jake Lowe 03/17 Danny Mann

03/18 Lisa Clausel 03/20 Jared Askew 03/20 Cheryl Byerly 03/20 Ethan Dysinger 03/20 Cole Liebscher 03/21 Deidra Colclough 03/22 Tom Holtham 03/22 Sally Hord 03/23 Kyle Barefoot 03/23 Jane Pepper 03/23 Andrew Wilson 03/23 Toni Wray 03/26 Maggie Boyle 03/26 Clyde Brown 03/26 Jack Lance 03/26 Sylvia Smith 03/26 Aliene Soule 03/27 Art Johnson 03/28 Jennifer East 03/28 Jake Stewart 03/31 Jaxon Kimmons 03/31 Andrew McGavic

## Bible Study on "The Letter of James"

Every Thursday at 10:30am in the Community Room.



# Save the Dates!

- Administrative Council Meeting: Sunday, March 23rd at 4pm
- 5th Sunday Lunch: Sunday, March 30th provided by the Methodist Men.
   Following the lunch, there will be a presentation regarding the Global Methodist Church. Information will be provided and an opportunity to ask questions will be made available.

## **LUNCH AND LEARN**

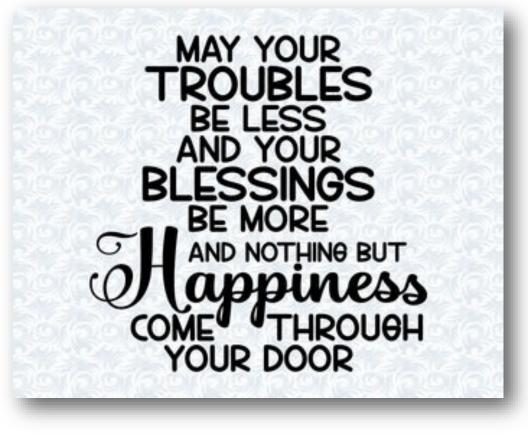
LUNCH & LEARN, hosted by Stephen Ministry, will be Wednesday, March 19, in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be available at 11:30am with a program by Dan Warren following lunch. Dan will be sharing pictures of some of the "then and now" places in Archdale. Please let the office know if you will be attending so we can plan for how many to plan lunch.





### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

The winter months can be hard for people going through hard times (from lose of loved ones, illness, or especially loneliness). Having to stay inside because of cold weather or whatever, can make you feel isolated. Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time or are just lonely.





Where We Were Last Month						
Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
02/02/2025	\$7,561.00	\$19,188.00	\$26,265.20	5	70	87
02/09/2025	\$2,204.00	\$21,392.00	\$31,518.24	6	64	92
02/16/2025	\$2,779.00	\$24,171.00	\$36,771.28	7	59	67
02/23/2025	\$3,709.00	\$27,880.00	\$42,024.32	8	68	90

## **Capital Improvements Fund**

 Given in Feb:
 \$1,390.00

 Received to date:
 \$1,565.00