



Prairie Light

**February
2018**

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is known by many different names around the world. In Great Britain and its colonies (including parts of the U.S.) this day is known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. The word “shrove” is a form of the English word “shrive” which means to obtain absolution of sins by confession. This act is to be done on this day as a means of preparing for the period of Lent in which we confess our sins via acts of fasting and engage in self-examination. This is common among Methodist, Anglicans, Lutherans and Roman Catholics. Catholics and Protestants outside of English speaking areas refer to this day as Mardi Gras or “Fat Tuesday”. The tradition in these countries was not to eat pancakes, but to eat rich foods which would not be eaten during Lent. Pancakes, by the way, were eaten on Shrove Tuesday because they were made with eggs, milk and sugar and represented a using up of rich foods before the period of fasting. Other names for this day are “Carnival” (Spanish speaking countries); “Fastnacht” in German-American communities; and “Vaslapaev” in Estonia, where pea soup with whipped cream is eaten. Throughout the world there are many other names and traditions for the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The meaning behind pancake suppers, sumptuous meals, or wild celebrations in New Orleans, Galveston, or Rio is often lost on those who enjoy the festivities associated with Pancake Day or Mardi Gras. Indeed, we eat hearty, we may even party, but ultimately our thoughts are drawn toward Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent when we commit ourselves to the cleaning of our spiritual houses and preparing our hearts for the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. As we prepare to sit down with brothers and sisters from across our community, I pray that we will all have a sense that we are using up the extravagance in our lives (symbolized by rich ingredients in the pancakes) so that we can present ourselves as penitent pilgrims prepared for the journey through Lent toward the cross and the resurrection of the risen Lord. In Philippians 2: 5-8 the apostle Paul emphasizes the role of Jesus’s obedience in his death on the cross:

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man humbled himself and became obedient to death on a Cross! This Lenten season, let us be humble, by fasting, studying scripture, sharing the sacraments and worship, to grow in Christ Jesus. Join us at the Blue Rapids UMC February 14 for a 7pm Ash Wednesday worship; Sunday Worship services at both WUMC AND BRUMC; Sunday evening soup supper and worship with St. Mark’s Lutheran Church; Monday night Lenten bible study at 6 p.m. at BRUMC; A healing service which will be scheduled later; Maundy Thursday Service the re-enactment of the Last Supper at BRUMC; and Good Friday Service at WUMC and finally Easter Sunday Worship [sunrise service at the Waterville Park and sunrise service at Prospect Hill for Blue Rapids. Come join us in the cleaning of your spiritual house this Lenten Season.

Your Sister in Christ, *Pastor Debby Dick*

February Birthdays

2. Stella Martin
Martha Sutton
3. Phyllis Blaser
Brenna Wanamaker
5. Irma Lupher
Darren Nemechek
Alex Nolte
6. Vicki Hargadine
10. Bryant Anderson
Kaylynn Moctezuma
11. Dakota Gillig
Jenny Yungeberg
12. Bea Sainer
13. Norman Dummermuth
Vicki King
Bryce Porter
Lyle Walter
14. Tim Laughlin
Terry Roepke
15. Dean Anderson
Jim Tilley
17. Ashley Yungeberg
Payden Yungeberg
18. Megan Jones
19. Langston Gray
Zoey Pralle
21. Rick Boss
22. Vaughn Bolton
Tony Mann
23. Elsee Martin
24. Bob Bergquist
25. Lloyd Hull
Megan Wanamaker
27. Melanie Nemechek
Alvin Roepke
Althea Wertz

February Anniversaries

5. Blake & Tifanie Martin
10. Francis & Carolyn Arganbright
13. Don & Dawn Tryon
15. Dave & Kay Taylor



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February Scripture Feb 4: Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39 Feb 11: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9 Feb 18: Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15 Feb 25: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38						
4 Communion 7 pm BR/W @ BR	5	6	7 2 pm BR After School Prog 6 pm W Trustees 6 pm W Glory Ringers 7 pm W Choir	8 7 pm BR/W @ BVNH	9 Groundhog Day	10 10 am Let Them Sing!
11 Transfiguration Sunday UMW Sunday BR Crosslines 7 pm BR/W @ BR	12	13	14 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service @ BRUMC	15	16	17 10 am Let Them Sing!
18 1 st Sunday in Lent MYF Ice Skating Lenten Services @ WUMC 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	19 President's Day 6 pm Lenten Bible Study @ BR	20 10 am W Mobil Food Pantry	21 6 pm W Glory Ringers 6 pm BR Trustees 7 pm W Choir 7 pm BR Council	22	23	24 9 am BR Food Pantry 10 am Let Them Sing!
25 2 nd Sunday in Lent Lenten Services @ WUMC 6 pm Supper 7 pm Worship	26 6 pm Lenten Bible Study @ BR No School	27	28 6 pm W Glory Ringers 7 pm W Choir			



Blue Rapids UMC

105 W 4th Street
PO Box 153
Blue Rapids, KS 66411

Worship: 9 am
Sunday School: 10:15 am

Church Office: 785-363-7669
Pastor: 785-363-2258
Pastor Cell: 785-608-3427

Darren Nemechek,
Administration
Angie Denton, Trustees
Larry Nolte, Finance Chair
Larry Nolte, Treasurer
Becky Pishney, UMW
Bryon Nemechek, Staff/Parish
Relations
Sharon King, Children's Sunday
School

**BR Trustees meet
Wed Feb 21 @ 6 pm
BR Council meets
Wed Feb 21 @ 7 pm**

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**Blue Rapids United
Methodist Women**

No UMW Meeting in
February
UMW Sunday is Feb 11th

Acolytes

Feb 4: Kyler & Hudson
Feb 11: UMW Sunday
Feb 18: Dustin & Logan
Feb 25: Madison & Alexis

Liturgist Schedule

Feb 4: Gwen Turner
Feb 11: UMW Sunday
Feb 18: Wesley Denton
Feb 25: Aiden Nemechek

BR February Food Pantry is
February 24 @ 9 am.

In January, pantry served:
40 families
68 adults
30 children



Waterville UMC

103 W 4th St
PO Box 150
Waterville, KS 66548

Worship: 11 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am

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Nicole Porter, Administration
Terry Roepke, Finance Chair
Tony Mann, Trustees
Bryce Porter, Treasurer
Sharon King, Children/Youth
Bryce Porter, Staff/Parish
Relations
Bevy Roepke, UMW

**W Trustees meet
Wed Feb 7 @ 6 pm**

**Waterville United
Methodist Women**

UMW Sunday is Feb 11th

Acolyte Schedule

Feb 4: Kloe & Elsee
Feb 11: Stella & Lawson
Feb 18: Brooke & Krista
Feb 25: Stella & Kloe

Liturgist Schedule

Feb 4: Pat Winkenwader
Feb 11: Carol Hill
Feb 18: Kris Hargrave
Feb 25: Megan Martin

W February Mobil Food Pantry
is Feb 20 @ 10 am
There was no pantry in January
due to cold weather.



Ash Wednesday Service will
be 7 pm. Wednesday,
February 14th @ BRUMC

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Ash Wednesday Service
7 pm February 14th @ BRUMC

Lenten Reflection Schedule

	BR	Waterville
February 18:	Brian & Jill Gray	Tony & Jenny Yungeberg
February 25:	Doug & Becky Pishney	Dan & Kris Hargave
March 4:	Jarrold & Jami Gillig	Brent & Megan Martin
March 11:	Darren & Melanie Nemechek	Blake & Tifanie Martin
March 18:	John & Angie Denton	Bryce & Nicole Porter
March 25:	Dan & Kim Schmidt	Terry & Alice Roepke

Sunday Evening Soup and Worship with St. Mark's Lutheran
Soup @ 6 pm Worship @ 7 pm

First 3 Sundays of Lent (Feb 18, 25, & March 4) @ Waterville United Methodist Church
Last 3 Sundays of Lent (March 11, 18 & 25) @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Waterville

Monday Night Lenten Bible Study
6 pm @ BR UMC

Mondays: February 19th, 24th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

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Blue Rapids and Waterville United Methodist Churches