

# The Sixth Street Messenger

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## A message from Reverend Michelle Brown is shown below.

### Pastor Michelle's Office Hours

Pastor Michelle now has scheduled office hours. She will be available visitations on Sunday afternoons and evenings, or by appointment during the evening on weekdays. Contact Michelle at (317) 372-3926.

### Christian Women's Fellowship News

The Christian Women Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Robin Griggs will be giving the lesson for the meeting, serving refreshments and will be Kitchen Queen for the month of March. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

CWF will be having a work session on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m.

### Choir Practice

Choir Practice will meet each Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. and each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

### Church Board Meeting

Sixth Street Church Board will meet on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, following Coffee Fellowship. Please plan to attend.

### Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, following church service. A Baked Potato pitch-in luncheon will follow in Fellowship hall. Please bring your favorite side dish or a dessert. Come join us in fellowship.

### Family Game Night

Family Game Night will be on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m.

### Grace Group

Grace Group meets each Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

### Pastor Michelle's Bible Study

Bible Study meets each Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

### Prayer Chain

We are updating our Prayer Chain this year. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain please contact church secretary, Andrea Smith at 354-2171

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## Serving in March

<b>Minister:</b>	Reverend Michelle Brown
<b>Music Director:</b>	Susan Smith
<b>Pianist:</b>	Liz Felsted
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Susan Smith
<b>Asst. Choir Director:</b>	Derick Shumaker
<b>Elders:</b>	Cheryl Tichenor & Teresa Dennis
<b>Worship Leaders:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Michael Cooper 8 <sup>th</sup> – Cheryl Tichenor 15 <sup>th</sup> – Carol Riley 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Teresa Dennis 29 <sup>th</sup> – Michael Cooper
<b>Diaconate:</b>	Manford Harris – Paul Dennis Robin Griggs – Ernestine Haynes
<b>Communion Prep:</b>	Teresa Dennis
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Pat Wisehart 8 <sup>th</sup> – Need Volunteer! 15 <sup>th</sup> – Baked Potato Pitch-in 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Need Volunteer! 29 <sup>th</sup> – Andrea Smith
<b>Nursery:</b>	Leah & Michael Cooper

## March Birthdays!

1 <sup>st</sup> – Sydney Benson	23 <sup>rd</sup> – Bob Harmon
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tricia Kelich	26 <sup>th</sup> – Daniel Hanson
6 <sup>th</sup> – Mary Kay Fredenburg	28 <sup>th</sup> – Jackie Harris
11 <sup>th</sup> – Don McNeil	28 <sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Huser
12 <sup>th</sup> – Keegan Hutcheson	29 <sup>th</sup> – Melva Perkins
15 <sup>th</sup> – Berneda Fadely	30 <sup>th</sup> – Jim Minnick

## March Anniversaries!

12 <sup>th</sup> – Jim & Joyce Minnick
30 <sup>th</sup> – Rob & Cindy Upchurch

### March 2020 – Minister’s Message

Happy March, my Sixth Street friends!

The scripture I chose for my message on February 23 is one that is probably familiar to you: the Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17:1-9). Biblical scholars believe that this account closely parallels Moses’ two mountaintop experiences in Exodus when Moses climbs Mount Sinai to get instruction from the LORD, including the Ten Commandments. You may be asking yourself, “Wait, there were *two* times that Moses got that information?” Yes indeed.

The first of these two accounts takes place during Exodus 24:12 – 31:18, when God gives Moses instructions to pass on to the Israelites waiting in the valley. The instructions include: proper worship, how to build the ark of the covenant, how to construct a portable place of worship called the Tabernacle, the furnishings of the Tabernacle, the priestly garments, consecration of priests, the sacred objects and materials used for worship, and the importance of keeping the Sabbath. Only after giving all of these teachings does the LORD inscribe them on two tablets of stone and send Moses back to his people. Moses has been gone for “forty days and forty nights.” This is a saying used by biblical writers to mean “a long, long, long, long time” – perhaps literally forty days and nights, but it could mean much longer. During that time, the Israelites were in limbo, waiting for Moses to return ... and waiting, and waiting, and waiting... I believe the people in the valley eventually stopped thinking that Moses would *ever* come back to them; in their despair, they fell back on the habits of belief and behavior they had learned in Egypt.

When people are under stress, they fall back on the habits and strategies that worked for them in the past. Those who have abused substances to get relief from pain or anxiety in the past, for example, may start using again after a period of sobriety if he or she is faced with an unstable or scary situation. For the Israelites in the valley, waiting for Moses was a time of increasing darkness. Eventually their fear made them turn from the God they had only followed for a few months and toward the “gods” of their past. Exodus 32:1 reads, “When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, ‘Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’”

Regardless of what Aaron believed, he decided to pacify the people by melting down their jewelry and casting a golden calf. He then stepped even further down the wrong path by presenting this idol for worship and giving this “god” credit for bringing the Israelites out of Egypt. Just as the crowd was bowing and sacrificing to this false god, Moses descended the mountain. “His anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces” (Exodus 32:19). Fortunately for the Israelites – and for us, God was willing to call Moses back up the mountain to give him two new tablets that included what we refer to as the Ten Commandments. The first commandment should come as no surprise, “You shall have no other gods before me.”

During Lent, the season of repentance and turning to God, let us be ones who uphold the truth especially in times of trouble and insecurity. It can seem easier to overlook or pacify people on paths of destruction than it is to offer them God’s forgiveness and salvation. God calls us to extend the latter gift to the lost people of the world. I pray that each one of us sees opportunities to reach out with the message of grace. May you be strengthened and optimistic, hopeful and joyful, encouraged and encouraging.

With my love. Michelle

**We are Disciples of Christ,**  
A movement for wholeness in a  
fragmented world. As part of the one  
body of Christ, we welcome all to the  
Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.  
• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



## *Sixth Street Christian Church*

*Sunday School — 9:15am*

*Worship Service — 10:30am*

### *MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:*

- 4<sup>TH</sup> - CWF Work Session 9:30 a.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> - CWF Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> - SSCC Church Board Meeting (following Coffee Fellowship)
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Saving Time Begins. Spring Forward 1 Hour
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Honey Creek UMC Rummage/Bake Sale 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (See flyer insert)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Middletown UMC Pulled Pork Dinner 4 -7 p.m. (See flyer insert)
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Annual SSCC Congregational Meeting (after church with pitch-in to follow)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day (Wear your green)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Spring Begins (Vernal Equinox) at 11:49 p.m.
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Family Game Night 6 - 8 p.m.

