

Welcome and Announcements	Laura Johnson
Prelude	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Glenda Gray, piano
* Responsive Reading	from Matthew 4
* Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70
* Hymn	“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord” UMH 352
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon	
Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen	
Offertory	“Come to the Cross” Chancel Choir
* Doxology	UMH 95
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication	
Kids’ Moments	Emma Slaughter and Gillian Brents
Song for Illumination	“Open Our Eyes” TFWS 2086
Scripture Reading	Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon	“Walking through the Wilderness” Tim Robinson
Contemplative Moment	“Be Still My Soul” Glenda Gray, piano
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer	
* Affirmation of Faith	Apostles’ Creed UMH 881
* Hymn	“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” UMH 382
* Benediction	
* Postlude	“And Can It Be?” Glenda Gray, piano

Lunches for Shades of Grace

Mafair has signed up to pack lunch for Shades of Grace on the third Friday of each month. It takes just a little over one hour to pack a healthy lunch for over 140 of our Kingsport friends in need. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.

Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Training

There will be a Lay Servant/Lay Speaker training held at Asbury UMC in Greeneville on February 28. More information is on the table outside the office.

Lent

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Source: umc.org

Prayer Concerns

Linda DeBord; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Ann Keith; Nellie Stover; Amy Reedy; Joyce Weldon; Jacques Weldon (Joyce Weldon's nephew); Philip Weldon (Joyce Weldon's brother); Kristy Bright (Jackie Tranbarger's daughter); Phyllis Charles; Susan Flanary; Amanda Flanary; Randy Smith; Pauline Smith; Roni Acuff; Mike Hartwyk (Bobbie Carico's nephew); Jackie Beatty and Shonn Carter (Deric Beatty's sister and niece); Billy Reeves (Jackson Coleman's grandfather); James Bowden (Helen Alley's father); John W. & Kellie with family; Kyle Mustard (Annie Coleman's grandfather); Ronald Manning (client of Dot Stover's); J.C. Qualls (Jason Robinette's brother-in-law).

If you would like to be added to the Prayer Warriors list and receive an email when prayer requests come in, please email Ray at rjohnson@mafairumc.org.

You are also welcome to join the Intercessory Prayer Group that meets in the Ladies' Parlor on Tuesdays at 10:30am.

When we pray for others, we are redirecting our attention away from our own anxieties and toward the real needs of people and situations we cannot control. It trains us to see the world more truthfully, to acknowledge suffering without rushing to fix it, and to place responsibility where it belongs: in trust that God is actively engaged. At the same time, intercessory prayer changes the one who prays. It exposes our assumptions about who is worthy of care and how outcomes “should” unfold. Praying for someone over time reshapes our posture toward them, softening judgment and sharpening compassion. Intercession binds us to others in a way that cannot be dismissed once the prayer ends. Intercessory prayer is less about influencing God's attention and more about aligning ourselves with God's concern for the world.

This week at Mafair

Rooms: FH Fellowship Hall TPC The Prospect Center
B01-B09 Basement 101-109 First Floor 201-209 Second Floor

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School
10:30am Chancel Choir warmup · 105
11:00am Worship · Sanctuary

Monday

6:00pm Recovery Resources TN · TPC

Tuesday

8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC
10:30am Intercessory Prayer Group · 104

Wednesday

3:30pm Worship Planning · 103
5:30pm Dinner · FH
6:15pm Kids' Choir · B05
6:15pm Youth · 205
6:30pm Bible Study · FH
6:30pm Kids' SPLASH · B08
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal · Sanctuary

Twelve Step Groups at the Prospect Center

These are all open meetings and for men and women unless otherwise specified.

Alcoholics Anonymous 2:00pm every day
Alcoholics Anonymous 9:30am and 7:00pm Sundays
Alcoholics Anonymous (Women)... 6:30pm Wednesdays
Al-Anon 4:00pm Sundays
Drug Addicts Anonymous 8:30pm Fridays
Narcotics Anonymous 12:00pm Thursdays
Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm Saturdays

Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. If you'd like to learn more about Mafair, please fill out a green information sheet from the pew rack.

Need a cough drop, water, or help of any kind during worship? Please ask an usher.

Worshiping with children? You're welcome to keep them with you or use our nursery for infants through age 3. We also have quiet activities available at the sanctuary entrance.

Children are invited to the front for a brief message, followed by Kids' Church.

Nursery: Infants through age 3, located downstairs in Room B03.

Kids' Church: For children ages 3–7, held downstairs in the Lower Elementary classroom (Room B07). At the end of the service, parents pick up their children from Kids' Church.

Hearing Assistance: Hearing-assisted devices are available at the sanctuary entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Mafair Staff

Pastor Tim Robinson
Director of Student Ministries Annie Coleman
Director of Children's Ministries Susan Jenkins
Nursery Attendant Piper Benton
Interim Music Director Phillip Stover
Pianist Glenda Gray
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First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026



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