

"New Direction" Center Grove UMC

1st Sunday in Lent

17 February 2013

Liturgical Color: Purple

Rev. Alan Thompson

"Small church...big hearts for serving the Lord and our neighbor in love...transforming the world."

Gathering
Call to Worship *
Prayer of Illumination
Praise Song *
Liturgy
Silent Meditation & Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Traditional Hymn
Children's Word
Giving of First Fruits
Scripture Reading: Romans 8: 38-39 (Common English Bible)
Sermon: "Suicide...The Silent Tragedy"
Invitation to Respond
Praise Song *
Benediction
Postlude: #672 God Be With You Til We Meet Again

Stand as you feel led to do so

*CCLI: 11125485

Lenten Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday Service 3/24 Holy Thursday Service (SPUMC) 3/28 7pm
Good Friday Prayer Vigil 3/29 Easter Sunrise Service (SPUMC) 3/31 7:11 am
Flowering of Cross Easter Service (SPUMC) 3/31

¶ 161 N) *Suicide*—We believe that suicide is not the way a human life should end. Often suicide is the result of untreated depression, or untreated pain and suffering. The church has an obligation to see that all persons have access to needed pastoral and medical care and therapy in those circumstances that lead to loss of self-worth, suicidal despair, and/or the desire to seek physician-assisted suicide. We encourage the church to provide education to address the biblical, theological, social, and ethical issues related to death and dying, including suicide. United Methodist theological seminary courses should also focus on issues of death and dying, including suicide. A Christian perspective on suicide begins with an affirmation of faith that nothing, including suicide, separates us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39). Therefore, we deplore the condemnation of people who complete suicide, and we consider unjust the stigma that so often falls on surviving family and friends. We encourage pastors and faith communities to address this issue through preaching and teaching. We urge pastors and faith communities to provide pastoral care to those at risk, survivors, and their families, and to those families who have lost loved ones to suicide, seeking always to remove the oppressive stigma around suicide. The Church opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia.

"New Direction"

- Attendance 2/10/13: 4
- "Hard Topics" Sermon Series during the Lenten Season 2/17/13-3/24/13
- Gideon Service 2/24/13: Speaker Stephen Montague
- Pastor will be away at Course of Study on Fridays/Saturdays in March
- Mission Opportunities
 - Pine Bluff Food Pantry – seeking donations and volunteers
 - CCM – seeking volunteers
 - Stop Hunger Now (collecting spare change for this mission)
 - Basic Disaster Response Training 4/13/13 Mathews UMC 9am-5pm
 - One Great Hour of Sharing 3/10/13
- Holy Conferencing:
 - Worship Planning TBD
 - Council Meeting
 - Lay Speaker Training April 6 & 7 @ Epworth UMC
- Invite others to experience "New Direction" at Center Grove UMC

Prayer List

Local Church: Helen Shinn, Angel Thompson, Polly Meehan, Laura Leigh, Rosalyn Greene, Susan Williams, Elizabeth Widenhouse, Martha Hartsell(rehab), Bob Krimminger, Kathy Cranford, Wanda Krimminger, Jerry Walter, Ellen Cline, Penny Jordan, Myra Thompson, Bob McClain, Don Cassese

Community: Kate Fincher, Matthew Wallace, Jonathan Sapp, Mary Helms, Military troops, World leaders Tammy Smith, Vicky Allman, Cindy Wise, *(in an effort to keep our prayer focused on particular needs, please provide updates on conditions when available as well as those that need to be added to our prayer program along with those to be removed) ****

Upcoming Birthdays, Special Events, & Anniversaries

Kelsie Blovsky 2/7

Sermon Series: "Hard Topics in Christianity." 2/17-Suicide, 3/3-Homosexuality, 3/10-Abortion, 3/17-Immigration, 3/24-Addictions, 4/7-Poverty, 4/14-Violence

Pastor Contact Information: Alan Thompson, 704/791-2907, amt6973@gmail.com or athompson@wnccumc.net

