

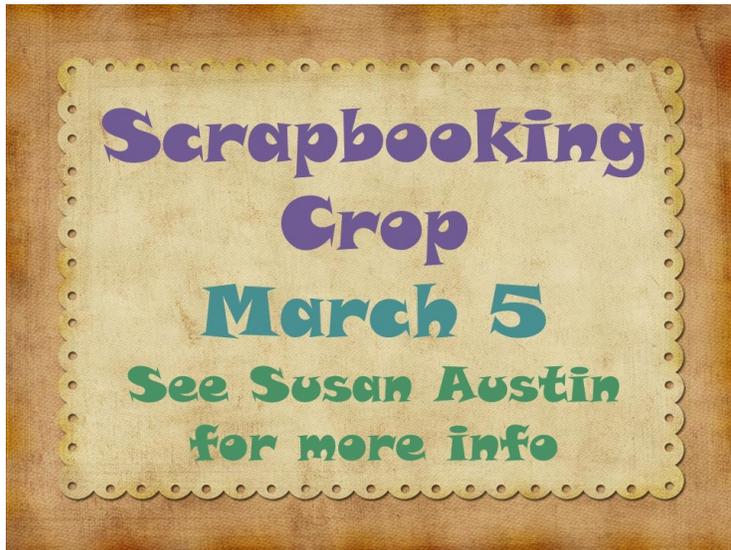


BASCOMB NEWS

MARCH 2, 2022



Wednesday, March 2, 2022
7:00pm in the sanctuary



**Scrapbooking
Crop
March 5
See Susan Austin
for more info**



**Church Indoor Cleaning
Saturday, March 19
9am — 12pm**

SPRAY IT

DON'T

JUST SAY IT!

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

March 6 — 1st Sunday in Lent
Sermon Title: "Spray It, Don't Just Say It"
Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

I'm back in Jr. High School remembering that phrase "Say it, don't spray it." We heard this little rhyme anytime one of us got too close or got too excited. Do you see what I did (spray it, don't just say it) I flipped the phrase to emphasize action over words! I don't know why that silly phrase came to me and I don't advocate spraying your words, but "Actions Speak Louder Than Words!" We say a lot of things, but our actions betray our true heart

This Sunday is the first Sunday in LENT. The Temptation of Jesus is always addressed on this 1st Sunday in Lent, but the text I chose is a look to the future from the past of Jewish faith. This ritual was reenacted every Pentecost as an offering to God for bringing them out of the wilderness. So, let's tie the faithfulness of Jesus to resist temptation with this act of faithful devotion to God described in Deut. 26. For us to keep doing this we must ACT in faith. We are still in the wilderness struggling with temptation just like Jesus in the gospel lesson for this Sunday.

Prayer Pyramid

Here, at Bascomb United Methodist Church, we are blessed to have a very active Prayer Ministry. One part of that is our Prayer Pyramid. It was established by the Reverend Jane Allen. The church is not merely a roster of individuals who pray privately, it is a congregation that ought to pray together. Based on that, Jane reached out to the Sunday school teachers, committee heads, and group leaders. They agreed to receive the initial prayer request and pass that along to their respective class/group.

It began in 2019. Little did anyone know that soon the church doors would close due to Covid. God had already made a way for us to still share in our prayer concerns for and with one another. Thanks be to God!

Fast forward to 2022, our Prayer Pyramid continues to grow — reaching more people than ever. Reverend Jane decided to step down as our contact person, though she remains a vital part of our Prayer Ministry.

Here's where I came in. My name is Susan Croft. I discovered Bascomb about three years ago and I knew instantly I was home. With the help of Jane Allen and Dennis York, I have been maintaining our Prayer Pyramid for the past few months. With their support, we hope to continue growing our Prayer Ministry.

If you do not know how it works, allow me to share with you. If you have a prayer concern and you would like to share it and have us pray for your concern, please contact me at 678-772-5106. I will then send it to the Prayer Pyramid group leaders, who in turn, will share it with their respective group.

Examples:

1. Please pray for my brother Nick. He will have a medical procedure on Tuesday.
2. Please offer a prayer for Lucinda, our church historian, who has been suffering with migraines for years and will be having experimental treatments weekly for the next month.

It is important for us to have your contact information. Please include it with your prayer request. That helps us in many ways. There's nothing better than hearing how our prayers work, so we do try to do follow-ups. We also include death and birth announcements.

It is our goal to get your request out quickly and accurately. If ever you forward a request to me and

you haven't seen or heard a response within a reasonable amount of time, please try me again or reach out to Dennis York at 404-838-7722.

If you aren't already on our list of recipients, and would like to be, please let me know and we will get you connected.

Charles Finney said "Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer."

Thank you for allowing me to serve you with this opportunity. God hears our prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Susan Croft

The UMW Lenten Calendar is available in the Narthex.

