United Parish 801 Main, Box 175 Bottineau, ND 58318 Facebook We are on the web www.unitedparishbottineau.com **Newsletter News:** Send unitedparishbottineau@gmail.com **Deadline for February is January 24th** Church office - 228-2800 Secretary - 228-8123 Pastor's cell 605-870-1453 Please let the church know if you have a e-mail address **Pastor Hours are** Monday-8:30-12, 1-4:30 Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-12, Afternoon visitations Wednesday-8:30 -12 Fridays off

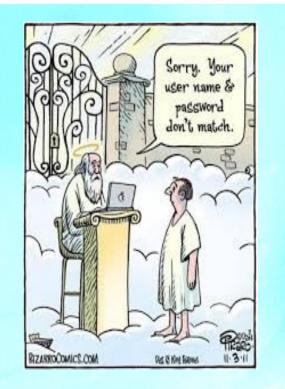
Special Offering Sunday, March 20th

Special Offering will be taken on March 20, 2022 to be divided between the United Methodist and Presbyterian (PCUSA) congregations. Instead of having an special offering every Sunday theses special ones will be taken twice a year. Once now and in the fall.

United Methodist:	Presbyterian (PCUSA)
Human Relations Day	One Great Hour of Sharing
MCOR	Peace & Global Witness
Native American Ministri	ies Christmas Joy
Peace with Justice	Pentecost Offering

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Several went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."





The word "Lent" is derived from an old English word for spring. It may be associated also with "lengthening" of days at this time of year. Presbyterian Worship Questions and Answers defines Lent this way:

"Lent is a season of repentance, reconciliation, and spiritual renewal in preparation for the church's annual proclamation and celebration of

the dying and rising of Jesus Christ. It spans the time between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday and includes forty days plus six Sundays." Sundays are not counted among the forty days of the Lenten season because every Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection on the first day of the week.

Joyously this Lent the United Parish is returning to our traditional way of remembering Lent—with a simple meal and a time of devotion each Wednesday during Lent. We begin this Wednesday which is Ash Wednesday. We will share a meal and have a time of worship in which we will listen to a message on the Lord's Prayer followed by the imposition of ashes. We will eat at 5:30 and conclude by 6:30. Everyone is not only welcome but also invited to bring a friend(s).

The Wednesday night Lenten study will be on the Lord's Prayer presented by Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. His 6-part video exploration of the Lord's Prayer will be a "refresher" course for this most important prayer in all Christendom. As Hamilton says, "It is the Lord's prayer—the prayer he taught us to pray.

I encourage everyone to attend. The study will be informative, the fellowship affirming and the United Parish has some of the best cooks in the land! See you Wednesday nights.

Author Unknown

A college student was in a philosophy class which had a discussion about God's existence. The professor presented the following logic:

"Has anyone in this class heard God?" Nobody spoke.

"Has anyone in this class touched God?" Again, nobody spoke.

"Has anyone in this class seen God?" When nobody spoke for the third time, he simply stated, "Then there is no God."

One Christian student thought for a second, and then asked for permission to reply. Curious to hear this bold student's response, the professor granted it, and the student stood up and asked the following questions of his classmates:

"Has anyone in this class heard our professor's brain?"

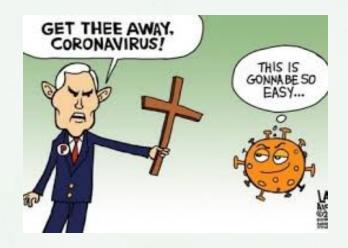
Silence.

"Has anyone in this class touched our professor's brain?"

Absolute silence.

"Has anyone in this class seen our professor's brain?"

When nobody in the class dared to speak, the student concluded, "Then, according to our professor's logic, it must be true that our professor has no brain!" The student sat back down. He received an A+ in the class.



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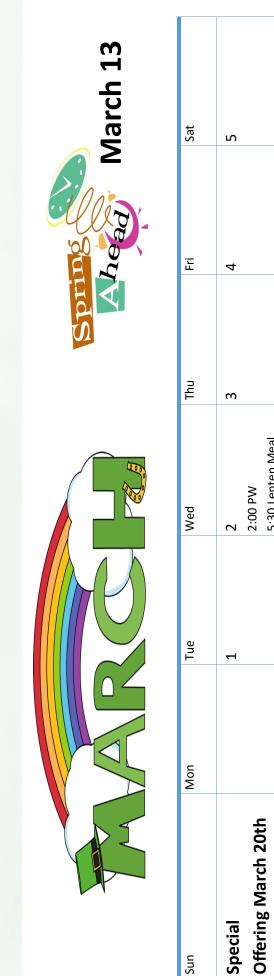


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Thank You

Thank all of you for all phone calls, visits, goodies and cards. It was very much appreciated. Thanks again. I am doing better each d ay. Just takes time,

Mary Lou



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