

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You can better understand the 23 Psalm when you are acquainted with the Shepherd.

### PSALM 23

The Lord is my Shepherd...THAT'S RELATIONSHIP!

I shall not want...THAT'S SUPPLY!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures...THAT'S REST!

He leadeth me beside still waters...THAT'S REFRESHMENT!

He restoreth my soul...THAT'S HEALING!

He leadeth me in the path of righteousness... THAT'S GUIDANCE!

For His namesake...THAT'S PURPOSE

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...THAT'S CHALLENGE!

I will fear no evil...THAT'S ASSURANCE!

For thou art with me...THAT'S FAITHFULNESS!

Thy rod and thy staff shall comfort me...THAT'S SHELTER!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies...THAT'S HOPE!

Thou anointest my head with oil...THAT'S CONSECRATION!

My cup runneth over...THAT'S ABUNDANCE!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the day of my life...THAT'S BLESSING!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord...THAT'S SECURITY!

Forever...THAT'S ETERNITY!!

*March 2015*

# Tidings

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## **Season of Lent**

**From the Desk of Pastor Lyons.....**

*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, which means "spring". The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The first Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easter, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.*

*We invite you to join us for our upcoming services during this Lenten Season:*

**Holy Thursday:** *April 2, 7 pm, a service of Holy Communion commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus.*

**Good Friday:** *April 3, 7 pm, a service of darkness, centering on the last words of Christ.*

**Easter Sunday:** *April 5, 9:45 Sunday School, devotional and decorating the Cross.*

**Easter Worship:** *Sunday, April 5, 11 am*

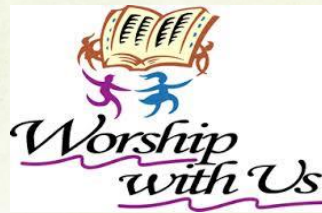
## FOOD PANTRY DATES:



### 2015 Dates

**March 7**  
**March 21**  
**April 4 and 18**  
**May 2 and 16**  
**June 6 and 20**  
**July 11 and 25**  
**August 8 and 22**  
**September 5 and 19**  
**October 3 and 17**  
**November 7 and 21**  
**December 5 and 19**

Donations for the Food Pantry is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25.



*"A Church for Everyone"*

### Our Partners

The Fugee Academy  
Friends of Refugees  
Proskuneo Academy  
Clarkston Community Center  
AA (Meetings)  
Burundi's Burmese  
Karen Group  
Zo Church  
Mara Church  
Partners For Care Kenya  
Girl Scouts of America  
Community Food Pantry

## COMMUNITY YARDSALE AND HEALTH FAIR!

**WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2015**

**TIME: 8 AM – 2 PM**

**WHERE: Clarkston UMC**

**Vendors are welcome!**

**Spaces are \$20**

**Call the church office for more information!**

# Meet Our Newest Members



Pastor Kuri, his wife Eshraja, son Nathan & daughter, Najdan Turi, are the newest members of the body of Christ here at Clarkston UMC. As you see them around be sure to welcome them with open arms and let them know how happy and blessed we are that they have chosen Clarkston UMC as their church home! We welcome you Pastor Kuri, Eshraja, Nathan & Najdan Turi!



Please join us in the Narthex before and after service for donuts and coffee courtesy of the Clarkston United Methodist Men. Also the Men's Fellowship takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on March 10, 2015 at 11:30 am. For more information or to RSVP contact Steve Parrett at (404) 368-5169.



***Ebb & Kitty Evans***

***Warren Franklin***

***Carol Hill***

***Beverly Jeffries***

***Dudley McGarity***

***Snowdell Morris***

***Harry & Jobeth Yarbrough***