

Planning for Worship & Church Wide Programs January / February / March 2018

January – March 2018 A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members-leaders/programs-and-events/program-book/developing-leaders-call-to-prayer-2018>

January 2018

- **January 1**, New Year's Day
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/new-years-day-2018>
- **January 7**, Epiphany Sunday
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/epiphany-of-the-lord-2018>
- **January 7**, Baptism of the Lord
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/lectionary-calendar/baptism-of-the-lord-first-sunday-after-the-epiphany>
- **January 11**, Human Trafficking Awareness Day
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/human-trafficking-awareness-day-2018>
- **January 14**, Human Relations Day
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/human-relations-day-2018>
<http://www.umcgiving.org/resource-articles/human-relations-day-pastor-and-leaders-kit>
- **January 15**, The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/the-rev-martin-luther-king-jr-day-2018>
- **January 18-25**, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
See "*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*" Flyer in this issue of *The Window*
- **January 21**, Ecumenical Sunday (*Look at left column on this page for resources*)
http://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/theme_announcement_2017.html

February 2018 Black History Month

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/black-history-month-february-2018>

- **February 11**, Transfiguration of the Lord
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/transfiguration-sunday-2018>
- **February 11**, Scouting Ministries Sunday
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/scouting-sunday>
<http://www.umcom.org/learn/scouting-another-church-door>
- **February 14**, Ash Wednesday
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/ash-wednesday-2018>
- **February 19**, President's Day
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/presidents-day-2018>

LENT February 18-March 25

Cokesbury Lenten Resource Comparison Chart (*Link goes to catalog, you'll need to click to page 8-9*)

<http://issuu.com/cokesbury/docs/lent2018catalog?e=8062791/53894535>

- **February 18**, First Sunday in Lent
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/first-sunday-in-lent-2018>
- **February 25**, Second Sunday in Lent
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/second-sunday-in-lent-2018>

- **March 4**, Third Sunday in Lent
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/third-sunday-in-lent-2018>
- **March 11**, Fourth Sunday in Lent
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/fourth-sunday-in-lent-2018>
- **March 18**, Fifth Sunday in Lent
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/fifth-sunday-in-lent-2018>
- **March 25**, Sixth Sunday in Lent
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/passion-palm-sunday-2018>

March 2018 Women's History Month

<http://www.gcsrw.org/MonitoringHistory/WomeninUMCHistory.aspx>

<http://www.gcsrw.org/Resources/WorshipResources/LentWomensHistoryMonth.aspx>

- **March 2**, World Day of Prayer
<http://www.wdp-usa.org/>
- **March 4, 11, 18, 25**, Sundays in Lent (*See special Lent section listed above*)
- **March 11**, UMCOR Sunday
<http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing>
<http://www.umcgiving.org/resource-articles/umcor-sunday-pastor-and-leaders-kit>
- **March 11**, Alternate Scouting Ministries Sunday
<http://www.umcom.org/learn/scouting-another-church-door>
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/scouting-sunday>

HOLY WEEK *March 25-31*

- **March 25**, Passion/Palm Sunday
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/passion-palm-sunday-2018>
- **March 29**, Holy Thursday
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/maundy-holy-thursday-2018>
- **March 30**, Good Friday
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/good-friday-2018>
- **March 31**, Holy Saturday/Easter Eve
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/holy-saturday-2018>

BONUS PLANNING RESOURCES

GIVING

Special Sundays

<http://www.umcgiving.org/how-we-give#sundays>

Preaching about Giving; Questions about Giving; Resourcing Your Church for Giving; Mission Moments

<http://www.umcgiving.org/pastors>

Together, We Do More Pastor and Leaders Kit

<http://www.umcgiving.org/downloads/together-we-do-more-pastor-and-leaders-kit>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HANDBOOK

Therefore, go

http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_UMCGiving/resource-files/UMCHandbook-WEB-FINAL.pdf