

THOUGHTS FROM THE ROCKING CHAIR:

As we begin the month of March, I am often reminded of the saying: "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Of course, this saying is reminding us of the weather during this particular time of year. However, the month of March is the period of time that the church observes Lent, which leads to Easter!

On Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, many Christians the world over observe a period of forty days before Easter known as Lent. This is a time for personal contemplation, reflection, and preparation of the soul in order to fully appreciate and understand the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the gracious gift of salvation from God. The custom of fasting during this time is a physical denial that focuses the soul and mind. Just as Jesus went into the wilderness and fasted for forty days to prepare for His ministry, so do many Christians follow His example.

*We here at **Port Royal United Methodist Church** invite anyone who will come to join us on **Sunday morning at 11 AM for worship service**. As we journey through this Lenten season, we would love to have you join us as we study God's Word and seek His guidance for the days ahead. The Lenten season is intended as a time to focus on deepening our understanding of Christian living as we approach the joyous celebration of the resurrection of our Lord with special disciplines such as fasting, worship, service and study.*

*Our motto here at Port Royal UMC is "**small enough to know you—large enough to love you.**" These are not just words—they are actions put into place anytime our doors open!*

Looking forward to seeing you soon---

In His Service,

Pastor Ann