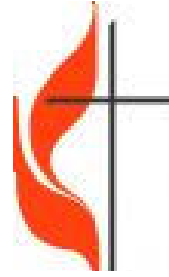


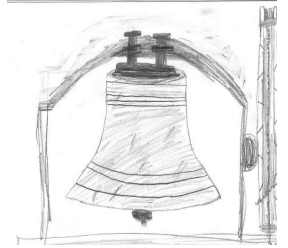
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Nickum; Lucille Hedges; Jay Holtzhouser; Ellie
Guyer

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Shirley Treadway at gwtsea@hotmail.com, so that request can be shared with the prayer chain.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

During the month of March, youth ministry participants will be selling Butter Braids and other items to help raise money for this summer's mission trip. Students will be asking you to consider making a purchase, which will be delivered before Easter.

Thanks for your support of FUMC youth ministry and this summer's mission trip!

LENT AT FIRST UMC

The season of Lent has already started at First UMC with our Ash Wednesday worship service. Our Lenten study class on Sunday nights has also begun. Here are few more dates for your calendar:

Sunday, March 29: The youth will lead us in worship for Palm Sunday in Asbury Hall.

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 pm. This service will be at Otterbein UMC. Pastor Jay will be preaching. The service will include footwashing and communion. A choir for that service will have rehearsal at Otterbein that day at 6:15 pm.

Sunday, April 5: With building progress on schedule, our first worship service in the new sanctuary will be on Easter Sunday at 9:00 am. It will feature music by the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir. Following worship, there will be a light brunch available and an Easter egg hunt for children. Sign-ups for brunch will be available mid-March.

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

Blessed Lent, everyone! As you're receiving this newsletter, we have been in the season of Lent for just over a week. In the church's tradition, Lent is a time of repentance and introspection. We examine ourselves during this time, and make adjustments to our lives so that we are more centered on God.

Often associated with Lent is the practice of giving up something. People often give up things like caffeine, meat, chocolate, television, or Facebook. The point of these fasts is not to lose weight or to free your time, but to focus on God.

More recently, rather than giving something up, some Christians have focused on taking something on during Lent. Perhaps it's being in a short-term Bible study, visiting a nursing home on a regular basis, serving at the food pantry, or singing in the choir. Again, whatever the practice, the point is to bring you to God.

What might you give up this Lent? What might you take on in this season? What will you do to focus your life and grow closer to God through Jesus Christ?

I will see you in worship!



Grace and peace,



Thanks so much for all of the toiletries you have brought over the past few months. We've come very close to our goals of having 90 containers of soap, shampoo, combs/brushes, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

For March, we're asking you to bring one box of yellow #2 pencils. Please do not purchase Dixon brand! You can place your donations in the "Just One" box next to the coat rack. Thanks for your support!

2nd Wednesday Dinner

Our second Wednesday dinner is March 11 at 5:30 pm.

This month, we'll have a carry-in, so bring your best dishes for everyone to sample potluck-style!

Also, just a word of thanks to everyone who supported the youth mission trip fundraiser at February's second Wednesday dinner. We profited over \$700 toward the mission trip!

Committee News

The Outreach Committee is proud to announce that the Spread the Word program has reached its first milestone. As a church, we have now given out over 100 Sports Bibles and 25 songbooks to students in the Robinson area. In addition to the RHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes, we also now supply Sports Bibles to the Lincoln Trail College FCA. When students are off on their own, in a new town, with temptation and pressure all around, it is our hope that the Sports Bible will provide guidance, inspiration, comfort, and answers to all of life's questions within its pages. Spread the Word is an ongoing project and donations will help ensure next year's students are supplied with Sports Bibles.

Save the date: the Lay Leadership committee will be hosting a series of spiritual gifts workshops in April. You can attend a workshop on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00am-noon, or on Sunday, April 12 from 1:00-4:00 pm. These sessions will include Bible study, spiritual gifts inventories, and ways to use your gifts for ministry. Sign-ups will begin mid-March and continue until April 1, so that materials may be ordered. There is no cost to participate!

Opportunities to Learn, Grow, and Heal

First UMC is hosting a grief support group during the month of March. Dawn Macke, a bereavement counselor from Lincolnland Hospice (Sarah Bush Lincon) will be on site each Friday from 10:00-11:30 am to facilitate "Journaling with Grief." If you've lost a loved one recently, you will definitely benefit from this practice. If you have questions, you can contact Dawn at 1-800-454-4055.

Otterbein UMC is hosting DivorceCare at their facility on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. If you are interested, you can contact the church at 618-544-7617.

Either of these groups may not be helpful to you, but you are welcome to share this information with other who might benefit.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Don Bailey.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Myrna F. (Johnson) Garrard.

We extend our sympathy to Charley and Janet Clark upon his brother Lyle's death.



Nursery Volunteers

Nursery Help

3/1 – Michele Elliott
3/8 – Shannon Goebel
3/15 – Sandy Anderson
3/22 – Shirley Treadway
3/29 – Phuong Quick

Children's Church

3/1 – Erica List
3/8 – Kurtis Goebel
3/15 – Gary Oxford
3/22 – VOLUNTEER NEEDED
3/29 – VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Thank you for your service!

UMYF

United Methodist Youth Fellowship will only have one event in March, due to the ski trip on February 28. Information about the ski trip is in the weekly e-news.

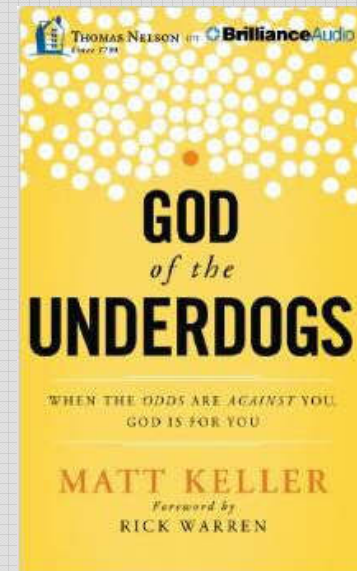
We will be meeting on March 15 at 6:30 pm for a movie night here at the church. Snacks will be provided, and we should be done watching the movie by 8:30 pm. Please let Pastor Jay know your suggestions for movies.

If we can gain enough interest, UMYF will have a progressive dinner on Easter Sunday. We are looking for host homes for appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Please contact the office if you can help.

FUMC Library

The Church Library would like to highlight its March addition. God of the Underdogs: When the Odds Are Against You, God Is For You is an audio book in CD form for those who want some inspiration on the go.

Chapter 1: David - I'm Not Qualified Enough
Chapter 2: Paul - My Past is Too Bad
Chapter 3: Jacob - My Reputation is Too Scarred
Chapter 4: John - My Dream is Too Radical
Chapter 5: Jesus - No one Recognizes My Potential
Chapter 6: Mephibosheth - I'm Not Connected to the Right People
Chapter 7: Gideon - My Resources are Too Scarce
Chapter 8: Esther - My Chances are Too Slim
Chapter 9: Moses - I'm Insecure



March Birthdays

3/1 Pat McMillan
 3/2 Beverly Harness
 3/4 Stephanie Correll
 Patty Lycan,
 Allison McGahey
 3/5 Joe Cooper
 3/7 Susan Rodgers
 3/8 Beth Johnson
 3/10 Marcia Schmidlin
 Chad Veenstra
 Edy Treadway
 3/11 Bernice Kibler
 3/12 Lane Utterback
 3/13 Bill Damron
 3/15 Thelma Gifford
 3/19 Dorothy Fasig
 3/22 Jonathon Murray
 Jerry Lee Crozier Jr.
 3/23 David Correll, Joann Stram
 Julie Thomas
 3/25 Nathan Devonshire
 Barbara Bell
 3/28 Erin Thompson
 3/29 Betty Thompson, Nina Davis
 3/30 Mark Correll, Tammy Jones

March Anniversaries

3/23 Charles & Nancy Young



Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,
 Please convey our thanks and appreciation to those who give to the ministry of the Clothing Center. Except for faithful giving from so many we would never have been able to help thousands of needs these past 48 years.
 Thank you!

Sincerely,
 Ron McCord
 Board Secretary

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