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PHONE IN WORSHIP

Sunday Worship occurs every Sunday from 10:15 to 11:45 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I am so very ready for spring! The longer, warmer days has seemed at times this winter to be a far-off fantasy! When we had days in which temperatures reached near 50 degrees, and yet all of the snow and ice would not melt away, winter seemed to be eternal. I love watching the changes in the trees each spring; they begin so very barren and slowly begin to bud and come back to life. It holds for me the promise of resurrection – as though my eyes and the world around me experiences resurrection in real time! For the last few years, I've looked at the trees on the church property in the spring and prayed they would come back to life. Usually a few branches would sprout leaves, but mostly they remained barren. I was sad initially when I pulled up and saw that they had finally been removed. Then I realized how much more open the front of the church appeared. Removing the lifeless trees revealed a new space for life to grow!

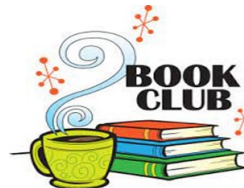
Can we use that image as we enter into Lent? As we prepare our hearts and minds for the observance of Christ's

death and resurrection, are we able to take note of the lifeless places in and around us and remove the deadwood that light and life might reach new places, or places that have remained hidden for years? What do you have in and around you that is not life giving? If you remove it, what might grow in its place?

Our Lenten series this year is entitled, *Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith*. The liturgical season of Lent developed over the centuries as a time of deepened reflection. Originally a period of preparation for baptisms on Easter Eve, it later became a time for all Christians to take stock of their lives and examine how the connection to their faith was progressing—or not—and to recommit to a life of goodness. This year we will indeed open up and take stock. But rather than feel guilty (a popular Lenten pastime) about what we haven't accomplished in our lives and faith, we will spend some time questioning how our culture's obsession with achievement and perfection actually keeps us from the true depths of life and faith.

- Lent 1 *Ordinary lives can be holy.*
Luke 4:1-13
- Lent 2 *So much is out of our control.*
Luke 13:31-35
- Lent 3 *Lots of things can be medicine.*
Luke 13:1-9
- Lent 4 *We often believe we are the problem.*
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- Lent 5 *We are fragile.*
John 12:1-8
- Lent 6 *You are a group project.*
Luke 19:28-40
Palm Sunday
- Holy Week *Even today, God is here and somehow, that is good enough.*
- Easter *A Good Enough Faith*
John 20:1-18

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN READING PROGRAM



We are ready to begin our 2022 UMW Book Club! We have chosen the books that meet the program requirements of our mission emphases. Below are the book titles, authors, and meeting dates. The times of the meetings will vary and will be announced as we approach that date.

The Moment of Lift, by Melinda Gates. *Mission Emphasis: Leadership Development*. We will meet on Monday, April 25, 2022. Time and location TBA.

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. *Mission Emphasis: Nurturing for Community*. We will meet on Monday, June 27, 2022. Time and location TBA.

Girl Gone Missing by Marcie R. Rendon. *Mission Emphasis: Social Action*. We will meet on Monday, August 29, 2022. Time and location TBA.

READER'S CHOICE – *Mission Emphasis: Spiritual Growth*. We will meet on Monday, October 24, 2022. Time and location TBA.

THE SOUND MINISTRY TEAM WANTS YOU!

How would you like to be part of the Sound Ministry Team? You don't have to be a technical wizard! Barb Wolfe and Larisa Harper want to develop a team of workers who can help run the sound system, advance the Power Point slides, monitor the cameras, WebEx and Facebook streaming. We will train and guide you along the way. If we can do it, you can do it! No age or skill set requirement necessary, however, if you are a young person with computer skills, we'd love to have you on our team! Think about it, pray about it and let Barb or Larisa know. We are in the back of the sanctuary, every Sunday waiting to hear from you! Thank you in advance.

CHECK OUT THE UMW BOOKSHELF!

We have many books in the UMW bookshelf in the lounge for anyone who likes to read! You don't have to participate in the UMW book club to enjoy the books we have to offer. Please help yourself to any of the selections from the top row to the bottom row, plus the informative response magazine.



Have you borrowed a book in the past? Do you have a book that needs to be returned? There is no fine or penalty – just return it to the bookshelf so others can enjoy! Thank you.

BIRTHDAY'S

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| March 1—Dennis Cebulsky | March 16—Kyler Moore |
| March 3—Marianne Maxwell | March 17—Evan Wolfe |
| March 7—Juanita Mohler | March 23—Dee Clark |
| March 7—Susie Dunlap | March 25—JoAnne Peadon |
| March 8—Keith Wolfe | March 29—Roberta Covert |
| March 9—Gary Graham | |
| March 11—Beth Dougherty | |
| March 11—Amanda Dunlap | |
| March 11—Megan Dunlap | |

ANNIVERSARY

March 21—Keith & Barb Wolfe

FEBRUARY LITURGISTS & GREETERS

| Date | Liturgist | Greeters |
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| Mar. 6 | Roberta Covert | Don & Roberta Covert & Susie Dunlap |
| Mar. 13 | Barb Tignor | Chris & Heather DeGarmo |
| Mar. 20 | Nick Howard | Mark & Thea Crawmer & Vickie Finlay |
| Mar. 27 | Teresa Felton | Pat & Floyd Tolle |

I am so pleased to be utilizing the devotional book, *Good Enough: 40'ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*, as the basis for our worship this Lent. "Written gently and with humor, *Good Enough* is permission for all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix - and some things you can't. And it's okay that life isn't always better. In these gorgeously written reflections, Bowler and Richie offer fresh imagination for how truth, beauty, and meaning can be discovered amid the chaos of life. Their words celebrate kindness, honesty, and interdependence in a culture that rewards ruthless individualism and blind optimism. Ultimately, in these chapters we can rest in the encouragement to strive for what is possible today - while recognizing that though we are finite, the life in front of us can be beautiful." (Taken from promotional material.) Please join us Wednesdays at 1pm in the chapel to discuss our reading from this book. Please contact Pastor Joy or the office if you would like a copy of the book to read on your own or a copy of the accompanying reflection guide. There is also a Lenten devotional book available in the entryway to the church if that would be a better fit for your faith journey at this time.

From our worship series:

A Blessing for a Joyfully Mediocre Journey

*"Blessed are you who realize there is simply not enough—
time, money, resources.
Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort
is the secret to perfection.
It's not. And you know that now.
Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even
now, even today,
God is here, and somehow, that is good enough."*

See you Sunday,
Pastor Joy

EVENTIDE CIRCLE

Eventide Circle will meet on March 3rd. A Call to Prayer and Self Denial 2022, Justice and Service: Answering the Call
Devotions: Marilyn Inman
Response Moment: Barb Tignor
Hostesses: Betty Miller and Janice Moore

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:30 pm, Tues. March 15, 2022.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Gracious, merciful, and loving God. We ought to look to you in every condition of life. But we most certainly seek your heart, your direction, and your will in this hour of crisis. Once again, we your children find ourselves shaken by our fears, insecurities, and anxieties as we watch war unfolding in Ukraine. Receive our prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia. We pray for the leaders of state in those countries, Europe, and the world that they will give themselves whole heartedly to negotiation and diplomacy as the best path to peace. We confess that all too often we give in to the impulses of aggression, violence, greed, and hatred rather than pursuing the work of peace making, peace building and peace keeping. Quicken all of our hearts to the truth of the Gospel that we are loved by you with an everlasting love and that there is enough for all people to flourish. Abiding in that love may we find the peace that "surpasses knowledge." We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen.

-Gregory V. Palmer

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

BERNICE OSBORNE
BEV WOLFORD
BETH DOUGHERTY
BILL DOUGHERTY
DAVID INMAN
DENNIS CEBULSKY
DIANA BOHN FAMILY
DONALD WEST FAMILY
ELLEN KELTON
GLORIA DALRYMPLE FAMILY
HEIDI
HENRIETTA HURST FAMILY
JANE THORNE
JANICE MOORE
JIM BOETCHER FAMILY
JOANNE PEADON
JOHN TIGNOR FAMILY
KAREN NORMAN
KAREN WILSON
LAURA PECK

MARLENE FARLEY
MATT WEISER
STEVE DEGARMO
SUZANNE COLLINS
THEA & MARK CRAWMER
VERONICA
MEDICAL FAITH SHUT -IN:
KATHLEEN MCCUTCHEON

MEDICAL FAITH SHUT-INS:

Kathleen McCutcheon

WITH SYMPATHY

The family and friends of Michèle Encoignard who passed away February 6, 2022.

WINGS OF THE MORNING

In 1997, Gaston Ntambo began flying for an air ministry known as Wings of the Morning. This was based in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church began raising funds to go towards the purchase of a plane for Ntambo to use for medical flights for those critically injured with no way to get medical help. Many Zanesville churches were among those who gathered funds from offerings to help with the Wings of the Morning Ministry.

Ntambo is set to visit Zanesville on March 24, 2022 to see some of our local ministries and enjoy fellowship with some area churches.