

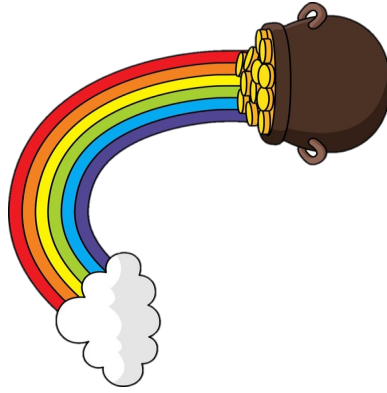
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**Faith United
Methodist Church
MARCH**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

As we enter Lent (the season of preparation for Easter), I pray that you have time to pause for reflection. Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent, offers this reading from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 6:

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

I would like to invite you to take a moment to contemplate the true "treasures" you have. What would be devastating to live without? Who are the people that grace our lives - miracles of presence? What are the purposes in our path that we would regret never doing? Consider making a list of whatever comes to your mind and heart.

Now, take a moment to list the things in your life that distract you, that steal time and energy from your attention to these treasures, to this love.

Holy and Forgiving God,
we pray to you, we cry out to you,
to intervene in us this season.

Help us create more attention to the places true love is found

in the treasures that are so abundant around us,
given by you.

We prepare our lives to be marked with the reminder
that we were made from dust, and to dust we shall return.
May we commit to the heart-opening journey ahead of us
as we prepare for Christ's crucifixion and resurrection
and consider that which gives life and all that contributes to
death.

We know you are with us.

The ashes of Ash Wednesday represent
the dust of dreams deferred
the ashes of burned bridges
the dust of worn-out, dead-end paths
the ashes of destroyed relationships
the dust of years of accumulated unfinished business
the ashes of neglected passions
we are marked by both love and sorrow
dreams and disappointment
fear of death, yet undying hope
we are wholly yours
we are yours, holy one
Amen.

I hope you will journey with us in worship each Sunday.

Pastor Joy

LENT SERMON SERIES-LOOKIN' FOR LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES

- Feb. 26 "Look for the Resistor"*Psalm 32,*
.....*Matthew 4:1-11*
- Mar. 5 "Look for the Helper"*Psalm 121,*
.....*John 3:1-17*
- Mar 12 "Look for the Thirst-Quencher"*Exodus 17:1-7,*
.....*John 4:13, 14*
- Mar. 19 "Look for the Shepherd"*Psalm 23,*
.....*John 9:1-41*
- Mar. 26 "Look for the Liberator"*Psalm 130,*
.....*John 11:1-45*
- Apr. 2 "Look for the Unexpected"*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29,*
.....*Matthew 21:1-11*
- Holy Week "Love Looks for Us"
- Apr. 16 "Love Wins"*Jeremiah 31:1-6,*
(Easter)*John 20:1-18*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Aggas Family	Karen Norman
Baby Christian & Family	Karen Wilson
Bernice Osborne	Laura Peck
Bev Wolford	Marilyn Inman
Betty Miller	Marlene Farley
Bradley Adams	Pastor Joy Wigal
Brenda Shepherd	Patty Pavlik
David Inman	Pear Bradford
Dennis Cebulsky	Ron Pyle Sr. Family
Dunn Family	Sarah Chapman & Family
Ed McAuley	Sandra Boyd
Ellen Kelton	Steve Inman
Fred Cubbison	Suzanne Collins
Jane Thorne	Terry Pickens
Janice Moore	Thea & Mark Crawmer
Jasmine	Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Jill Shrock	Vicky Wolfe
Jim Tignor	Zola Duncan & Family
JoAnne Peadon	Medical Faith Shut-in:
Juanita Mohler	Kathleen McCutcheon
Judy & Ron Jr.	*Peace for the World*
Karen Bay	



LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Board will meet 6:00 pm, March 21st



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



MARCH ANNIVERSARY

March 21—Keith & Barb Wolfe

MARCH LITURGISTS & GREETERS

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
Mar. 5	Mark	Don, Roberta & Susie
Mar. 12	Roberta	Chris & Heather
Mar. 19	Barb T.	Mark, Thea & Vickie
Mar. 26	Teresa F.	Floyd & Pat



UNITED METHODIST APPALACHIAN MINISTRY NETWORK

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- Hunger
- Homelessness
- Jobs
- Poverty
- Addiction
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- Clothing
- Liquid Nutrition
- Senior Citizen
- Meal Delivery
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- College Students
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- Summer Food Programs
- Shoes
- Beds
- Home Repairs
- Weekend Backpacks
- Food Pantries
- Human Trafficking

Ways to give:

- From your computer:
Give thru the Advance Special Appalachian Ministry Network Advance #982041
<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-630-appalachian-ministry-network.aspx>
- From your phone:
Download the Givelify app from your Apple or Android device:
<https://giv.li/getapp>
- By check:
Make checks payable to: United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network
Attn: Angela Bates, Executive Coordinator
301 North Fifth Street
Steubenville, OH 43952
- In person:
visit the McConnellsville, Ohio Weekly Lunch Day Program



EVENTIDE CIRCLE

The next Eventide meeting will be March 2, 2023 at 1:00 at the church. The Call to Prayer and Self Denial may still be turned in at this meeting.

Program: Thea Crawmer

Devotions: Marlene Farley

Response Moment: Betty Howard

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH READING PROGRAM



We are ready to start our second book of the year! You are welcome to join us as we discuss the book, **Fresh Expressions - A New kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church** by Kenneth H. Carter and Audrey Warren. We will meet Monday, April 17 at 6:00PM in the church lounge. See Barb Wolfe if you would like to borrow a book.

HEAD START

Please consider joining us in gathering donations of shelf stable food items to provide to Head Start families at our location.

A list of items can be found outside the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Amanda.



PHONE IN WORSHIP

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

Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Access code: 132 203 0362

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We have many opportunities to help our community such as volunteering to help with church movies, the basement sale, etc. Contact the church office if you would like more info!

CONSUMER CHURCH

Church is seen as a dispenser of religious goods and services. People come to church to be "fed", to have their needs met through quality programs, and to have the professionals teach their children about God.

I GO TO CHURCH

MISSIONAL CHURCH

A body of people sent on mission who gather in community for worship, community encouragement and teaching from the Word in addition to what they are self-feeding themselves throughout the week.

I AM THE CHURCH

IS DIFFERENT FROM

