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*“Working, playing, and praying together
in our faith journeys to share Jesus Christ
with one another, our community, and the world.”*



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 6 ~ 10:30-12:15



Sausage Gravy and Biscuits, Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, Grits, Fruit, Toast

Sponsored by Relay for Life ~ Cost is by Donation

GRIEF SHARE

Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM

GriefShare is a support group to help people grieving the death of a loved one, no matter how recent or how long ago your loss. Each lesson is designed as a “stand-alone” session, so if you miss one, you don’t have to catch up.

(Every Monday through May 16 except for Feb. 28)



ASH WEDNESDAY Worship Service March 9, 2011

Please join us for the 6:00 PM worship service
where Ashes will be administered.



MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

~ United Methodist Community Center—Warren Site ~



The programs at the Warren UMCC promote educational goals, self-esteem, good character, and positive social relationships. The FunFit Center offers yoga, karate, and open gym time. The Community Center partners with the Warren Family Court to provide a Truancy Intervention Program.

(Mark your offering envelope: Fund #44)

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UPDATE ON MISSION OF THE MONTH OFFERINGS

We received \$89 toward the \$150 needed for the Way Station in January.
We received \$200 towards the \$300 needed for the Scouts in February.

We’d like to thank everyone for your continued support of our missions.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We find them in hotel rooms and hospital rooms. People place their hand upon it when they take an oath. People distribute them to those who do not have them—oftentimes at the cost of their lives, as was the case this past month when a group was attacked and killed by pirates.

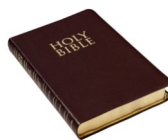
Today, there are a variety of versions of the Bible. There are study Bibles with extensive notes and cross- references. There are easy to read versions, which attempt to translate the words of the Bible in ways that are suitable to modern readers. There are Bibles that are of various languages for various cultures.

With so many versions, we are blessed with a variety of choices—The Jerusalem Bible, the New American Standard Bible, the Revised Standard Version, the New International Version, the New Revised Standard Version—and the list goes on.

In the midst of all of these versions, one version that preceded them all was the King James Bible. There were other translations of the Bible that were available before the King James Version. But in 1604 work was begun under King James I to work on a translation of the Bible that would reflect the best of Biblical scholarship. This work was completed in 1611.

It is not the most readable Bible available today. We do not write anymore using “ye” and “thee” and “maketh, leadeth, or believeth.” And yet, despite our difficulties with reading the English of the King James Bible, there is a wonderfully poetic quality to certain texts that touch our souls and become known by heart. Consider, for example, the 23rd Psalm. In one translation which attempts to capture the words in ways that are understandable to readers today we read, *“The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength.”* My hunch is that we are more familiar with the King James Version of this Psalm, *“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul.”*

Personally, I applaud the work of all who do the hard work of translating the words of the Bible from their original language in a way that is understandable to readers today. I also applaud those who do the hard work of putting together the study notes and cross-references that many of us find useful in our study Bibles. But today, as I think about verses like John 3:16, the 23rd Psalm, the Beatitudes, and the Lord’s Prayer, I applaud those who completed a monumental task 400 years ago. While other more recent versions of the Bible are more easily read, fewer (if any) are more beautiful to hear. Happy 400 years.



Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle met on January 31 with fourteen members and two guests. Joyce Ward introduced Bob and Kate Moore, from Salineville, They have a home for boys called “Youth With a Purpose.”

Betty Beight had a prayer before lunch. We then had a short film that showed the work the Moore's do with the youth. The Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were read and approved. We sent cards to Darleen Kotas, Jim Freeman, Dorothy Vosloh, and Ian MacGillivray. Adele Zeitler passed out three books for our reading program.

Judge Carol Robb will be our guest speaker for our UMW Cluster Meeting, which will be held here at our church on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 PM.

Our next regular meeting is February 28th at 12:00 with Karen Namy and Joyce Ward as hostesses.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle prepared food for 80 people for the Community Christian Women's Luncheon on Monday, February 14, however only 68 were able to attend, due to a funeral dinner at another church. We served potato soup, hot turkey sandwiches, seven layer salad, and heart-shaped cutout sugar cookies. We made a profit of \$202.00. We'd like to thank everyone who donated food and helped to prepare and serve the luncheon.



PENNIES FOR PEACE

Pennies for Peace is a one man project founded by Greg Mortenson, co-author of the New York Times best seller, *Three Cups of Tea*. The mission focuses on community-based education, especially for girls.

Please help our UMW with this worthwhile project by saving your pennies and bringing them to us in the containers that are available in the hall or by putting them in the vase that is marked with the Pennies for Peace logo.

We will collect pennies until Easter Sunday, April 24th.

NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

“Who is Jesus?” This question was asked of adults in their twenties and thirties at a shopping mall a few miles north of Dallas, Texas. These people did not have a clue!

Please join the New Beginnings Class starting Sunday, March 6 at 10:45 a.m. where we will learn more about who Jesus is.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry

Informational Meeting ~ Sunday, March 6, 12:00 pm

What are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople who receive 50 hours of Christian caregiving training – and then provide one-to-one Christ-centered care to hurting people. Each Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets that person once a week for about an hour.

What types of caregiving situations are Stephen Ministers used in?

Stephen Ministers are equipped to provide high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing a variety of crises or life challenges – people who are experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, loss of a job, disabilities, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles.

When will the training begin?

The training will begin the week of March 6 or the week of March 13 and will last up to 20 weeks. Each training session will be once a week and last 2.5 hours.

Are you interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry?

If so, please attend our informational meeting, on Sunday, March 6, at 12:00 pm. The meeting is open to all members of the congregation.

If God is calling you to serve, and you
are not quite sure what God's plans are for you,
we encourage you to attend this informational meeting.

It could change your life and the lives of others!

*The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles,
some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.
Ephesians 4:11-12*



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ **Dorothy Vosloh** Recovering from hip surgery.
- ◆ **Karen Namy** Recovering from gall bladder surgery on Feb. 23.
- ◆ **Joyce Ward** Recovering after shoulder surgery.
- ◆ **Jim Freeman** Still on chemo and radiation.
- ◆ **Lori Magill** (Geoff's wife) Both her parents passed away recently.
- ◆ **Jessica Graffius** Has H1N1, a collapsed lung, and is in a coma.
- ◆ **Abigail** (Brenda Myer's grand-daughter born Aug 22) – still hospitalized. Some improvement.

Struggling with Cancer

- ◆ **Valerie** Colon cancer. Has three small children.
- ◆ **Bobby** (Charlotte's aunt) - struggling with cancer.
- ◆ **Becky C.** Chemo.
- ◆ **Tom C.** Cancer of the throat.
- ◆ **Jeanne** Cancer. Starting daily radiation.
- ◆ **Becky G.** Cancer
- ◆ **Jessica G.** Cancer

Sympathy

- ◆ **George Edward (Bud) MacGillivray** (George's father) —passed away Feb. 9, 2011.

Congratulations

- ◆ **Mike & Katie Anderson** had a baby girl, Isabel Reese on February 3, 2011.
Grandparents are Rev. Ken and Mary Anderson.

Serving in the Military

Peter ~ Kyle Crook ~ Sam Frost ~ James Frost ~ Kyle Gotch ~ Rob Ray ~ Cody Wine

Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Albright ~ Ramon & Sarah Berger ~ Virginia Crook ~ Susan Case
Allan and Ruth Chamberlin ~ Virginia Crook ~ Kathryn Firestone ~ Dorothy McQuiston
Evalyn Morris ~ Helen Radler ~ Betty Vollnogle ~ John & Dorothy Ward

PEOPLE NEEDED

Sound System

Dick and Wayne have been running the sound since 1994 and are looking for people to help out once in a while. They have both reached a time in their lives when it would be nice to go on vacation, take off and watch the grandchildren in their various activities, and other opportunities that come along, without feeling guilty. If you can help out once in a while, see Dick Sell or Wayne Cope.



PowerPoint



We also need people to operate the computer for the PowerPoint slides, which we project on the screen each Sunday. If you can volunteer to help out one Sunday a month, or just as a substitute, please see Denise Webber.

MARCH 2011 ~ EAST FAIRFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Mission of the Month</u> UM Community Center - Warren Site</p>		<p>1 7:00 Finance 7:30 Council</p>	<p>2 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 6:00-8:30 Sew Heavenly</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 5:30 4-H ?? Meeting 8:30 PM Youth Lock-In</p>
<p>6 9:30-10:30 Worship Service -BAPTISM 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:30-12:30 BRUNCH - sponsored by Relay for Life 6:30- 8:00 Element 79 Youth at Crestview High School</p>	<p>7 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8 7:00 SPR Com</p>	<p>9 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 Worship Service 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Guardian Angels meeting</p>	<p>12 <i>Lay Speaker Training at Poland UMC</i> Nick Rardon Eagle Scout Ceremony - sanctuary and fellowship hall</p>
<p>13 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45 - CONFIRMATION CLASS in the Library (7th-8th grade) 7:00 Pastor's Lenten Study</p>	<p>14 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15 7:00 – 9:00 4H- Fairfield Farmhands (Fieldhouse)</p>	<p>16 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18 6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party Lay Speaker Training</p>	<p>19 Lay Speaker Training</p>
<p>20 9:00 <i>Pray for Missions</i> 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45 - CONFIRMATION CLASS in the Library 12:00 CHOIR DINNER 6:30- 8:00 Element 79 Youth at Crestview High School 7:00 Pastor's Lenten Study</p>	<p>21 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>23 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>24 9:00 Newsletter Mailing Committee</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 1:00-4:00 Baby Shower in Fellowship hall (Lanzendorfer) 4:00-7:00 Lions Club Roast Beef Dinner at Crestview HS</p>
<p>27 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 10:45 - CONFIRMATION CLASS in the Library 7:00 Pastor's Lenten Study</p>	<p>28 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 12:00 Joy Circle Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts Blue/Gold Banquet 7:00-9:00 GriefShare 7:30- 9:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29 7:00 Finance 7:30 Council</p>	<p>30 6:30-7:30 Kids Club 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>31 6:30 - 8:00 4H Fair- field Farmhands County-Wide Goat Clinic (Fieldhouse)</p>		



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sherri Hawkins, Cathy Smith
- 2 Bob Webber, Bev Cline
- 3 Kelsi Garwood
- 5 Elizabeth Cusick, Saxon Eppley, Ryan Graham
- 6 Adam Cattrell, Nicholas Magill
- 8 Perri Smith, Virginia Van Kirk
- 9 Gary Schmidt, Nicole Steele
- 11 Sandra Payne
- 12 John Chamberlin, Lynn Hill, Loretta Kyser
- 13 Cary Hum, Katelyn McFarland, Courtney Morris
- 14 Jonathan Miller
- 15 Jean Adams
- 16 Harriet Carlisle
- 17 Stephanie Davner
- 18 Nina Colian, Cindy Ridzon
- 19 Jonathan Harding, Mercedes May, Aaron Rankin
- 20 Ali Cusick
- 21 Gerald Wilhelm
- 23 Wade Payne
- 24 Haley Sipe
- 25 Barb Crook, Emma Keslar
- 26 Tracy Greenamyer
- 27 Steve Cross, Bob Thorne
- 28 Joann Garwood, Kayla Burtner
- 29 Lori Bankert, Tommy Cope, Tim Gorby
- 31 David May



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Jim & Carol Bable
- 5 Jim & Vicki Freeman
- 5 Bryan & Ashley Foerster
- 11 Rev. Mike & Karen Namy
- 17 Ramon & Sarah Berger
- 18 Tim & Marna Cross
- 23 John & Jodie Grazier
- 24 Tony & Nancy Setinsek



CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME

- Mar. - Loyal Workers
 Apr. - Pairs and Spares
 May - Helping Hands
 June - New Beginnings

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
 -- Ephesians 4:29*

ELEMENT 79

March 6, 20 ~ April 3, 17 ~ May 1, 15, 29

Element 79 is a community youth event held at Crestview High School Auditorium every other Sunday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and is open to sixth grade students through college-age youth. There is worship with our Element 79 band, games, prizes, drama, and speakers.

As you can see below, we still need greeters for March 27, April 17, and April 24

9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
Mar. 6	Alisha Auer	Anita Cusick	Jim & Carol Bable	Dick Sell	BRUNCH (Relay for Life)
Mar. 13	Anita Cusick	Pam Boyarko	Keith & Carol Wilhelm	Leo Hicks	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Edie gives meditation)
Mar. 20	Kim Burkey	Cyndi Straney	Ross & Phyllis Porter	Cindy Wright	CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY
Mar. 27	Miranda Barnett	Chris Baker		Ian MacGillivray	
Apr. 3	Alisha Auer	Anita Cusick	Charles & Joanie Ready		COMMUNION
Apr. 10	Anita Cusick	Pam Boyarko	Larry & Maralyn Porter		
Apr. 17	Kim Burkey	Cyndi Straney			PALM SUNDAY
Apr. 24	(no nursery)	Chris Baker			EASTER SUNDAY

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble;
it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large and the rear view mirror is so small?
Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes just a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

All things in life are temporary. If things are going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever.
If things are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

Old friends are like Gold! New friends are like Diamonds! If you get a Diamond,
don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above
and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities;
when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing your eyesight?"
He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes,
when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.