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REMEMBER!!!

GUYS SERVE UP DELICIOUS PANCAKES

This Sunday, Feb 26 9-11 a.m.

Take your choice from blueberry, buttermilk or buckwheat – along with sausage, bacon, juice, coffee, tea and milk. Price for adults is \$4.50, children under 12 is \$2.50 and children under 3 are free.

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**COME TO OUR STUPENDOUS
Grand Opening Celebration
Sunday, MARCH 18 1-3 p.m.**

**An Appreciation Ceremony will be held in the sanctuary at 1:15 p.m.
We've invited all the contractors to see the completion
of their hard work.**

Live bands Refreshments Prizes Tours

Popcorn, Slushies, and Children's games, even a clown!!!

MINISTRIES & MISSIONS FAIR IN ANGELS' WING

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FAIR IN WESLEY HALL

**We're pulling out all the stops – inviting the whole community!!!
Tell your friends, family and neighbors – we're throwing every door open to celebrate our
beautiful campus, including our new education/administration wing!!!**

A “CROSS – ROAD” SEASON

**“ If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves,
Take up their cross, and follow me” Matthew 16:24**

As we begin our Lenten journey in this year of 2012, we are aware that the 40 days ahead are all leading to the cross of Jesus Christ and ultimately, the victory of LIFE over death! The days ahead have traditionally been observed by Christians with prayer, devotion, worship, scripture, and self-examination of our lives and so it is today. As a community of believers, the church moves together to encourage and pray for one another as we continue to tell and live out the story of Jesus and His passion.

The true purpose of Lent is not for us to simply give up a favorite food or activity for 40 days (from Ash Wednesday to Easter), but instead to open ourselves to connect with Christ in a deeper, more meaningful way. Sacrifice can be spiritually healthy, but only if it leads to a repentant spirit and a new step of faith on our journey to the foot of the cross where Jesus gave his life so that we could have Eternal Life.

Perhaps this reading will help you discern the ways you can be on the “cross road” this season, living for Christ, and giving your life for others:

God won't ask what kind of car you drove,
But will ask how many people you took places.

God won't ask the square footage of your house,
But will ask who you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask what your highest salary was,
But will ask if you generously shared what you had.

God won't ask how much overtime you worked,
But will ask how much time you spent with family and lonely

God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if
You took your ministry seriously and did the best you could.

God won't ask you about the changes of clothes in your closet,
But will ask how many you gave to clothe the poor.

God won't ask about the color of your skin,
But will ask about the content of your character. (MLK)

God won't ask your name, because God will already know it!

It will be written down in the Book of Life if you have accepted Jesus' gift of Salvation and lived your life as a believer.

What a blessing it is to walk this journey to the cross with you and to know that God is with us every step of the way!

Pastor Meredith

THE CHRISTO TEAM WILL BE PREPARING GOODIE BOXES FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AT THEIR FEBRUARY 26 MEETING IN THE EVENING.

HOMEMADE GOODIES ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED AND CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH THAT DAY, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER SNACK-TYPE ITEM WHICH CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ANYTIME UP TO THAT DAY.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR NEXT
SECOND SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
MARCH 11 at 12:15 p.m.**

Come to lunch the second Sunday of every month to share a meal and conversation! Get to know new people, share old friendships. Open to everyone in our church family, this is just a chance to relax a bit and have a good time.

Bring a side dish or dessert – table service and drinks will be provided. We'll be enjoying homemade macaroni and cheese, made by Martha Lamson.

**BLESSED WOMEN SUPPORT GROUP FOR
MOMS TO MEET
SUNDAY, MARCH 11 AT 6 P.M.**

Moms with children of all ages are invited to a special time just for you!! We get together once a month, usually at the church, to talk about parenting skills, family systems, etc., all with a Christian perspective.

This month, though, we're doing something a little special – a girls' night out. We're getting together at the home of Miki Gage (2770 Callender Rd., Rome) to watch "The Help". If you'd like to carpool, or need more details, call Miki (563-3533) or Lisa Ebersole (563-3227).

**BOY SCOUTS TO SERVE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, March 25 7:30 -- 11:30 a.m.

**Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Milk Coffee & Tea
\$5 for adults \$4 for Seniors \$3 for kids 10 & under**

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast and help the Scouts raise money for summer camp and other troop expenses.

Did you know that we are the chartering organization for Boy Scout Troop 41?? They meet here weekly, and several boys in the troop are part of our church family.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SUNDAY
MARCH 18**

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing underwrite our United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) "costs of doing business." That means that 100 percent of every dollar you give to UMCOR programs helps some of the world's most vulnerable people. UMCOR does not take anything from designated gifts to cover home office administrative costs because of the broad support that United Methodists provide through this annual offering. UMCOR is a good steward of God's gifts. Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they are most needed – to assist the most vulnerable people.

Once a year, during One Great Hour of Sharing, you and your congregation join other United Methodists by participating in this special offering to support humanitarian aid through UMCOR. When catastrophes cause suffering, your church – impelled by Jesus' love and compassion – will bring healing, hope and a place of refuge!

**FISH FRIES EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
Andover United Methodist Church
181 South Main St.**

**4-7 p.m. \$6 Adults \$3 Kids under 10
Fish, homemade fries, Coleslaw, Dessert**

**JOIN YAG – THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP
Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Rom**

Young Adult Group (YAG) continues to meet. Anyone who is post-high school to 30's who is interested in joining this new, long-term small group is very welcome! Contact Quincy Wheeler at the church for more info.

Weekly Prayer Meeting –

Colossians 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer."

We have a clear, Scriptural mandate to join in prayer as a body of believers. We desire to hear the direction of God and call on Jesus to respond to us in prayer. In the interest of answering this call, Pastor Quincy will be leading a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15PM. Please come to seek Jesus together, and be changed by the encounter of His Person in corporate prayer. These prayer meetings will be held in the Men's classroom.

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The Prayer Closet

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." From Paul, 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Those in our church family:

Sarah Lister	Pauline Pishner	Lois Adkins
Deann Wendell	Regina Glover	Emily Locy
Lloyd Behr	Chris Pirigyi	Randy Writz
Gladys Bannister	Barbara Gildersleeve	Jack Corbett
Don Sotka	Diane Curtis	Lloyd Behr
Lois Adkins	Carole Wright	Kay Furman
Virginia Searcy	Rosalie Shadle	Sarah Lister
Mary Daubenspeck		

Friends and Family:

John Boczar (lifted by Martha Demshar)
Sandy Fletcher (lifted by Jack & Mary Howe)
June Nuarz (lifted by Kathy Housel)
Andrew Garcia
Bryan & Mandy Smith (lifted by Vicki Wright)
Brenda Westover
Connie Rink (lifted by Jane Lachey)
June Phillips, Barb Heath's cousin
Durr & Garnet Dunlap (lifted by Heather Whetsell)
Jordan Trenn (lifted by Betty Jacques)
Jenn Bacher (lifted by Bill & Darla Painte)
Jake Sposito (lifted by Marty Cephass an Cramer)
David Gildersleeve (lifted by Carolyn B)
Jenine Dreary (lifted by Carolyn Behr-Je)
Melissa Cusano
Carol Johnson (lifted by Marty Cephass)
Bill Collins (lifted by Donna Patterson)
Sarah Cooper (lifted by Susan Herpy)
Dorothy Abbott (lifted by Jeff Corbett)
Francine VanCourt (lifted by Penny Redmon)
Lowell & Linda Sowry, as the await the birth of their daughter (last owners of the Sonshine Corner)
Sarah Cooper (lifted by Susan Herpy)
Margaret Fronce, Don Mead's sister
Ken, Debbie Bumgarner's brother
Alice Feters, Sheri Busch's mom
Denise Holmes (lifted by Sheri Busch)
Timothy & Katharine Hughart
Rebecca Fisher, Pam Gran's daughter
Veva Jeppe, Carole Wright's aunt



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

Those who are celebrating special times:

Chris & Kelly Cooke on the birth of their daughter, Eliana
Our Uganda Mission Team who will be gone February 24 – March 10.

Those in mourning:

The family of Stewart Case following his death (lifted by Ron & Pat Cramer)
The family of Andrea Chapman following her death (lifted by Heather Whetsell)
The family of Helene Hinderer following her death (Danielle Jackson's sister)
The family of Mary Mulrennan following her death (lifted by Jack & Mary Howe)
The family of Dave McDougal following his death (lifted by Bruce Chapman)
The family of Andrew Garcia following his death
The family of Richard Profant following his death
The family of Joe Pete following his death
The family of John Steinkraus following his death (Julie Smith's dad)
The family of Dorothy Mowry following her death (Rev. Ron Mowry's mom)
The family of Ruth Rose following her death (Ernestine Emerson's half-sister)
The family of Margaret Fronce following her death (Don Mead's sister)
The family of Dwayne Crites following his death (lifted by Brittney Roden)

REMEMBER OUR SHUTINS

Vera Brenneman, Mildred Pettit, Cliff Taft, Hilda Springer, Edie Conway, Frances Prochko, Ruby Hruska-Williams and Lola Metzler reside at Jefferson Healthcare Center, 222 E. Beech St., Jefferson, OH 44047 Ph: 576-0060.

Robert Janson and Dorothy Krieg reside at the Ashtabula County Nursing Home. Kingsville, OH 44048. Ph: 1-224-2161.

Eleanor Ferguson resides at Country Club Estates, 925 E. 26th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Evelyn Kenyon resides at Austinburg Nursing & Rehab Center 2026 State Route 45 N., Austinburg, OH 44010 Ph: 275-3019

Thelma Hoffman & Helen Metzler reside at Saybrook Landing, 2300 Center Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004

WELCOME TO THE WORLD ELIANA!!

Eiliana Grace Cooke was born February 2, weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz. she was 22 inches long. She is the daughter of Chris and Kelly Cooke and granddaughter of Tim & Sue Mizer, Larry & Jeanette Crowell and Mike & Suzanne Cook. She is the great-granddaughter of Leah and Roger Crowell and Susan McCarthy.

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Events, Groups & Classes in March

Sundays	8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sundays	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts	Wesley Hall (gym)
Sundays	9:40 a.m.	Sunday School for all	Throughout the church
Sundays	11:00 a.m.	ENCOUNTER Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
Sundays	11:20 a.m.	SPARK! Worship for children	Angel's Wing
Sundays	6-6:30 p.m.	Bible Quizzing	Angel's Wing
Sundays	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Young Man in the Mirror	Men's Classroom
Sundays	6:00 p.m.	Bible Quizzing	Pastor Quincy's office
Sundays	6:30 p.m.	Teen Hangout & Bible study	Teen Room
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Women's Latin Aerobics/Dance Class	Angel's Wing
Tues. & Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	Strong Women Weights Class	Angel's Wing
Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.	Disciple	Angel's Wing
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m.	Morning Bread	Angel's Wing
Wednesdays	1-3 p.m.	Mary-Martha Circle	Disciples Room
Wednesdays	3:30-5 p.m.	Adventure Club	Jefferson Elementary School
Wednesdays	6-8 p.m.	Open Gym	Wesley Hall
Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursdays	6-8 p.m.	Volleyball for Teens & Adults	Wesley Hall
Saturdays	7:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Group	Mugs Restaurant
Tues., March 2, 20	4-6:00	Christian Caf�	Wesley Hall
Thurs., March 8	7:00 p.m.	Cancer Support Group	Parlor
Sun., March 11	12:15 p.m.	Second Sunday Luncheon	Angels' Wing
Sun., March 11	12:30 p.m.	H2O Meeting	Angel's Wing
Sun., March 11	6:00 p.m.	Blessed Women Support Group	Parlor
Tues., March 13	noon	Table Talk	Angel's Wing
Wed., March 14	6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Book Circle	Norma Barton's home (201 WoodsideDr.)
Thurs, March 15	12:30 p.m.	Lydia Daytime Book Circle	Angel's Wing
Thurs., March 15	7:00 p.m.	Memory Loss Support Group	Parlor
Friday, March 16	6:00 p.m.	UMCF Family Game Night	Angel's Wing
Sunday, March 18	1-3 p.m.	OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION!!	EVERYWHERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Thurs., March 22	noon	R&R Luncheon	To Be Announced
Thurs., March 22	6:00 p.m.	Christ In The Passover	Angel's Wing
Thurs., March 22	7:30 p.m.	Next Step Bereavement Group	Parlor
Sun., March 11	10:00 a.m.	Home Mission Team	7 th Grade Classroom
Sun., March 25	10:00 a.m.	Christo Mission Team	New Youth Room

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mon, March 12	6:15 p.m.	Finance Comm..	church office
Mon., March 12	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council	Angel's Wing
Mon., March 19	7:00 p.m.	Trustees	Parlor
Tues., March 20	5:30 p.m.	Membership Care Comm.	Parlor
Wed., March 21	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Staff	Disciples' Room

COME TO OUR FAMILY POTLUCK SUPPER & GAME NIGHT!!

The United Methodist Christian Fellowship is cordially inviting everyone to join them for a potluck supper and game night in the Angels' Wing of the church on Friday, March 16. We'll have board games in Angels' Wing and ping pong and foos ball in the teen room. Bring a dish to pass – table service and drinks will be provided. Oh, yes, bring your favorite games too!!! If you need more information, contact Pat Cramer at the church office or at 858-2256.

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Come Participate in Our Second Annual Lenten Physical and Spiritual Health Challenge

The goals for this challenge are:

- • Provide **physical** health awareness and positive health habits and lifestyle choices
- • Increase **mental** health through the reduction of stress through healthy lifestyle habits
- • Encourage **spiritual** renewal through prayer, Bible reading, and the acts of encouragement and kindness
- • Build a sense of **teamwork** and community

Specifics of the challenge are:

- • Teams will be picked randomly. Family members will serve on separate teams to minimize friction and encourage competition. The youth and children can also participate, but they will be competing amongst themselves.
- • The six weeks of the challenge will be the six weeks of Lent, beginning the Sunday after Ash Wednesday (March 13th), and going through the Saturday before Easter (April 23rd).
- On Sunday mornings place your scorecard in the basket in the lobby outside Wesley Hall (gym). If you're not at church on a Sunday to turn in your scorecard, you can call or e-mail your scores in by Wednesday.

If you have any questions, please ask John (440-997-6014, 440-479-9434, jwking329@yahoo.com) and Marian King (440-997-6014, 440-813-6925, navybrat39@windstream.net)



OUR H2O MISSION TEAM WILL BE TRAVELING TO WEST VIRGINIA SOON!!

In just a little over a month, 30 or so people will be traveling to Oak Hill, West Virginia for a week in mission.

They'll be bringing hope as well as repairing homes for folks in need there. The H2O Team is a group of adults from several churches in Ashtabula County who want to **HELP OTHERS** and **HEAL OURSELVES** – **H2O !!** We can support their work in the following ways –

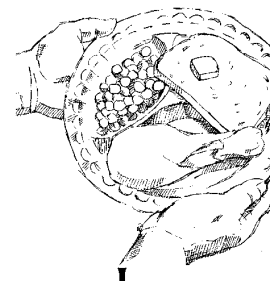
- By praying for them and the people they'll encounter before, during and after the work week
- With money towards tanks of gas
- By making casseroles to freeze, which they'll use for their suppers
- By donating cookies and fruit for their sack lunches each day

You'll be able to sign up to help on this Sunday's Church Life Servant Sheet!!!

Christian Café - a Vital, Year-Round Ministry Here

It is truly our privilege to prepare and serve meals to an average of 150 people through our Christian Café Meals Ministry, which is held on the first & third Tuesday of each month from 4-6 p.m.. As well as the meal that's served here, approximately 30 meals are taken to shut ins in our community; it's a chance for them to connect with someone and enjoy a tasty, home cooked meal.

Donations of fresh & canned fruit (commercial sized cans are great!), and desserts are always welcome, as well as helpers. Check out this Sunday's Church Life Servant Sheet!!!



Meals Ministries a Wonderful Blessing

I have had the privilege of working with a great crew of volunteers preparing and serving meals for the community for many years. Table Talk was started by the R&R group under the direction of Gordon and Ernestine Emerson about 10 years ago. Christian Café has been operating for about eight years. These ministries have been a blessing not only to many area seniors and families, but also to us.

I would like to thank everyone involved (and there are many more than we see on the surface!) Thanks to the faithful volunteers who give of their time and talents three times a month. There is the planning, kitchen crew, decorating, set up, take-outs delivery and clean up crews. Also, thanks to those who donate desserts and fruit, and those who help us financially so that we can continue these ministries.

We have volunteers from other churches in our community who come regularly to help us. We always have room for more volunteers if you would like to join us. We would love to have you.

You are all invited to come and enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship with us at Table Talk, where we invite those from local nursing facilities and area seniors. We also invite those who would like to come and have a conversation with those who don't usually get out often. You will be as pleased as we are when you see how much enjoyment everyone receives from this fellowship. Come join us for Christian Café twice a month and enjoy the meal and fellowship. Again, thank you for your support in keeping these vital ministries alive.

Carole Wright

THE CHRISTO MISSION TEAM IS NOW HAVING THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6 P.M. IN THE TEEN ROOM. This Senior Highs through adult mission team will be traveling to Rockford, Illinois, outside of Chicago, this summer to repair homes for those in need. **THEY ARE LOOKING FOR CARING ADULTS TO JOIN THEM ON THEIR TRIP, WHICH WILL BE THE WEEK OF JUNE 24.** If God is calling you to this mission, come their next meeting, which is this Sunday, February 26 OR call Jon Roden at the church office or 330-885-4918 !!!!

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THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you for sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on January 2. Your efforts made it possible for the American Red Cross to make available 12 pints of blood for needed patient care. You inspired 14 people to donate blood in response to your drive goal of 18. Please accept our appreciation for all you have done to coordinate this blood drive. On behalf of the patients whose lives you have touched, as well as their loved ones, we offer heartfelt gratitude. Sincerely,
Denise DiDonato
Donor Recruitment Rep.

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your gift in support of the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries:

Nothing but Nets -- \$226; Phakamisa, South Africa -- \$469

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Grace and peace,
Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer,
United Methodist Global Ministries
Shawn Bakker, Associate General Secy,
United Methodist Global Ministries

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and calls following my recent gallbladder surgery. They all helped. I'm feeling much better and hope to see you in worship soon. A special thank you to Pastor Meredith for her prayers and support and also to Barb Heath. I am very blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

In Christian love,
Barbara Gildersleeve

Dear Meredith, I wanted you to know how grateful I am, the Cabinet is, to celebrate the remarkable faithfulness in our common shared ministry in the form of apportionments. You and this vital congregation continue to participate in our unique ability to share Christ's love all around the world and in our back yards. Please know that we share joy and notice what you are doing. I imagine and am not naïve to the many sacrifices (especially by pastors, staff and lay leadership) that make this possible. More than this, I know that God knows and sees and cares about how these gifts are given and the many that receive who are blessed. Please pass along our gratitude to the faithful who gather to worship at Jefferson UMC. In Christ's service,

David Scavuzzo, Western Reserve District Superintendent, the United Methodist Church

THANK YOU

The Manna Pantry would like to thank the members of the Jefferson United Methodist Church for it's donation of 785 pounds of food during the year of 2011. We also thank you for your recent donation of \$100 to the pantry. These gifts are much appreciated and makes a difference to the needy families of our community.

Manna Board

Dear Friends,

Dale and I think of you often and of the wonderful fellowship at the JUMC. I want to thank all of you who sent cards and notes for my 75th birthday. It was such a surprise and was really wonderful hearing from you. I can't quite express the pleasant thoughts as I read each name and remembered our time together. Thank you also for the prayers listed for our daughter, Sandy, and her husband, Gene. The cancer treatments will soon be completed, and they are both doing quite well. God's blessings to you,
Donnann Shadle

Dear Friends,

Your gift of \$500 to benefit Flat Rock Homes is deeply appreciated and will help make an important, positive difference in the lives of the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we serve. Your commitment to our mission to provide quality care to persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and to persons with critical needs in ways that demonstrate God's love will be valued, remembered and honored.

Dear Christian Café,

Thank you very much! Just when you think you've tried everything, along comes HAMLOAF!!! We loved it. Please pass our thanks to the cooks who made this meal.
Dan and Eileen Wagner

Dear Pastor Coleman and Friends,

Thank you for being one of our partners in hope! We truly appreciate your donation of personal care products, McDonald's gift cards, socks and games and monetary donation. Your gift allowed us to fulfill holiday wishes and provide needed items for each of the children we serve. Without you we would not be able to provide as much support to the teens, children and families we have the privilege to serve. Your thoughtfulness has literally changed lives for the better, and we are grateful.

Sincerely,
David J. Lundeen, Chief Executive Officer
Cleveland Christian Home

Dear Jefferson United Methodist Church,

I wanted to take this time and thank you for your committed response to pay 100% of your 2011 Shared Ministry Funds. Because of your generosity, Mission and Ministry will receive even more funds in 2012. Thank you again.

Jessica Vargo
East Ohio Conference Treasurer
The United Methodist Church

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SHARING THE MINISTRY IN MARCH, 2012

8:30 Service

11:00 Service

Acolyte

Mar. 4	Marissa Christ	Samuel Housel
11	Lizzie Daly	Daniel Miller
18	Angie Brail	Jonathan Norton
25	Blake Burns	Mackenzie O'Neil

Techs

Mar. 4	Rob Ebersole & Will Ulrich	Neil Coleman & Rob Ebersole
11	Tom Avsec, Cody Ulrich	Bekki & George Smith
18	Tim Nugent, Dan Claypool	Neil Coleman, Kevin Burke
25	Tom Avsec, Dan Claypool	Rob Ebersole, Kevin Burke

Greeters (8:30)

Hospitality (11:00)

Mar. 4	John & Betty Parker	Pat Cramer, Wayne Glover
11	Dan & Eileen Wagner	Marty Cephas LuAnn Lister
18	Charlie & Betty Jacques	Eileen Wagner, LuAnn Lister
25	Martha Demshar & Barb Johns	Kelly Burns, LuAnn Lister

Liturgists (8:30)

Nursery (11:00)

Mar. 4	Ron Ensell	Jeff Corbett
11	Tom Avsec	Lisa Brail
18	John King	Annette Sheldon
25	Nancy Williams	Phil Spencer

Coffee & Donuts

Ushers

Mar. 4	George & Bekki Smith	(8:30) Linc Jerome,
11	Phil Spencer	Mark Hoffman
18	Samantha Offenber	(11:00) Marty Cephas, Lee
25	LuAnn Lister	DeyErmand, Mark Litwiler

Communion Stewards (8:30) Cindy Zimny & Sue Belden
(11:00) Rich & Ruth Rea

Friday Afternoon Helpers

Mar. 2	Norma Barton
9	Julie Crossley
16	Marilyn Woodworth
23	Mary Howe

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SOFTBALL – OUT THERE ON THE HORIZON????!!

It's hard to believe, but, yes, we're in the planning stages of our summer softball league!! This year we'll be participating in two leagues – one just for fun, and the other a bit more competitive. Sign up this Sunday for which league you'd like to participate in!!

The following folks have birthdays in March:
(If you'd like your birthday listed, just call the church office.)

March 1	Ron Watson
2	Don Sotka
4	Dave Flaum Doris Taft
5	Mike Czayka Savannah Johnson
6	Christian Ward Glenn Jackson, Jr.
7	Claire Loveland
8	Sarah Jackson Martha Lamson
9	Melissa Sowry Joy Sitrine
10	Aubrey Hoprich Mark Sowry
11	Steve Miller Kiera Norris
12	Allison Bartunek Jonah Ashley Vicki Wright
13	Marion Peck Rick Zack Alexis Northrop Stephaine Krek
14	Brian Diehl Rebecca Smith
15	Heather Sowry
16	E. Lloyd Behr Carol Bragga
17	Josh Arrington
18	Stephen Sly Jennifer Brand Brittney Roden
19	Cliff Currier Jo Buell
21	Ruth Fink Gary Phillips
22	Virginia Searcy Michael Phillips Leon Godsave Thomas Gage
25	Alex Czayka
26	Tyler Locy
28	Jennifer Brand
29	Paul Bishop
30	KayAnn Brabender
31	Phylis Donathan Alex Becker



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS

A NEW UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE!!

A new circle is beginning! Girls from 11 years old through high school are invited to join. If interested, have questions and need to get more information please call or e-mail Marian King 997-6014 or navybrat39@windstream.net.

The **Mary-Martha Circle** meets every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. in the Disciples' Room. They're working on quilts, knitting and crocheting projects to benefit others. Come share your talents and/or learn new ones!! Call Doreen Cole (576-1240) to learn more.

The **Women's Evening Book Circle** will get together at the home of Norma Barton (201 Woodside Dr.) on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. They'll be discussing the book "The Life All Around Me by Ellen Foster", by Kay Givens. If you'd like to learn more, call Norma Barton at 576-9825.

The **Women's Daytime Book Circle** will get together for lunch in the Angels' Wing on Thursday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m. They'll be discussing the book "Heaven Is For Real". If you'd like to learn more, call Mary Howe at 576-4812.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR EASTER BASKET AUCTION!

This year we're hoping people will pick up one or more of the Easter baskets that we'll have available starting this Sunday in Wesley Hall. The idea is for you to take the basket home, fill it with goodies – it can even be a theme basket -- and donate it to the United Methodist Women for their Silent Auction, which will be held April 1 (Palm Sunday). This is a chance for your creativity to bloom!!

If you don't want to take on the responsibility for putting together a whole basket, but have an item or two (perhaps a homemade item or craft) that you'd like to donate, we could put it together with some of our candy to make up a basket.

All baskets must be returned by March 15, and should have an approximate value noted so we can start the bidding appropriately.

EASTER CANDY-MAKING WORKSHOPS PLANNED

The United Methodist Women will be making all kinds of delectable Easter treats that they'll then sell, at a series of workshops. Whether you're an expert candy-maker or someone who would like to learn how to make candy, please come as often as you can. Everything will be provided. Days and times are: Feb. 27, 29 and March 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, too!! We'll work in the kitchen several days and have our treats for sale April 1. Proceeds will benefit UMW Mission projects.

COME GET AWAY FROM IT ALL!

If you're looking for a wonderful experience, we've got just the retreat weekend for you. It's called a Koinonia weekend, and is sponsored by a non-denominational group of Christians, Koinonia of Lake County. Many in our church have attended and ALL count it as a fantastic experience.

On the weekend you'll hear talks given by lay people and pastors, grow and share with others in your Christian walk. "These weekends are another way for Christ to bind us closer to him – they're a wonderful mountaintop experience," shares Pastor Meredith, who has been on a Koinonia weekend.

The men's weekend will be Friday evening, April 15 - 17 and the women's weekend will be Friday evening, May 13 - 15. If you'd like to learn more, just call the church office (576-4561).

FROM OUR PEACE WITH JUSTICE REP

We have recently seen and heard many stories about human trafficking in the news. Please be aware of them and familiarize yourselves with the topic. There will be a panel discussion here at our church on Sunday, April 29 with a local FBI agent and some church people to give us information and any possible ideas of what we can do to right these terrible wrongs. Keep these people who are exploited in your prayers.

Please keep our missionaries in your prayers, also, as they strive to bring peace and justice to a little part of the world—whether in Uganda or W. Virginia or here in our own part of Ohio.

There has been a movement to begin a county-wide, ecumenical home repair ministry here in this county and your prayers are needed to make it a reality! To help get this off the ground, we recently requested and received \$5000 from the Conference Peace with Justice offerings that are taken each June. This is YOUR money coming back to help us do God's work here at home. Talk to Lee DeyErmand, Don Sotka, Bob Lachey, or Rev. Meredith for more information.

Pastor Quincy's Page

Below, I want to provide you part of an article found on the following website:
<http://www.bpnews.net/BPnews.asp?ID=37197>

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP) -- Much of the biblical scholarly world has been buzzing since Feb. 1, when a New Testament professor made a claim during a debate that was news to most everyone who heard it -- a first-century fragment of Mark's Gospel may have been found. It would be the earliest-known fragment of the New Testament, placing it in the very century of Christ and the apostles. I was excited when my Greek professor, Dr. Byron, at Ashland University posted this article on his blog (thebiblicalword.blogspot.com). It is interesting to note that we have no manuscripts of the New Testament dating before 125 AD. Which has led many scholars to wonder how we can even trust that what we have in the New Testament is a reliable account of Jesus' life.

Personally, I believe there are numerous examples of internal evidence that point to a first century composition for all of the New Testament. But, what if this fragment of Mark would reveal significant differences between the Mark account we read in our New Testament's today? Well, my first response is, I don't believe it will. My second response is, even if it did, it would not change my belief in the Jesus Christ revealed in Scripture.

How can I say that? *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life."* - 1 John 1:1. My belief in Jesus does not rest on tracing scholarship back to the original documents. It rests on the revelation of Jesus in my life, which has come through my interaction with His Word. The same Jesus I have encountered in the Gospels has entered my heart, my life, my home. I know Him to be real, not because I have an ancient manuscript, but because I have the ancient, new, old, young, timeless, ever-present Son of God living in me. Does He live in you?

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