

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

Jerome United Methodist Church
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WHAT DOES THE CROSS MEAN TO YOU?

My friend, Dr. Jeff Greenway, former District Superintendent in Pennsylvania and current pastor of Reynoldsburg UMC, tells of visiting a new sanctuary of a large, prestigious church in the north hills of Pittsburgh, PA. That church's chancel area was dominated by an organ that could not be missed. Its pipes, consol and ranks took up every available area of space on the front wall of the sanctuary. He says it almost had the feel that the sanctuary was built to worship the organ instead of the God who gave the gift of song. Dwarfed by the organ was a small two-foot brass cross on the understated altar table. When Jeff made a comment about the size of the cross compared to the organ, the staff person who was showing him around the building said, "Oh, the cross doesn't really matter around here."

A few years later, Jeff visited another sanctuary of a large, prestigious church in the south hills of Pittsburgh, PA. He describes that church's sanctuary as a very modern, impressionistic space that was dominated by a pulpit that looked like it was "borrowed from the helm of the Starship Enterprise from Star Trek fame." The cross was raised twenty feet above the floor of the room on the right side of the chancel. On the opposite side of the chancel hung a large, unusual, impressionistic cross that dominated the décor. When he asked about the story of the cross, the staff person pointed to it and said, "Oh, the cross has very little significance here."

Jeff says, "Hearing those words, 'Oh, the cross doesn't really matter around here' . . . 'the cross has very little significance here' - hit him like a lightning bolt." I think you or I may have experienced the same feeling. "The cross doesn't really matter here!" How many professing Christians have reduced the Cross of Jesus Christ to a piece of jewelry that has very little significance to them.

What a contrast to the Apostle Paul! For him, the Cross was the center of everything. It was the center tenet of his life. In First Corinthians, Paul wrote, "I have decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." It was the central message of Paul's sermons. Paul said, "We preach Christ crucified." The Cross was the measuring stick in Paul's life. In Galatians, he shared, "May I never boast in anything except the Cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ." Paul's testimonies lay bare the very bedrock and core of our Christian faith. Christianity is the religion of the Cross. The Gospel message comes to us in the shape of the Cross. Without the Cross, there would be no Gospel . . . no good news. While the work of the Cross is released and remembered in the power of the resurrection, the Cross IS central to us. Its message is foundational. It dominates the entire landscape of the scriptures. It is central to our preaching. It is the theme for much of the hymns and worship music we sing. It confronts us at every turn. We cannot escape it. Nor do we want to.

The Cross changes everything. The Cross of Jesus Christ gives us power over sin in which we are forgiven and released. The Cross of Jesus gives us

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power for living with resurrection power . . . life abundant in our life now. The Cross gives us power over death . . . the power of the resurrection in eternal life to come.

As we journey through Lent to Easter this year, let's take time to ponder our place in the events of the season . . . and the significance of the Cross to us . . . collectively and individually. What does the Cross mean to YOU?

Joyfully serving Christ with you!
Rev. Gloria Brooks

Easter Flowers

If you would like to order flowers, in honor of or memory of a special person in your life, to decorate the church for Easter, please fill out an order form that you will find in pew rack or attendance book and place it in an envelope with a check made to Jerome Church. The cost is \$7.00 for a 6 ½" pot of blue hyacinths, pink tulips, or white lilies.

EASTER BASKETS

for United Methodist Children's Home

JUMC will assemble a dozen Easter baskets for girls (aged 14-18) at the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington. If you would like to help by donating items for the baskets, please sign up at the display in the narthex. Items may be brought to the church on or before April 5. For more information, please call Ellen Erikson, 614-659-0678.

EASTER MUSICAL

Our Easter Musical will be held Sunday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. (Palm Sunday evening) and will include Jerome Ringers, Festival Orchestra and Festival Choir. Mark your calendars for this event.

Lent and Easter 2009

Ash Wednesday, February 25

7:30 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Music by the Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 1

"Why We Need Easter"
Genesis 3:1-7, 22-24

Sunday, March 8

(Daylight Savings Time Begins)
"Easter from an Ash Heap"
Job 19:13-27

Sunday, March 15

"Easter for the Disillusioned"
Ecclesiastes 2:14-26
Rev. Steve Harsh

Sunday, March 22

"Walk Toward Easter"
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, March 29

"Ezekiel Celebrates Easter"
Ezekiel 37:1-10
Pastor Roger Gorden

Palm Sunday, April 5

(both services in Fellowship Hall)
Communion in both services
"The Easter Pathway of Palms"
Matthew 21:1-11

Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Upper Room Service in Fellowship Hall
Communion and Washing of Feet (or hands)
led by our youth

Good Friday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

"Journey to the Cross" in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 12

(both services in Fellowship Hall)
"Forever Easter"
Revelation 21:1-4

EASTER PARTY

Come join us for some early Easter fun on Sunday, March 29, 3-5:00 p.m. at the church. Some of the activities we will enjoy are: listening to the Easter story, singing, crafts, playing games, hunting for plastic eggs filled with candy.

For planning purposes, please pre-register by calling Donna Montgomery (873-8851) or email her at donna.jumc@gmail.com. If you would like to help with the party, please call Sarah Holcomb (740) 881-2708. This party is for families with children preschool – elementary school age. Families will participate in a group with other families.

Donations of candy for the plastic eggs are welcome!

JUMC Flea Market

Jerome Church will hold its annual indoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DROP OFF begins Sunday, April 19. As you do your spring cleaning, remember that we are in need of all types of items, including furniture, sports equipment, baby items, toys, books, crafts, linens, clothing, tools, electronics and housewares.

VOLUNTEERS... We are in need of many people to help sort and price items during the day and evening that week. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

BAKE SALE... We need many goodies for the bake sale tables; including cookies, pies, candy, cakes, brownies, homemade bread. Please sign up to bring an item or be a Saturday cashier. We are in need of 10 card tables for the bake sale and other uses.

KITCHEN... Help is needed on Saturday to serve breakfast and lunch. If you are able to donate any items, such as paper products, soda pop, bottled water, or any food items, see Melinda Bryan. Please sign up if you can work in the kitchen.

CLOTHING SALE... We need helpers to sort

clothing during the week and to monitor and help shoppers on Saturday. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

FELLOWSHIP HALL... We need many helpers on Saturday to cashier, bag purchases, and monitor various sales areas. See Leslie Zimmerman if you can help. Workers are also needed after the sale at 3:00 p.m. to box up the leftovers and set up the church for Sunday.

We are looking for 12 individuals who are at least 12 years old who can help the day of the flea market with various different tasks. You can stay as long as you would like, or pick a time that works for you. Please sign up on the board if you are able to help or see Leslie.

If you are able to pick up furniture or large items from individuals homes, please call the church office and let them know when you are available.

We are looking for a volunteer to put signs out the night before and/or morning of the flea market. They will then need to be picked up at 3:00 p.m. after the flea market. Please see Leslie or call the church office if you are able to help with this project.

Please save your brown grocery paper bags and bring them to the church by April 19.

We need 120 people to help with this flea market, starting after services on Sunday, April 19 through the evening of April 25. If you are able to help in any way, check the flea market bulletin board or please see Leslie Zimmerman or call the church office.

FLEA MARKET SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE HELP!

Daylight savings time begins.... don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

PARISH WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening will be done Sunday, March 8. Come to the office conference room to have your blood pressure checked. The screening is done from 9:30-10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

CPR coming soon:

A CPR class will be offered at the church Saturday, March 14. Please come at 8:45 a.m.; class will begin at 9:00. Cost of the class is \$20, including book and instruction, with a maximum class size of 9 participants. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to attend.

JUMC Walking Program

We will have a walking program again this year in April to encourage everyone to get out there and start walking. Watch the church website, <http://www.jeromechurch.org> and the April newsletter for details. There is a list of helpful hints and resources to help you get started at the greeter's desk in the church lobby.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

JUMC Mission Team

Returning to Honduras

God is good....ALL of the time! God has designed a wonderful team to work side by side with Total Home again this year in LaCeiba, Honduras. This is trip #3!! The team will travel to Honduras May 2 and return May 9. There is a family waiting for the helping hands and willing hearts of 9 servants of the Lord to build them a place they can call home. Not only is this a construction project, but team members will be helping in the Children's Nutrition Center, teaching health education, devotions, discipleship, crafts and English. If you would like to provide children's vitamins, flip-flops, or craft items, please place them in the box in the narthex. All monetary donations are welcome and are tax deductible. Please pray that God reveals many opportunities to glorify him through helping all of his children wherever they may live. Questions? Call

Charlie Bynner at 873-5188 or Debbie Trego at 889-6041 and visit www.totalhealth.org for more information.

Soup for the Soul

Please consider offering a regular donation to our Soup for the Soul ministry. Several members provide bread and eggs on a weekly basis. If you can provide a pot of soup, lunch meat and cheese, fruit, drinks, desserts or any food item on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Melinda Murphy (766-9002). You are also invited to join us on our weekly trip to the Church for All People to serve. We leave our church promptly at 3:30 p.m. each Friday, returning by 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Free Store

The United Methodist Free Store is in need of donations of gently used blankets and slightly used or new candles for their clients. Please bring donations to the church and leave in the coat area near the office. Thank you!

Parents' Night Out!

Friday, March 13

The youth who will attend the Mountain T.O.P. mission trip in June will sponsor a Parents' Night Out Friday, March 13, 6-10:00 p.m. Children 3 years of age to those in grade 5 are invited to attend. There will be pizza provided for dinner. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken. Please call the church office (873-8851) or sign up in the church lobby by March 10 if your family would like to participate.

All Mountain T.O.P. campers will be asked to work one or two shifts that evening, either 5:45-8:00 p.m. or 7:45-10:15 p.m. Parents of campers who are willing to help that evening are asked to call Denise (873-8851) or Vickie Bowman (791-9942).

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Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community

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CHANCEL CHOIR

Choir rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings. We rehearse from 7-8:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All who love to sing are invited. We sing every Sunday at the 8:30 service.

HIGHER GROUND

Our rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. We lead worship every Sunday at the 10:45 service.

JEROME RINGERS

Rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00. We will ring on Sunday, March 22 for the 8:30 service. We will also ring as part of The Easter Musical on April 5. We are also preparing for the Greater Columbus Hand Bell Festival, which will be held on Sunday, May 3.

EASTER MUSICAL

Festival Choir

Our first rehearsal for the Easter festival choir will be held Sunday, March 1 from 1 - 2:15 p.m. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to participate. Our Easter Musical will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday) and will include Jerome Ringers, Festival Orchestra and Festival Choir.

Festival Orchestra

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, March 8 and will be held following the choir rehearsal. (2:30 to 3:30) We will prepare music for the Easter Musical and for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

TWIST will be held Wednesday, March 18 this month! We will begin practicing our Palm Sunday Music. Music begins at 5:30, prior to the meal.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

You are invited to join an adult class and introduce your kids to other kids at Jerome UMC who are their age. Sunday school is a place to bring your kids for a good foundation in Bible knowledge and strong friendships with others at JUMC. Our teachers enjoy having new students. Here are the teachers and rooms:

Preschool: Room 119,

Jenney Seely and Dax Pitts

Kindergarten & First Grade: Room 107

Susie Sutphen and Joni Clark

Second & Third Grade: Room 111

Marc Zimmerman (Megan Berkebile has moved to PA)

Fourth & Fifth Grade: Room 106

Linda Pettit and Nancy Ikels

OPEN GYM PLUS

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:00

What: Open gym plus snacks

Who: Children (infants thru 6 years old) and a parent/guardian

When: Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 (January 20th - March 24th)

Cost: Free!!! (donations accepted to help cover the costs of snacks and the purchase of future equipment)

Why: To provide a setting to help young children develop their social, large muscle, and cognitive skills.

NURSERY LEADERS

Our leaders who are beginning this month are Lynn Boston, Becky Neill, Rosemary Pitts, Randy Page, Mike Anderson, Tom Montgomery, Brenda Hancock, Anne Allen, Amy Plank, and Amy Smith. If you would like to be the one to complete the team, contact

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 KidConnections

Donna Montgomery, Kristi Smith, or Amy Plank. We are excited to offer top notch service for parents coming to JUMC. If you love babies, we could use one more person to complete the team. Talk with Donna Montgomery if you feel the nudge.

NURSERY CHANGES....

A new parent packet with revised policies and procedures in the nursery will become available soon. If you have a nursery aged child, we will give you the packet when it is finished and explain some of the new procedures. We are striving to make the nursery a place where visiting and regularly attending parents have no question about their child's safety and care. The Board of Trustees have done a fabulous job in helping to ensure the nursery is the best we can offer...we are grateful for your help.

TWIST

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Twist has been an encouraging, unifying time for Jerome families. It is a joy to share a **meal** together and to interact with the children and to see their excitement for serving others. Consider joining us...here are the details:

- Families with young children
- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Music @ 5:30
- Pizza @ 6:15
- Meals are \$3 per person and can be paid that night
- Music, Recreation, Bible Devotion, Activities
- Parents attend with their children

BEGINNER'S BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 5:00 - 7:00PM

Beginner Bible Study is where kids have a lot of fun while they learn to use their Bibles and develop a lifetime pattern for spiritual growth. **The Bible Study is open to any 3 - 5th grade student.** There is about 15 minutes of "Home Bible Study" given each week. Pizza is served at 5:00, followed by Bible study and recreation ending at 7:00. Come and join us and bring a friend. Becky and Roger Hayslip, Marla Anderson, and Greg Jaudzems have been helping to lead.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars and plan your vacation around VBS...reserve August 3 - 7. We are beginning to put together our **VBS team** for this year. Last year we had many new families visit JUMC during VBS week. If you would like to be on the planning team for this ministry, contact Donna Montgomery.

KidConnections, Connecting Kids to Christ and Christian Community. Our hope is to help children know **how awesome it is to have a personal relationship** with the all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful one and only true God through Jesus Christ. We want to help develop a love for God, a love for others, a love for His Word and a desire to follow Him. (Mark 12:30-31)

FROM THE MINISTER OF YOUTH & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Ten teenagers of our church will make up this year's Confirmation Class. The retreat will be held at Camp Wesley on March 13-15. All confirmands are asked to be at the church by 4:00 p.m. on March 13. Students are asked to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, a Bible, warm clothing and a snack to share. Payment for the retreat (\$125) is due in the office by March 1. Confirmation ceremony is Sunday, May 3.

BREAKAWAY

The Middle School fellowship group, Breakaway, will meet Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. We're meeting a week later than usual this month. If you would be willing to provide a simple meal for about 20 students for that night, please call Denise (873-8851) or email her at swajumc@aol.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Rust Machine (Boys Only Bible Study) meets at Rusty Woerner's home, 11111 Jerome Road, for Bible study, pizza and dessert on the second Monday of the month (March 9) at 7:30 p.m.

Buckeye Angels (Girls Only Bible Study) meets at Denise Gorden's home, 7866 Harriott Road, for Bible study, pizza and dessert the second Monday of the month (March 9) at 7:30 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Boys Only Bible Study- meets on the third Monday of the month (March 16), 7:30 p.m., at the home of Rusty Woerner.

G.R.A.P.E.S. (Girls Only Bible Study)- meets at the home of Denise Gorden for pizza, dessert and Bible study on the third Monday of the month (March 16), at 7:30 p.m.

OASIS- Senior high boys and girls are invited to join us every Wednesday, 7:30-8:45 p.m., in the Teen Room at the church for pizza and Bible study.

YOUTH GROUP SPRING FLOWER SALE

The youth group will once again sell flowers from Fortmeyer's Greenhouse in Delaware. The sale will begin March 29 and end April 12. The flowers will be delivered to the church on Thursday, May 14. The profits from the sale will be used in two ways. Students can earn a portion of the profit for upcoming retreats and work camps in 2009. The remaining profits will go for youth scholarships and our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church for All People in November. Please consider buying flowers for your home and garden from one of the youth of our church. Orders will be taken during fellowship time. Gift certificates are also available, which gives you an opportunity to go to the nursery and pick out your own plants and flowers. Brochures will be available in

Denise's office beginning March 15 for students wishing to sell flowers

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. 2009

Thirty six adults and students will go to Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) this summer from June 20-28. During our stay at the camp we will provide for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of the people in the Cumberland Mountains.

SECOND AND FINAL PAYMENTS

For Mountain T.O.P.

The second payment of \$100 is due to the church office by March 1. Please mark your checks Mountain T.O.P. and place it in the offertory or take it to Chris Mills in the office. Once the second payment is sent in, there is will be no refunds. The third payment of \$180 is due on May 1. All emergency forms must be turned in with the final payment. Everyone who will be 18 years of old by camp week must have a background check completed by May 1, as well.

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. RETREAT

This year's retreat will be held at the church on Sunday, April 26. All first time campers and all adults are asked to be at the church at 3:00 p.m. During that time, we will go over all important information that all first time campers will need to have a successful and meaningful mission experience. At 4:30 p.m. all other campers are expected to join us. During this time, we will work on our Mountain T.O.P. banner, plan Mountain T.O.P. worship, go over details of the trip and have dinner. Any parent interested in helping plan and serve a simple meal for 36 is asked to call Denise as soon as possible.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORK CAMP

Faith Ranch

This year's Middle School work camp will be held at Faith Ranch July 29 - August 2. Faith Ranch is a 5,000 acre ranch in Jewett Ohio. We will stay in one of the houses on the ranch.

We will leave at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 and return on Sunday before 3:00 p.m. on August 2. All students who have attended Middle School this school year are invited to join us. During our stay we

will perform various jobs around the ranch, such as painting, minor home repair, working in the kitchen and doing yard work. This is great preparation for those who plan to attend Mountain T.O.P. in the future. We will work on projects from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each day. In the afternoon and evenings there will be time to swim, ride horses, play games, take a hayride, participate in Bible Study, daily devotions and meaningful worship.

The cost of the trip is \$130, which includes all the meals, materials and activities of the work week. Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance. Students interested in attending are asked to have their checks into the office by June 1. Students can earn money from the Spring flower sale for the trip, as well.

TOOLS FOR MOUNTAIN T.O.P.

We are always looking for tools for our Mountain T.O.P. ministry. We especially need hammers, weed wackers, axes, sledge hammers and garden tools, such as grass clippers, rakes and hedge clippers. Please call Denise if you have any questions about this ministry.

SPIRIT CAFÉ

We are in need of three dozen donuts and juice each week for the Spirit Café. Each Sunday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., donuts, juice and hot chocolate are served to the Middle School and High School students in the teen room. If you can provide donuts at any time, please email Denise at swajumc@aol.com or call her at 873-8851.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Thanks to everyone who has donated used printer cartridges. Please continue to save your used cartridges. There is a collection box in the narthex on the shelf above the coat rack. Proceeds from these collections will go to Mountain T.O.P. 2009.

RECREATION & FUN

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mark your calendars for the men's breakfast at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City Saturday, March 7, 7:30 A.M. This is open to all men of the church and their guests.

EUCHRE PARTY

Sign up for the euchre party on Friday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. in the church narthex. Wanda & Irv Weisheimer will host. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Call Marie (873-8239) if you have any questions or would like to host for a future month.

Thank You!

Dear Mrs. Montgomery and Twist participants,

Thanks so much for making the Valentine cards for the Sunshine plates. Our shut-ins will surely appreciate them.

United Methodist Women

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We want to thank the UMW for the lovely Valentine gift of fruit and delicious cookies – you so thoughtfully gave us two of each! Also, thanks to Jenna Keiffer for the delightful Valentine's Day card. We will treasure it always!

With love,
Ann Hugill and John Boyers

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Dear Total Health partners,

On behalf of the Total Health Board of Directors, the Honduran medical staff and thousands of Honduran and Nicaraguan citizens, allow me to communicate my most sincere "thank you" for your support of Total Health during the year. We are grateful that you chose to share in our mission to provide quality health care to less fortunate parts of the world.

Generous partners like you who are willing to support us financially, as well as with your time and expertise, are making a significant difference in the lives of thousands of people. You are supporting the doctor visits, medicines, dental and eye care that touched the lives of over 14,000 severely impoverished people during 2008 who otherwise would have received little to no care.

Once again, please accept our gratitude for your gift. You have done a wonderful and gracious thing for those in need.

Sincerely,
John Flinn, Total Health Treasurer

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Thanks to....

- our Board of Trustees for their work replacing the blown-out windows in the fellowship hall, replacing leaky restroom faucets, and replacing furnace filters
- Ron Kemmerling for painting the overflow room in the sanctuary
- Myra Brenneman, Jan Manring, Valerie Bowerman and Ellie Howes for their help assembling the February newsletter
- Melinda Murphy, who organizes Soup for the Soul, and everyone who provides soup and other food items each week, as well as those who help serve 100 persons in need each Friday at the Church for All People in downtown Columbus
- Stuart Staples for making the coffee on Sunday mornings
- volunteers who set up and take down the fellowship hall chairs weekly

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Tracy Mills, Erica Pettit
- 3/2 Bob Neill (Marysville), Ben Yates
- 3/4 Soo-Hea Park
- 3/6 Charlie King, Olivia Evans
- 3/8 Brian Jackson
- 3/9 David McDowell
- 3/11 Conner Matrka
- 3/12 Bill Foulke, Shawn McMahon
- 3/13 Amy Page, April Keiffer
- 3/14 Dan Gossard, Carol Dixon, Wendy Bynner, Marian Webb, Karen Matrka, Lauren Bambach, Mike Dennison, Emma Anderson
- 3/15 Art Earl
- 3/16 Mark Hartman
- 3/17 Ginny Allbright
- 3/18 Colin Seely
- 3/19 Kelsey Hoover, Cody Middlestead, Rosemary Pitts
- 3/22 Chase Rose, Rob Meriweather
- 3/25 Susan Miller, Abbi Clark
- 3/26 Kathy Helms, Kevin Hill, Clark Breeding, John Bolte, William Anderson
- 3/27 Jessica Flowers
- 3/29 Luke Detwiler
- 3/31 Monica Welcker

March Calendar

Sunday, March 1

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday school for all ages
10:30am Fellowship time
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
5:00pm Beginners' Bible study

Monday, March 2

7:00pm Frogs & Toads book club
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

Tuesday, March 3

9:30am Open Gym Plus
7:00pm H.O.W. Team meeting
7:00pm Missions Committee meeting

Wednesday, March 4

9:45am Serendipity
No Twist
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

1:00pm United Methodist Women meeting
7:00pm Serendipity
7:00pm Fellowship Committee meeting
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, March 6

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Saturday, March 7

7:30am Men's breakfast at Der Dutchman

Sunday, March 8 (Daylight savings time begins)

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time / blood pressure screening
9:45am Sunday school for all ages
10:30am Fellowship time
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal
5:00pm Beginner's Bible study

Monday, March 9

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:00pm Mission & Vision Team meeting
7:30pm Buckeye Angels (Jr. High girls) at Denise's
7:30pm Rust Machine (Jr. High boys) at Rusty's

Tuesday, March 10

9:30am Open Gym Plus

Wednesday, March 11

9:30am Serendipity
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

7:00pm Serendipity
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, March 13

3:30pm Soup for the Soul
4:00pm Confirmation retreat attendees depart
6:00pm Parents' Night Out
7:00pm Euchre party

Saturday, March 14

8:00am Recycling pick up
8:45am CPR class

Sunday, March 15

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday school for all ages
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
12:15am Board of Trustees meeting
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
2:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor – sanctuary/fellowship hall
2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal
4:00pm Confirmands return from retreat
5:00pm Beginner's Bible study

Monday, March 16

7:00pm Drama Team meeting
7:00pm Boy Scout meeting
7:30pm G.R.A.P.E.S. high school girls Bible study at Denise's
7:30pm High school boys Bible study at Rusty's

Tuesday, March 17

9:30am Open Gym Plus

Wednesday, March 18

9:45am Serendipity
5:30pm Twist
7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal
7:30pm Oasis
8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

Thursday, March 19

7:00pm Serendipity
8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, March 20

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, March 22

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery
9:30am Fellowship time
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal
2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal
5:00pm Beginner's Bible study (last day)

Tuesday, March 24

9:30am Open Gym Plus (last day)

Wednesday, March 25

9:45am Serendipity

7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal

8:00pm Jerome Ringers rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

7:00pm Serendipity

8:00pm Band rehearsal

Friday, March 27

3:30pm Soup for the Soul

Sunday, March 29

Youth flower sale begins

8:30am Traditional Worship, Nursery

9:30am Fellowship time

9:45am Sunday school for all ages

10:30am Fellowship time

10:45am Contemporary Worship, Nursery, Children's Church

1:00pm Festival Choir rehearsal

2:30pm Festival Orchestra rehearsal

3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, March 9

6:30pm Breakaway

7:00pm Boy Scout meeting

7:00pm Mission & Vision Team meeting

- Anthony Figliola (Tom Elliott)
- Marcia Keller (Chris McDowell)
- Kathy Kise (April Keiffer)
- Herb Harsh (Steve Harsh)
- Helen Hartman (Ruth Elliott)
- Bill Hayslip (Joan Hayslip)
- Micki Hinker (Kathy Grauer)
- Sue Leone (Jane Green)
- John Manker
- Meredythe McDaniel (Lisa Hoppe)
- Anna McKinney (Dax & Rosemary Pitts)
- Margaret Mello
- Dale Motter (Vicki Bowman)
- Linda Overly (Becky Neill)
- Nancy Pimm
- Wayne Roberts (Kim Weaver)
- Carl Rothgab (David & Madeleine Breitmayer)
- Dawn Sargent (Becky Neill)
- Don Swartz (Joan Hayslip)
- Eva Tobin (Steve & Diana Harsh)
- Marian Webb
- Barb Wilcox
- Jim Williams (Andy Williams)
- Bob Woodard (Chip Seely)
- Andrew Zanko

NURSING HOME:

- Medrith Carson
- Loran Faulk
- Lee Schacherbauer
- Tom Webb

MILITARY:

- Kelleigh & Brad Bennett (Kristi Smith)
- Beau Castilla
- Brian Doyle-Wenger (Dave & Valerie Altfater)
- Willy & Betsey Griffith (Kristi Smith)
- Michael Hoover (Steve & Diana Hoffman Harsh)
- Joshua Kline (Kim Solomon)
- Jodi McFee (Vicki Bowman)
- Seth Miller (Charlie & Gerri Miller)
- Michael Moran (Marla Anderson)
- Jordan Neill
- Jason Tummonds

MISSIONARIES:

- Dave & Donna Jacobsson: MAF
- E-mail: djacobsson@maf.org

CIRCLE OF CONCERN

BEREAVEMENT:

- Ron Kemmerling and family (Sharon)
- Matrka family (Karen's dad, Bill Clarkin)

HOSPITAL or HOME ILLNESS

- Forrest & Ginny Albright
- Al Bessette (Wendy Bynner)
- Mark & Kiera Brady (Holly Hedrick)
- Ruth Bush (Marilyn Trux)
- John Castellano (Valerie Bowerman)
- Sarah Chapman
- Mark Coffman (Barry Keith)
- Dick Evans (Joan Hayslip)
- Maxine Evans (Joan Hayslip)

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS

3/1 8:30 Bob & Stephanie Middlestead
10:45 Steve & Sandy Montee
3/8 8:30 Dick & Joan Hayslip
10:45 Rusty & Terry Woerner
3/15 8:30 Al & Joni Clark
10:45 Roger & Becky Hayslip
3/22 8:30 Robert & Karen Guthrie
10:45 Bruce & Leslie Lauer
3/29 8:30 Valerie Bowerman
10:45 Kathy Feightner

GREAT EXPECTATIONS TEAM GREETERS

	Inside	Outside
3/1	8:30 Stephanie Middlestead 10:45 Barb Keith	Tom Pierce Terry Woerner
3/8	8:30 Laurel Benefiel 10:45 June Booher	DeeAnn King Sandy Montee
3/15	8:30 Stephanie Middlestead 10:45 Sarah Holcomb	Tom Pierce Steve Mark
3/22	8:30 Sharon Dunn 10:45 Dennis Decker	Dan Sutphen Cindy Decker
3/29	8:30 Laurel Benefiel 10:45 Dawn Stanko	Tom Pierce Jan Manring

USHERS

3/1 8:30 Bill Gossard & Larry Herchline
10:45 Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg
3/8 8:30 King family
10:45 Mark & Kim Solomon
3/15 8:30 Dan & Pam Schmidt
10:45 Gary & Kathy Grauer
3/22 8:30 Mathew & Hayley Neumeier
10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson
3/29 8:30 Jud & Kathy Smith
10:45 Paul & Shelly Detwiler

ACOLYTES – 9:00AM

3/1 Seth Transue
3/8 Holly King
3/15 Nick & Ben Yost
3/22 Usher
3/29 Usher

SCRIPTURE READERS

3/1 8:30 Anita Norris
10:45 Linda Pettit
3/8 8:30 Katie King
10:45 Steve Roggenkamp
3/15 8:30 Al Clark
10:45 Tom Boyd
3/22 8:30 Ed Kauffman
10:45 Jon Pettit
3/29 8:30 Brenda Warne
10:45 Terry Woerner

FELLOWSHIP TIME VOLUNTEERS

3/1 9:30 Stephen & Jennifer Mills
10:45 Mark & Barb Ingram
3/8 9:30 Tracy & Chris Mills
10:45 Brian & Julie Jackson
3/15 9:30 Doris Millspaugh & Penny Sullivan
10:45 Rocky & Carla Jacobs
3/22 9:30 Steve & Sandy Montee
10:45 Greg & Holly Jaudzems
3/29 9:30 Bobby & Debbie Moore
10:45 Kevin & April Keiffer

ALTAR FLOWERS

3/1 DeeAnn King – in honor of Charlie Miller's and Charlie King's birthdays
3/8 Open
3/15 Marian Webb – in celebration of my birthday
3/22 Roger & Denise Gorden – in honor of our 30th wedding anniversary
3/29 Mike & Marla Anderson – in honor of Emma's and William's birthdays

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

3/1 8:30 Becky Neill
9:45 Mike Anderson
10:45 Amy Smith
3/8 8:30 Rosemary Pitts
9:45 Tom Montgomery
10:45 Brenda Hancock
3/15 8:30 Randy Page
9:45 Mike Anderson
10:45 Amy Plank
3/22 8:30 Lynn Boston
9:45 Tom Montgomery
10:45 Anne Allen
3/29 8:30 Becky Neill
9:45 Mike Anderson
10:45 Amy Smith

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

8:30 service

	Teacher	Shepherd
3/1	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark
3/8	Donna Montgomery	Jennifer Sonnenberg
3/15	Donna Montgomery	Amy Page
3/22	Donna Montgomery	Cody Middlestead
3/29	Donna Montgomery	Abby Clark

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

VOLUNTEERS

10:45 service

Pre-K

	Teacher	Shepherd
3/1	Sarah Koenig	Leah Koenig
3/8	Donna Montgomery	Amy Daniels
3/15	Janell Bolte	Michelle Pettit
3/22	Sarah Koenig	Tracy Moldovan
3/29	Janell Bolte	Michelle Pettit

Elementary

3/1	Katheen Rose	Lori Greiner
3/8	Greg Jaudzems	Erica Pettit
3/15	Sarah Holcomb	April Keiffer
3/22	Becky Hayslip	Roger Hayslip
3/29	Sarah Holcomb	April Keiffer

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIR SET UP

3/1	Bob Warne
3/8	Sonnenberg family
3/15	Bowman family
3/22	Bryan family
3/29	Sarah Holcomb

PANERA BREAD/ SOUP FOR THE SOUL

PICK UP VOLUNTEERS

3/5	Scott Sonnenberg
3/12	Valerie Altfater
3/19	Penny Sullivan
3/26	Kathy Smith