

Wesley United Methodist Church



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR DAVID

We now find ourselves in this time of year that we call Lent. Lent is a time where we prepare our hearts, our minds, and our souls for the Easter season. What are the things that come to mind when we think of Lent? We think of fasnacht donuts and fat Tuesday. We think of the color purple and getting ready for Easter. Some think of the color black and somber attitudes. But what really is Lent? Lent is a time where we are reminded of who we are and of whose we are. When Lent rolls around, the standard question that I get is, 'So, *what are you giving up?*' Each year this is a difficult question for me to answer. When we give something up, we give it up because it is something that is getting in the way of our being with Christ. Others may say that during Lent you are not to delete something but add something in instead. You add something that will bring you closer to Christ.

Maybe this Lent we should combine the two of these together. We should be deleting something in our life that is pulling us away from God and put something in its place that will draw us closer to God. If we delete something and put nothing in its place, we are asking for that spot to be refilled with the same thing or something worse; we must delete and fill. When we fill the void with God, our lives are changed for the better. So this Lent, what is drawing you away from God and

Our Mission: As members of Wesley Church we are called by God to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Meet your Wesley UM Family



Richard Stever: (Rick) has been affiliated with our church for 80 years plus. As he shared recently, he was baptized in the red brick church on the opposite corner of where we are now. He doesn't remember the experience, but he has written proof that it happened. In a recent conversation with Rick, he shared the following reflections and words of wisdom.

Reflections:

"I remember standing in the hallway of the Sunday School building and hearing all the classes rendering their versions of "Jesus Loves Me;" all the different sounds coming from all the floors of the building causing me to know that I was in a wonderful place.

Darlene Joy (Haverstein) Ritter: I've been a part of this church all my life; baptized when I was three I remember "that man" pouring water on my head that was running down my cheek and I couldn't understand why. My parents didn't attend very often, but they saw that my brother and I got here; so basically, I learned about Christ and Christians from Sunday School teachers and my parents. In my teens and early "grownup years" my attendance was sporadic, but something was always pulling me back. I now know that it was God asking me to come back. I accepted His invitation and returned committed to do better knowing in my heart that He would always be one step ahead of me leading the way.

I am married to J. William Ritter (Bill) and I am the mother of two, a son and a daughter, step-mother to one, grandmother of five

He also shared that he was a member of the Junior Choir and the kids would be running around acting like little devils until Ruth McFarland, the choir director, would calm them down and conduct practice. Then those same children who were just minutes before acting like little devils would go into the service and sing like Little Angels.

Words of Wisdom:

"Whatever was isn't anymore; except for the virtues, like love, hope and faith. They are immutable."

"There is nothing more permanent than change."

talented young ladies, great-grandmother of eight (4 girls and 4 boys). I retired from PSU in 2012. I have been blessed!

I enjoy many things in my life, the sound of ocean waves, a babbling brook or stream, watching sunsets and sunrises, spending time with family and friends, reading good books, watching Hallmark movies, and the History Channel. I also enjoy listening to music from the 50-60s, one-day trips exploring PA, the giggles of little children and the laughter of the elderly. I dislike spiders, snakes, liver and onions, grocery shopping (has to be an easier way to get that "stuff" from the store to my cupboards), seeing others wasting time texting while missing what is right in front of them, tailgaters and reckless drivers

The best advice given to me was from the uncle of my childhood best friend. He told us

to remember “*You don’t have to know all the answers, but you do need to know where to go to find them; always ask questions.*”

Advice I would offer to others: “*Have faith, trust in the Lord; never give up. Life may*

seem bad and you may feel broken, but you will never be defeated if you remember that God walks with you every hour of the day and night.



March 2017

March 1 - Ash Wednesday Service will be held in the Sanctuary starting at 7:00 pm.

March 1 through April 5 - Weekly Lenten Luncheons will be held on Wednesdays starting at noon at the Church of the Good Shepherd; cost is a donation of \$5.00 and a canned food item for the Food Bank. *A sign-up sheet can be found on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.* The theme will be Psalms of Lent.

March 5 – Congregational Life committee will meet in the Church parlor starting at 11:45 am.

March 8 – Food bank will be open from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

March 22 - Lenten Luncheon at the Church of the Good Shepherd will be served by Wesley. The menu will be ham potpie, coleslaw, pie, and a beverage. Pastor David will be the speaker. (His topic will be Psalm 95).

March 25 - A Pancake Breakfast will be held in the Social Hall from 8:00 to 10:30 am.

This is a fund raiser for the Kid’s project “Stomp out Malaria” Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids ages 4 – 10 and children 3 and under are free.

April: 2017

April 6 – Administrative Council will be meeting on Thursday, April 6 in the Church parlor starting at 7:00 pm.

April 9 - We are planning an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, for the children. More information will be available in the bulletin as it gets closer to the date.

April 12 – Food Bank will be open from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The Food bank is also open every Thursday from 9:00 – 10:30 am.

April 13 - Maundy or Holy Thursday is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles as described in the gospels. A service will be held in the Sanctuary beginning at 7:00 pm.

April 14 - Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday and commemorates the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ in the Christian Church. It is traditionally a day of fasting and penance. A service will be held

beginning at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

April 16 - Easter Sunday, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The New Testament states that the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday is the foundation of the Christian faith. A Sunrise service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:00 am, as well as a traditional service beginning at 10:30 am.

April 29 - The annual Women and Children’s Spring Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6:00 pm. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served by the men of Wesley

Church. “Say it With a Song” will be the entertainment following the dinner featuring Wesley’s talented children and adults. Anyone interested in participating please contact Vicki Fetterman. Tickets for the

dinner will be available starting April 2nd and the cost is \$11.00 for adults, \$5.00 for

children ages 4 – 12 and children 3 and under are free.



Staff Parrish Relations Committee: The SPRC met in January. Maribeth LeGrand was welcomed as a new member and we welcomed back Joyce Hewel and Ron Hildebrand who have agreed to return for a second three-year term. The committee discussed providing Pulpit Support when the Pastor is away; plans to revamp our “Newsletter,” and using teen liturgists.

Bell Choir: We are making progress on the hiring of a Bell Choir Director. Hopefully, we will have good news to report soon and the Bell Choir will be able to play again during the Easter season.

Children’s Ministry: Our first and primary mission is Sunday School. We have three classes that meet every Sunday morning from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Our Pre-K class is located on the first floor in the nursery and our other two classes, Primary (1st – 3rd grades) and Youth (4th – 8th grades) are located on the third floor. Growing in God’s Word is so important for our children. Along with Sunday School, our Children’s choir meets on the first floor in the fellowship hall every Sunday from 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. They sing every third Sunday during worship service.

We are planning on having an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 9th. There will be more information in the bulletin as it gets closer to the date.

Imagine no Malaria. Our Sunday School classes are working on raising \$1,000.00 by Easter to help stomp out malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. 100% of your monies donated will be used by

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help eradicate this disease.

We have three main drives: The Red Donation Box, the Abundance Calendar for Lent, and finally a Pancake Breakfast. The Red Donation Box is located in the Narthex of our church. Every two to three weeks we will be collecting different colors of money. Our first is copper (pennies), followed by silver (nickels, dimes, etc.), followed by green (\$\$). We will end this drive with a “Buy a \$10.00 Bed Net” week. Our *Abundance Calendar* will be available to any who wish to use it as a way for families to set aside money during Lent. The calendar was handed out during the February 26th worship service. You can also pick one up from the table in the back of the sanctuary. Finally, we will be having a *Pancake Breakfast* on March 25th from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids ages 4 – 10 and free for children 3 and under. Look for more information in upcoming Church bulletins.

Food Bank: The food bank will be open on March 8th and April 12th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm; it will also be open every Thursday from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Items being collected for the month of March are *peanut butter and jelly* and for the month of April *canned pasta*. The food bank is also collecting labels from IGA brand food items, ten cents per label is received for every bundle of 500 labels. You can bring your labels to the Church Office.

Annual Conference: We are collecting gently worn jeans to be donated to the “HUB” in Altoona to be used for making quilts. There is a basket under the coat rack in the hallway. Christ United Methodist Church is collecting cancelled postage stamps. There is an individual in Pittsburgh who will be making a monetary donation to St. Jude’s Children Hospital for the stamps. Please bring your cancelled stamps to the Church Office and put them in the box that will be provided.

Operation Christmas Child

Now is a good time to take advantage of the seasonal bargains for items such as stuffed animals, pencils, crayons, single subject

notebooks, scissors, colored paper, coloring books, dry paint sets, etc. to have on hand for “Operation Christmas Child” in November.

Trustees: In the November newsletter, the Trustees presented a list of tasks for present and future maintenance needs for our Church. Progress is being made thanks to your individual donations and your support of our fundraisers. We are closer to having the steps and the 12th street sidewalk repaired as soon as the weather breaks. The batteries for the emergency lights have been purchased and installed (20 batteries at \$15 each) which brings all of the lights up to code. There are still repairs and maintenance projects to complete and we are planning a few more fundraisers. Your support and any and all donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of any of these projects, please indicate this on your church offering envelope and mark it on the memo line of your check as “*Trustees Wish List.*”



The Trustees and Fundraising Committees would like to thank everyone who made individual monetary donations and also donated to the September Yard Sale and the November Basket Auction. They also want to thank all who prepared soup and baked pies for the soup sale that was held in January and to all who prepared and helped with the ham pot pie sale in February.

Special “*thanks*” to the children of Wesley who shared valentines and candy with the congregation on February 12th. “We love you too!”

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| Administrative Board Chair | Joyce Hewell |
| Finance Committee: | Wayne Hall |
| Staff Parish Committee | Darlene Ritter |
| Endowment Committee | George LeGrand |
| Board of Trustees | David Hess |
| Music Worship Committee | Myra Hess |
| Congregational Life | Karen Rumberger |
| Connection Crew | Darlene Cupp |
| At Large Member | Joby Hunter |
| Lay Member to | Jean Bressler |
| Annual Conference | |
| Administrative Assistant | LeVonne Angelo) |



**THOSE
SERVING IN
OUR
MINISTRIES
FOR THE
MONTH OF
MARCH AND
APRIL**

March

Acolytes:

3/1 Sean Foster
and Cooper Keen
3/5 Meaghan
and Haylee Foster
3/12 Kasey
Daughenbaugh
& Annie LeGrand
3/19 Cooper
Keen and Sean
Foster
3/26 Reagan
Irons and Mattie
Cherry

Greeters:

3/1 Bill &
Darlene Ritter – *Ash
Wednesday*
3/5 Sharon Duda
3/12 Lori Kirk
3/19 Rick and
Barb Stever
3/26 Revel Kemp
and Amy Stever

Liturgists:

3/1 Joyce Hewel
- *Ash Wednesday*
3/5 Pat Hovan
3/12 Karen
Rumberger
3/19 David Hess
3/26 George
LeGrand

Nursery:

3/5 Carol Elder
and Bridgit Jeffries

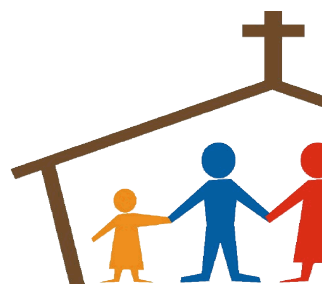
3/12 Jane
Ashcroft and
Kendra
Daughenbau
gh
3/19 Joan Smith
and Jean Bressler
3/26 Kendra
Daughenbau
gh and
Bridgit
Jeffries

Ushers:

Team #1 (*includes
Ash Wednesday
Service*)
Robert Imler, Revel
Kemp, Steve Lucas,
John Ott, Tom
Rumberger and Ed
Jaskowak

Chairlift Ron
Miller

Alter Guild:
Shirley
Bailey



April

Acolytes:

4/2 Colby
Daughenbaugh &
Nick Ashcroft
4/9 Kasey
Daughenbaugh &
Annie LeGrand
4/13 Meaghan &

Haylee Foster-*Holy
Thursday*
4/14 Sean Foster
- *Good Friday*
4/16 Sage
Rumberger &
Reagan Irons
-*Easter*
4/23 Logan
Rumberger and
Drew Irons
4/30 Meaghan
and Haylee Foster

Greeters:

4/2 Myra
Isenberg
4/9 Bill and
Darlene Ritter
4/13 Adda Frye -
Holy Thursday
4/14 Donna
McFarland - *Good
Friday*
4/16 Walt and
Jean Harader
4/23 Dallas and
Lori Eckert
4/30 Jim and Fran
Bigelow

Liturgists:

4/2 Pat Hovan
4/9 Joyce Hewel
4/13 Joyce Hewel
- *Holy Thursday*
4/14 David Hess -
Good Friday
4/16 David Hess -
Sunrise (7:00 am)
4/16 Kendra
Daughenbaugh
(*10:30 am*)
4/23 George
LeGrand
Nursery:
4/2 Joan Smith
and Carol Elder
4/9 Julie Dillon
and Jean Bressler
4/16 OPEN – NO

ATTENDANTS

4/23 Kendra
Daughenbaugh and
Jane Ashcroft
4/30 Carol Elder
and Joan Smith

Ushers:

Team #2 (*includes
Holy Thursday,
Good Friday,
Sunrise and 10:30
am Services*), Randy
Miles, Bill Miller,
Wayne Hall, George
LeGrand and Earl
Bressler

Chairlift: Earl
Bressler

Alter Guild: Adda
Frye



Birthdays:

March

3/7 David Hess
3/10 Janice Drake
3/15 Faye Gill
3/18 Bill Ritter
3/20 Kyle
Williams;
3/22 Lori Eckert
3/23 Adalyn
Jeffries
3/26 Karen
Rumberger, Taylor
Hunter,

Carol Elder
3/29 Walt
Harader

April

4/6 Cheyanne
Robinson
4/8 George
Stever
4/15 Kasey
Daughenbaugh
4/19 Lynn Cupp
4/20 Mike Cherry
4/22 Betty
Narehood
4/24 Nick
Ashcroft
4/25 Michael
Cherry Sr.
4/27 Kendra
Daughenbaugh
4/28 Dallas
Eckert

Anniversaries:

March

3/19 George and
Sandra Stevens

April

4/1 Revel Kemp
and Amy Stever
4/8 Terry and
Carol Elder