



March 2017 Church Newsletter



THE PASTOR PONDERERS
And Ponders and Ponders, Poor Guy!

Lent is now officially here, and many use this time to practice the spiritual discipline of sacrifice by giving something up (and no, Brussel sprouts don't count!). Some are well on their way to making these changes in daily life, while others are making an effort to maintain due diligence. What have you given up for Lent?

Some will give up a favorite food or activity. Popular food choices to forgo are desserts or red meat. I have known some who gave up pizza or snack foods. As for activities, I know one person who gave up watching television, and another who gave up using his car, opting for a bike or public transportation.

Of course, this is only part of the equation. Denying ourselves something we enjoy has benefit, but some look to use Lent as an opportunity to give up something harmful, such as a bad habit. Have you ever considered if there are any such habits worth shedding?

Sometimes people will look to add something beneficial to balance giving something up. Maybe use the extra time we gain from not gossiping to write a note to someone who could use cheering up. Dropping a bad habit to add a good one seems a productive use of the Lenten season (if that's what it takes!).

The story is told about a bushman from Australia who, upon being given a new boomerang, spent the rest of his life trying to throw the old one away! Habits can be hard to rid ourselves of, and replacing a bad one with a good one often requires sacrifice.

Scripture speaks of bad habits on two occasions:

- 1) 1 Timothy 5:13 states, "...they get into the habit of being idle...and not only do they become idlers, but also gossips and busybodies."
- 2) Hebrews 10:25 warns of skipping church. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing..."

Whatever else you put off, I hope you will pick up a Lenten Devotional and join us for daily meditations together. The main purpose of the Lenten season is to encourage self-examination and a realization of the effect sin has on our lives. I trust you'll make time each week to reflect and commune with God.

Working together to "Build a Church for Future Generations!"

Blessings, Bro. Bob

Welcome New Member

Wally Adams joined JUMC on Sunday, February 12th during the 8:30 am service. We want to extend a warm welcome to him! His contact information is in the 2017 church directory.

Game Changers Sermon Series

- Sunday, Mar. 5th “Communion” *John 6:32-35*
- Sunday, Mar. 12th “Prayer Changes Things”(Starting With The One Who Prays) *Ephesians 6:18*
- Sunday, Mar. 19th “Forgiven Much” *Ephesians 1:7*
- Sunday, Mar. 26th “Come” *John 6:37*

2017 Lenten Devotional Booklets Are Ready

Please pick up your copy in the Gathering Area.

Staff Additions

We are currently looking for persons to fill two paid staff positions:

- 1) Assistant Nursery Worker (Sunday mornings)
- 2) Children’s Ministry Coordinator-part-time

If you know someone who might be interested in applying for one of these staff positions, please contact the church office.

“A Heart for Children”

District Children’s Leader’s Conference-Saturday, March 4th, 8am-3pm (at Christ Church, U.M.)

Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Lee Ann Hadley

See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for more information.

The Chancel Choir Welcomes Singers and Ringers!

Anyone interested in learning the music for our Good Friday service: "Lenten Sketches" is invited to join us for the first 30 minutes of weekly rehearsals (Thursdays at 7 pm). We have song books and parts CD's for you! Likewise we have lots of music planned for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Easter features excerpts blended into the service from "Crimson Love". We need lots of voices as we will be using extra instruments at both the Good Friday and Easter services! Also, the Praise Team and Bell Choir always welcome newcomers! Just speak with one of us and come to a rehearsal to check out how much fun we have.

--Michael: musicianmichael@bellsouth.net

Second Friday Fellowship Event for March: Fish Fry, 3/10/17, 5:30-7 pm

Held in the JUMC Fellowship Hall. Cost of the meal is a DONATION! *Menu:* Baked Fish, Fried Fish, French Fries, Onion Straws, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Iced Tea & Lemonade. Invite your family, friends & neighbors!

Men’s Breakfast-Saturday, March 11th, 8 am

All men are invited. Join us for breakfast (no cost, usual breakfast fare). Invite a friend or neighbor! We will adjourn no later than 9:15 am.



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12th

Please remember to “Spring Forward” one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 11—we don’t want you late for church!

UMW Circle Meetings

Wesleyan Circle-Tuesday, March 7th, 1:30 pm at the church (CAYA Classroom). Please remember paper goods for Portland.

Willard Circle-Monday, March 27th, 6:30 pm (location to be announced).

All women welcome and invited to one or both Circle meetings!

Thank You

A Delayed Word of Thanks and Appreciation

Last November, for the first time ever, my family would not be together for Thanksgiving (which we usually celebrate on the Friday after Thanksgiving). Daughter Nancy and family could not be with us. Also, three of her four sons would be in college and working. Son-in-law was involved in business, and had scheduled to work on Friday. So, knowing they would not be with us on Friday, I was not surprised when my daughter, Nancy, son-in-law and two grandsons showed up Sunday morning. Neither was I surprised when my son and his family arrived the same day (assuming he knew Nancy was coming, so he came). My son has staff that could cover for him on Sunday. Then a friend of more than 50 years arrived, so I assumed they had it planned. We would eat together after the service and all go home. At the end of the service, Rev. Howell asked me to come forward and give the benediction. Thought nothing of it, assuming he did it because my family was present. WOW, was I surprised when I was presented with the plaque, naming the church entrance at Taylorsville Road in my honor!

It has been difficult for me to express myself and say thank you. I have never been surprised like this before. Caroline Westfall said I voted for it at an Administrative Council meeting (naming the entrance, not naming it in my honor), but I didn't. Staff does not have a vote at the Council meetings.

It was a surprise. I have been delinquent in expressing my thanks and appreciation. Please know that I did feed my family after the service. It was not a home cooked meal they would have had for Thanksgiving, but it was a meal, and we spent two hours visiting around the table at Golden Corral. --*Bill Bowling*

***(The plaque has now been placed in the foyer of the church,
at the Taylorsville Road entrance. Stop by and see it some time!)***

We'd like to extend our appreciation to Rosanne Broome, for the altar decor in the sanctuary for Lent. Rosanne, Mary Lou Falvey and others have taken care of decorating the sanctuary for all the seasons of the church year (for many years), and we are truly blessed to have dedicated persons involved in this ministry.

Memorial Donations Received

*In Memory of Lynn Reneau by Ellie Wayne
In Memory of Kelly Fawbush by Bill Bowling*

Hello from Florida!

Dear J-town friends, Hope you are warm and cozy in the winter cold. All is well with me. Blessings & love, --*Beverly Zwicker*

Ministry Team Meetings This Month

(at the church, unless otherwise indicated)

Worship Team-Monday, March 6th, 6 pm

Executive Team-Wednesday, March 8th, 6 pm

Day Care Board-Monday, March 13th, 6:30 pm

Trustees-Tuesday, March 14th, 6:30 pm

Children's Ministry Team-Monday, March 20th, 6:30 pm

Finance-Tuesday, March 21st, 6:30 pm

Administrative Council-Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30 pm

Willard Circle Prayer Shawl Project

Last year some of the Willard Circle members started knitting shawls with plans to identify who would receive them. We all agreed we wanted them blessed during a worship service. Our plans are that they be given to someone in our congregation with a serious illness or surgery needing a “warm hug” from their Church family.

Since we have a limited supply, we are inviting anyone in the congregation who would like to make one to be a part of this ministry. We will be displaying some of the shawls in the Gathering Area. If you want to make one, the design choice is up to you. They may be knitted, crocheted, quilted, woven or tied fleece. The dimensions should be about 24 inches wide by 50 or 60 inches long.

A time of dedication is planned during the March 12th, 10:50 am worship service to bless the completed shawls. The completed shawls will be kept in a box in the church office. If you make a shawl you'd would like included in the blessing, please bring it to the church.

The Virtual Dementia Tour at Wesley Manor, Thursday, March 23rd

Virtual Tours (15-20 minutes long) presented between 10 am and noon, or from 1-3 pm. Presented by Senior Helpers and Second Wind Dreams. For caregivers of persons with dementia. This program enables participants to gain a greater understanding of dementia and shifts their thinking from fear to action. RSVP by March 20th to Linda Pike (lpike@WesMan.org) or by calling 502-969-3277.

U.M.C.O.R Sunday-March 26, 2017

This is one of our United Methodist Special Sundays, when we take up an offering for a particular UM related Ministry. This Special Sunday was formerly known as “One Great Hour of Sharing.” The offering received on this day goes to the United Methodist Committee On Relief, which helps whenever there is a flood, hurricane, or any other type of disaster.

Egg Hunt and Breakfast-Saturday, April 15th, 9am

Pancake breakfast for families at 9 am; Egg Hunt for children through 5th grade at 10 am. Children will go out in appropriate age groups and hunt for eggs. This year the eggs will be empty. The children will bring the empty eggs into the Fellowship Hall and exchange them for prizes & toys following the hunt. More eggs will “purchase” larger toys. So this year we're asking the congregation to donate plastic eggs and inexpensive toys or prizes for children up to age 12. Please bring your eggs and toys to the church by Palm Sunday (April 9th).

Dare to Care Meals-Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm in the JUMC Fellowship Hall

No cost. No age or income restrictions. Everyone welcome! Volunteers always needed (see Loretta White to volunteer). Upcoming menus (subject to change):

- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Dessert
- Bar-B-Q Pork Ribs, Scalloped Potatoes, Greens, Fruit, Dessert
- Shepherd's Pie, Fruit, Muffins, Dessert
- Chicken Pot Pie, Fruit, Dessert

Groups Meeting at JUMC

(contact the church office for more information on these groups)

Mondays: Al-Anon & Alateen-Newcomers-7:15 pm; Regular meetings-8pm

Tuesdays: Girl Scouts-Two Troops (6 pm and 6:30 pm)

Thursdays: T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)-9 am; **Boy Scouts** (Cub Scout Pack #75)-7pm.

Serving In Worship For March

Date	8:30 Lay Reader	8:30 Greeters/Ushers	10:50 Lay Reader	10:50 Greeter/Usher	10:50 Comm. Servers	C & C Hostesses	Nursery	SS Helper	Monday Night Greeter	Tuesday DTC Pickup Driver
3/5	Betsey Pickle	Tony/Nancy Johnson	Amy Bickett	Marilyn Queen, Debbie Bennett, Helen Akridge, Kathy Pressler	3 Ushers plus Rhoda Peters	Jean Ramsey, Linda Million	Elizabeth Sharber	Donica Parker	Bart Magill (3/6)	Latney Ramsey (3/7)
3/12	Dallas Bennett	Marilyn Hite, Betsey Pickle	Rosanne Broome	Same as 3/5		Nancy Johnson, Cooky Thomas		JoAnn Magill	George Quisenberry (3/13)	Bart Magill (3/14)
3/19	Sandy Iacocca	Horace Thompson, Gary White	Mary Schmitt	Same as 3/5		Jean Micklewright, Mary Schmitt	Elizabeth Sharber	Shirley Canan	Latney Ramsey (3/20)	Mary Schmitt (3/21)
3/26	Jennifer Henry	Tony/Nancy Johnson	Caroline Westfall	Same as 3/5		Barbara Johnson, Jean Ramsey		Barbara Fineisen	Lori Burczyk (3/27)	Sandy Iacocca (3/28)

2017 Red Bird Mission Trip Date-October 8th

Reservation is for 6 people. NOT ALL WORK IS ON HOUSES. Although some of our women have worked on houses, there is a store and there are labels to be prepared and some of our people have worked on those projects. We are providing ample notice of the date so those interested can put it on your calendar. If interested let Ron Million or Bill Bowling know.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Anniversaries marked with an asterisk)

3/7-Margie Davis, Edward Halstead; 3/10-Anastasia Bingham, Patsy O'Neal, Amy Watkins; 3/11-Jeanette Johnson; 3/13-Christine Watkins; 3/14-Jacob Mattingly, Griffin Pfisterer; 3/17-Rick Sechrist, Cooky Thomas, *Eric & Michele Edwards; 3/18-Melanie Brown; 3/21-Jim Johnson; 3/25-Charles Breeden; 3/27-Nicolle Speer; 3/31-Rebekah Heath

Ongoing Ministries

- **Tully Elementary**-School Supplies (current urgent needs: tissues & latex-free band aids)
- **After School Program**-Tutors Needed-See JoAnn Magill
- **Jeffersontown Area Ministries**-Food Pantry Needs & Personal Items*
- **Backpack Buddy**-Volunteers and Donations-See Mary Schmitt for more information
- **Red Bird**-Labels & Box Tops for Education*
- **KY U.M. Homes**-Current urgent needs: shampoo, conditioner, body soap, hand soap, laundry soap tabs (All or Tide preferred), backpacks/messenger bags, Lysol Disinfectant spray.
- **Kroger Community Rewards**-Register your Kroger Plus Card and designated Jeffersontown UMC as your charity of choice (we receive 4% of your total purchases)
- **Ink Jet & Toner Cartridge Recycling**-(used ink jet & toner cartridges box in the church office--saves the church \$480 per year on the cost of office supplies)
- **Used Eyeglasses**-Benefits the Lion's Club. Collection box in the church office.

**lists of items needed & collection containers are in the Gathering Area*

Statistical Report For February

Date	Attendance 8:30 am Service	Attendance Sunday School	Attendance 10:50 am Service	Total Worship Attendance	General Offering
2/5	26	48	81	107	\$10,035.84
2/12	25	43	93	118	\$6,657.26
2/19	33	34	73	106	\$5,411.00
2/26	27	57	93	120	\$3,975.00

*Needed Each Week for Budget=\$5,600.00 Surplus for February=\$3,679.10

As a Member of Jeffersontown United Methodist Church, you pledged to: faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. (The U.M. Hymnal, pg 38)

Capital Fund

Please remember to write a separate check (payable to the church) for Capital Fund donations.

Charitable Donations

Jeffersontown United Methodist Church will not distribute or endorse requests for donations to charities outside The United Methodist connection. -Administrative Council



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McNeill*; *Please call the church (502-267-1437) to reach these staff members.

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March, 2017 Church Calendar

All events/activities held at the church, unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4-6 pm-After School Tutoring 5:30-6:30-Dare to Care Feeding Site 7 pm-Ash Wednesday Worship Service	2 9 am-T.O.P.S. 6 pm Bell Reh. 7 pm Choir Reh. 7 pm-Pack 75 Cub Scouts	3 7pm-Bridge	4 8am-3pm-A Heart for Children Conference at Christ Church, UM
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