

Lent begins Ash Wednesday and covers six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. The traditional purpose of Lent is preparation of the believer through prayer, penance, and repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. During Lent, many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional, to draw themselves near to God.

As a congregation, we have been reading through the Book of Acts each week to draw closer to God. For almsgiving we are using change cans to help with Heifer International project, which purchases animals allowing families to become self-sufficient and shared ministry, which provides assistance to our United Methodist-related institutions such as Copeland Oaks, Flat Rock Homes and Care Center, and Wesleyan Senior Living.

#### Shared Ministry also

- Provides support for over 1,000 missionaries in the U.S. and around the world.
- Provides funding for over 9,000 mission projects in 165 countries in the world and in the U.S.
- Provides Bible distribution around the world.
- Provides support for United Methodist hospitals, homes for the aging, and community centers around the world and in our own county.
- Assists in developing evangelism materials.

Helps fund our 13 United Methodist Seminaries and 80 United Methodist-related colleges.

#### Shared Ministry provides for United Methodists by

- Provides training for church leaders and pastors through district and conference events.
- Provides money for new churches and revitalizing churches.
- Maintains three camps used by the churches.
- Provides salary support for churches unable to meet minimum standards.
- Provides spiritual and administrative leadership to us through our district superintendents and conference staff.

It pays up to half the cost of moving household goods when there is a change in pastors. In our own church, Shared Ministry has helped send teams to Hattiesburg, Mississippi last year and provided funds for the team to go to Florence, South Carolina this week. Shared ministry paid for our computer software, Pro Presenter, which we use during worship and other leadership training events. They helped provide seed money for the youth program, Element 79, started by Terry Brown at Crestview School.

In our own district, Shared Ministry is helping Wellsville United Methodist Churches do a vital merger with three congregations. Shared Ministry is helping the Lisbon United Methodist Church with an outreach program, Warren First with paying for a part-time psychologist, and others to name a few.

You are making a difference locally and beyond through the money you provide in your change cans. Acts 1:8 says, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and to the ends of the earth.”

Keep up the Good Work!

Happy Easter! Pastor Tina



# MARCH 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Kid's Club</i> 6-7p	2 <i>No choir</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Communion</i>  <i>Boy Scouts</i> 3:30-5p	7	8 <i>Disciple</i> 10a & 7:15p  <i>Kid's Club</i> 6-7p	9 <i>Choir 7p</i>	10	11	12
13 <i>Daylight</i> <i>Savings Time</i> <i>Begins</i> <i>Boy Scouts</i> 3:30-5p	14	15 <i>Kid's</i> <i>Club 6-7p</i>	16 <i>Choir 7p</i>	17 <i>St. Patrick's</i> <i>Day</i> 	18	19 <i>Pancake</i> <i>Breakfast</i> 8-11a <i>Pi</i> <i>Day</i> <i>Easter</i> <i>Bunny Day</i>
20 <i>Palm</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>Easter Egg</i> <i>Hunt</i> <i>Boy Scouts</i> 3:30-5p <i>Youth 5:30-7p</i>  <i>Spring Begins</i>	21 <i>Margaret's</i> <i>Home group</i> 1p	22 <i>Disciple</i> 10a & 7:15p  <i>Kid's Club</i> 6-7p	23 <i>Choir 7p</i>	24 <i>Napper's</i> <i>Luncheon</i> 11:30a	25 <i>Good</i> <i>Friday</i> <i>Service 7p</i>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><i>Prayer Vigil</i></div>	26 <i>Holy</i> <i>Saturday</i>
27 <i>Easter</i> <i>Sunrise 7a</i> <i>Breakfast 8a</i> <i>Worship</i> 10:45a	28	29 <i>Kid's</i> <i>Club 6-7p</i>	30	31		

## BIRTHDAYS

*Ed Betts 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*Frank Thompson 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*Becki Patrone 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*Sydni Bowker 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*Doug McLaughin 14<sup>th</sup>*  
*Cory Dewell 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*Catherine Betts 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*Dallas Carlisle 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Matthew Colledge 25<sup>th</sup>*

## ANNIVERSARIES

*Ed & Catherine Betts 20<sup>th</sup>*

*"Spring is when you feel like whistling even*  
*with a shoe full of slush."*  
*- Doug Larson*

**Don't forget to signup for your**  
**Easter Flowers!**

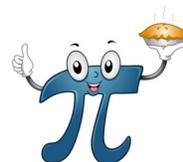


### TO ALL OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Church family for their prayers and efforts in making our Father's Memorial Service and luncheon a wonderful sharing time for the family and friends. Also, a sincere thank you to all who set up, prepared food, served and cleaned up. We love you all and appreciate you very much. The Bacon Family

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Sat., 19th 8-11 am



### PI DAY

There's a signup sheet in the Foyer for "Pie" Donations!

### EASTER BUNNY



The New Waterford Fire Department will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt this day also, beginning with the Easter Bunny here at the church during our breakfast at 10:30 am and remaining here until The Village Hunt is over. There will be a \$5.00 donation for pictures with the Easter Bunny to go to the Village Park Fund

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### EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCHEON



Children, parents and grandparents are invited to join us after church in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 20th

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### PRAYER VIGIL



MARCH 25th 7:00 pm

Please take the time to sign the Prayer Vigil sheet in the Foyer. Pick a time to dedicate an hour of prayer! Good Friday 3:00 pm to Holy Saturday 12 noon.

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### DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR



CLOCKS AHEAD... SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH



Sunrise Service 7:00 am  
Easter Breakfast 8:00 am  
Worship 10:45 am

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### JUST FOR TODAY

**Just for today**—I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

**Just for today**—I will be happy. “Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

**Just for today**—I will try to strengthen my mind. I will learn something useful. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

**Just for today**—I will adjust myself to what is, and I will not keep trying to adjust everything else to my own desires.

**Just for today**—I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do--just for exercise. And today if my feelings are hurt, I will not show it to anyone.

**Just for today**—I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except MYSELF.

Submitted by Emma Folley to Daily Summer Readings 1977 ~ Oakdale United Methodist Church

