

The Pillars

NEW CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A NOTE FROM PASTOR LISA

Lent is not something I grew up with, but have grown to love. As a kid what prepared my heart for Easter was the appearance of daffodils around our farm. The farm I grew up on was not an aesthetically pleasing place. There was machinery, bags of seed and feed, more machinery, mud and fencing and more machinery. But there was a slice of yard between our house and our Grandma Drew's home that was so pretty. The back yard sloped down to a field with a pond that had a massive weeping willow bending over the pond end, and in that sliver of yard daffodils flourished. It was a sign of the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and it always made me feel hopeful that Spring was here to stay.

Lent is usually a time when people give something up as a way of remembering and honoring the sacrifice Jesus gave us on the Cross. That is a fine discipline and tradition and I am not discouraging

you from engaging in it, but this year I'd invite you to try new Spiritual disciplines as a part of your Lenten journey. Spiritual disciplines are actions that lead you into the path of Christ and allow for meaningful interaction between your spirit and the Holy Spirit. Deepening your walk with God allows us to feel the hope of new life that comes when we intermingle our time with God's time. Each week during worship a new spiritual discipline will be introduced and you will receive a take-home sheet with optional things you can do to try out the discipline. There are also suggestions based on ages that you can introduce to your children or grandchildren.

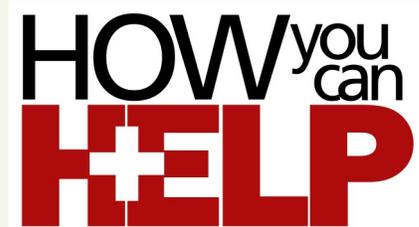
Ash Wednesday is March 6th and I hope you and your family make the commitment to be in worship the six Sundays of Lent. You will be refreshed in your heart and ready to tackle the business of springtime and summer. I am looking forward to sharing this first Lenten/Easter season with the NCUMC family.

MISSION UPDATE

- ♥ 20 local families will be served with the Heart Basket Ministry this year. Food will be collected Feb. 21-23 with distribution and pick-up on the morning of Feb. 24. Stop by the Fellowship Hall after church to help deliver.
- ♥ Gift Cards for Evergreen Village residents will be distributed the end of February as well. Donations of money for this mission will be accepted though the church office.
- ♥ Loads of Love collected over \$300 for use in the beginning of 2019. A few new volunteers will be trained and many more people in our community will be served. Thank-you for your help.

- ♥ University mission: After searching for ways to reach out to University students, they have come to us with a need that we can fulfill. A University Chaplain has extended invitations to the area churches to help them fill a need for personal hygiene products for students that need help while waiting for their next paycheck or when things are particularly tight at home. Unfortunately, they also seem to come with a bit of embarrassment or shame in needing to ask for these products. Julia and others around the University would like to set up baskets or cupboards around the campus that could be stocked with supplies that the students could have access to in times of need. NCUMC will have a box for dona-

tions of these supplies. Giant bottles of anything are **not** needed, small or travel sized products can get a student through a rough patch feeling clean and confident. Here is a list of suggested items you may donate: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, mouthwash, body wash, lotion, hand sanitizer, lip balm, deodorant, feminine hygiene products (pads/tampons), tissues, hair ties, band aids.



UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIPS

It's that time of year again . . . Time to apply for college scholarships! If you or your child will be attending an accredited university this fall, then stop by and pick up a scholarship application. They are due back to the church office by Tuesday, April 30th.

There are also scholarships available through the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education. Follow the link below to see if you are eligible for anything they offer. <https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships/scholarships/list-scholarships/general-scholarships>

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are so thankful for your incredible generosity!

Please remember, if you have a donation of any type (books, supplies, toys, etc.) please bring it directly to the church office. We are not able to keep all donations that are brought to us. If you do not want your items that we can not keep taken to Goodwill, then please make note of that and they will be returned to you.

FRESH CONNECTIONS

Five listening Posts were held for families with children and youth over the past month. A total of 16 different families (55 adults and children) attended the events held at Kellys', Kropinaks', Coens', and the church. Families enjoyed pizza, children made crafts and played games, and youth and adults shared many great ideas about how NCUMC can help them grow in their faith, grow as families, and reach out to the community. Thanks to the ten volunteers who either provided sweet treats or child care for our listening posts.

The idea shared by the most families was to have monthly intergenerational family nights that focus on mission and/or fellowship. Thus the first "FRESH CONNECTION" event will be an intergenerational family night on **Saturday, April 6 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** This event, *Exploring Easter*, will offer several hands-on and fun activity stations at which families and individuals can experience why followers of Jesus observe the Lenten season. One of the stations will include a hands-on mission project for local children in need. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Pastor Lisa or Linda Morrow.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER

Come one, come all women to Tuesdays Together. We are meeting the first Tuesday of every month. The themes for March's meeting will be March Madness, Mardi Gras and Luck o' the Irish!

April will be designated a celebration of spring, the Lenten season, and of course Easter. We will be making unleavened bread and will have a special presenter.

Plans are underway for continuing our fun activities each month.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

There is still time to join the New Member Class that will be held on Sunday, March 3rd. Simply call the church office to let us know that you would like to join our congregation as an official member of the United Methodist church!

5TH SUNDAY COOKIE BAKE-OFF/BRUNCH

March 31st we will host a 5th Sunday Cookie Bake-Off/Brunch during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall. A light brunch will be provided during the cookie judging. Prizes will be given for the most original cookie, the best decorated cookie, the best bar cookie, and the best cookie for a baker 12 or under.

Call the church office if you want to participate. Any age is welcome!

SHARED-LIFE GROUPS

Wanting to go deeper? Have a desire to grow closer to God and a few faith friends?

What would it be like to share your joys, concerns, and daily opportunities and challenges with a few fellow followers of Jesus on a regular basis? That is what

small "shared-life" groups do: 3 to 10 people meet on a regular basis to share, encourage, and support each other as they talk and pray together.

Interested in learning more? On Sunday, March 17, after both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services, Linda Morrow will meet for about 15 minutes in the "overflow room" with anyone interested at how a small shared-life group at NCUMC might look (when, where, what time, how, etc.) Or, if interested give Linda a call at 740-826-4185 or a text at 740-624-1586.



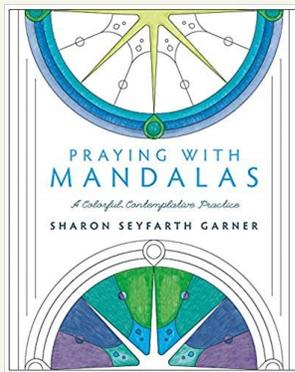


A very heartfelt thank you goes out to the Mission Committee and all the delightful; congregants that collected the clothing, coats, and shoes for the Cambridge Behavioral Health Hospital. Your donations were both needed and greatly appreciated.

So, thank you!

Cyndy Powers, Cambridge Behavioral Staff and Patients

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES



Laurie Tucker will be leading a class during Lent based on the book *Praying with Mandalas: A Colorful, Contemplative Practice* by Sharon

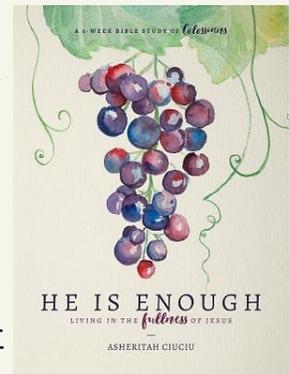
Seyforth Garner. Sharon is a Methodist and a spiritual director in the East Ohio Conference.

In this class we will discover ways of praying contemplatively through silence and coloring. As we learn and pray together, we will be making our own prayer journals full of meaning and color.

The class will meet at the church from 7-8 on Tuesday March 12,19,26 and April 2,9.

The book is \$10.00. If you are interested or have questions, you can contact Laurie at 740-630-6915.

Pastor Lisa will be leading a Bible study using the book *He Is Enough* by Asheritah Ciuciu . The Bible study will take place Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on March 7, 14, 28, April 4,11, and 18.



This Bible study will also be hosted Wednesday nights at Greg & Mollie Gerlach's house at 7:00 p.m. on March 13, 20, 27, Aril 3, 10, and 17.

The cost of the book is \$10.00. If you are interested, please call the church office so we are sure to have enough books availbale.



March 1

Chris White

March 2

Katelyn Gotschall

Paula Young

March 5

Billie Dickson

March 6

Jacob DeMattio

Joan Magill

Dean Marling

March 7

Jane Yocum

March 12

Dale Ryan

March 13

Shannon Green

Clyta Young

March 14

Dick Dalrymple

March 16

Mykenzey Erbach

March 17

Mike Bennett

Kristi Marling

Ted Riggle

March 19

Richard Carter

Collin Linnabary

Renae Miller

March 24

Donna Rush

March 28

Trey Bennett

Darrel Cubbison

Laurie Tucker

March 29

Joan Hoon



March 4

Wayne & Barbara Caudill

March 9

Glenn & Claretta Baker

March 22

Chris & Rhonda Forrestal

NCUMC March 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:30 World Day of Prayer @ Norwich UMC	2 3 Private Party
3 11:45 New Member Class Trustee: Joel Linnabary	4 7 Boy Scouts	5 6:30 Cub Comm. Meeting 7 Tuesdays Together 7 4-H RM 106	6 NO Quest 6 Hand Bells 7 Ash Wednesday Service 7 Yoga	7 11 Bible Study 7 Aldersgate	8	9
10  Trustee: Brian Bennett	11 5:30 SPRC 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 Boy Scouts	12 6:30 Lions' Club 7 Praying with Mandalas	13 4:30 Quest 6 Hand Bells 7 Bible Study 7 Yoga	14 9:30 MOPS 11 Bible Study 4:15 Prayer Group 7 Aldersgate	15	16
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31 5th Sunday Cookie Bake-Off/ Brunch Trustee: Tammi DeMattio						

NCUMC

Sunday Services

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Traditional Worship Service

Staff

Rev. Lisa Kropinak, Pastor
Dr. Linda Morrow, Certified Lay Minister
Tyler Driggs, Musician
Corey Elliott, Secretary
Chris White, Treasurer
Natalie Ross, Custodian

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for the next issue of *The Pillars*

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