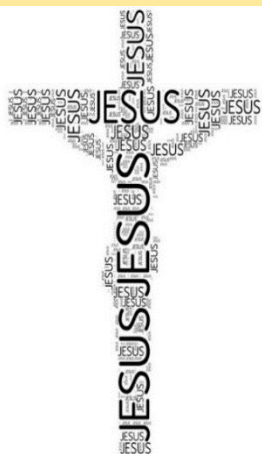




## First United Methodist Church



Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. The word Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Each Sunday in Lent represents a mini-Easter so the Sundays are not counted as part of the 40 days.

## LENTEN Calendar

**Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

FUMCEC at 7:00 pm

**Bible Study, March 7, 2019 - April 18, 2019**

FUMCEC at 7:00 pm

**Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019**

HUMC at 9:30 am & FUMCEC at 11:00 am

**Maundy Thursday April 18, 2019**

**Good Friday, April 19, 2019**

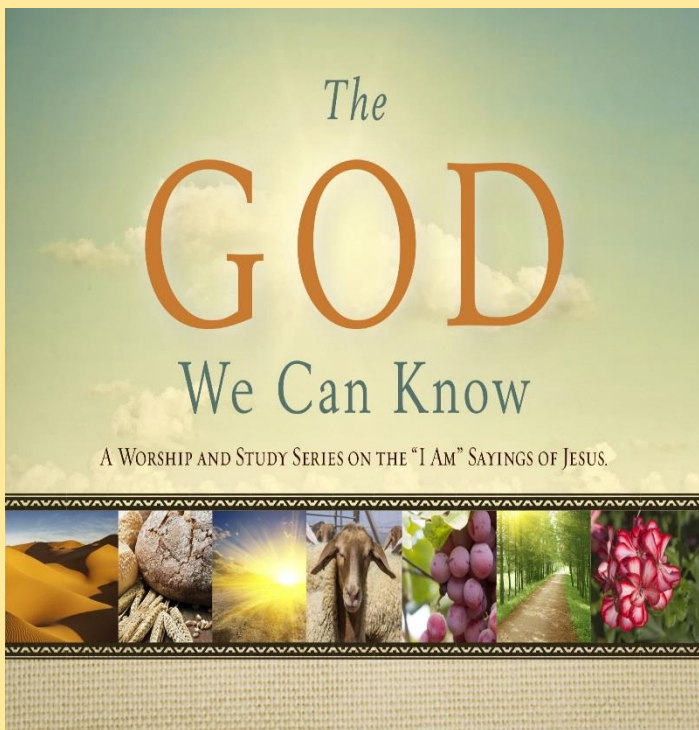
**Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019**

HUMC at 9:30 am & FUMCEC at 11:00 am

Easter Sunrise Service at Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church  
6:30 am

*For more information please contact our church office at 724-758-6278.*



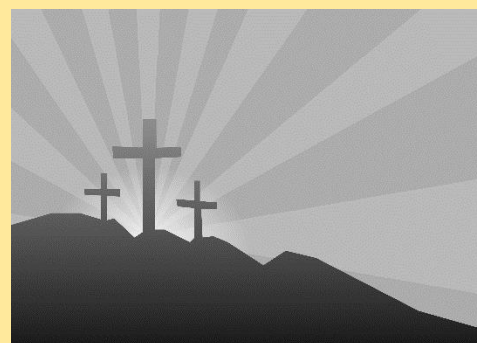


In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives us the “I Am” sayings, meaningful images to reveal his mission and purpose. One by one, the “I Am” statements not only grab our imagination about Jesus’ identity, but they also help us experience God, who spoke the first “I Am” to Moses. Join us for this insightful worship and study series as we learn more about the God we can know, and seek to answer Jesus’ question, Who do you say I am?

**JOIN US FOR A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY. “The God We Can Know” by Rob Fuquay. Thursdays starting March 7, 2019 through April, 18, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Study books are \$7.50 for regular print and \$8.50 for large print. Please contact the church office for more information or to order your book.**

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Throughout the Lenten Season, two wooden crosses travel to and from the various churches in Ellwood City. On Sunday, March 17, we will be receiving one of those two crosses and on the following Sunday we will be taking it to one of the churches in Ellwood City. At the end of the Lenten Season, one of the crosses is taken and placed up on the top of the hill at Slippery Rock Cemetery where our community gathers for Easter Sunrise Worship. **This year’s Easter sunrise worship is at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 21.**



### The Path of the Traveling Crosses

#### *Cross 1*

March 6	Ash Wednesday – Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church
March 10	Fountain Initiative/First Baptist Church 10:30 AM service
March 17	Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
March 24	Ellwood City Free Methodist Church 10:45 AM service
March 31	Trinity Lutheran Church
April 7	Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church
April 21	Slippery Rock Presbyterian Church cemetery on the hill

#### *Cross 2*

March 10	Christ Presbyterian Church
March 17	First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City
March 24	Wurtemberg United Methodist Church
March 31	Calvin Presbyterian Church

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 AM

If you would like to participate by sharing your gifts and talents in the service please let Pastor Angelique know.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAYS IN 2019

September 29, 2019

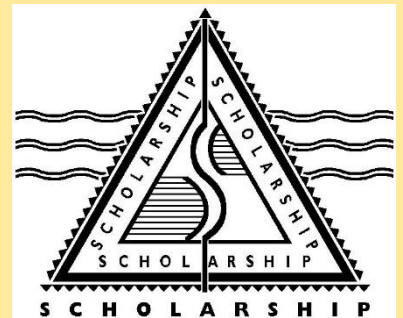
December 29, 2019

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### ATTENDING COLLEGE?

Applications for the First United Methodist Church Scholarships are available by contacting Steven Miller at 724-201-0295. Applications are due by April 28, 2019. Applicants must be a member of the First United Methodist Church and must be enrolled in an accredited school for the Fall of 2019.

Three potential scholarships are available. The Hazel Adams Scholarship is available if attending an accredited institution of higher education. The John Seaburn Memorial Scholarship is available if attending an accredited institution of higher education. The Snyder Memorial Scholarship is available if attending an accredited institution of higher education as a graduate student.



Did you know the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry administers over 70 scholarship programs with one, annual application form? Take a moment to discover if you qualify for available United Methodist scholarships! Criteria for each scholarship program vary; however, there are minimum requirements for eligibility consideration. Act fast, the Fall 2019 scholarship application will close **March 7!** **VISIT**

<https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships> FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH UMC.com



## UMW ROSALIND EASTER CANDY SALE

The UMW will be having an Easter Candy Fundraiser. Please see Lois H., Carolyn S. or Joyce F. if you would like to place an order. All orders are due March 28<sup>th</sup>. The money will be due at delivery, which will be Sunday, April 7, immediately following church. Any questions, please contact Kathleen Frickanish at 724-939-0200 or Lois Hoffman at 724-758-4753.

We will be having our annual spring rummage sale on April 11, 12 and 13. Hope to see you there!



### UMW UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

March 16 - Speaker Patti Hutchinson about our health. We will also pack and deliver gift bags for our shut-ins.

April 20 - Baby Shower for People in Need.

May 18 – TBD

All meetings begin at 9:30 with a brunch, meeting and program to follow

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## DID YOU KNOW.....

**United Methodist Women (UMW) is a faith-based membership organization of laywomen within The United Methodist Church. UMW members are committed to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ in community with other women and advocating on behalf of women, children and youth around the world. United Methodist Women has been in mission for more than 140 years.**

## Mission & Evangelism Committee News

Holy Redeemer Social Services Food Panty is in need of the following items. During the month of **March** we will collect:

- rice and/or rice mixes
- beans
- canned carrots
- facial tissue
- bath/hand soap and body wash

Please place items in the bin located near the entry way in the church library.

## HOMEBOUND LIST

Dorothy Buquo  
235 Country Club Dr.  
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Charles Greenwood  
522 Hazen Ave.  
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Anna Mae Hall  
Northview Estates  
945 Border Ave.  
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ruth Hall  
Northview Estates  
945 Border Ave.  
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Ted Householder  
Northview Estates  
945 Border Ave.  
Ellwood City, PA 126117

Jody Miller  
2504 Anna St.  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Virginia Purnell  
425 Loop St.  
Ellwood City, PA 16117

Philip and LaRhonda Smilek  
417 Wood St.  
Ellwood City, PA 16117

If you are interested in sharing your time, talents, and gifts in ministry with the Residents at Northview Estates every Tuesday 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Please see Pastor Angelique for details.

## Christian Education

Thank You to Mei & Qin for the outstanding Chinese Cuisine on February 17th, and Thank You to all of you who attended. It was a truly enjoyable time of fellowship with our church family.



Continuing the importance of times of fellowship with our church family, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, we will have a celebration after worship in the Library. Stay after church and enjoy tea sandwiches and St. Patrick's Day treats. If you would like to donate some cookies or treats, watch for the clipboard coming your way.

March 9th, 10:00 - noon - Super Saturday!

March 17th - Stay after church for a fun St. Patty's Day Celebration.

April 13th - Super Saturday!

April 14th - Easter Egg Hunt & Palm Sunday Prelude.

April 21st - EASTER!

Spring work visit to the Eastbrook UMCOR Mission Barn. Time to be determined.

May 11th - Super Saturday!

May 12th - Mothers' Day

May 19th - Last Day of Sunday School. We will have a tureen lunch after Worship.

June 2nd - Honoring of High School & College graduates, with special surprises planned for all of the children. A Tea will follow Worship.

June 16th - Fathers' Day

June 10-14 - VBS, 9:00-noon. Mini-Wednesdays to follow.



THANK YOU to EVERYONE for your support of our Christian Education Program!  
Our next meeting is Sunday, March 10th.

Did you know that if you shop on Amazon.com, a portion of the your purchases can be donated back to the church? Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to First United Methodist Church of Ellwood City. Just visit our unique charity link at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1223330>, sign into your amazon.com account and make your purchases as usual. Thank you for participating!!



Do you have a comment or concern for the trustees of the church? Please fill out a card and place in the church office mail slot. Cards are located on the hospitality table located in the church library.

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Easter Flowers

2019 FUMCEC EASTER FLOWERS ORDER

Please use this slip to order your 2019 Easter Flowers or you may call 724-758-6278 or email secretary@firstumcec.org with your order

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

|                  |         |               |       |                     |                               |
|------------------|---------|---------------|-------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| *Flowers:        | _____ # | x \$8.25 each | = \$  | _____ Total Ordered | Indicate COLOR                |
| <b>Tulips</b>    | _____   | x \$8.25 = \$ | _____ | _____ # Red         | _____ # Pink _____ # Yellow   |
| <b>Mums</b>      | _____   | x \$8.25 = \$ | _____ | _____ # White       | _____ # Yellow _____ # Purple |
| <b>Hyacinths</b> | _____   | x \$8.25 = \$ | _____ | _____ # Blue        | _____ # Pink                  |
| <b>Lilies</b>    | _____   | x \$8.25 = \$ | _____ | No color option     |                               |
| <b>Violets</b>   | _____   | x \$4.25 = \$ | _____ | No color option     |                               |

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

In honor / memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

(please circle one)

Are you donating your flowers? \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N) **OR** Are you taking your flowers? \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)

**\*Return paid order to the church office by Sunday, March 24**



## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### *Women in American Methodism*

- 1863 Fannie Crosby, a lifelong Methodist blind from infancy, writes her first hymn. She writes more than 9,000 hymns, many of which remain perennial favorites (for example, "Blessed Assurance," "To God Be the Glory" and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior.")
- 1869 Margaret Newton Van Cott is the first women in the Methodist Episcopal Church to receive a local preacher's license.
- 1889 Ella Niswonger is the first woman to be ordained by the United Brether Church. Eugenia St. John was ordained an elder by the Kansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church
- 1956 The Methodist Church grants full clergy rights to women. Maud Keister Jensen is the first to receive sought rights.
- 1968 The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren unite to form The United Methodist Church. Full clergy rights for women are affirmed by the new United Methodist Church.
- 1980 Marjorie Matthews is the first woman to be elected Bishop of the United Methodist Church
- 1984 Leontine T. C. Kelly becomes the first African American woman to be elected bishop.



## Susanna Wesley

"Susanna Wesley is the mother of one of church history's greatest dynamic duos. John and Charles are their mother's sons. She is the person who is responsible for their education and spiritual formation." United Methodist historians say the fathers of the Methodist movement owe much of their success to their mother and the foundation built in their childhood home. Born in 1669, Susanna Wesley was the youngest of 25. At age 19, she married Church of England pastor Samuel Wesley and bore 19 children. Managing a home took great planning but she made time to nurture each child. Dale Patterson, General Commission on Archives and History: "She would mark out at

least an hour, and so it might well be that Tuesday at 3 was a time that was exclusively devoted to John, let's say. Now that doesn't mean she ignored him the rest of the week. But that was their time to sit down and be together. She did that with all of her children." Susanna led by example. Her life and faith journey shaped Methodism in ways we see today. The Rev. Alfred Day: "We see in her and in her sons this tension between Puritan Evangelicalism and Church of England prayer book order, spirituality and sacramentalism. And I think we Methodists are best when we are both/and and not either/or." Long before women were ordained, Susanna would sometimes gather friends around the kitchen table and lead prayers when her preacher husband was away. She kept the parish going in his absence. Dale Patterson: "That was actually pretty radical. Now today, a family devotion with friends we wouldn't think anything about it. In the early 18<sup>th</sup> century? And her argument was there was no one else to read. It needed to be done for the good of the people. I'll do it." Susanna also planted the unconventional idea of letting lay people serve as local preachers. Dale Patterson: "When John started traveling the circuit and preaching, he was late. And he shows up and a gentleman that he knew, a layman, was filling in for him. Well, he was aghast. A layman kind of almost preaching. Well, you know who told him to take another look? His mother. He listened and realized this guy's doing a good thing. That changed the character of our Methodist revival." The Rev. Alfred Day: "Susanna Wesley is a major difference maker. And the differences that she made have lived on from the history of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century well into the present moment because of the sons that she raised."





# THE ROAD TO DISCIPLESHIP



## EXPLORING CHRIST (PREVENIENT GRACE) CREATING SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIPS

### COMMUNITY

- Lunch with Pastor
- Visitor follow-up
- Integration into a small group
- Participation in a "get to know our church" study

### TEACHING

- The Story, Zondervan
- Alpha
- Disciple's Path, Jim Harnish
- 40 Days of Purpose
- A "How to Read the Bible" Class

### PROCLAMATION

- Commit to pray for 5 minutes a day
- Commit to read the Bible with a provided plan
- Share with someone that you are attending church

### SERVICE

- Volunteer to greet others as they come to church
- Participate in a church ministry (CROP Walk, food or blood drive)



## MATURING IN CHRIST (SANCTIFYING GRACE) CREATING A SACRIFICIAL LIFE

### COMMUNITY

- Lead or co-Lead a small group
- Participate in New Member Classes as mentor
- Help to lead a church retreat
- Participate in a Walk to Emmaus

### TEACHING

- Disciple-type Bible Study
- Dare to Dream, Mike Slaughter
- 40 Days of Service

### PROCLAMATION

- Commit to practice the discipline of Fasting once a month
- Commit to memorize 2 verses a month
- Commit to daily reading of scripture and prayer
- Look for ways to practice forgiveness
- Commit to giving a tithe of your income

### SERVICE

- Lead or co-lead a VIM Team
- Participate in a visitation and prayer ministry
- Participate in Lay Servants' School
- Participate in Regional help ministries, such as EUMA or Northside Ministries



## TRANSFORMING IN CHRIST (JUSTIFYING GRACE) CREATING FOUNDATIONAL BELIEFS

### COMMUNITY

- Participate on a membership class
- Participate in a small group
- Participate in a church retreat

### TEACHING

- A Disciple's Heart, Jim Harnish
- Believe, Randy Frazee
- The Life You've Always Wanted, John Ortberg
- 40 Days of Community
- 40 Days of Love

### PROCLAMATION

- Write out and learn to share your testimony
- Commit to memorize 1 verse a month
- Commit to daily reading of scripture and prayer
- Commit to giving to your church financially

### SERVICE

- Participate in a Volunteer in Missions (VIM) Team
- Serve at a local soup kitchen
- Volunteer with a local church ministry (after school program, tutoring)



## CENTERED IN CHRIST (GOING ON TO PERFECTION) CREATING A MISSIONAL LIFE

### COMMUNITY

- Lead a group
- Find someone to mentor
- Be a leader in Walk to Emmaus

### TEACHING

- Disciple Bible Study
- Life on Mission

### PROCLAMATION

- Commit to participation in a poverty-related ministry
- Commit to give to other ministries beyond the local church tithe
- Provide preaching assistance to your church and/or district

### SERVICE

- VIM Team leader
- Volunteer to serve longer periods of time
- Join NOMADS Mission volunteers

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

416 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117  
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Rev. Angeliqe Bradford, M. Div., Senior Pastor

## Our Mission

The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached, sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.

“Willingness to Serve”

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving in the following ministry or committee of the church:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving but would like more information about the following ministry or committee of the church:

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

The best phone number to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to serve in the area of \_\_\_\_\_ and welcome the opportunity to use my gifts for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Planning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission/Evangelism    | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercessory Prayer Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Counters      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth & Young Adult   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgist     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration        | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Steward     | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Ministry        | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications               | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor message board        | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Nights |

Please list your gifts, trainings, and experience in the area of ministry that you are interested in:

Please return this form to the church office. Thank you kindly!

In an effort to update our membership rolls, directory, and computer database, please fill out the Membership Information and return to the church office.

## Membership Information

|                                                | Head of Household                                                    | Spouse                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Title: (Circle one)</b>                     | Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other _____                              | Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Dr. Rev. Other _____                              |
| <b>Name: (First - Middle or Maiden - Last)</b> |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Sex: (Check one)</b>                        | Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>        | Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| <b>Birthdate:</b>                              | Date: _____                                                          | Date: _____                                                          |
| <b>Preferred or Nickname</b>                   |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Address:</b>                                | _____                                                                | _____                                                                |
| <b>City, State / Zip:</b>                      |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Alternate Address</b>                       |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Address:</b>                                | From: _____ To: _____                                                | From: _____ To: _____                                                |
| <b>City, State / Zip:</b>                      | _____                                                                | _____                                                                |
| <b>Home Phone:</b>                             | ( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>                       | ( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
| <b>Cell Phone:</b>                             | ( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>                       | ( ) - _____ Unlisted? <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
| <b>Email Address:</b>                          |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Preferred Method of Contact</b>             |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Marital Status:</b>                         |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Anniversary Date:</b>                       | Date: _____                                                          | Date: _____                                                          |
| <b>Membership Status:</b>                      |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Church Background:</b>                      |                                                                      |                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday School Class:</b>                    |                                                                      |                                                                      |
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### Children

| Name (first, middle, last) | Birth Date  | Grade | Baptized                                 | Sunday School Class |
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## Intercessory Prayer



*“And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.” 1 John 5:14-15 NRSV*

Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before/after worship

Prayer concerns: Please be sure to submit your prayer concerns to the office so that we can pray collectively for them.

Please pray for all those afflicted among us with health concerns, our shut-ins, our nation, our ministry leaders, the Pastor, and the continued growth of our church family both spiritually and physical.

### **SEVEN REASONS PRAYER IS NECESSARY AND VITAL FOR YOUR LIFE**

(taken from [kathrynshirey.com](http://kathrynshirey.com))

Prayer isn't meant to be an afterthought, a last resort when nothing else has worked. It's meant to be your guiding star, the most crucial conversation of your day. Prayer is your conversation with God and how you can develop a personal, meaningful relationship with the God of the universe who loves you. It's how he can do miracles in your heart. Through prayer, he can bring your life into alignment with his vision and plans. It's your great privilege to enter into prayer with God, yet through prayer he will bless you immensely.

Prayer can set (or change) the tone of your day

Prayer helps you make better decisions

Daily prayer keeps God in the forefront of your mind, not forgotten until Sunday

More frequent communication builds a stronger relationship

The discipline of daily prayer is submitting your heart to God

Answered prayers are prayers prayed

Opening your heart to God daily allows God to transform your heart

### The Bucket List From the Butler District

With the close of the special session of General Conference, a debriefing session on the Butler District will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, at Unionville United Methodist Church (1297 Route 68—Rochester, PA).

**Lay Servant Ministry School** – Sunday afternoons 2-5 pm, March 10,17,24,31, April 7 Harmony-Zelienople UMC

**Clergy Coaching Group** – March 7 – 10:30 am –noon

**Daylight Saving Time: Sunday March 10**

**District Reading Group** – next gathering - Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

**The Gathering** – monthly worship with Clergy & Laity March 24 at Faith on 68

### PRAYER FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Last month we began regional prayer gatherings that focused on the renewal and revival of our Annual Conference. These regional prayer gatherings are based in the 5 areas of our Annual Conference where 96% of our people can reach in an hour or less. Our goal is to help create a conference-wide network of prayer cell groups. Would you please plan on coming out to one of our prayer gatherings as we "Hear from God through Prayer"?

March 4 - Trinity UMC Ridgeway UMC, 6:30pm

March 5 - First UMC Bridgeville, 6:30pm

March 14 - First UMC Reynoldsville, 6:30pm

March 18 - TrinityUMC Conneaut Lake, 6:30pm

April 24 - Bradford 1st, 6:30pm

April 8 - Brookville Evangelical, 6:30pm

April 1 – Mt. Lebanon UMC, 6:30pm

April 2 – First UMC Union City, 6:30pm

May 7 – Grace UMC Somerset, 6:30pm

May 14 – Crossroads main, 6:30pm

May 15 – First UMC St. Marys, 6:30pm

May 21 – Grace UMC Punxsutawney, 6:30pm

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi would like to share the following letter with you,

**Grace and peace to you. I greet you in the name and with the love of Jesus Christ.**

**In preparation for the 2019 Special Called Session of the General Conference, the Commission on a Way Forward worked with great integrity and faith. As an annual conference we prayed for the work of the delegates. The delegates have now completed their work. They voted to affirm our traditional stance on the role of practicing homosexuals in the life of the church.**

**I acknowledge that in our annual conference some will be satisfied, some affirmed, some delighted, some frustrated, some hurt, some harmed, and some deeply saddened by the work that was done. I acknowledge the hurt and pain in the community of faithful LGBTQIA United Methodists and those who advocate for them. Know that God is able to hold us together in the midst of our diverse emotions. After all, we serve a God who is able to bring us to a place of simultaneously grieving and having joy - of simultaneously feeling despair and having hope. And so, in all things and at all times, we give God thanks and praise!**

**At the end of our three days of conferencing I remain confident that God is not yet through with the United Methodist Church. There is more mission and ministry that needs to be accomplished through the people called United Methodist. I also remain Godly proud of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. If you were watching through the livestream you know that several members of our delegation spoke on the floor. As a delegation they were, with respect and love, able to demonstrate the diversity and complexity of United Methodist opinions about the role of practicing homosexuals in the life of the church. I believe God was glorified by the witness of our delegation as they spoke their different opinions and called for points of order on the floor of general conference.**

**We have scheduled debriefing meetings in each of our districts to share information about the experience of the special called session, legislation that was passed, and next steps as that legislation is enacted. At those meetings we will also give you an opportunity to ask questions, respond to the actions of the special called session and dream about how we might continue with our mission in light of the decisions made. I invite you to come to any one of those sessions as your schedule allows.**

**Finally, I want to invite you to continue to pray for our delegation. They will share at the debriefing meetings some stories about their own spiritual and emotional journey while in St. Louis. It was a deeply emotional time for all. Our emotions were more deeply impacted by receiving the news that Faith Geer, a member of our delegation who was not able to travel with us, passed away during the session. Please lift Faith's family, church family and friends in prayer.**

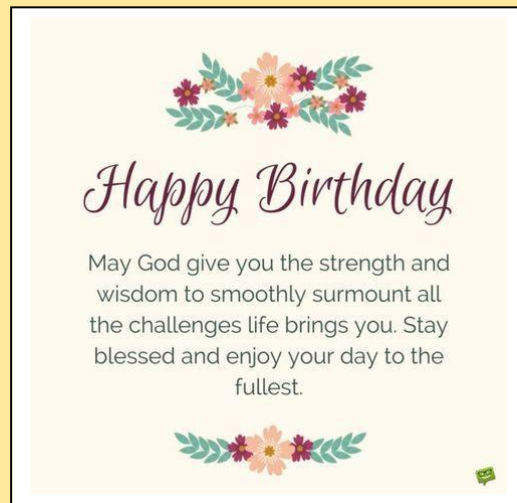
**MARCH**  
**BIRTHDAYS**

| Date | Name              |
|------|-------------------|
| 4    | Leroy Fazenbaker  |
| 4    | Derick Squicquero |
| 4    | Amber Freed       |
| 6    | Dani Woodhead     |
| 7    | Ray Miller        |
| 8    | Caleb Dwyer       |
| 8    | Kailyn Hampe      |
| 10   | Katarina Weingart |
| 12   | Stephen Baker     |
| 13   | Jason Weingart    |
| 14   | Shawn Brown       |
| 14   | Robin Weaver      |
| 15   | Jason Baker       |
| 16   | Glenda Blinn      |
| 16   | Amanda Fox        |
| 17   | Candice Samlut    |
| 17   | Madyson Widmaier  |
| 19   | Brandon Farah     |
| 19   | Billie Jo Miller  |
| 20   | Jason Doughty     |
| 23   | Jayden Wallace    |
| 24   | Erin Lechner      |
| 25   | Julie Assalone    |
| 25   | Jim Reed          |
| 30   | Brian Stillings   |



**MARCH**  
**ANNIVERSARIES**

| Date | Names                    |
|------|--------------------------|
| 23   | Amanda and Brian Gardner |
| 27   | Earl and Lynda Cooper    |
| 28   | Wayne and Judy Hall      |



Do you have a favorite recipe that you want to share? Put it in the church office mailbox or email it to [secretary@firstumcec.org](mailto:secretary@firstumcec.org).

**RECIPE CORNER**

**Reuben Bread Pudding**

- 4 cups cubed rye bread (about 6 slices)
- 2 Tbs. butter, melted
- 2 c. cubed or shredded cooked corned beef (about ½ pound)
- 1 can (14 oz.) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
- 1 c. shredded swiss cheese, divided
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/3 c. prepared Thousand Island dressing
- 1-1/2 tsp. prepared mustard
- ¼ tsp pepper

**Directions**

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, toss bread cubes with butter. Stir in corned beef, sauerkraut and ½ c. cheese; transfer to a greased 11x7 baking dish.

In same bowl, whisk eggs, milk, salad dressing, mustard and pepper; pour over top. Bake, uncovered 30 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake until golden and a knife inserted in center comes out clean, about 5-7 minutes longer.

*First United Methodist Church Calendar*

**March 2019**

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                    | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                        | Thursday                                        | Friday            | Saturday                               |
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| <b>3</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>9:30 am-HUMC</b><br><b>9:00 am CP-CL</b><br><b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>4</b><br>6:30 pm BS-FH<br>6:30 pm MECM-AR                              | <b>5</b><br>9:00 am Quilters -<br>QR & FH     | <b>6</b><br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br>Worship Service<br>7:00 pm                                                          | <b>7</b><br>6:30 PCM-FH<br>7:00 PM Bible Study  | <b>8</b>          | <b>9</b><br>10:00 am<br>Super Saturday |
| <b>10</b><br>Newsletter Deadline<br><b>9:30 am-HUMC</b><br><b>9:00 am CP-CL</b><br><b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b><br><br>Daylight Savings Time<br>Begins                                                                           | <b>11</b><br>6:30 pm BS-FH<br>Council/Trustee/<br>Finance Meeting –<br>CL | <b>12</b><br>9:00 am Quilters –<br>QR &<br>FH | <b>13</b><br>6:30 pm CS-FH                                                                                       | <b>14</b><br>6:30 PCM-FH<br>7:00 pm Bible Study | <b>15</b><br>5:00 | <b>16</b><br>9:30 am UMW Meeting       |
| <b>17</b><br><b>Yellow Ribbon Girls<br/>                     Collection</b><br><b>9:30 am-HUMC</b><br><b>9:00 am CP-CL</b><br><b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b><br><b>12:00 pm St.<br/>                     Patrick's Day Tea – L</b> | <b>18</b><br>6:30 pm BS-FH                                                | <b>19</b><br>9:00 am Quilters –<br>QR & FH    | <b>20</b><br>6:30 pm CS-FH<br> | <b>21</b><br>6:30 PCM-FH<br>7:00 pm Bible Study | <b>22</b>         | <b>23</b>                              |
| <b>24</b><br><b>9:30 am-HUMC</b><br><b>9:00 am – CP-CL</b><br><b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b>                                                                                                                                       | <b>25</b><br>6:30 pm BS-FH                                                | <b>26</b><br>9:00 am Quilters –<br>QR & FH    | <b>27</b><br>6:30 pm CS-FH                                                                                       | <b>28</b><br>6:30 PCM-FH<br>7:00 pm Bible Study | <b>29</b>         | <b>30</b>                              |
| <b>31</b><br><b>Youth and Young<br/>                     Adult Sunday</b><br><b>9:30 am-HUMC</b><br><b>9:00 am – CP-CL</b><br><b>11:00 am-FUMCEC</b>                                                                       |                                                                           |                                               |                                                                                                                  |                                                 |                   |                                        |

***Daylight Savings Time is March 10. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead!***

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## Community News

**We are now connected with the broadcasting stations (WPXI, WTAE, & KDKA) inclement weather systems. If the weather is bad, please tune into your local broadcasting station for any cancellations.**

### Ellwood City Library Activities for March

- Baby Lap Time, Family Lap Time and Preschool Story Time will be starting again in March. Please call the Library for more information. Children must be registered for these programs.
- The Library will host a children's program for St. Patrick's Day March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. At the program "How to Catch a Leprechaun," children will hear a story, play some games and build a trap to catch a Leprechaun if he comes to your house! This program is for kids under 10 and they must be accompanied by a parent.
- Tickets for the upcoming local performance of the Tamburitians will be available on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- A program for veterans will be at the Ellwood City Area Public Library, 415 Lawrence Ave. at 6:30 p.m. March 19<sup>th</sup>.



### 7th annual Faith Night at PNC Park

Come out to PNC Park on Saturday, June 22 for the seventh annual Faith Night and root for the Pirates as they take on the San Diego Padres at 4:05 p.m.

Following the game, you'll relocate to sections 1-13 and 101-115\* along the first base line to hear manager Clint Hurdle and your favorite Pirates players and coaches share their personal experiences with how their faith has impacted both their lives and their careers in baseball specifically.

For more information or groups of 10 or more, contact Chad Glover at [chad.glover@pirates.com](mailto:chad.glover@pirates.com) or 412.325.4756 or Ryan Vizzini at [ryan.vizzini@pirates.com](mailto:ryan.vizzini@pirates.com) or 412.325.4777.

**HOLY REDEEMER**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH  
**ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY**

**Save the Date**  
**March 6, 2019**  
DINE IN or TAKE OUT  
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

|                                                                              |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Fried or Baked Fish Dinner</b><br>Includes Mac n Cheese, Coleslaw, & Cake | <b>\$9.00</b> |
| <b>Fried or Baked Fish Sandwich</b>                                          | <b>\$6.50</b> |
| <b>A la Carte Items (each)</b><br>Mac n Cheese, Coleslaw, or Cake            | <b>\$1.50</b> |

  
**Holy Redeemer Catholic Center**  
311 Lawrence Avenue, Ellwood City, PA

### Assistance Help

The Salvation Army Ellwood City Service Unit has now been initiated as of January 1 2018. This means that anyone within the 16117 area code may seek services from our Service Unit. The way people receive services from the SA Ellwood City Service Unit is by calling and making an in-person appointment:

**THE SALVATION ARMY 16117 PHONE NUMBER IS (724) 691-8012**

The Salvation Army may help with basic needs like groceries, clothing, utility bills, rent assistance, or even transit costs like one-night motel stays. If they live in 16117 and are willing to set up and keep an in-person appointment with our Service Unit, there is a good chance we will be able to help them



First United Methodist Church  
416 Crescent Avenue  
Ellwood City, PA 16117



Worship time 11:00 a.m. year-round.  
Prayer Chapel is available to everyone before worship.  
Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am-12:00 pm CLOSED Friday

### How to Reach Us...

Rev. Angelique Bradford, Senior Pastor    Email: [pastor@firstumcec.org](mailto:pastor@firstumcec.org)  
Jennifer Agnew, Church Administrator    Email: [secretary@firstumcec.org](mailto:secretary@firstumcec.org)  
Office Phone: 724-758-6278    Pastor's Cell Phone: 412-722-2806  
Church Website: <http://firstumcec.org/>

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Please feel welcome to call Pastor Angelique to schedule a pastoral care appointment if that is helpful to you.

### The Mission of the United Methodist Church

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”  
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of the United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church is a community of believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached sacraments are administered, and the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.