

The MESSENGER

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Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

News from Around the Congregation

Mio United Methodist Church

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Office Hours: Friday 9 am – 11:15 am

Paula's Perspective

Our book study class has begun! A group of us are gathering on Saturday afternoons for a time of reflection and sharing and spiritual growth, around that which should be a rather common topic... growing older! Our discussions are not just about the physical realities, but the faith aspects more specifically.

Our book uses the image of a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is defined as an intentional movement toward God. Therefore, as soon as an individual makes the decision to seek relationship with God, they begin their own pilgrimage; whenever and wherever in life that journey begins; their pilgrimage begins. Many believe that a pilgrimage is a set apart event or calling that happens to just a few special people for a short period and then it is over. The rest of life is either living in that past memory, or still waiting for something grand to happen. Meanwhile, the days pass.

If you are seeking God in your life, striving to live like Jesus, opening yourself to the movement of the Holy Spirit, then you are on a pilgrimage NOW! No more waiting ... it has already started!

Be encouraged to actively challenge yourself in continued growth and spiritual thought so as lean deeper into the mind of Christ and the fullness of God So that your pilgrimage journey won't just end one unexpected final day, but that you will have laid aside enough of the world, so as to be more fully one with your God and Creator.

Peace Be with You,

Rev. Paula

LENT WORSHIP SERIES

The worship topic for Lent will be *"The Body of Christ": foot, hands, mouth, ears, eyes and heart.* This message will be presented in a two-part reading. We hope you enjoy and benefit from this new and different way to approach Lent.

EASTER LILIES

Order an easter lily or tulip to adorn the chancel area of the sanctuary.
Lilies are \$15.00 each. Tulips are \$12.00 each.
Deadline is March 12th to place an order.
See Roma Galbraith today.

LENTEN ENVELOPES

In this newsletter is an envelope for a special offering for Lent. All donations received will be used by the Missions Team for the Adopt-a-Family Program at Christmas.

Please return the envelopes by mail or in the Sunday offering plate.

Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2nd: Palm Sunday

- * Worship at 10:00 am
- * Community Worship at 5:00 pm at Fairview Mennonite Church

April 6th: Maundy Thursday

- *Worship at 6:00 pm

April 7th: Good Friday

- *Community "Cross Procession"
Meet at Mio United Methodist Church for a walking procession to Courthouse.
- *Worship Service at 2:00 pm at the Courthouse

April 9th: Easter Sunday

- *Sunrise Service at 7:30 am
- * Breakfast at 8:30 am
Sign-up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall for food donations and reservations.
- *Easter worship at 10:00 am

**REMEMBER:
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

**SPRING AHEAD
SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD!**

DIRECT \$\$\$

The last "batch" of Family Fare sales slips were turned in and we are awaiting the \$1000.00 check. This is the last time for this program. Thank you to all who turned in sales slips and helped meet the \$150,000 three times.

Special thanks to Nancy Crane for counting all of those many, many sales slips.

NEW BATHROOM

The new unisex bathroom is completed. Thank you to Gary Sidebottom and his crew for doing a beautiful job restoring the previous bathroom, then storage room, to the current facility.

Love INC Bulletin Blurb

Love In the Name of Christ Update:

- Thank you! The family of six was able to sell their home and get into temporary housing! Please continue to pray for them as they look for a new home.
- We still have a critical need for more female drivers to volunteer in our transportation ministry; we don't want to burn out the faithful ladies who already drive for our neighbors! Various programs are available to reimburse for gas so the only cost is time and love. Ladies, please make this a matter of prayerful consideration.
- If anyone you know needs diapers/baby supplies, send them to His Love Family Resources! They have received a diaper miracle! 989-826-5817.
- Volunteers for renovating The Bridge are still welcome Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m.-noon.

MARCH MISSIONS REPORT

Thanks to all of you who felt called to donate to Love INC during the month of February. A total of \$320. was received and because we have enough in our Mission budget we will send and additional \$180 to make \$500. This is what we sent to the local ministries last year with the help of the Mabel Hagger Foundation. We will try to give equal amounts this year by using collected funds and what is in our budget as needed. It may drain our cushion, but God knows the needs and we will rely on him for our supply. Please keep the missions of our church in your prayers and give generously as you can. God will bless us in abundance as we do that.

MARCH MISSION FOCUS

The March Mission Focus is one of the local missions, Lydia's Gate, right here in Mio. Lydia's Gate is our local shelter for those in need and the Director, Carla Ott, will be here Sunday, March, 12th, to present Lydia's Gate for our Moment for Mission.

These local ministries also afford us the opportunity to volunteer. Barb Butler gave some ideas for helping out at Love INC. Carla Ott will also present opportunities for recurring needs and for one time events to give to Lydia's Gate in ways besides monetarily. If you have some time and a heart for ministry work this is a wonderful way to participate in missions and close to home. Consider this option for caring for the "least of these" and serving our Lord.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4 – Irene Miller
12 – Dawn Hall
16 – Scott Burzlaff
30 – Kathy Dudek
 Bob Hoffman

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

MARCH LECTIONARY

Week of March 5th

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Week of March 12th

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Week of March 19th

2 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Week of March 26th

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sandy
Corinna Anderson
Joe Arbaugh
Angie Bicknell
Wendy Coon
Gary Frazho
John & Barbara Halsey
Doug Killian
Gene Schneider
Jan Matlock
Maryann Zinc

SHUT-INS

At The Brook – Grayling
Marge Bryant

At Fairview
Esther Socia
Irene Miller

MILITARY

All Armed Forces
Corey Brown
Whitney Kann
Marshall Socia

COMING SOON!!!

**Mio United Methodist Men
&
Mio United Women in Faith
will be holding a RUMMAGE SALE.**

The gentlemen will handle all sports equipment, tools, and outdoor items while the ladies have the indoor items such as kitchen ware, decorating items, etc.

So start your spring cleaning and get rid of all the “stuff” that you haven’t used in eons.

A date will be announced in the near future.

Please NO ELECTRONICS OR CLOTHING.

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 4:00 PM SPRC		3 2:00 PM Book Stu
5 10:00 AM Worship	6	7 2:00 PM Grief Share	8	9 6:00 PM Ad Council		10 2:00 PM Book Stu
12 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Trustees	13	14 2:00 PM Grief Share	15 1:00 PM Prayer Bears	16		17 2:00 PM Book Stu
19 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM UMM	20 1:00 PM UWF (UMW) 6:00 PM Hospice Memorial	21 2:00 PM Grief Share	22 9:00 AM Happy Crafters	23 9:00 AM Happy Crafters	24 9:00 AM Happy Crafters	24 2:00 PM Book Stu
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