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Looking Towards the Cross

Our observance of Lent continues throughout the month of March, as we draw closer to the cross and continue to evaluate our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We will enter Holy Week, the final days of Jesus' earthly life, on Sunday, March 25. We will begin our worship at 11:00 a.m. with the excitement of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, accompanied by crowds of onlookers shouting "Hosanna." The service continues the story, remembering the meal in the upper room, praying in Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What begins in joy ends in the agony of the cross.

Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the Parish Hall for Maundy Thursday, Jesus' final time to share table fellowship with his closest followers. We refer to this occasion as Maundy from the Latin word "mandatum," which means "commandment." Jesus announces a new commandment to his followers, "Love one another. Even as I have loved you, love one another." Our observance will include hand and foot washing, simple food, and the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will be joined by our



brothers and sisters from Grace United Methodist Church. The chancel choir will also lead us in worship through music.

Good Friday, March 30, we will remember Jesus' death on the cross with services at 12:00 noon in the narthex at Fairview, and at 7:00 p.m. at Grace UMC. We will hear the story of Jesus' final hours in words of scripture and music as we gather at the cross.

The Easter Triduum, the three day observance of Jesus sacrifice, ends with the joyful recognition of Resurrection on Sunday, April 1. We will begin our celebration with a continental breakfast at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by our Festival Worship in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. As is our custom, worship will conclude with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

Good Samaritan Hospital Redevelopment

PlanningNEXT, a community development firm located in Columbus, Ohio, has been hired by Premier Health Network to prepare a plan for the site of Good Samaritan Hospital following its closing at the end of this year. Along with Citywide Development Corporation, PlanningNEXT is scheduling meetings to receive input from the community about our understandings of the needs of our community, and how that property might continue to play a significant role in stabilization and redevelopment. Four days of meetings with selected community leaders are being held at Fairview United Methodist Church.



Public meetings, where all concerned citizens are encouraged to participate, are scheduled for March 22. A meeting at 1:00 p.m. will be held in the Fairview UMC Parish Hall. A second meeting is scheduled for Fairview Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. The focus of these meetings is to gather community input for the future. We look forward to having good representation from the Fairview UMC community at these events.

Trustees' Updates



An indoor work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, to take care of several projects to maintain the attractiveness and safety of our building. We hope to clean the sanctuary, the George Clark kitchen, and some walls and door frames that have accumulated handprints, etc. We will also be replacing light bulbs, furnace filters, and taking care of minor repairs. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and hope to complete our work by noon. An additional work day will be scheduled later in the spring to spruce up the outdoor areas of our property. To volunteer, please contact Dave Puderbaugh or Jan Mains.

A new gas stove has been installed in the kitchen, and new lights will be hung in the kitchen pantry area in the near future. In addition, the Fairview logo has been added to the end of the green canopy in the parking lot. Thank you to Richard McBride for overseeing that project, and to Dave Puderbaugh for overseeing the stove and lighting.

Mercy Manor Luncheon and Fundraiser

The 26th Annual Mercy Manor Founders Day Luncheon and Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 17 at 12:00 p.m. at the Presidential Banquet Center in Kettering. Reverend Marla Brown will be among the honorees. Luncheon donation is \$60 per person. Reservations are requested by March 5. Mercy Manor is a ministry for women with histories of homelessness, abuse, mental health, incarceration, and alcohol and drug addiction. For more information contact Cecelia Long, 937-972-7045.



Choral Concert

The Fairview Chancel Choir has been invited to join the Christ United Methodist Church Chancel Choir in a concert to celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m. The concert will be at Christ UMC, 3440 Shroyer Road. The combined choirs and instrumental musicians will present the Paul Winter work, *Missa Gaia*, or "Earth Mass." Winter, a saxophonist and composer, is known for a commitment to conservation, as well as world music and space music. Additional information will be available in the April Columns. We will be blessed by the opportunity to perform and experience this amazing musical offering.

Welcome New Staff

At its January meeting, the Fairview Church Council approved the new staff position of Community Ministries Coordinator, a part time position intended to support our existing community ministries, and to expand our work with our neighbors. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Nicole Pritchett has been hired to serve in that position. Nicole has been working with some of our ministries for several years through Hope Road, Inc. Nicole is a graduate of Miami University majoring in Information Technology Strategies for Business and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). She has served as Director of Development for Oasis House, a Christian nonprofit, and is a servant leader of the volunteer based youth organization, Hope Road. She has been married to her husband David for 25 years, and is the mother of two sons and one daughter. We look forward to the ways in which Nicole will add to our ministry experience, as we move toward becoming a seven-day-a-week congregation.

We also welcome Ursula Jones as our Administrative Assistant. Ursula is a graduate of Trotwood-Madison High School, Wright State University, and is currently working on a Psy.D. in Health and Wellness Psychology through University of the Rockies. Ursula is employed through Crown Personnel Services. Please make her welcome as she maintains our office, and is the voice and face of Fairview UMC throughout the week. Please remember that office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For access to the building at other times, please contact a trustee. For pastoral needs, please contact Pastor Barbara on her cell phone, (937) 765-0200.

Rebecca Naomi Circle

The Rebecca Naomi Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 1:30 pm in the Library. *Developing Leaders* is this year's theme during our Lenten Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. UMW has always made leadership development central to our mission work; our meeting will focus on some of our "Partners in Mission" around the world and the powerful women and children who have become leaders in mission. We will also take two offerings. The first is our pledge to the District UMW (remember we did not have an offering in January, so give generously!) The second offering will support the Legacy Fund which is seeking to build a permanent endowment for future generations of United Methodist Women. Kathy Schaefer is hosting this meeting, so call her with any questions at 274-2704. This is a good opportunity to learn more about the work of UMW; all are so welcome!



Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Isabelle Haslanger, who passed February 4, 2018 at the age of 103. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church. Visitation begins at 1:00 p.m. and a reception will follow the service.

A Word from the Pastor

Dr. Robert Olmstead, professor of creative writing at Ohio Wesleyan University, noted in a recent post on Scholars of Sturges, that writing is a skill that can be learned or be made better. Speaking to his students and others, he adds, "You all can write, but do you have something to say?" People with an ability to write are a dime a dozen, but it's rare to be able to have something to say, something to tell the world. It's pretty scary and pretty daunting and it's something that takes a lot of courage to do."



*A Word From
Pastor Barbara Wiechel*

With the advent of social media, anyone can put something "out there" for other people to consider. There are no checks and balances, no one questioning, "Do you have something to say?" Often, we have no way to verify claims people make, and we have no idea when the information was collected. I have read posts that appear to be urgent messages about threats or dangers that turn out to date back to 2002! And some of them only happened once or twice, in places very remote from Dayton, Ohio. Mis-information, repeated over time, takes on a life of its own, appearing to be relevant and true, just because it is so prevalent.

Sometimes, even within the church, we discover "You all can write, but do you have anything to say?" It's hilarious and heart-wrenching to read "quotes" that folks insist are "from the Bible," which appear nowhere in our holy book. Some that do appear in the Bible are so out of context that they do not reflect the intended meaning of the scripture. In a recent conversation, a youth leader announced he was going to lead a retreat on "Biblical marriage." I asked him if that would include Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, or perhaps David and Bathsheba. What about Tamar, who was raped by her father-in-law following his refusal to allow one of his sons to marry her, required by Torah to preserve her dead husband's lineage? "Biblical marriage" can be interpreted in many ways, indeed.

As Dr. Olmstead noted of his students, "You all can write, but do you have anything to say?" As followers of Jesus, we have an amazing story to share with the world. We do have something to say. But it's important to share our story in a way that honors the intent of God in the scriptures, and in the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, and in the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. John Wesley, one of our fathers in the faith, used the term "Analogy of Faith" to describe one way in which scripture might be interpreted. He understood a deep pattern within scripture helps us interpret it. For Wesley, the way of salvation is the pattern: "humans have a problem that God overcomes in Jesus Christ, so that our sin is forgiven and we are able to live a new life of inward and outward holiness." (Wesley Study Bible) That's what we have to say to the world! Whether we write it, speak it or live it, communicating that is pretty scary, and will require a lot of courage to do. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us remember we have something to say to the world. And what we say will make all the difference in the world.

March Birthdays

March 1	David Gracey	March 14	Nathan Zuber
March 2	Terry Lunsford	March 15	Amber Yeary
March 7	Dane Edgel	March 21	Lois Gorrell
March 9	Ashley Gracey	March 24	Judy Golovcsenko
March 10	Florence Carwell	March 27	Ed Rapp
		March 31	Frank Maher



Worship Leaders

March 4	Mary Beth Wyss
March 11	Richard McBride
March 18	Traci McGuire
March 25	TBD

Hospitality Schedule

March 4	Cecelia Long
March 11	Barbara Rowlands
March 18	Cecelia Long
March 25	Bertha Messer

Ushers

March: John Larsen, Gerry Nelson, and Bob Larson
Head Usher: Jack Hornemann

Van Ministry

March 4	John Larsen
March 11	Jerry Gribler
March 18	Bertha Messer
March 25	Traci McGuire

Welcome Team

March 4	Debbie Arnold and Bertha Messer
March 11	Florence Carwell
March 18	Marlys and Gerry Nelson
March 25	Kathy and Dick Schaefer

Pantry Schedule

March 2	Pam Hounshell and Linda Payne
March 5	Barbara Rowlands and Jackie Mergler
March 9	Ingrid Tartaglia, Vicky Wentling, Ginger Agee
March 12	Shirley McBride and Janet Michael
March 16	Barbara Rowlands and Bonnie Maloney
March 19	Kathy Farmer and Deb Arnold
March 23	Pat White and Susie Kurtz
March 26	Pat White and Vicky Wentling
March 30	Susie Kurtz and Vicky Wentling



Legal Clinic

Legal Clinic will be available to those in need of services on March 10 at Fairview UMC from 10:00 am-Noon.

Monthly Calendar – March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:15 pm - Chancel Bells 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir	2 9:30 am – Food Pantry	3 2 pm - Isabelle Haslanger's Memorial Service
4 8:30 am - Trustees 9:15 am - Hospitality 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - School Worship	5 9:30 am – Food Pantry 6 pm - Land Use Meeting	6	7 5:30 pm – Fun Club 7:00 pm – Renewal Hour	8 9:30 - UMW Mission Team 6:15 pm - Chancel Bells 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir	9 9:30 am – Food Pantry	10 10 am - Legal Clinic
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25 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:15 am - Hospitality 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship	26 9:30 am – Food Pantry	27	28 5:30 pm – Fun Club 6 pm - FROC	29 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service	30 9:30 am – Food Pantry 12:00 Noon - Good Friday Service 7:00 - Service@ Grace	31

EASTER FLOWERS - 2018

Flowers may be purchased in honor of or in memory of loved ones, or to the glory of God. The flowers may be taken after the 11:00 a. m. Easter service on Sunday, April 1st.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the church office with a check made payable to Fairview UMC and mark "Easter Flowers." **The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 25. Money must accompany orders.** The names of those being honored, as well as the donors will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 1st. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY YOUR INFORMATION BELOW.**

EASTER FLOWERS FORM

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In Honor of: _____

(Please print)

In Memory of: _____

(Please print)

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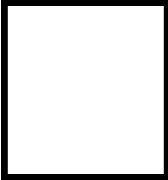
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Method of Payment

Check No.: _____ Please make checks payable to:

Cash Amount: _____ Fairview United Methodist Church

Memo: Easter Flowers



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