



The Connection

Real People,
Real Hope

Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church February/March 2024

The Pastor's Corner

From the Pastor's Desk:

We have come a long way together in only seven months! We have survived some difficult times that have caused other churches to divide. However, due to everyone's love, hard work, cooperation, and perseverance, we have come through it and are all the stronger for it. Best of all, we have continued to be the church for the greater Spencerville community without missing a beat. You should be commended for your grit and determination.



For our efforts, we have seen our attendance increase significantly, we have become the recipient of a grant to help make our church building more inviting and to promote events held at the church. The new leadership committees have some new faces and some long-time leaders all of whom have shown a dedication to helping STUMC continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world. Their participation will provide a nice mix of new ideas on one hand and years of experience on the other, to lead our church as we move forward. I couldn't be more excited!

We are moving into the holiest of holy seasons of the year, the season of Lent. Lent is a time of renewal; a time of emptying and filling-up. During this season when we remember Jesus's sacrifice to free us from sin, we repent to empty ourselves of sins that have taken up too much room in our souls, and then we fill that empty space created by the purging of that sin with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Those two essential duties, emptying of sin and filling the emptiness that creates with Jesus provide us with renewal that can enrich our daily lives. Our services during this most holy season of the year will be designed to assist believers in this process by creating opportunities for an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

I recently reposted a Facebook post by Rev. Benjamin Cremer that said, "Matthew 25 tells us that when Jesus returns and judges between the righteous and the unrighteous, he doesn't judge them based on their orthodoxy, their patriotism, or their individual definitions of morality. He Judges them based on their compassion towards vulnerable people."

There has never been a time in our world's history when the love of Jesus has been more needed than it is at this moment. STUMC has the opportunity to take the lead in spreading Jesus's love beginning right here in Spencerville, Ohio. The time is now to say "NO!" to hating and bashing and thrashing each other on social media, and in person, and to begin to show the compassion and forgiveness to everyone as Jesus intends. We can change the world one faithful follower at a time. Come! Join us!

In service of our Savior,

Pastor Mark

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Story of Jesus' Birth was narrated and the children participated in a live nativity. Various carols were sung throughout the service. We concluded the service with Will Nungester playing "Silent Night" on his guitar while the congregation sang the Hymn in a candlelight Sanctuary.



Caroling at Roselawn

The children of D.O.G. Pound spread some Holiday Cheer to the residents of Roselawn by dropping off some hand-made cards and caroling to the residents.



Youth Lock-In

The Youth held a Lock-In on New Years Eve. They played games, ate lots of food and rang in the New Year with Friends.

Advent Bible Study

Pastor Mark lead an Adult Bible Study leading up to Christmas. The video study was on Kyle Idleman's "Christmas Experience". The study used a dramatic video and discussion to explore the Christmas story.





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ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Service will be Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30pm. Come for a time of Prayer, Repentance and the Imposition of the Ashes.



We will be having a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28th at 6:30pm. Come and experience what it would have been like to be one of Jesus' Disciples at The Last Supper.

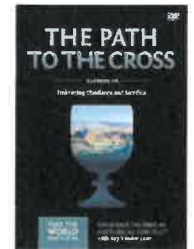


We will once again be holding a church wide Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 31st at 8:30AM. Come fellowship before the Easter worship service while enjoying a variety of breakfast foods! A donation sign-up sheet will be posted at a later date. Any questions please feel free to reach out to Stephanie McMichael.



Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Mark will be leading the Adult Lenten Bible study "The Path to the Cross" by Ray Vander Laan. This 5 week study will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm starting Wednesday, February 21st through Wednesday, March 20th. This study will help prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week. We hope to see you there!



Good Friday Service

Join us Good Friday, March 29th at 6:30pm as we "Walk to the Cross" and experience the path that Jesus took to Golgotha.





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4 Church Service 9:15am Community Groups 10:30am	5	6	7 D.O.G. Pound 6:00-7:30pm	8 Praise Band Practice 6:30pm	9	10
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