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Harlan United Methodist Church

JANUARY 2017

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"To provide, for our community, a Methodist based path for growing relationships with Jesus Christ"

THOUGHT FOR YOUR DAY

Experience the Love at Harlan United Methodist Church.

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to god must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

January Appointments

Greeters

- Front Door - Bruce Amstutz
- Side Door - Virginia Amstutz
- Back Door - Lee Randolph

Welcome Center -

Sanctuary Hosts

There are many moods and meanings to the season of Winter. The weather and the darkness affect our feelings. The rhythm of our lives

Bruce Amstutz
Virginia Amstutz
Lee Randolph

January Refreshments

January 1
Randolph's
January 8
January 15
January 22
January 29

Sign-up sheets are available in the Lynn Soughan Fellowship Hall, if you can help in any way on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

JANUARY FLOWERS

January 1
January 8
January 15
January 22
January 29

HOSPITALIZED IN December Patti Fouts Carla Swing

Please Remember in Prayer

Maxine Zychowicz
Golden Years
Dolores Ruckman
Home
Jo Downey
Home

changes, and we spend more time inside savoring the warmth. We relish the chance to slow down and to have some solitude.

We in the north are used to plunging temperatures, slush and snow, and snowplows on city streets and slippery highways. But there is also the other side of Winter: its pristine beauty and its many opportunities for playfulness.

The great Christian monk Thomas Merton once compared the spiritual life to the search for a path in a field of untrodden snow: "Walk across the snow and there is your path." To encourage you to explore the many parts of this path, we have designed a month's worth of practices. As a first step, I invite you to reflect upon this idea of winter wonders:

In [How to Be Happier Day by Day: A Year of Mindful Actions](#), Alan Epstein writes about the spiritual practice of being grateful for all kinds of weather — even the kind of winter weather that inconveniences us:

"Look forward to the approach of strong or unusual weather. Instead of griping when the days turn foul — snow, sleet, freezing rain, or rain with cold temperatures — see them as an exciting adventure, as a time when Mother Nature reminds you that she exists, that when it comes to the earth, it is her domain.

Epstein continues: "Even a severe cold spell can be the source of pleasure if you are prepared for it, if you act accordingly and bundle up against the cold and wind. Can you recognize that we all live on a small, spinning orb held on course by the

Ruth Smith
Home
Marge Lee
Home
Delores Witte
Golden Years
Richard Stailey
Home

force of gravity among the nearby heavenly bodies, and that its position in the universe is very powerful, but ultimately also very fragile?"

See the changing weather as representative of all change. As the earth moves around the sun through the course of the year, the earth is tilted at an angle of twenty-three and a half degrees — which creates the seasons. Consider also that at one time the bulk of the planet was covered with ice, and that erupting volcanoes are manifestations of the active core of the earth. We, living our lives day to day, are as much a part of this universal system as the moon, a grain of sand, or the sweet smile on your child's face when he or she wakes up from a two-hour nap in the middle of the afternoon.

All phenomena — including bad weather — contribute to our experience of life. Don't discriminate. Enjoy the adventure.

The next time you hear a report forecasting strong and unusual weather make it your spiritual practice of the day to see it as an adventure rather than as a possible nightmare. See what a difference this reframing makes in your experience.

Pastor Robert

January Happenings

Jan 1 Worship/HolyCommunion 9AM
 Fellowship/BloodPressure Check/
 Sunday School10:30AM

- Jan 3 Men's Breakfast 7AM @ Harlan Café
Jan 4 Discipleship Meeting 6:30PM
Jan 5 Food Pantry 9-11AM
Jan 8 Worship 9AM
Fellowship 10AM
Sunday School 10:30AM
Taking Down the Greens
Jan 10 Men's Breakfast 7AM @ Harlan Café
Jan 11 Buffalo Wild Wings FRAN fundraiser 6-8
Jan 12 Food Pantry 9-11AM
Jan 15 Worship 9AM
Fellowship 10AM
Sunday School 10:30AM
Elderberries 11:30AM
Jan 16 Ministry Team Meeting 6:30PM
Jan 17 Men's Breakfast 7AM @ Harlan Café
Discipleship Meeting 6:30
Jan 19 Food Pantry 9-11AM
Jan 22 Worship 9AM
Fellowship 10AM
Sunday School 10:30AM
Jan 24 Men's Breakfast 7AM @ Harlan Café
Jan 25 Ad Council Meeting 6PM
Jan 26 Food Pantry 9-11AM
Jan 29 Worship 9AM Mission Sunday
Fellowship 10AM
Sunday School 10:30AM
Jan 31 Men's Breakfast 7AM @ Harlan Café

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Food Pantry Update Springfield / Scipio Townships

Do not need: toothpaste, or face soap

Need: deodorant, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish detergent, pasta sauce, pancake mix & syrup, sugar, jello, cereal

The financial support of this amazingly generous community continues to allow us to purchase needed meat, bread, etc. and to supply groceries, paper goods and hygiene items for the less fortunate in Springfield and Scipio townships.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."
 - Matthew 25:35

The Food Pantry is open Thursdays from 9-11 am.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 - Abby Cowan
 6 - Phyllis Love
 9 - Calli Clark
 10 - Jaymee Jackemeyer
 13 - Mike Fouts
 18 - Dana Metz
 19 - Jason Spindler
 25 - Shirley Spindler
 26 - Kailyn Jackemeyer
 28 - Rose Spindler

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Peggy Nelson
 4 - Dave Krohn
 6 - Judy James
 8 - Jordan Sheely
 11 - Ruth Smith
 12 - Marilyn Shaw
 12 - Jacinta Krohn
 16 - Pat Connor
 16 - Jo (Kloeping)
 21 - Lucille Richmond
 22 - Virginia Amstutz
 27 - Casie Metz

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

29 - Chase & Jo Smith

Thank You

Dear Friends:

Without a doubt, there is no appropriate expression to express my gratitude for your generosity and warmth during this season. From cards to food to remarkable gifts, I can't thank all of you enough.

God Bless!

Robert

Thank you all for the generous gift. It was very nice for you to think of me. I feel very blessed to belong to such a wonderful church family.

God Bless,

Peggy

Thank you for your generous gift. Your thoughtfulness is a gift I will always treasure. And thank you to Santa who left me the heater for my feet. You have truly warmed my heart and feet!

Thank you again,

Tina

The Lions clubs international has already released \$10,000 in the Gatlinburg area for basic needs for people made homeless by the fires. Lion Doug Rodenbeck, past international Leo advisor, and past member of the Anthony Wayne lions club, now lives in Gatlinburg area gave me this information. It is estimated that 18,000 acres have burned, 2500 homes and businesses have been damaged or destroyed, at least 14 people confirmed dead. They say the loss will be more than \$1 billion. When the North Knox Lions Club in the Gatlinburg area was told that the Harlan Lions Club, A small club in Northeast Indiana gave \$1000 there was a nice round of applause. There are people walking out of the mountains with nothing, they need our help!!! The Harlan Lions Club was able to do this because of the generosity of the people in this community.

Serving our community for over 65 years Harlan Lions Club

Thank You

We can't thank you all enough for your generous support of our Christmas Bureau families again this year!

Some of you gave cash, some gave gift cards to purchase gifts and many bought gifts.

We collected over 75 gifts for our families, which included 3 bicycles requested! That is simply AWESOME!!

We also provided food from our Food pantry

for each family and WalMart gift cards for each family from our scrip program. Gifts were delivered to the Christmas Bureau warehouse on Monday December 5th.
Again ... THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart!

God Bless you all,
Renee & Patti

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY by Kay Morhart

Spiritual Life Group

God Is Waiting For You To Ask

"If you... know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give

good gifts to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11

God is the source of everything. Everything you see in the world and everything you can't see in the

world and in the universe, God made. He's the source of every good thing. As we depend on God as your

source for everything, there are 4 truths we need to remember. First, everything is a gift from God. We

didn't earn what we have, it's a gift of God's grace. The 3rd phrase in Lord's Prayer starts with "Give us this day our daily bread." God has unlimited resources. God wants to meet our needs. Second, there is nothing we need that God can't provide. We don't know what we need for rest of year but God does. Third, God wants to give us everything we need.

Fourth, God wants to meet our needs. He's waiting on us to ask. James 4:2 says "You do not have because you never ask God. To whom are you looking to meet your needs? What have you been waiting to ask God for that you need? How does knowing that God knows your every need for the rest of your life affect how you pray? Paraphrased from Rick Warren.

Kick-off for Spiritual Life Groups will be February 12 & 19. Sign up ials is available on the church website. More info to come.

We will have two Sunday groups after fellowship time. Lucille Richmond will be leading one group, studying "John, the Gospel of Light and Life," by Adam Hamilton. A DVD will be shown. Adam covers the Gospel of John, including Adam's own moving personal reflections. Patti Fouts/ Karen Oliver co- hostesses.

Jeanette McLean will lead two groups. The study for both groups will be "Creed, What Christians Believe and Why." It explores the Apostle's Creed, Adam Hamilton is the author. One class will be on Sunday after fellowship time and the sewing group on Thursday evening, hosted in the home and by Rose and Jerry Spindler.

Jim Morhart will lead group studying, 24 hours That Changed the World (by Adam Hamilton). Adam tells the biblical story of Jesus' last "24 hours with historical details, spiritual insight and pastoral warmth," In the DVD, he will take you to the historical sites in the Holy Land, helping you to experience the "significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never have before. This will be held on a week day evening and hosted in the Morhart's home.

Pastor Robert is going to start a new group on spiritual discussion, the day of week and time still to be determined. Jackie Closson will be the hostess.

Congregants, you are welcome to change groups, and invite family, friends and neighbors to join with you. Spiritual Life Groups will begin the week the 1st or 2nd week of March

coinciding with Lent.

Lucille's group made the Christmas card tree for her group's mission and had a potluck dinner for the fun activity.

Mauna's group had a potluck and movie night for their fun night. They prepared shoe boxes with items for The Shoe Box Ministry. Jeanette's group had a potluck and played games for their fun night. They are having an ongoing project of making prayer shawls for the sick as their mission project. Jim's group also had a potluck for their fun night. Their mission project was taking and serving Honey snacks to the Harlan Christian Youth Center then talked to the children about bees, the care and how honey is made.

I hope you will consider joining a group to strengthen and live your Christian life, fellowship and mission.

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Eat Wings. Raise Funds.

Help raise money for your favorite non-profit organization.

All Church Members, families and friends
 are invited to participate in a
 Harlan United Methodist Church FRAN Outreach fundraising event on
Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Everyone is invited to gather at
 Buffalo Wild Wings® (10524 Maysville Rd)
 Please join us for dinner or a snack.
 On this day from 6-8pm, 10% of all
 food purchases will be donated to
 Harlan United Methodist FRAN Outreach



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Harlan United Methodist FRAN Outreach Wednesday, January 11, 2017 6-8pm

Dine In or Carry Out 10% of all purchases between 6-8pm will go to support
 Harlan United Methodist FRAN Outreach.

Only valid at 10524 Maysville Rd., Fort Wayne IN.
*Alcohol purchases not included.



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CHURCH CALENDAR ON-LINE

The Church calendar is now being maintained on-line. In addition to the paper calendar in the Church office, meetings, events, etc. are now also being maintained on-line with read only access available at the address:

<http://teamup.com/ksaa306636c753afac/>. As we get familiar with the on-line calendar please use it for reference only. The calendar in the Church office will still be the "official" calendar.

Thank You's

Dear U.M. Members,
"Thank You" for all of your prayers, visits and concern shown during our mother's stay at the Cedars and passing.
Our entire family truly appreciated the above, not to mention the wonderful meal provided after her service.
God Bless You!!

The Family of Jeanne Smith

Thank you all for all the cards, phone calls and visits you have sent my way. It's always nice to be remembered.
I do miss you and I wish you a merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Love,
Delores Witte

A Rainbow of Hope

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.
Psalm 145:18

Have you ever thought about what has happened because Christ came into the world? That baby in the manger of Bethlehem grew up to become our crucified and risen Savior – and the world has never been the same.

Jesus' compassion has made the world more compassionate. His healing touch has made the world more humanitarian. His selflessness has made the world more self-effacing. Christ drew a rainbow of hope around the shoulders of men and women and gave them something to live for.

If Christ had not come, our world would indeed be a hopeless world. If Christ had not come, ours would be a lost world. There would be no access to God, there would be no atonement for sin, there would be no forgiveness, and there would be no Savior.

Yes, Christ came into the world and made it a better place. And He will do the same for you if you will open your life to Him.

FRAN / Super Bowl Cook-Off
Sunday, February 5, 2017

9:00 AM

Please invite all of your unchurched friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors to our worship service and pregame activities. Pray for these individuals and for your opportunity to witness. Invite them to “come and see.” (John 1:39) We would be very blessed to see a full sanctuary.

Immediately following the service, the Super Bowl cook-off will begin. We encourage everyone to join in on the fun by sharing his or her favorite football game snacks. The attending congregation will then vote for the winners. Join in on the fun by wearing your team’s jersey and sharing your special goodies. It will be a feast for all.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Rose Spindler, Andy Clark, or Luke Jackemeyer.

Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.” (Luke 14:23)

UMW NEWS

UMW Meeting January 5th at 6:30pm

“A call to Prayer and Self Denial”

This meeting will be a potluck and recipe swap. Please bring a covered dish of some kind and copies of the recipe for the dish if its something you would like to share.

Ad Council Minutes

December 21, 2016

Members present: Tina Sheely, Kevin Sheely, Mike McMaken, Dave Gorrell, Lee Randolph, Pastor Robert Kloopping, Andy Clark, Nancy Eager, Barb Randolph, Lois Wenkheimer, Lorrie Gorrell, Peggy Nelson, Rose Spindler, Jerry Lee Spindler, Kay Morhart, Carol McMaken, Jerry Spindler.

Devotions: Jerry Lee shared some Conference thoughts for our congregation. God wants us to make disciples, not maintain the institution. Offered prayer. November minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Lois and seconded by Dave to approve. Motion passed.

Trustees: Andy thanked Peggy for removing ice and snow from sidewalks the past two Sundays. Ramp repairs are completed. Gutters still need work in the spring. A TV has been placed in the fellowship hall so information shown in sanctuary is available to persons

in the hall. Thanks to all trustees for their work in 2016.

Finance: Lorrie presented financial reports for November for the church. Income of \$13,876 with a checking balance of \$518.00 at the present time. \$4,309 paid in apportionments, with seven months still due. Jerry Lee presented 2017 budget. Various accounts were discussed. Motion made by Lorrie to accept budget, seconded by Andy Motion passed.

Pastor-Parish: Jerry stated Pastor Robert will be here another year.

Nominations: Pastor Robert will be having a spring meeting to evaluate current members and groom new members for the position.

Discipleship: Kay reported February 12th will be the kick-off for the new studies. There will be five groups this year.

Hospitality: Rose said some new faces have been in church and hope they return.

Superbowl Sunday is February 2th, this will be a FRAN event. Snacks and appetizers will be served after church. Also there will be Sunday school. January 11th will be a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings.

Worship: Lois and Peggy thanked everyone for helping with the Hanging of the Greens. The Christmas concert with Angela Flick was well received, plans will be made for another next year. The date for taking down the Church decorations will be January 8th. Worship meeting to plan for Lenten activities will be February 8th.

Jerry Lee asked that we share our accomplishments during the past year. FRAN event, Spiritual Life Groups, Formal Outreach Programs, willing volunteers, maintenance and upkeep of building, installed lift, extra time given by sound system personnel, Child Protection Program, training by Pastor of teachers for Spiritual Life Groups, new structure of Ad Council, Christmas families support, hiring of Tina as church secretary, new system for accounting of church finances, completion of FCJ Program-positive journey, Support of HCYC, Quilt Show, Fish Fries, Christmas concert,

Also our concerns and disappointments:

Lack of prayer chain calls, waiting before bringing up a concern, nursery coverage, need additional people using scrip, unpaid apportionments, church growth, comment about us being a dead church, future of our church family.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer
Nancy Eager, Secretary

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