

February, 2017



**Loving God. Loving Others.
Making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

From the pastor:

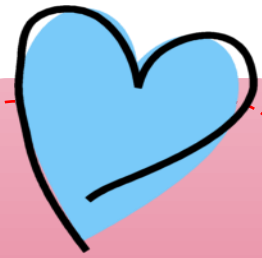
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." --John 14:6

In January we spent some time looking at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We looked at the statements He made to His first disciples "Come and See" and "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." We also recognized that those statements made so long ago still apply to us today. Jesus is still in the disciple making business. He still has something to show each of us, somewhere for us to follow. Sometimes it is easy to let life step in and consume our time and focus. We all have plenty of things to keep us busy at work, at home, at school, with children or friends or family.

That is why I love Jesus' statement in John, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life..." Too often we let the way of the world dictate our actions, we let the "truth" of the world become our truth, we seek the life that the world tells us we should seek. My hope for all of us as we continue through this season of Epiphany is that we take time to seek out Jesus amongst all the noise in the world around us.

Take time each day and dedicate it to the Lord. Read the Scriptures, follow a devotional, sing, or pray, whatever it is that allows you to seek Jesus. Jesus is still calling to us, "Come and See" what I have in store for you..."Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Jesus is the way, Jesus is the truth, Jesus is the life...Let us make it so in our lives this and every day.

God Bless, Pastor Devin



Happy Birthday!

Joan Rau 2/5

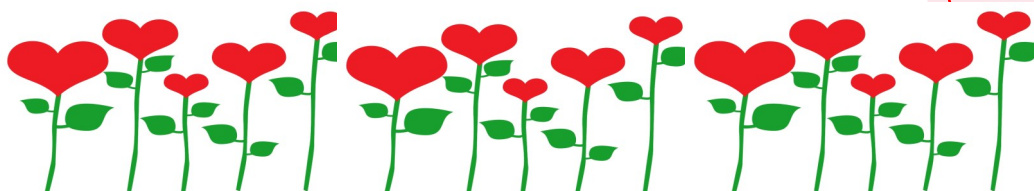
Allen Raker 2/8

Brian Comiskey 2/16

Veda Smith 2/19

Jazzlyne Phifer 2/20

Chris Butler 2/23





Thank You

Thank you to our
February greeters,

Judy & Jerry
Sampson

And

Glendora Klump

Members on a Mission:

As some of you may know Patty and Chris Hamann are going to be joining with a group out of the Bowling Green First United Methodist Church to travel to New Orleans from March 4-12 to help with the Katrina relief effort. Your first thought may be, "Katrina??? Didn't that happen years ago?" to which the answer is, Yes, it did happen nearly 12 years ago. However the damage and devastation was so widespread that there are still countless families who have been unable to rebuild and resume their lives without assistance. Of course New Orleans and the Katrina victims are no longer front page news because it is no longer the "hot" story, but the need is still there.

UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief) is actually the only large scale operation still working to assist those in need in the New Orleans area. The group that is going has gone every Spring since Katrina hit and helped countless families rebuild. I have known many people who have gone with this group and heard amazing stories of how their efforts have touched the lives of hundreds of people.

The cost of this trip is borne through the generosity of participants, their local churches, and support from friends, family and associates. Patty and Christ have already covered their costs for the trip, but the mission team is thankful for all donations made to allow them to buy supplies, gasoline, insurance and other expenses related to the work they do. If you would like to support their efforts donations can be mailed to:

BG First United Methodist Church

c/o Thad Long

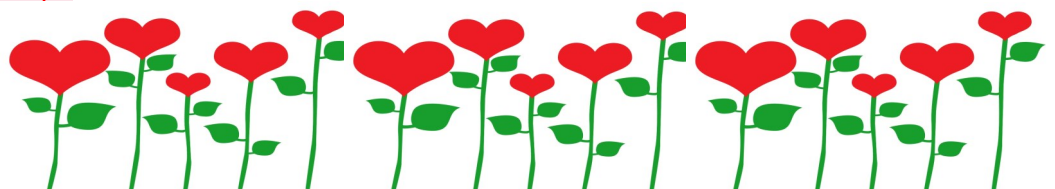
1526 E. Wooster

Bowling Green, OH 43402

(Please designate "Katrina" on the memo line)

I know you will all join me in praying for Patty and Chris as well as the rest of the mission team as they work to show the people of Louisiana the love of Christ.

Pastor Devin





Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 1 we will meet together for our regular meal at 5:45pm and at 6:30 we will all go upstairs to the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday worship.

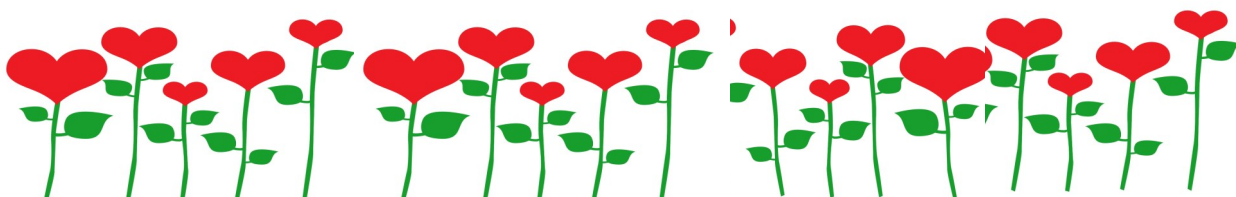
God Loves each of us as though there were only one of us

-Augustine



Carillon and Chiaroscuro Concert

All are invited to the next Carillon and Chiaroscuro Concert at the Holy Rosary Chapel at Adrian College on Wednesday, April 26





<i>Sunday</i> ♥	<i>Monday</i> ♥	<i>Tuesday</i> ♥	<i>Wednesday</i> ♥	<i>Thursday</i> ♥	<i>Friday</i> ♥	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 Dinner 5:45 pm Classes for all ages: 6:30-7:30 pm	2	3 Craft Day! 4pm—?	4 Craft Day! 12 pm—?
5 Sunday School for All Ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1 Dinner 5:45 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30-7:30 pm			



Food Pantry Donations

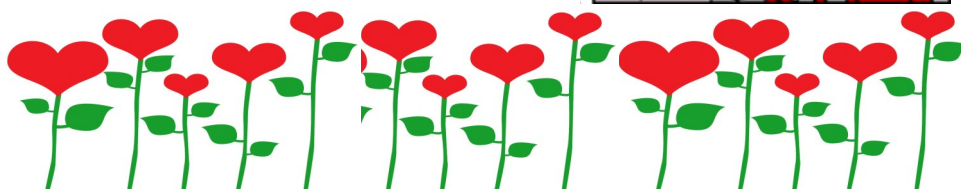
For the month of February, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of boxed mac and cheese, canned tuna, macaroni noodles.

Donations may be left in the church entrance area. We will see to it that they get delivered to the food pantry.

Church Mice



You should tell them love is kind. Love is not envious or arrogant or rude... it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things... Oh! You better tell them one other thing too...



Ladies' Craft Day

Every month, on the first Friday and Saturday, a group of local Christian women from several churches gather together at Emmanuel to have fun crafting.

Bring your current project and a snack to share, or just come and visit and enjoy the company.

The next craft days will February 3 & 4

Please speak with Elizabeth Comiskey if you have any questions.

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” -1 Timothy 2:1

Those needing continued healing and strength:

- Violet Mallory
- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Zayne Warren
- The family of Mery Witbrodt in the time of her passing
- Our covenant missionaries, Mary Gladstone-Highland and Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions



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