



FROM THE PASTOR

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time."

-1 Peter 5:6

How many of you find yourselves getting a little antsy this time of year? We've been through those winter months, seen the pretty snow (and are happy to see it go), and the weather is giving little teases of those warm days to come. Having a house full of small children I have discovered that cabin fever is a very real thing. I never realized that bouncing off the walls could be such a real, literal thing. Everyone is just waiting for the chance to get outside again and enjoy the fresh air, blue skies and space to run.

I also think I start feeling a little antsy because of where we find ourselves in the Christian year. My favorite day to worship and celebrate is just around the corner, Easter Sunday. It is easy for me to want to gloss over the 6 weeks of Lent and get to the BIG day. Like a kid with his presents before him I don't want to waste time reading the card, I want to tear into the wrapping paper and get to the good part, get to the gift.

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Josiah Keller 3/4 Chris Gordon 3/12 Audra Leader 3/14 Patty Hamann 3/14 Wendell Goetz 3/16 Ian Clark 3/17 Tammy Butler 3/26



Prayer Ministry

"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:

- Wendell & Alice Goetz
- Cathy Jenkins
- Jim & Millie Tipton
- Kate Noelanders
- Lyna Mae French
- David Dexter
- Mary Roback
- Gwen Cruz
- Lynnette Gafner
- Zayne Warren
- Our covenant missionaries,
 Mary Gladstone-Highland and
 Kristen Brown
- Our nation, state and local community and those in leadership positions



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

For the month of March, the Blissfield Area Food Pantry is asking for donations of canned corn, canned green beans, canned carrots and canned peas.

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

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's been a few years since we have had a church photo directory printed. We are able to have one professionally done for us at little to no cost to the church, but we need someone to act as coordinator to help set up appointments and take care of details with the publisher.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please speak with Pastor Devin.



HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

<u>Sunday, March 25, 10:30 am</u> Palm Sunday Celebration

Wednesday, March 28, 6:00 pm Wednesday night dinner together and study for all ages

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday worship at Lambertville, UMC

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Community Service—Details TBA

Sunday, April 1,

8:30 am—Potluck Breakfast

9:30 am (approx.) -Storytime and egg hunt following breakfast

10:30 am—Worship Celebration



LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

March 2. FRIDAY...World Day of Prayer—Emmanuel
United Methodist
March 8......Presbyterian

March 15.....Trinity
Lutheran, Riga
March 22....Light of Christ,
Blissfield

Each gathering begins at 9:30 am.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On March 2 at 9:30 am

Emmanuel will be hosting the Lenten breakfast and World Day of Prayer service. We will be praying for countries that ladies know about personally.

The focus country will be Suriname.

Members of our own praise team will lead us in worship singing.

Laurie Brown, from Adrian will be speaking about Praying the Word and the power of our spoken words.

Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Easter Egg Candy

If you would like to donate candy or small treats for the Easter Egg Hunt, those items can be given to Elizabeth Comiskey or left in the church office. Please bring them no later than March 21 so the youth will have time to stuff the eggs. Thank you!



EMMANUEL UMC ONLINE GIVING

We are excited to share that we are now set up to receive online tithing and donations through our SimpleGive portal. There are a couple of ways to do so.

The first is to visit the giving portal at:
MySimpleGive.com/emmanuelumc from a computer,
tablet, or smartphone. You can set up an account if you
wish to use the online giving regularly (including setting
up recurring giving that will automatically happen weekly/
monthly/etc.) or simply choose to give a one time gift.

The other option for using online giving, is to download the SimpleGive App to your phone or tablet. Once it is downloaded you can search for Emmanuel United Methodist Church by name, find us by Zipcode, 49228, or scan the QR code, below.



If you are interested in using the online giving and need assistance with getting it set up, please feel free to contact

Pastor Devin.

VBS

With a chill in the air, it's hard to believe that it's time to start thinking about summer, but VBS will be here before you know it!

Vacation Bible School has been an exciting part of our church year and an amazing opportunity to minister to the families of the neighborhood.

If you would like to lead this year's VBS, or to be one of a team of leaders, please speak with Pastor Devin or Elizabeth Comiskey.

MEALS ON WHEELS

EUMC is responsible for delivering two routes for Meals on Wheels the week of March 26-30.

Meals can be picked up at the Bliss-Liewert Senior Center around 10:30am and routes take

approximately one hour to deliver. Reimbursement for gas is available from the senior center upon request.

If you are able to be a driver, please sign up on the form in the church narthex, call the office at 486-3020, or email us at emmanuelumc@live.com to let us know which days you are available.





W.o.W. Helper Schedule

March 4—Denise Smith March 11—Brian Comiskey March 18—Sarah Jacobs March 25—Beryl McHenry



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	1	World Day of Prayer 9:30 am Craft Day 4pm-10pm	Craft Day
Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	5	6	7 Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	Lenten Breakfast at First Presbyterian 9:30am	Walleye Hockey Game Outing Puck drops at 7:15 pm	10
Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	12	13	Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	Lenten Breakfast at Trinity Lutheran 9:30am	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Worship at 10:30	19	20 First Day of Spring	Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	Lenten Breakfast at Light of Christ Parish 9:30am	23	24
Sunday School for all ages 9:15 Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30	26	27	Dinner Together 6:00 pm Classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service at Lambertville UMC 7:00 pm	Good Friday Community Worship Details TBA	31 (O) (MO)



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Making disciples of Jesus Christ.



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