

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF  
MACEDONIA

MARCH NEWSLETTER  
2019



Ash Wednesday  
Service

March 6, 2019  
7:00 pm

*Spring Gathering / Legacy Tea*



Canal District United Methodist Women

March 23, 2019

Macedonia UMC

1280 East Aurora Rd. (Route 82)

Macedonia, Ohio 44056



Registration and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m.

Our Love Offering will go to the Legacy Fund.

Please bring donations for Heart 4 the City. See page 2 of the Newsletter for details.

Program begins at 10:00 a.m.

Legacy Tea begins at 11:30 a.m.

Childcare is available with pre-registration.  
Please bring a sack lunch for your children.

We ask that each Unit bring a salad or finger foods  
to serve eight people. Each person coming should  
bring a tea cup.



A special quilt is being  
made for us and we will  
have a drawing during  
our Tea. Proceeds will  
go to the Legacy Fund.

Please have one person from your Unit respond  
for everyone. Email names to Cheryl Taylor at  
cheryltaylor@aol.com. Deadline is March 11.  
There is no fee, but space is limited.

*Mark Your Calendars*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Pendleton's Pancake Breakfast**

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 10. The Mission Work Trip for 2019 will be going to Hazard, Ky. to work on new and existing homes in need of repair in this impoverished area. We will be leaving on June 23rd and returning on June 29th. If you ever wanted to change your life in a significant, positive way, reach out to others and help in times of need, attending mission trip is your answer. If you want more information contact Paul Pendleton (216-225-2787) or Jim Marlow (216-374-8369).

**Parish Nurse's Talks** is a monthly series of informal discussions concerning potential life changes as we age. Your Parish Nurses coordinate these programs and American House Senior Living provides a light breakfast of bakery, fruit and coffee. Men and women meet the first Wednesday of the month at 10-11:30AM in the Holbrook Room. The first talk in our series is:

APRIL 3- Have I Stayed Too Long At The Fair?

Discuss downsizing your big home and housing choices with Don Neff, Broker and Appraiser, Realty Advocates.

**Kids First Corner:** Create! You are invited to join us for light refreshments and parent night entertainment on Thursday, March 22, 2019 at 6:30-7PM. The kids will make you smile as they perform the story of Noah and the flood, sing songs and present a surprise program.

Eggstravaganza - Save the date - Saturday, April 6 from 1-3PM. Volunteers are needed for this event! We are looking for wrapped candy donations that can be put in Easter eggs for the egg hunt. Candy can be dropped off in the church office or at the Kids First registration table downstairs.

Egg Filling Party - Sunday March 31 from 10:30-1PM - all are welcome to help!

Thank you for your continued support for the children's ministry!

-Zeeba 330-256-5481 | zeeba.mercer@excelarise.com

**Work Trip Spaghetti Dinner & Family Movie**

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Come and enjoy a delicious full course dinner featuring salad, rolls, spaghetti (meat sauce or marinara), beverage and dessert.

Tickets are now available from any member of the Work Trip group or in the church office.

\$12 for those aged 12 and older (meatballs 2 for \$1.00)

\$6 ages 5-11

Under age 5 are free with accompanying adult.

Dinner will be served at 6PM. A free, family friendly movie will follow the dinner.



**LET'S CELEBRATE!!**

Did you know that Saturday, March 23, 2019 is a very significant date in the United Methodist Church? Methodist churches all over the nation and world are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women! HONORING OUR FOREMOTHERS' LEGACY on March 23, 1869 in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate health care and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds for Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor, to travel to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19th century. United Methodist Women are their successors, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth. This is our impact from the beginning, United Methodist Women members have led the way in

countless endeavors. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve and lead in places near and far and in ways never imagined. This includes tutoring children and youth in after-school programs, volunteering at community food pantries, teaching Bible Study in churches, visiting the infirmed in hospitals, advocating against legislation and policies that marginalize women and children and supporting the 100 National Mission Institutions in the United States and the 107 international organizations in 110 countries that provide a pathway to healthy, productive and empowered living. The reach and presence of United Methodist Women is felt far and wide, efforts having a deep and lasting impact on the lives of women, children and youth each and every day. This is what distinguishes United Methodist Women from other organizations, and attests to its longevity and relevance, today, and especially in the years to come.

**Be a part of our beautiful Easter display by donating an Easter Plant.**

Just fill out this form (please print) and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office during the week. Payment should accompany the order. The cost is \$6.50 per plant. Deadline for ordering is Friday, April 5th.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

Total No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_



## WOMEN'S STUDY TACKLES CHALLENGES OF INTERRUPTED LIFE

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run!

Join us for 7 weeks beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to learn how life's interruptions are often God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams! When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city!

Author and speaker Priscilla Shirer will lead us through *Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted*. Choose between day or evening sessions—10:30 a.m. Mondays or 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Workbooks for the study are \$13 and are available by registering with Wanda in the church office, 330-467-3169 by March 18. Walk ins are welcome but we can't guarantee a book will be available for the first session if you don't register in advance.



Don't miss the last UMCM women's Bible study until fall! Contact Lynn Ham (day class), 330-467-7649 or Peggy Spraggins (evening class), 330-467-1323 with any questions.



Our Potluck/Russ's talk on Zimbabwe was a rousing success! We set up for 56 people and had close to 70. Every seat (plus extra) was filled. And oh the food! Meatballs, sausage, perogies and sauerkraut; chicken soup, cheesy potatoes, tetrazzini, pretzel jello, bread pudding and cookies galore!

Russ's talk on Zimbabwe was very interesting on how the school he has been involved with has grown from a fisel of thorn trees (and a literal bush toilet) to many buildings and classes of over 100 students. Some of these students have been sent on to higher education, and even one student had come back to teach at the school.

## Limitless Youth Ministry

Nothing can separate you from God's limitless for you in Jesus (Romans 8:38-19)

Limitless Youth Ministry is for teens in 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade.

We meet on Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30am and Sunday evenings from 4-6pm.

March Evening Schedule:

March 3 – Blast from the Past

March 24 – Journey to the Cross – Art

March 10 - No Limitless

March 31 – Journey to the Cross – Prayer

March 17 - Journey to the Cross – Story

Additional Event: March 23 – Street Ministry – Help serve those in Cleveland who live on the street. We'll be going with the street ministry team to Cleveland to help hand out clothes and food. More information to come. Sign up at youth group.

### Open M Wants to Be Sudsy in March!

Open M's food pantry is having difficulty getting bar soap for their food pantry, so we've been asked to fill the red wagon and then some with any kind of bar soap. Let's show them how UMC of Macedonia soaps up and overwhelms them with our donations. They also mentioned women's deodorant as a second item, so Ready! Set! Shop!

If you're interested in helping with the job of church representative to Open M talk to Carolyn Hansinger. Millennials - Boomers - you're needed to keep this 50 year ministry going.

## Silent Auction and Hors d'oeuvres

### Hors d'oeuvre definition

a small bit of appetizing food, as spicy meat, fish, cheese, or a preparation of chopped or creamed foods, often served on crackers

Location: Fellowship Hall      Date: April 20th (the Saturday before Easter)      Time: Reserved 6-9PM

This event will benefit the mission trip to Hazard, KY. The team will be working with "The Housing Development Alliance, Inc" a nonprofit striving to eliminate substandard housing and shelter for the homeless.

We need to raise money for building and rehabilitation material for the week we are there which is June 23-29, 2019.

We need help making this a successful event, in the form of:

A team that will make the Hors d'oeuvres, volunteers to make these ahead of time.

Members to donate silent auction items like (our goal is to get 50 items): quilts, gift cards, gift baskets, homemade crafts, plants, sports tickets, home art, etc...items that you will bid on.

Ron Perkins is donating a gourmet meal for 6, cooked and served in your home – value \$600.

We have Christian art by Tom Dubois.

Silent auction team members to run the auction (3 people needed).

A decoration crew to make our Fellowship Hall look like a "Ballroom".

A set up and break down crew.

A team of 4 people to solicit auction items from businesses that are supported by our church.

If you are interested in supporting this event, please contact: Ron Perkins @: Text 216-952-5896

Email: [rrp1949cia74@gmail.com](mailto:rrp1949cia74@gmail.com) Voice Mail: (216) 952-5896, please leave a voice mail with a time to call you back (I will not answer a call unless you are on my contact list).

#### **Macedonia United Methodist Men's Retreat**

March 8-9, 2019—Camp Wanake, Beach City, Ohio. Dinner will be served at 5PM on the 8th.

Program begins at 6:30PM, ends around 3PM on the 9th.

\$110 per person (includes, dinner, breakfast and lunch).

Contacts: Ron Perkins 216-952-5896 or Paul Pendleton 216-225-2787.

Complete and tear off the bottom portion with a check made payable to Macedonia United Methodist Church (Men's Retreat on the memo line). Checks can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off in the church office or mailed to UMC of Macedonia 1280 E. Aurora Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056-attn: Jill Marlow.

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Macedonia United Methodist Men's Retreat.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION WORK TRIP 2019 OF THE UMC OF MACEDONIA, OHIO

### **Why?**

**To Glorify God through the good works of the people and friends of the UMC of Macedonia, Ohio**

### **Where?**

**Hazard, Kentucky**

We will be working with The Housing Development Alliance, Inc. (HDA) a non-profit organization striving to eliminate substandard housing. To fulfill their mission, they have developed a variety of housing options including shelter for the homeless; transitional housing; affordable rental housing; repair and rehabilitation of existing homes; and affordable new homes for persons with moderate and low incomes. They serve a four county area in southeast Ky. Since the completion of their first home in 1996, HDA has repaired over 500 homes and constructed over 200 new houses.

### **When?**

**Leave: June 23, 2019**

**Return: June 29, 2019**

### **Who?**

**Adults—any age**

**Youth-7th grade and above**

**Hammerin' In The Hills**



### **What does a work day look like?**

**Before 7:00 AM:** This is time to eat breakfast, pack lunches, water, sunscreen and first aid kits for each work site. Other activities such as morning devotions or group reflections are optional.

**7:30 AM: On Monday,** the Volunteer Coordinator will meet you at the church to communicate any changes in plans for each worksite. Crew leaders must attend this brief meeting.

**8:00 AM:** Each crew leader will transport teams to the worksite. Arrival at the worksite: The lead carpenter will introduce the daily construction plan and discuss any safety issues.

**12:00 PM: Break for lunch.** Everyone stays onsite for lunch to eat together.

**By 4:00 PM: It's the end of the work day!** Return to First Presbyterian Church: After the work day, you are free to enjoy your time in our service region! Enjoy meals of fellowship and activities.

**For more information, contact either Jim Marlow at 216-374-8369 or Paul Pendleton at 216-225-2787.**

## Macedonia United Methodist Women's Retreat

Learn how to turn life's sour experiences into something sweet and refreshing at the 2019 Women's Retreat, March 30th & 31st at the Carlisle Inn in Sugarcreek. Delaine (Dee) McGhee, a retired UMC pastor and teacher, will lead us through "When Life Hands You Lemons, Make Lemonade." You will be blessed by Rev. Dee's passion for God and perspective on God's interaction with us during the most challenging times of our lives.

Don't miss the chance to enjoy warm hospitality and grow spiritually with other women in our congregation and guests. Of course, there will also be time to browse in the quaint shops that are unique to Ohio's Amish Country. The retreat runs from 9 a.m. Saturday to 11 a.m. Sunday. Saturday only is also an option.

This year's optional Book Talk read is "To Heaven and Back," by Mary Neal, M.D. Mary's heart stopped as the result of a horrific kayak accident and she shares the many ways God intervened and cared for her to restore her challenging "lemon" experiences to lemonade. Her story includes several other life-altering events that would rock anyone's faith. Her book is available on Amazon or Target or through our local library systems.

The registration deadline is March 20, 2019. Registration includes the room for Saturday night and four meals, including a light breakfast when you arrive Saturday morning. For those who have roommates, please list them below and designate a contact person for any questions regarding the room arrangements. If there is a need for financial assistance, please contact Linda Bloom (216-312-3375) for scholarship information. We want everyone interested to be able to attend.

Please complete and tear off the bottom portion with a check made payable to Macedonia United Methodist Church (Women's Retreat on the memo line). Checks can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to UMC of Macedonia 1280 E. Aurora Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056-attn: Jill Marlow, UMCM treasurer.

Please call Lynn Ham at 330-467-7649 or Peggy Spraggins at 330-467-1323 with any questions, dietary restrictions or to volunteer at the retreat.



Single Room	\$190 per person
2 people QQ Room	\$120 per person
3 people QQ Room	\$100 per person
4 people QQ Room	\$ 90 per person
Saturday only	\$ 60 per person (no overnight stay)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Choice:      Single      2 per      3 per      4 per  
(please circle)

Roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**The United Methodist Church of Macedonia**  
**1280 East Aurora Rd. (Route 82)**  
**Macedonia, Ohio 44056**

**Sunday Worship - 9:30—Traditional**  
**11:00—Redefine (Modern)**  
**Sunday School—9:30 and 11:00**  
**Life Quest—10:45 AM**



Rev. Russ Ham, Pastor  
 Paul Sheneman Youth Director  
 Rev. Charlie Tobias, Visitation Minister  
 Tony Bianchi, Music Director  
 Joanne Taylor, Organist  
 Paul Gerycz, Praise Team Directory  
 Mary Lord, Handbell Director  
 Zeeba Mercer, Children's Ministry  
 Jill Marlow, Treasurer  
 Wanda Jesson, Secretary  
 Jeff Dotson, Custodian  
 Mary Jacoway, Custodian

**Return service requested**

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## *Holy Week*

*Celebrate the  
 Resurrection*



April 14th	Palm Sunday	Traditional Worship 9:30AM Modern Worship 11AM
April 18th	Maundy Thursday	Service with Communion 7PM
April 19th	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross 7PM Communion
April 21st	Easter Sunday	Traditional Service 8AM Communion Festive Worship 9:30AM Modern Worship 11AM



Parish Nurse Talk	April 3rd
Eggstravaganza	April 6th
Pendleton's Pancakes	April 14th
UMW Candy Sale	April 14th
Mission Silent Auction	April 20th

Articles for the April  
 Newsletter are due by  
 noon on **March 15th.**

