



Messenger of Christ

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Our Lord's Promise

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:18b-20 (ESV)

It is no doubt that as a denomination we live in a time of uncertainty. I can feel it in the air, in the many voices that have been verbalized in social media and through conversations with friends and colleagues in the church. It is an intense time and I want you to know that the Accountable Leadership Board is here to help our church get through this together.

I don't know about you, but I have always lived life with uncertainty. For me it is normal. When someone asked me where I am from, I have to pause to think, because to be honest, I don't know! I moved so much in my lifetime, and you would think it is easy for me to just pick up and go again. But I can attest that with every move, it gets harder. As a matter of fact, the older I get, the more reasons I have for wanting to stay put. Sometimes I even feel I deserve it. If I could have it my way, I would want to own my own house and to be able to call Greenfield/Greendale my home for the rest of my life. I think my children would be excited! But I have to be content in whatever the future may bring in the coming year.

When I got married, I made a covenant to be faithful to my husband and to go where he leads ... with some negotiation of course, because he is a man. With God, however, there is no negotiation. When I committed my life to God, I made a covenant to be faithful and to obey His leading. It has not always been easy, but when I do submit to His will, life seems to be easier and I am more at peace. My struggle to answer God's call for me to be a pastor was not easy. I never thought nor wanted to be a pastor. I was happy to just be the wife of a pastor. But God would have it His way. Every career path had led me nowhere; they led me to many broken dreams and hopelessness.

I don't believe my presence with you is an accident. God sent me to Christ UMC for a reason, and I hope that I will have the wisdom to know when I am done here. I have to be content in knowing that life is uncertain, and that I will never get everything that I want in this life time. Not being able to have complete control of my life and where I call home has humbled me. Believe it or not, it has made me a better person. If I was granted everything that I wanted, believe me, I would be a very different person.

In time of uncertainty, as Christians, we are called to trust in God's promises. A promise our Lord Jesus made to His disciples before leaving them, was that He would be with them until the end of time. Can you imagine the fear and anxiety the disciples felt when their Lord and Master told them He was going to leave them? It is normal to be anxious and fearful in time of uncertainty. But remember, we have a God who promises to be with us through life's ups and downs. It is through tough times and difficult circumstances that God teaches us faith and humility. It is through times like this that we learn to depend on God and His leading. For me, it is freeing to know that God will work everything out for those who love Him and are committed to serving Him no matter what may come. I pray that you feel the same.

May God grant you peace of mind and much joy in your heart!
Sincerely, *Pastor Mao Her*

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

- 2nd Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15 (*UMH 747*)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12
- 9th Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b – 12)
Psalm 112:1-10 (*UMH 833*)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20
- 16th Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8 (*UMH 840*)
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
- 23rd Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 99 (*UMH 819*)
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Birthdays This Month...

- 2nd Chiyoko Hasegawa
5th Mae Heisel
5th Carrie Montgomery
6th Victor McCullough
7th Judy Larson
8th Jenny Dondajeski
9th Jerry Freitag
12th Stephanie Brown
20th Madelyn Brown
25th Carol Olson
27th Doris Stepanski
29th George Nefstead



Please wish them a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
when you see them!

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

COMMUNION SERVERS

- 2nd Marge & Jerry Freitag

COUNTERS

- 2nd Mylee Vang & Nancy Wolski
9th Steve Montgomery & Pam Seri
16th Janet Brown & Dorothy Pike
23rd Carrie Montgomery & Denise Edlund

GREETER(S)

- 2nd Flo & Larry Graham
9th Jim Boehm
16th Nancy & Josh Wolski
23rd Denise & Gary Edlund

LAY LITURGIST

- 2nd Carrie Montgomery
9th Connie Ziegler
16th Shanna Bude
23rd Ron Stinson

MINI COFFEE HOUR

- 2nd Carol Olson
9th
16th
23rd

USHERS

- 2nd Bev Bennett, Carol & Dave Olson and Janet Brown
- 9th Steve & Carrie Montgomery, Pam Seri and Judy Riedy
- 16th Mary Pitman, Pat Nefstead, Diane Steeno and Beth Schramm
- 23rd Jim Boehm, Sue Thomas, Shanna Bude and Ron Stinson

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

If you are **not able** to be in church on your designated Sunday, **please try to switch with someone else**, and then contact Jo in the church office. Thanks!



UMW CORNER

Martha Fellowship

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 @ 6:45 PM
Fellowship Hall-Carrie Montgomery-Hostess

"For where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

~ Matthew. 18:20

We will finish trimming and sorting canceled stamps for our Stamp Ministry in FL.

Three sleeping bags and a couple of fleece blankets were donated for the homeless. We are hoping to have another sleeping bag ready to tie.

Come join our group for dessert, coffee and fellowship!

Greeting Card Group ~ we meet once a month on the third Tuesday – from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at church to recycle cards. Check the dates in the monthly Newsletter or the Sunday bulletins.

The UMW Caring Circle

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13th @ 10:00 AM.



The Men's Breakfast, which is held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 AM, is held at George Webb's Restaurant on S. 76th Street in Franklin.

We hope you will join us there!

Thank you to the January volunteers who made the coffee and shared those delicious treats each week!



Please see the signup sheet in the narthex for February — see Carol Olson if you need help with making the coffee!

Our Next Movie Series Movie

Will be shown on February 4th and will be shown in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM...



Popcorn will be provided...

Bring your own beverage...

More Movie Series Movies... Through June 2020

March 3 rd	The Importance of Being Ernest
April 7 th	Hello Dolly
May 5 th	The Birdcage
June 2 nd	Christopher Robin



All movies will be shown in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM. Popcorn is provided, bring your own beverage, or purchase one at church.



GOODWILL **BINGO**

We will be having our monthly bingo / lunch with the folks from Goodwill COC South on Thursday, February 20th.

The number of participants has grown quite a bit since they started. As such, if you can help in any way with helping them with their cards, helping to provide food or donating to offset the cost of the food, we would greatly appreciate the help.

If you need more info on this, call Jo in the church office, or see Sue Thomas, Dave or Carol Olson, Flo or Larry Graham or Carol DeGroot.

This event is a lot of fun, and the clients really get excited about what they will be having for lunch!



Donna & Richard Bobber

- 1) Phone Number: The home phone listed, 209-8142 is no longer in service
- 2) Donna's cell number is (414) 882-1317
Richard's cell number is (910) 691-1295
- 3) Donna's correct email address is:
davenportds@yahoo.com
In the directory, it has two t's.
- 4) Richard's email address is:
rbobber@hotmail.com

Please make a note of this. Thanks!



CHANGE...

Pam Seri's new email address is:
psseri@gmail.com

Please make a note of this.



We collected \$1,876.66 for CUMC's Christmas Outreach for Fire International, and Beth Wier.

Your generosity is truly OUTSTANDING!

We will be Holding Discussions on the Future of Our Denomination

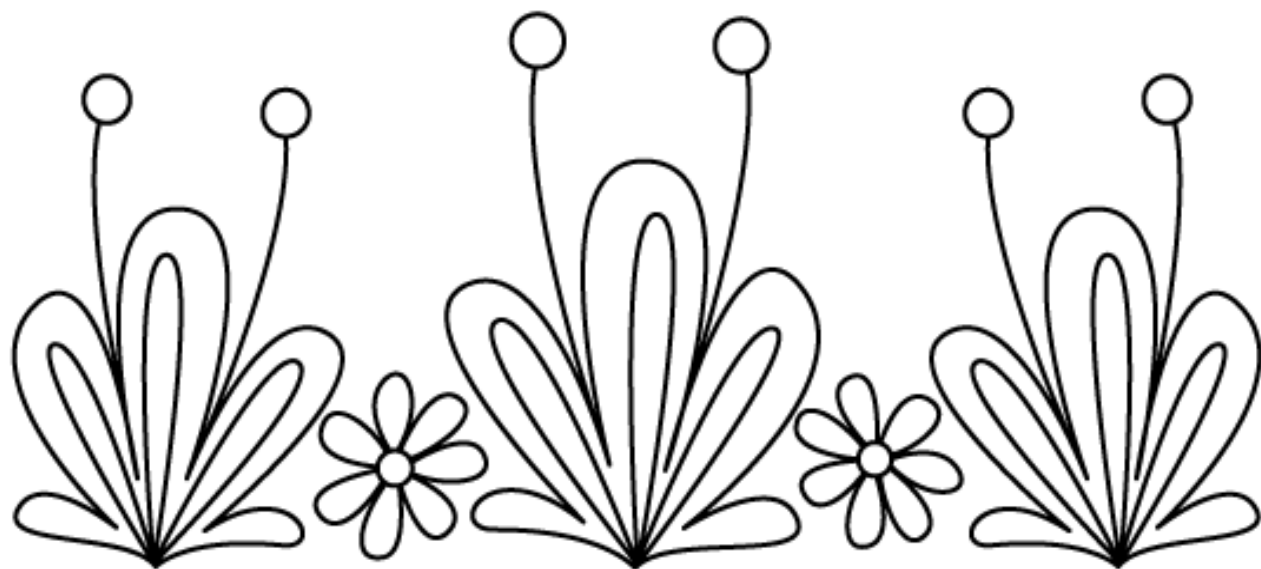


All Meetings will be held after the Worship Services on:
February 9th
March 15th
April 19th

Please contact the church office if you haven't yet, but would like to sign up for one of these discussions.



BEE MINE, VALENTINE



FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	REMINDER: Church Office Hours are: Tuesday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM					1
2 9:00 AM – Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM – Fellowship Time 10:15 AM – Worship Service – Sacrament of Holy Communion Nursery Available  <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 9:00 AM – Noon – Nurturing with Prayer 6:30 PM – Accountable Leadership Team Meeting	4 7:00 AM – Men's Breakfast @ George Webb's Restaurant 6:00 PM – Jazzercise 6:30 PM – Movie Night – “The Pajama Game”	5 	6 6:00 PM - Jazzercise	7	8 
9 9:00 AM – Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM – Fellowship Time 10:15 AM - Worship Nursery Available Discussion on the Future of Our Denomination	10 9:00 AM – Noon – Nurturing with Prayer	11 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	12	13 10:00 AM – Caring UMW 6:00 PM - Jazzercise	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 	15
16 9:00 AM - Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM – Fellowship Time 10:15 AM – Worship Service Nursery Available NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 Presidents Day 9:00 AM – Noon – Nurturing with Prayer	18 7:00 AM – Men's Breakfast @ George Webb's Restaurant 9:30 AM – Greeting Card Group 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	19 6:45 PM – UMW Martha Fellowship Noon – Pastor Mao @ Green Corner Clergy Meeting / Luncheon	20 11:00 AM – Bingo with Goodwill COC South 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	21	22
23 9:00 AM – Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM – Fellowship Time 10:15 AM – Worship Service Nursery Available	24 9:00 AM – Noon – Nurturing with Prayer Pastor Mao @ Companion in Ministry @ Marquette Univ.	25 FAT TUESDAY 6:00 PM – Jazzercise 	26  7:00 PM - Worship Service	27 6:00 PM – Jazzercise	28	29 

**The NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE FOR
March is:
February 16th**

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Worship 10:15 AM

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served on the
First Sunday of each Month**

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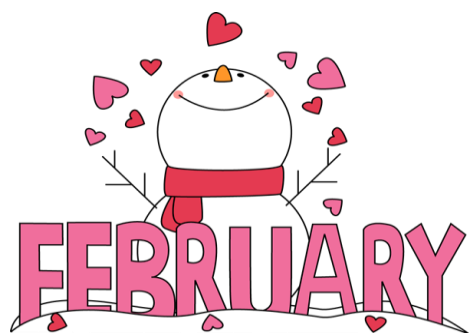
Rev. Forest Wells.....District Superintendent



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