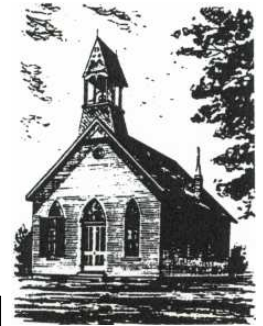




# Country Talk

"Our Mission: To invite, inspire, and empower people to live for Jesus Christ."



Serving Our Community  
Since 1879

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## Lent

**Lent is upon us!** Many of us are on fire spiritually. I see it in the lives of people living differently, growing in faith, and sharing God's love with the world. But I also must be honest and blunt. Too many of us in the Amlin family haven't been to church in quite a while, some of us worship infrequently, and some of us faithfully attend more out of habit or duty than anything else. Since my arrival in July, I have come to deeply love the people of this church. I believe that God is calling all of us, even the lukewarm, to greatness!

Lent begins on February 26<sup>th</sup> with our 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service. I hope you join us! Lent is a time of spiritual and religious focus as we symbolically walk with Jesus to the cross and to the victory of Resurrection. What could be more important?!

Lent creates our best opportunity to step into the excitement that comes with a vital faith. For this reason, worship attendance often jumps this time of year. Lent is a season that some have described as "spring cleaning for the soul." It's traditionally a time of self-denial and discipline. Perhaps the best definition of discipline is: Remembering what it is that you *really* want. So in your spiritual life, what is it that you *really* want?

Many years ago, my spirituality professor helped me to realize that I needed to *expect* big things with God. It is so true! Have you stopped expecting big, exciting things with God? During Lent, we all have an opportunity to do a new thing. But I believe the best way to do a new thing with God is to *expect* that God will connect with us!

I challenge you to do something challenging this Lent. Be in church every single week. Shake off the spiritual cobwebs and challenge yourself with our weekday Lenten series, 24 Hours That Changed the World. Open your Bible every day and read it. Pray. Do something new. Expect something big from God during Lent this year. I promise you, if you expect God to connect with you in a new and exciting way, it will happen. When we add some wood, God will eagerly set us ablaze again!

Yours in the joy of Christ's service,  
Pastor Steve

## Lenten Study with the Pastor:

### "24 Hours That Changed the World."

*Beginning on Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

Each week's session is designed to help us experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way we have never done before. Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about the story of Jesus' crucifixion, you are invited to join us in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. We will explore newer understandings through recent archaeology and scholarship, combined with reading Scripture and sharing prayer. Whether this is your first study, or you are a lifelong Bible reader, this study will lead us all toward new ways to more fully understand Holy Week and our own lives. The DVD was filmed on site from the Holy Land. Expect to be changed and grow in your faith and commitment to Jesus!

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### **\$5 Campaign Update**

The \$5 Campaign was a one-year campaign designed to run through the end of 2011. Finance Team wants to report that some of the donations had to be used to cover gaps between monthly income and expenses during the second half of 2011. Therefore, we are going to extend this campaign into a second year.

Plans are now being discussed in an effort to get the "Lake Amlin pond" fixed this Spring.

We would appreciate your continued donations to this continuing problem. Mark your offering envelope or personal check "\$5 Campaign".

Thank you very much.  
Finance Team  
Keith Justus, Chair, 2012

### **Amlin Community Preschool News**

January has been filled with snow stories, learning sounds and sign language for our letters and our Bible Study at snack time. We are also working hard to learn our shapes and to recognize our numbers from 1-10. We recently had a Naturalist from The Metro Parks come in and teach us all about owls. It was very interesting and we will be seeing Miss Jen again in February. We currently have a Vet Clinic in our room and we are mending lots of broken paws and giving many shots.

We have started a new Drop Off Program for the parents. It is running smoothly and the parents are very happy with it.

We are looking forward to our Valentines Day party and will be singing some wonderful Valentine songs and be sharing who we love. Valentine Boxes are the BEST! Remember making yours? Tin Foil, and Doilies and Scotch Tape...OH MY!!!! Happy Day My Friends!

Love, The Preschool Gals  
Marybeth & Francesca

### **Winter Mission Trip**

The winter mission trip is set for **February 17-20** (President's Day weekend). We will travel to Canton, OH and work through an organization called "Hammer and Nails". Our primary job is to share God's love and compassion through our service to others. We will do that through projects such as interior painting and working in local soup kitchens.

We are almost half way to our goal of having 16 people to go to Canton. If you are interested or want more information please contact John Hoffman, 614-876-9450 by **February 12<sup>th</sup>**. You can also participate by sponsoring our mission team. Our target is \$50.00 per person to pay for shelter and work, but any contribution would be very helpful.

### **Youth Group Meetings**

Attention Youth! Our meetings will now be the 2nd and last Sunday of every month! That makes our meetings in February, the 12th and 26th. Thanks!

Mychal Ellis, Youth Secretary

### **Run for God**

Our January 15 healthy potluck and Run for God information session was very successful! We now have over 30 people signed up to train for a 5k!! There is still plenty of time to get involved. We will be following the Run for God program ([www.runforgod.com](http://www.runforgod.com)) which combines a 12-week 5k training program with meaningful Bible Study and fellowship. This program is appropriate for all ages first grade and up, and all fitness levels. In fact, it is geared toward those who have never run before.

Classes will be March 5 – May 21, every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Each week your homework will include three workouts, one of which may be done with the group on Saturday mornings at Homestead Park. The big finish will be a 5k race on June 2 or 9.

If you aren't interested in participating, but think this sounds like a worthy program, why not sponsor a runner? The book will cost \$20, we will have optional shirts available to buy to wear to the race, and there will be some cost involved in entering the 5k. This will be a very empowering experience for most – there is nothing like realizing that God has given you the tools you need to do what you never thought possible.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Becky Kent ([becky.kent@me.com](mailto:becky.kent@me.com) or 614-446-2359). We also have our own Facebook page: Run For God - Amlin UMC.

### **New Church Photo Directory!**

We are very excited to announce that Amlin UMC is working on a new Church Directory! Olan Mills will be doing the directory for us again and they will be in the NLC from Wednesday, February 22nd until Saturday, February 25th. There are sign up sheets in the back of the NLC or you can call the church office to schedule. **You must sign up by February 12th!** The times Olan Mills will be in the NLC are:

Wednesday, February 22nd - 2:00 until 9:20 p.m.

Thursday, February 23rd - 2:00 until 9:20 p.m.

Friday, February 24th - 2:00 until 9:20 p.m.

Saturday, February 25th - 9:30 a.m. until 5:10 p.m.

We want to encourage everyone to make our directory complete by having your family/individual portrait taken. Each family/individual having a portrait taken will receive a FREE Church Pictorial Directory as well as a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate, no purchase necessary. PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT SOON! Any questions, contact Mary Spencer in the church office. Thank you!

### **Special Events Team Report**

The Team met January 10. The Events planned for this year include, Kroger's Community Rewards Program: Please ask your friends and neighbors to register their Kroger card to the Amlin United Methodist Church; Farm Science Review: We were asked to provide seven volunteers last year. That number could increase this year.

We are currently researching restaurants that are willing to provide a one day program where we receive a percentage of meals bought by people supporting our church. Information will follow when we conclude our research. If you have any information or contacts at a restaurant, please contact Margy Johnson or Sally Pauley.

**Letter Received in the Office:**

December 12, 2011

Dear Amlin United Methodist Women:

On behalf of the Hilliard United Methodist Church and Warehouse 839, we would like to thank you for your generous donations of \$200 to help with our Thanksgiving Outreach. This money was used to purchase turkeys for the dinner distribution. Your commitment to help the families in need is sincerely appreciated.

Through the generous donations of the area business and our church family, we were able to provide 517 families with Thanksgiving dinners, plus provided cooked turkeys and side dishes for 4 homeless camps and one west side mission on Thanksgiving Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, 76 turkeys and about 280 bags of groceries remain to be provided to Hilliard area families for Christmas through the Community Assistance Council.

So grateful for your generosity and your partnership!

Each year HUMC and Warehouse 839 continue to advance our mission of outreach ministry in our community. It is our goal to be the hands and feet of Christ and spread the love of God through our Outreach events.

Thank you again for your generous support and we look forward to partnering with you in our future community Outreach events.

Blessings,  
Kathy Kerr  
Hilliard United Methodist Church  
Outreach Ministry Team

**Our Condolences**

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Irene Foulk's family, as they mourn the loss of their mother on January 11, 2012.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Troy, Jennifer, Abby & Carson Sayre on the loss of Troy's grandmother, Myrtle Kirk, age 98.

**Daily Devotional**  
UPPER ROOM

"Upper Room" daily devotional books for March/April are available on the foyer table in the Chapel and on the welcome desk in the New Life Center. Large print copies are also available.

**Prayer Corner**



Please keep the following persons and situations in your prayers. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to share it during worship, write it in the Friendship Pad, or contact Pastor Steve or the church office. We will list prayer requests in the bulletin and newsletter, unless you prefer not to have them printed. Names will remain on the list for one month, unless otherwise directed.

**Prayer List**

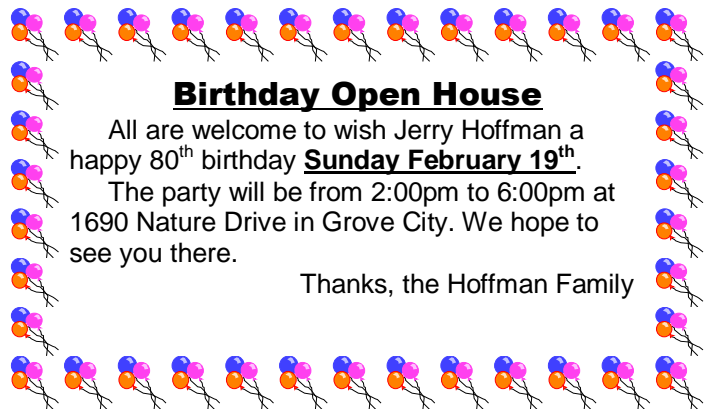
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Helen Bayles	Dick Keller	Lewis Stultz
Sonny Bayles	Eric Keller	Christian Williams
Scott Blair	Linda Keller	John Woerner
Family of John Bond	Richie Keller	Bobi & John Zeek
Travis Bowling	Emily Kerr	
Barb Bradley	The Litterst Family	Those searching for a job
Shawn Buckley	Terry & Betty Litterst	
Janelle Buckley	Patrick Moran	The people, ministries, finances & growth of our church
Jacob Ciampa	Cristine Negomodzianova	
Janice Collins	Judy Oldham	
Louis Ellis	James Palsgrove	
Betty Evans & Family	Emily Rader	Our world, our leaders, and our troops
Family of Irene Foulk	Carla Saunders	
Brad George	Shari Sayre	
Joy Griffith	Troy & Jen Sayre Family	
Stephen Gussler	Doreen Scurlock	
Stephanie Head	Maureen Shaver	
Joe Hissong	Sherie Slake	
Mark Howell	Courtney Spencer	
Ada Jordan	The Spiert Family	
	Tom Stalder	

**Birthday Open House**

All are welcome to wish Jerry Hoffman a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday **Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>**.

The party will be from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at 1690 Nature Drive in Grove City. We hope to see you there.

Thanks, the Hoffman Family



**Amlin United Methodist Church Officers, Teams, and Committees for 2012**

**Administrative Board/Leadership Team**

Chairperson.....	Bruce Kerr.....	876-4317
Recorder & Recording Secretary of Charge Conference.....	Heather Stovall.....	527-7499
Lay Leader.....	Eugene Pauley.....	853-0941
SPRC Chairperson.....	Eric Grant.....	746-6987
Finance Committee Chairperson.....	Keith Justus.....	496-6412
Treasurer.....	Pam Ellis.....	761-1371
Financial Secretary.....	Marianne Dillon.....	889-8441
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Jim Oldham.....	870-2727
Pastor.....	Steve Putka.....	668-5001
Preschool Representative.....	Jennifer Sayre.....	560-9467
Board of Trustees Co-Chairs.....	Bev Hart.....	876-1059
	Bob Cook.....	870-7675
UMW Representative.....	Mary Vulic.....	771-8629
UMM Representative.....	Walter Hart.....	876-1059
UMY Representative.....	TBD	
At Large.....	Jason Kent	

**Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee**

Class of 2012	Eric Grant (Chair)	746-6987	Sonny Bayles	850-0979
Class of 2013	Laura Ganim	219-2323	Scott Walker	529-9162
Class of 2014	Barbara Frazer	738-8298	Nancy Chatteraj	529-4175
Lay Leader	Eugene Pauley	853-0941		
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Jim Oldham	870-2727		

**Finance Committee**

Chairperson.....	Keith Justus.....	496-6412
Administrative Board Chairperson.....	Bruce Kerr.....	876-4317
Financial Secretary.....	Marianne Dillon.....	889-8441
SPRC Representative.....	Eric Grant.....	746-6987
Trustees Representative(s).....	Bev Hart.....	876-1059
	Bob Cook.....	870-7675
Lay Leader.....	Eugene Pauley.....	853-0941
Treasurer.....	Pam Ellis.....	761-1371
Pastor.....	Steve Putka.....	668-5011
At Large.....	Sonny Bayles.....	850-0979

**Board of Trustees**

<i>Class of 2012:</i>	Bob Cook	Sam Putka (UMY)	
<i>Class of 2013:</i>	John Woerner	Dave Adair	Jason Bevington
<i>Class of 2014:</i>	Tim Wisecup	Bev Hart	Mike Ferguson
<i>Custodian:</i>	Irene Foulk		

**Committee on Nominations**

<i>Class of 2012:</i>	Jane Fink	Tami Yoder
<i>Class of 2013:</i>	Jen Bevington	Marianne Dillon
<i>Class of 2014:</i>	John Hoffman	Sherry Erwin
<i>Pastor:</i>	Steve Putka	
<i>Lay Leader:</i>	Eugene Pauley	

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### UMW News

UM Women (UMW) met on January 12, 2012. Mary Vulic and Jane Fink reported that they will be serving as co-liasons to the United Methodist Community Ministries and will attend a workshop on January 21 at Maize Manor UMC.

Noisy Sunday collections on January 29 will be used for toiletry bags which we will assemble for the Single Women's Homeless Shelter. This shelter is coordinated by the YWCA Family Center. Space is provided at Broad Street UMC during the week and at St. Stephen's Community Shelter each week on Friday through Sunday. A plea had been sent to local churches to provide support through meals or toiletries. Noisy Sunday Collection on April 29 will be designated for the UMW Global Project, "Clean Water Mission". (See page 5 for details.)

We plan to coordinate again this year with the West Side Free Store (WSFS) for our group to continue to serve lunches on 5th Saturdays (March 31, June 30, September 29, December 29). We will also continue our monthly themed collections for WSFS and February donations are baby care items. Donations may be brought to the NLC or to the bell room behind the Chapel. Please mark your donations "WSFS". All donations are appreciated.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by: Nancy Chatteraj, Secretary

### Clean Water Mission

Amlin's UM Women has adopted clean water, and more specifically *Living Water International*, as one of its two global mission initiatives for the year 2012. For our local group, this project is an outgrowth of the *Advent Conspiracy Study* offered by our church last fall.

As stated on its website, [www.water.cc](http://www.water.cc), LWI sees the world's water problem this way:

**Water is a health issue.** At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from a water-related disease.

**Water is an education issue.** Water-related diseases cost 443 million school days a year, involving more than 150 million school-age children.

**Water is a women's issue.** Women in developing countries commonly spend 15-20 hours per week collecting water, often walking up to seven miles in the dry season.

**Water is an economic issue.** In sub-Saharan Africa alone, 40 billion hours of labor are wasted each year just hauling water.

**Clean water changes everything.** No single factor transforms communities more than clean water. Every \$1 invested in water and sanitation generates on average an \$8 return in the form of saved time, increased productivity, and reduced health costs. Clean water transforms communities.

Around the world *Living Water International*, drills deep water wells, rehabilitates non-working wells, when necessary seeks solutions other than water wells, teaches hygiene, trains mission teams, and sponsors mission trips. This Texas-based non-profit has as its sole mission to help alleviate the worldwide water crisis. In doing so its representatives strive to live, work, and speak in ways that draw people to Jesus.

Through the efforts of our UMW this year, our congregation will hear more about *Living Water International* and will be given opportunities to support the mission.

Submitted by: Mary Vulic, Co-Chair, UMW Missions Project

### UMW Monthly Mission Collections for Westside Free Store

This year the UMW will continue collecting donations for the Westside Free Store with a monthly theme. The overall focus is collecting the small, mostly consumable items that are seldom covered by usual donations. We will take the items to the Westside Free Store at the end of each month. We appreciate everything you are able to do to help the growing number of individuals needing assistance in these economic rough times.

**February – It can really cost to supply non-food goods for feeding, bathing, teething, first aid, etc. Items like bottles/liners, baby wash, diaper cream, teething rings, temperature active safety spoons, thermometers, and so forth will be this month's theme.**

As you do your own shopping please keep in mind the themes for each month and consider contributing to the program.

FEB. – BABY CARE ITEMS

JUN. – DEODORANT

OCT. – HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES

MAR. – SUNCARE PRODUCTS

JUL. – SHAVING SUPPLIES

NOV. – FIRST AID SUPPLIES (NO

APR. – TOOTHBRUSHES AND PASTE

AUG. – NEW UNDERWEAR

MEDICINES)

MAY – HAND/BATH SOAP

SEP. – NEW SOCKS

DEC. – SHAMPOO

Submitted by Mary Vulic & Jane Fink, UM Women Mission Projects Coordinators

## Treasurer's Report

Month (2010)	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$13,544	\$20,819	(\$7,275)
February	\$19,815	\$12,467	\$7,348
March	\$18,936	\$18,488	\$448
April	\$19,349	\$18,352	\$997
May	\$14,263	\$17,398	(\$3,135)
June	\$17,055	\$15,220	\$1,835
July	\$17,789	\$21,155	(\$3,366)
August	\$17,003	\$14,192	\$2,811
September	\$15,535	\$11,317	\$4,218
October	\$18,339	\$18,488	(\$149)
November	\$16,721	\$17,950	(\$1,229)
December	\$17,591	\$20,412	(\$2,821)
<b>2010 Total</b>	<b>\$205,940</b>	<b>\$206,258</b>	<b>(\$318)</b>

### Amlin UMC Financial Status

Although we did not pay all of the apportionments for 2011, we were able to finish the year on a positive note. Look for changes to the monthly reporting for 2012!

Thank you, Pam Ellis, Church Treasurer

### 2011 Apportionments (as of 12/31/2011)

West Ohio Conference: \$17,480 - \$3,292 = \$14,188 remaining  
 Capital Area South District: \$1,788 - \$1,185 = \$603 remaining

### Mortgage

Our current debt on our building loan is \$552,177.78 as of 12/16/2011. Our monthly payment is \$3,452.46.

Month (2011)	Income	Expenses	Difference	Exp had we paid apportionments	Diff had we paid apportionments
January	\$15,465	\$17,977	(\$2,512)	\$17,977	(\$2,512)
February	\$16,119	\$15,641	\$478	\$17,410	(\$1,291)
March	\$24,551	\$15,597	\$8,954	\$17,366	\$7,185
April	\$19,796	\$17,067	\$2,729	\$18,836	\$960
May	\$15,554	\$14,712	\$842	\$16,480	(\$926)
June	\$15,690	\$17,352	(\$1,662)	\$19,136	(\$3,446)
July	\$12,086	\$16,357	(\$4,271)	\$18,125	(\$6,039)
August	\$12,795	\$15,109	(\$2,314)	\$16,878	(\$4,083)
September	\$12,769	\$14,541	(\$1,772)	\$16,310	(\$3,541)
October	\$17,319	\$20,858	(\$3,539)	\$20,858	(\$3,539)
November	\$14,317	\$14,157	\$160	\$14,987	(\$670)
December	\$22,174	\$15,809	\$6,365	\$17,578	\$4,596
<b>2011 Total</b>	<b>\$198,635</b>	<b>\$195,177</b>	<b>\$3,458</b>	<b>\$211,941</b>	<b>(\$13,306)</b>

### Where did it go?

#### December expenses:

Bank Fees	\$4
Emergency Assistance	\$150
Children	\$42
Mortgage	\$3,452
Mission & Service	\$20
Office	\$59
Pastor & staff	\$9,522
Other	\$562
Trustees	\$900
Utilities	\$895
Worship and Hosp.	\$202

### **Have You Moved?**

Don't forget to notify the Church office if you have an address/phone/email change. We need to keep our files updated so you won't miss important mailings (like our monthly newsletter!) and email communications are becoming more important each day to stay in touch!! We especially need everyone's correct email address since the Service Ministry reminders each week are now being sent by email which seems to be working very well.

Thank you! Marianne Dillon & Mary Spencer

### **Offering Envelopes**

Offering envelopes for 2012 are available now. Please take a box from the front hall table in the old building, the Welcome desk in the NLC, or ask Mary Spencer or Marianne Dillon. It is really convenient to have envelopes at home so you can prepare one each week for your church offering.

For even more convenience, consider "Electronic Tithing." Please read the information found on Page 7....

**ELECTRONIC TITHING**

As we begin the new year, please consider the church in planning your budget for the year. Please consider having a sum come directly out of your checking account each week or each month to help the church financially. The church has struggled in the past few years due to inconsistent giving by the congregation. We would like to continue to thrive and grow and support the community, but we cannot do this without your help. The application is simple and easy and is shown below. Make weekly tithing easier by having the church do all the work. You will not have to worry that you forgot your checkbook at home or do not have much cash in your wallet.

We are thankful for the work God is doing through our church and for the ways you support God's work with your time, prayers, energy, and resources. Your giving changes lives, including your own. Please think and pray about your giving. Is it a true reflection of your thankfulness to God? Is it a joyful expression of your faith? Is it in proportion to the means with which you are blessed? If it is, great! Thank you! If it isn't quite, take courage and make even a small step in the right direction. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to God's work through Amlin United Methodist Church.

**"FIRST FRUIT OFFERING" AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT**  
**FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)**

Originating Institution: West Ohio United Methodist Credit Union, Inc.  
Routing Number: 242077574

Yes, after prayerful consideration, I would like to participate in "First Fruit Offering" by having my offering electronically transferred from my (select only one)  checking account  savings account to the **Amlin** United Methodist Church account with the West Ohio United Methodist Credit Union.

Beginning on: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, please deduct \$\_\_\_\_.00  
(please check only one)  Each Monday  on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month  on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

I acknowledge and give permission to West Ohio United Methodist Credit Union to originate "First Fruit Offering" ACH debits from my account. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions from my account must comply with all applicable state and federal laws.

Name of Your Credit Union or Bank (Depository): \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a voided check*

I UNDERSTAND THIS AUTHORIZATION MAY REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL WEST OHIO UNITED METHODIST CREDIT UNION HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM ME OF MY DESIRE TO TERMINATE THIS REQUEST AND ADEQUATE TIME HAS BEEN AFFORDED FOR WEST OHIO UNITED METHODIST CREDIT UNION AND THE DEPOSITORY TO ACT ON MY REQUEST.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

"In the happy moments, praise God.  
In the difficult moments, seek God.  
In the quiet moments, trust God.  
In every moment, thank God."

## February Calendar

### Music Lessons

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday – Maureen Case  
Some Sunday afternoons in Chapel  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays – Lori Bright  
Weekdays 3 p.m.–10 p.m.  
Music Lessons in Chapel & Room E (behind the office)

### Weight Watchers – every Tuesday (NLC)

6:00 p.m. – Weigh In  
6:30 p.m. – Meeting

### PreSchool

Session 1: Tues. & Thurs. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
For Toddlers (2 1/2 – 3 year olds)  
Session 2: Tues. & Thurs. 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
For Movers & Shakers (4 – 5 year olds)

### Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

7:30 p.m. – Praise Team Music Practice (NLC)

### Monday, February 6

7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

### Thursday, February 9

7:00 p.m. – UM Women's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Saturday, February 11

9:00 a.m. – UM Men's Meeting (Dutch Kitchen)  
5:30–9:00 p.m. – VBS Revival Night (NLC)

### Sunday, February 12

8:30–9:00 a.m. – Valentine's Day Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
Noon–2:00 p.m. – AUMC Youth Meeting (NLC)

### Thursday, February 16

7:00 p.m. – Committee Meetings –  
Finance, S/PPRC, Trustees  
8:15 p.m. – Administrative Board Meeting

### Friday, February 17 – Monday, February 20

Winter Mission Trip to Canton, OH (See page 2)

### Sunday, February 19

2:00–6:00 p.m. – 80th Birthday Party for Jerry Hoffman  
(See page 3)

### Monday, February 20

7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
Deadline for March Newsletter articles

### Wednesday, February 22

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

### Saturday, February 25

9:00 a.m. – UM Men Meeting (Dutch Kitchen)

### Sunday, February 26

"Mission Sunday"  
Noon – All Church Potluck  
Noon–2:00 p.m. – AUMC Youth Meeting (NLC)

### Tuesday, February 28

7:00 p.m. – Lent Study – "24 Hours That Changed The World" (See page 1) (Fellowship Hall)

### Future Dates to Remember:

Thursday, March 1  
2:30 – 7:00 p.m. Blood Drive (NLC)  
March 5 – May 21  
7:00 p.m. – "Run for God" Class Every Monday  
(See page 2) (NLC)  
Thursday, March 15  
7:00 p.m. – Committee Meetings –  
Finance, S/PPRC, Trustees  
8:15 p.m. – Administrative Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27  
7:00 p.m. – "24 Hours That Changed The World"  
(See page 1) (Fellowship Hall)  
Sunday, March 25  
UM Women "Soups, Salads & Sundaes" (NLC)  
Saturday, March 31  
10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Serve lunch at Westside Free Store

## February is Black History Month

Today, schools and communities in the United States celebrate Black History Month every February. The formal study of African-American history began in the 20th century, thanks to the work of Dr. Carter Woodson. Because of his books, journals, and research he is known as the "Father of Black History."

Dr. Woodson long believed that the study of African-American history should be celebrated as a national event. In February of 1926, he created Negro History Week to be celebrated by schools and communities. The creation of the event was one of his proudest accomplishments. Though Dr. Woodson died in 1950, his Negro History Week continued until 1976, when it officially became Black History Month. Thanks to Dr. Woodson, The Father of Black History, Americans observe Black History Month every February.

Some important February dates:

**February 12, 1809:** Birth of Abraham Lincoln, leader of the Union Army during the Civil War who wanted to end slavery; the 16th president of the United States.

**February 14, 1817:** Birth of Frederick Douglass, former slave and speechwriter who called for freedom of all people.

**February 2, 1868:** Birth of W.E.B. Du Bois, author and teacher who worked for civil rights.

**February 3, 1870:** 15th Amendment passed granting right to vote for African-Americans.

**February 12, 1909:** NAACP founded; became the largest and oldest civil rights organization in America.

**February 1926:** First Negro History Week observed.

**February 1976:** Negro History Week expanded by Congress to National Black History Month.

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"...red and yellow, black and white, we are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves... all God's children in the world."


**Service Ministry Schedule**

<b>February</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>February 5 Communion</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>February 26</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	9:30	John Jenkins	Amy Scarfpin	Eugene Pauley	Barbara Frazer
	11:00	Pam Ellis	Eric Grant	Jennifer Sayre	Becki Spiert
<b>Acolyte</b>	9:30	Ushers	Ushers	McKenna Walker	Ushers
	11:00	Abby Sayre	Gabrielle Lafon	Victoria Mateos	Madison Justus
<b>Ushers</b>	9:30	Cheryl Frazier Aaron Stratton	Margy Johnson Vickie Ferguson	Sherry Erwin Jason Kent	Eugene Pauley Ron Keller
	11:00	Bob Meyer John Hoffman	Pam & Mychal Ellis	Bruce & Lynn Kerr	Roger & Pam Shaw
<b>Greeters</b>	9:30	Katie Jenkins	Nancy Chatteraj	Sally Pauley	Verna Baldrige
	11:00	Orville & Millie Cruea	Amy Pompeii Linda Keller	Christian Mateos Alex Mateos	Jackie Cook Diana Walker
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	9:30	Jenna Walker Volunteer	Jenna Walker Volunteer	Jenna Walker Volunteer	Jenna Walker Volunteer
	11:00	Jenna Walker Brooke Slaughter	Jenna Walker Sarah Grant	Jenna Walker Tony Ganim	Jenna Walker Jennifer Holstein
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	9:30	Jackie Cook Cathi Allen	Jason & Jennifer Bevington	Becky Kent Heather Walker	Mary Vulic Vickie Ferguson
	11:00	Jennifer Sayre Sheila Buckley	Hoffman Family	Pam & Mychal Ellis	Keith & Mari Justus
<b>Hospitality</b> Coffee & Juice, Light Refreshments	10:30 - 11:00 NLC	Margy Johnson	Sharon & Jim Oldham	Sally & Eugene Pauley	All Church Potluck Mission Sunday
<b>March</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>March 4 Communion</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	9:30	Sonny Bayles	Amy Scarfpin	Barbara Frazer	Eugene Pauley
	11:00	Josh Slaughter	Keith Justus	Heather Stovall	Pam Ellis
<b>Acolyte</b>	9:30	Ushers	Libby Thompson	Arlena Allen	Ryland Kent
	11:00	Katie Wisecup	Emily Kerr	Emily Buckley	Victoria Mateos
<b>Ushers</b>	9:30	Jason & Jen Bevington	Cindy Moore Nathan Moore	Cheryl Frazier Aaron Stratton	Sherry Erwin Jason Kent
	11:00	Bob Meyer John Hoffman Bruce & Lynn Kerr	Walter & Bev Hart	Rick & Mary Spencer	Rob Fink Robbie Fink
<b>Greeters</b>	9:30	Helen Bayles	Marla Raffield	Vickie Ferguson	Sally Pauley
	11:00	Kim & Tim Wisecup	Mari Justus Madison Justus	Orville & Millie Cruea	Mychal Ellis Christian Mateos
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	9:30	Jenna Walker Volunteer	Jenna Walker Volunteer	Jenna Walker Volunteer	Jenna Walker Volunteer
	11:00	Jenna Walker Brooke Slaughter	Jenna Walker Stacy Rumpf	Jenna Walker Laura Ganim	Jenna Walker Sarah Grant
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	9:30	Jane Fink Grace Putka	Curtis & Robin Thompson	Jackie Cook Cathi Allen	Becky Kent Heather Walker
	11:00	Amy Pompeii Sarah Grant	Elizabeth Creek Sam Putka	Jennifer Sayre Sheila Buckley	Jennifer Holstein Emily Kerr
<b>Hospitality</b> Coffee & Juice, Light Refreshments	10:30 - 11:00 NLC	Pam & Roger Shaw	Pam & Mychal Ellis	Bruce & Lynn Kerr	UM Women Soup/Salad/Sundaes

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**Regular Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:30–10:30 a.m.– Traditional Worship\*\* in the Chapel  
9:30–10:30 a.m.– Sunday School/Bible Study for All Ages  
10:30–11:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time for Both Services in the New Life Center  
11:00–12:00 p.m. – Contemporary Worship\* and Children's Church\*\* in the New Life Center  
12:00 p.m. – Fellowship Time in the New Life Center

\*Nursery care (birth through 2 years) is provided in the New Life Center throughout the morning.

\*\*Children's Sunday School and Children's Church are for ages 3 through grade 6. Children start in the worship service and are dismissed with their leaders following "Children's Moments". They move to the Fellowship Hall, where they participate in age-appropriate lessons including songs, prayer, bible study, etc.

**Church Office Hours:**

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