

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ to Transform the World
First United Methodist Church

March 2022



Ash Wednesday Begins Season of Lent

All are welcome to take part in *Ash Wednesday worship 6:30 p.m., March 2.*

This special service begins the season of Lent. The focus of Ash Wednesday is to repent of our sins as we acknowledge our humanity. For those who are willing, a symbol of ashes will be placed on the hand or the forehead. Lent is 40 days long, not counting Sundays, remembering Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Today Christians use this season as a time to do good works, pray, turn away from sin and grow closer to God as we prepare to celebrate Easter. This year Easter Sunday is April 17, 2022.



Choir to Resume

Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic First United Methodist Church had a long standing tradition of a vocal choir known as the Chancel Choir. Though they no longer offer choral anthems from the Chancel (the front part of the sanctuary) they would sing selections as part of the traditional worship service. Music director Janice McKinney, in conjunction with the church leadership, has decided it is safe to resume group singing at this time. For now there will be safety precautions of mask-wearing and social distancing for the choir. Please see Janice to express your interest in being a part of the church choir, or call the office, 315-733-4227.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women's combined *Circle meeting* will take place *3 p.m., Mar. 3,* at church. Lois Humphreys will lead a devotion and Debby Hayes will continue the program topic of Women in the Bible.

United Methodist Women's *Executive Board* will meet *3:30 p.m., Feb 28.*

Praise and Worship Service March 16

Please join in for the monthly Praise and Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Expect a time of teaching and preaching the Word with Pastor Dave in a relaxed atmosphere and uplifting praise music, led by the church Praise Team. Activities for children and child care for little ones will be provided. Check it out and bring your family and friends.

Thank You for Donating to the Winter Mission

The Mission Team thanks all who donated socks and underwear to the Winter Mission to provide assistance to children in need. There were nearly 800 items donated. They will be shared with Utica schools to benefit children and youth who are without the warmth and comfort of socks and underwear. May you be blessed in return for your gifts.

March Birthdays

3 – Bob Porter	12 – Sara Egan	21 – Tosha Elseth
6 – Bob Wood	13 – Deborah Richards	25 – Molly Gibson
7 – Frank Frost Jr.	16 – Shannon Williams	30 – Beryl Griffith
8 – Joyce Terpstra	17 – Clint Pinkham	30 - Jo Ann Morris
	20 – Michael Timian	

Soldier Prayers and Care Packages for Active Duty and Deployed

If you know of someone who is active duty or deployed or in active military service, and you would like to add them to our prayer list please send the soldier's name and rank to me. If your soldier is deployed or in active military service, please send an address and we would be happy to send monthly packages/letters to him/her. Please send to: Peg Pinkham, newyorkoma@roadrunner.com.

- Major Elissa Adams (granddaughter of Roger & Beryl Griffith)
- Major Benjamin Adams (Elissa Adams' husband)
- Jon Huff (friend of Ryan Healy)
- Lance Corporal Jesse Babicz (son of Carol B. Wilson)
- SFC Brian Boyt (relative of Mike and Sue Timian)
- Rev Dr. Keith Manry (friend of Carole Gehrig)
- FN Karlton Fake (son of Linda Aloisio Fake)

Thank you for your unwavering support of this ministry. Donations are appreciated. WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!