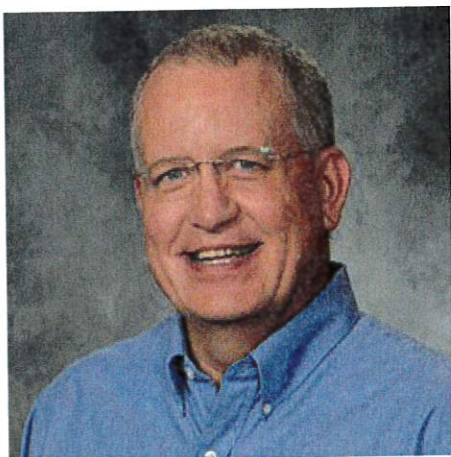




THE CONNECTION
February 2020
Newsletter



An Opportunity to Meet a Special Need

The following is a reprinting of the presentation of a special need that Pastor Ronnie made this past Sunday, Jan 19.

The Trustees and the Finance Committee have asked me to lift up a special critical need in our church.

We have a geo-thermal air conditioning and heating system for our main campus. It performed wonderfully for years, but as many of you know, we have had problems in recent memory.

We had two experts in the field come in and fairly quickly identify the most critical problems with our system. The system works by pumping water out of the ground, extracting the temperature we need from it and returning it to the ground in a loop.

We have two problems. One is connected to the other.

The first problem is that the loops are no longer running clean pure water- and some of them may even be stopped up. A recent repair of an A/C unit on Kid's Street by this new company showed that the loop was filled with water that was brown, a bit gravelly with contaminates, and had what was described as the consistency of warm

Worship Times

Sunday Mornings

Christ Chapel 8:30AM

The Well 9:45AM

Traditions 11:00AM

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs

9:00AM- 4:00PM

Staff Meetings

Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

Office Closure

Monday, Feb 17

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pudding - not the clean pure water that should be there.

Obviously, our efficiency is drastically reduced, our energy costs are much higher, and this impure water has been damaging our system.

The solution is to pump high quantities of high pressure water through the lines to blow the impurities out- but that leads to the second problem. There are no purge valves to get to those loops. Those will have to be purchased and installed. Then the system can be purged.

The total cost for the project is \$45,000.

That sounds high-- and it is. But let me put some perspective on this. I've been your pastor for about 7 months. And in that time, we've spent half that amount already in repairing breakdowns- which we now know are only band-aids- until we fix the critical problem that we have.

So the Trustees and the leadership of our church agree that this is a critical need which we cannot afford to NOT fix. It must be done.

Therefore, we're asking you to seek God as to how you can help meet this critical need through a special offering.

Please mark your gifts heating and air conditioning repair.

And please remember that these are gifts that are above and beyond your regular giving.... because, think about it. If a lot of people re-direct what they normally give to this project, then that will cause a shortfall in our regular budgetary need, creating more problems.

Thus my wife and I have our regular giving, but we're making at least two contributions above and beyond our regular giving.

There's no specific deadline for this drive, but the sooner we come up with sufficient funds, the quicker we can begin this repair process. Hopefully in a few weeks. And if you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Trustees or I would be glad to speak with you.

I know that God knows our need, and that He will provide for us. And so, right now.... ahead of time, let me thank you for your generosity.

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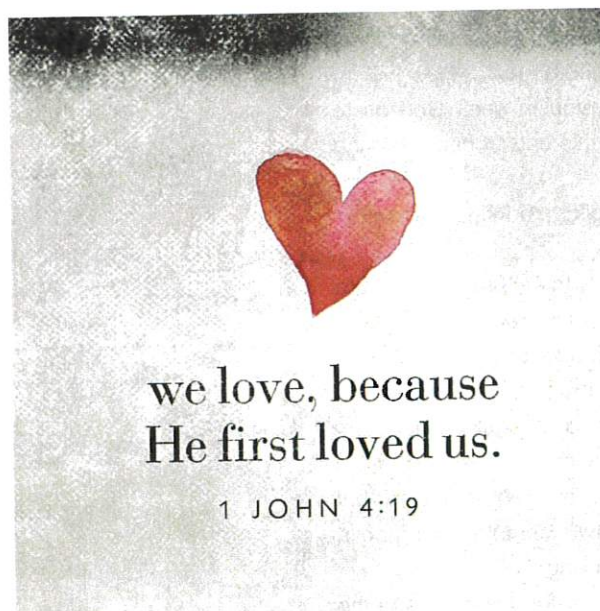
In fact, why don't we pray about this right now.
Heavenly Father. You know our need. We want to
be good stewards of this wonderful Church you
have given us. And so, right now, speak to your
people. And through gifts large and small, all
combined together, provide for this need- through
your people.

And we know, this will be to your honor and glory.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

Pastor Ronnie





Save
the
date



Be included in Our New Directory!

Watch for Appointment Scheduling Information in January

PHOTO DATES: Feb 27-29 & March 6-7!

Participating Families receive a Complimentary 8x10 & Free Directory

We need YOU to make this complete!

Lifetouch

We need YOU to make out pictorial directory complete!

You do NOT need to be a member of FUMC. We want EVERYONE included!

Participating families will receive a free 8 x 10.

Visit fumcrestview.com for more information & to sign up

or call Angie in the office for assistance.

If you'd like to help (2 hr. increments) to sign people in during the photo sessions,
please contact Angie or notate such on your Sunday service grace note so we can get you scheduled.

Thank you!

Hand Bell Choir Returns

Hand Bells will resume their practice schedule on **Wednesday, January 29** at 5:30PM in the Bell Room (225) located behind the Main Sanctuary near the Prayer Room.

If you are interested in joining, now is the time to jump in and enjoy the fellowship & friendship of the bell ringers of FUMC!



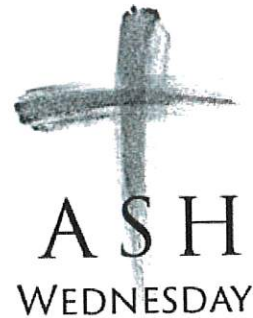
Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held in the Main Sanctuary at 6:30PM on **Wednesday, February 26.**

Our Wednesday night Study Groups & Youth Summit will held from 6-6:30PM.

There will be no Kid's Street activities for this evening.

Nursery is open for ages 4 and under and begins at 6:00PM.



Lenten Lunch

It will soon be that time of year again when we gather with our brothers and sisters from other churches here in Crestview and journey together to Easter. Our schedule is as follows:

Lenten Lunch Schedule



- March 5 *New Bethel UM Church*
- March 12 *Mt Zion AME Church*
- March 19 *First Presbyterian Church (will host at New Bethel UM Church)*
- March 26 *First United Methodist Church*
- April 2 *Epiphany Episcopal Church*

As in the past, we will begin gathering at the host church at 11:30AM. Soon after we gather the food will be blessed and we will begin the luncheon. The host church will provide the food for the luncheon and is encouraged to provide an "offering plate" for their expenses. The speaker will bring God's Lenten message to the group after the meal.

We are looking forward to this time of fellowship, but also a time to come together and reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross.

Mission Fair

Missions/Ministry Fair – 2020 – Your Missions Committee is hosting the annual missions fair on **Sunday, March 8, 2020** at the Crossroads. This is the perfect opportunity for your group, mission, or ministry to "show your stuff". The fair gives church goers the chance to see, hear and ask about the mission of each group and opens the way for new member sign ups. So, teams, start getting your best posters, sample work projects and information on your mission together now for the fair in March. Deadline for reserving

your table is March 1.

We are looking forward to another great and successful fair. Please get with Pam Hight at pjhight51@gmail.com or 850 758-8201 for more information and to reserve your table.

Spring Break Family Fun In The Park

We will kick off Spring Break fun with a Family Event in the Park on **March 12, 2020**. Men's group will help out by bringing a few tables, lemonade and sweet tea. We are planning to meet at Twin Hills Park.

This is a come and go event from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. Please feel free to come out early and begin your fun in the park if you attend an early service ! We will begin set up at 11:30 and look forward to everyone joining us as they get out of church. Bring your bikes, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk,

Frisbees and lawn chairs. Have a picnic lunch packed or plans to pick up something on the way. For the brave, there are grills on site.

Bring your favorite homemade ice cream to be entered into the first annual I SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM contest!



Mother's Day Tea

Calling ALL MOMS!!!! Our annual MOTHER'S DAY TEA will be **Saturday, April 25**. Please plan to join us for our usual great time of fellowship and ministry to our sister church in Poland and Pastor Kris! If you would like to help, you are NEEDED!

There will be a food prep team for those who enjoy creating behind the scenes, and a hostess crew for those who enjoy creating a beautiful table setting and serving. Please contact Susan Hill at 478-997-0192 to be a part of

this FUN DAY including a fashion show, skits, a great speaker, and our precious children singing to us!

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." -Isaiah 61:10



Sager Brown Depot UMCOR Trip

UMCOR Sager Brown – Team Sager Brown is forming





now. If you are looking for a short-term mission focused on helping those in crisis, then join our team headed for the UMCOR facility in Baldwin LA. We have 12 openings to fill for a mission trip on the bayou scheduled **September 27-October 2, 2020**.

With disasters/crises happening frequently, more and more kits are needed to be assembled and shipped out. But that is only part of what we do at Sager Brown. Opportunities to work on campus, in the Depot or outreach in the local community are available.

At Sager Brown there is a job for everyone regardless of age or ability.

For more information or to schedule a presentation for your class or group, contact team leader, Pam Hight at pjhight51@gmail.com or 850 758-8201.

I Want It Now

By Bea Johnson

I want it all. I want it now. That seems to be the battle cry of a great many people around the world today.

But we must ask ourselves, what do these words really mean? So, let us try and find out what is going on.

Question is, what is all? All of what?

Do we mean money, fame, power, or anything that will boost our egos and make us the main attraction?

Instant gratification is what seems to be the most important issue nowadays.

Life on earth is short, get all you can while you can

The first reaction I had was, if these words reflect our attitude toward life, then we are in serious trouble. And Folks, that is a sad commentary.

However, the most important words are, we should focus on "Life is short."

Why? Because life is short. Many of us think we should get all we can, but the flip side that that statement is that eternity is forever. And many have lost sight of that plan God has put in place for us.

Do these people realize if Jesus Christ is our savior, we really do "Have it all?"

People will ask us what can Jesus give that compares to material things of the world?

Our response must be, Jesus can give you the an eternal gift, and that is salvation through His grace. We are saved from Hell. And yes, Hell is a real place.

Would you not want to spend eternity in Heaven? and yes, Heaven is real.

Yes, life is short. and we should live it to the fullest, but not line it with self-gratification, rather, the long-

range view of where we shall spend eternity.

To enjoy, really enjoy living our short lives, we need the peace and contentment that only Jesus offers.

Throughout recorded history many people thought that they had it all. Consider Nikodemus. He thought he had it all. However, even he realized that he had nothing until he found Jesus Christ. Then, and only then did he realized he truly had it all.

Through Jesus, we truly have it all, and what more could we ask?

Surrender to Jesus, and you too will have all, and for eternity.

From The Bottom Of Our Hearts

"Hey Everyone! Walk with me, pray with me. Feel Jesus' Spirit in your heart and life. Thank you for the love, prayers and friendship from my special friends in Christ. To God be the glory! Thanks again for thinking of me in my long illness and hospitalizations. Love you all." - *Laura Pitts*



White Christmas Offering Total

(proceeds go to the Methodist Children's Home): \$3,578.00

UMM, Women's Service Group, and Sam Field: Thank you for the gifts of fruit, candy, and toys given during our Christmas Eve Service!

The Steen family & Country Road Specialties: Thank you, once again, for the hand made Christmas ornaments given to each family at our Christmas Eve service!

Gary and Melanie Zick: Thank you for the beautiful oil candles being used for our Sunday services in the Christ Chapel!

Contributions for Advent oil candles- thank you!

Gary and Melanie Zick, Joan Williamson, Neil Esmonde, Lianne Garrett, Eileen Kurtz, Linda Frost

In memory of Janet Mynard: Sara Fordyce, Sharon Martin, Nancy Peaden, Karen Gardner, Gloria Moulton, Pat Dreaden, Mike & Betsy Roy, Karen McCarley, Lee & Cathy Thigpen

In memory of Linda Campbell: Burt Colt

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James D McDougald: Tom & Debbie McDougald

In memory of Gary Sherwood: Wayne & Catherine Sherwood

In memory of Bill & Kathleen Miller: Michael & Elizabeth Roy

In memory of Larry and David: Pat Dreaden

In memory of Jack McMasters, Ron Horrock, Suzanne Cadenhead: Lee & Cathy Thigpen

Anonymous: In honor of all acolytes past, present, and future.

Anonymous: In honor of Mike & Sharon Steen.

Mobile Library

WANTED: Christian Books, Audio Books, DVD's & CD's

April Hight is assembling a "mobile library" and looking for donations of gently used or new Christian books (for adults & children), audio books, DVD's or CD's. Current titles only please (published within the last 10 years or less). Like you, we have limited storage space. If you are cleaning off your bookshelves this season, consider donating them to us!

Please contact April Hight (fumc.aprilhight@gmail.com) for more information!

Children's Ministry

Mark Your Calendar:

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Acolyte Training. Please see Angela Long or Sharon Steen if you missed our Acolyte training and would like to be a part of the 2020 Acolyte Team. Thank you to Mrs. Steen and all of those that support the acolytes before, after and during the 11:00 worship service.

February Wednesday night schedule:

February 5 - Kid's Street and Children Choir will meet as normal from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

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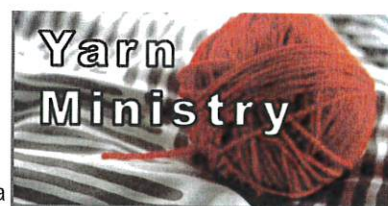
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February 26- Ash Wednesday - No Kids Street - Nursery Open (6 weeks to 4 years old)

Yarn Ministry

The Yarnies began this year right- celebrating 2020 at our January meeting and kicking it off with a bang! We found some unique facts about each other that night- let me say that we have very interesting





Yarnies in our group!

We continue to support Emerald Coast Hospice and the Pensacola Children's Hospital and we are also excited to help Megan Sweeney make 100 hats for her Relay for Life endeavor. Do we just have the best commission EVER? We love each other, we love supporting each other and our community, and most of all... WE LOVE GOD! A winning combo that spreads his joy and love everywhere we go. Thank you, Lord, for it all!

If you'd like to join our merry band of stitchers, we meet the 2nd and 4th Tues at 6:00PM in room 213. We have PLENTY of yarn and loaner hooks and looms- so come get started!

-Cathrin Owens

February Greeters

Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Feb 2- Mel & Gary Zick

Feb 9- Megumi & Warren Caruso

Feb 16- Don Ure

Feb 23- Alesha & Robert Dabbs

The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Feb 2-Judy Brinkley, Pat Dreaden

Feb 9-Jim & Aimee Keller

Feb 16-Debbie Smith, Judi Smith

Feb 23-Judy Brinkley, Pat Dreaden

Traditions/Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Feb 2- Dax Reeves, Troy Thurman

Feb 9- Elaine Mantle, Suzanne Long

Feb 16- Linda Biondi, Judy Beard

Feb 23- Scott Sallsberg, Sam Field

February Ushers

Scout Sunday- February 9: Scouts will usher in all services.

8:30 Christ Chapel- Warren Caruso & Stephen Piner

11:00 Traditions- Team 2

Leader: Scott Sallberg

Darrell Smith, Burt Colt, Dax Reeves, Elaine Mantle

Important Dates in February

Feb 2- Blue Lake Kid's Retreat returns
 Feb 4- Lifeline Screening
 Feb 5- Worship Committee 5:00PM
 Feb 7- Women's Service Group 9-11:00AM Rm 213
 Feb 9- Scout Sunday in all services, Children's Committee 12:00PM Conf Rm
 Feb 10- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
 Feb 11- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
 Feb 12- Youth Committee 6:00PM Youth Rm
 Feb 17- Office Closed for President's Day
 Feb 14- Happy Valentine's Day! Jesus Loves you!
 Feb 19- Youth Committee 6:30PM
 Feb 21- Sr. Ministry Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH
 Feb 23- Missions 5:00PM Conf Rm
 Feb 25- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
 Feb 26- Ash Wednesday Service 6:30PM Main Sanctuary
 Feb 27- Photo Directory 2-9:00PM
 Feb 28- Photo Directory 2-9:00PM, Happy Timers at Cracker Barrel 11:00AM
 Feb 29- Photo Directory 1-8:00PM
 *FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room
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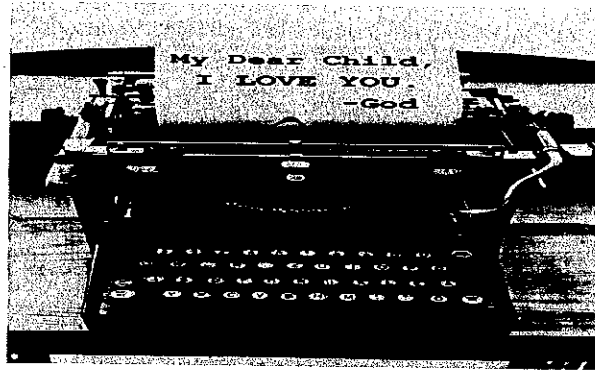
Looking Ahead to March

March 1- Trustees 3-5:00PM Conf Rm
 March 4- Small Groups end
 March 5- Lenten Lunch at New Bethel 11:30AM
 March 6- Women's Service 9:00AM in Rm 213, Parent's Night Out, Life Touch 2-9:00PM CRC
 March 7- Life Touch 1-8:00PM CRC
 March 8- Mission Fair During Sunday Services CRC, Finance Committee 6:30PM Conf Rm
 March 9- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
 March 10- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
 March 11- CommUNITY Dinner & Book Fair 5:30PM CRC, Church Council 6:30 CRC
 March 12- Lenten Lunch at Mount Zion AME 11:30AM
 March 15- Children's Ministry Family Spring Break Kick Off Party 12:00PM
 March 16-20 SPRING BREAK! No children's or youth programs this week.
 March 19- Lenten Lunch 1st Presbyterian (hosting at at New Bethel) 11:30AM
 March 20- Sr. Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH
 March 22- Cake Orders Begin for Women's Service Group
 March 23- April Newsletter Deadline
 March 24- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213
 March 26- Lenten Lunch at FUMC 11:30AM

March 29- Youth Discovery Sunday at 9:45AM The Well Service CRC

*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room

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"But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1 (KJV)

On Valentine's Day isn't it fun to dig through a bag of those little candy hearts that have the words printed on them? They say cute little things like "SWEET", "CUTE" or "HUG ME". But the one that I like the best says, "**YOU ARE MINE!**"

Isaiah 43 gives a beautiful picture of God saying those exact words to His beloved children of Israel. Even though they had wandered away from Him and He had to discipline them, He declares, "Don't be afraid! I made you and I will take care of you. You are mine!" Then, as their loving Father, He gives them the promise of His presence, His protection, and His provision through it all.

Ephesians 1:3-14 says that as a believer in Christ, God the Father does the same thing for you. He created you, He redeemed you, and He calls you to Himself saying, "You are accepted in the Beloved"—in essence, "You are Mine!" As a loving Father cares for His children, so He cares for you day after day, week after week, year after year. He loves you! You are His!

PRAYER: Father, what a thrill to hear Your words and to know that I belong to You! Thank You for creating me, for caring for me, for calling me Yours, and for the security that brings.

WORDS TO PONDER: "... He hath made us accepted in the beloved." —The Apostle Paul, Ephesians 1:6 (KJV)

By Ann Shorb

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