



The Echo

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
202 W. FOURTH STREET
GREENVILLE, OHIO 45331



Come, Worship the Lord!
Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.
Life Groups @ 11:15 a.m.

MISSION OF FUMC

The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to make disciples who share God's love with all people and minister to their needs.

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

*Tuesday,
March 20th for the
April
newsletter.*

Meet Your Staff & Lay Leaders

- Pastor — Terry Cavanaugh
- Administrative Assistant — Karen Deao
- Organist - Roger Cunningham
- Bell Choir & Missions - Judy Kugel
- Chancel Choir Director - Debbie Weyrick
- Greg Pfahl - Modern Worship
- Custodian — Mike Ditty
- Leadership Council— Sonja Etzell
- SPRC—
- Trustees— Steve Plessinger & Scott Laughead
- Connections— Robb Grim
- Heart & Hands Caregiving Ministry
Steve Plessinger & Ken Moore

Dear Friends of FUMC,

America has once again faced a tragedy. The shooting in Parkland Florida, drove me back to the book that helped me through September 11. Max Lucado's book, America Looks Up. Here is a quote from the book, forgive the long quote, but I think it is important at a time like this.

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8:31 NIV)

The question is not simply "Who can be against us?" You could answer that one. Who is against you? Disease, inflation, corruption, exhaustion. Calamities confront, and fears imprison. Were Paul's question "Who can be against us?" we could list our foes much easier than we could fight them. But that is not the question. The question is, IF GOD IS FOR US, who can be against us?

Indulge me for a moment. Four words in this verse deserve your attention. Read slowly the phrase "God is for us." Please pause for a minute before you continue. Read it again, aloud. (My apologies to the person next to you.) *God is for us*. Repeat the phrase four times, this time emphasizing each word. (Come on, you're not in that big of a hurry.)

God is for us.

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God is for you. Your parents may have forgotten you, your teachers may have neglected you, your siblings may be ashamed of you, but within reach of your prayers is the Maker of the oceans. God!

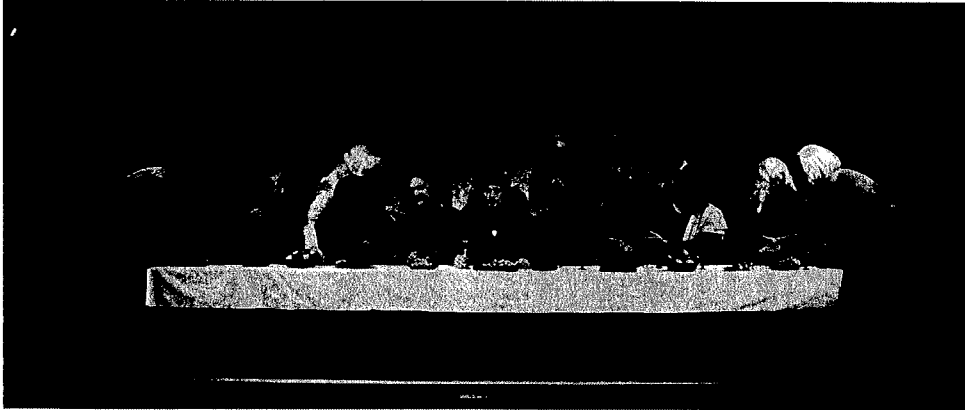
In a time like this we need to remember, God is for us. Nothing can over power us. Not evil of any kind, can stand against God's church. *"...I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."* Matthew 16:18 (NIV84) Rest in the promise that GOD IS FOR US.

Pastor T

MARCH 2018



PALM SUNDAY
March 25



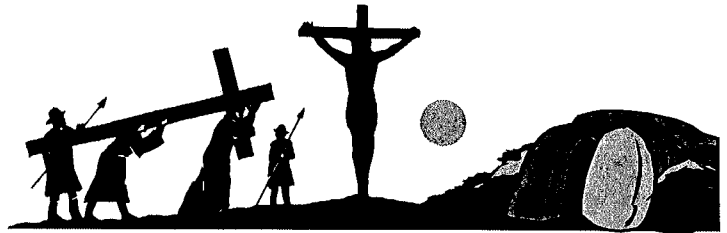
'The Twelve' set for March 29

First United Methodist Church in Greenville will be the site of the dramatic presentation "The Twelve" on Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. This will be the church's 42nd annual reenactment of the meal Jesus shared with his disciples in an Upper Room on the eve of his suffering. The drama un-

folds around a living tableaux of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece "The Last Supper." This service of drama, song, and prayer is free of charge and open to the public, but reservations are recommended to help ensure adequate seating. Holy Communion will be served, and all who wish to receive the bread and cup are invited to do so. Phone the church office at 548-3075 to make reservations for "The Twelve"

"THE WAY OF THE CROSS"

Community Good Friday Service
March 30th, 12:00 noon - 2:00pm
Begins at St. Mary's Catholic Church
Travels to St. Paul Church of Christ,
First UMC and First Presbyterian
Ends at St. Paul Lutheran Church



STATIONS of the CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1



SUNRISE SERVICE

7:30A.M.

Light Breakfast to follow



10:00AM

EASTER EGG HUNT

We would appreciate donations of already filled eggs for our Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st. The box for donations is in the narthex. The egg hunt will take place after the worship service. Kids bring your baskets!





Thank you Becky Moore for your beautiful calligraphy handwriting in our Memorial Book located in the Narthex and for preparing all our baptism, membership and confirmation certificates. She has been sharing her talents with us since the early eightys!! You are awesome!!

Dear First UMC,
The Ron Puterbaugh Family wish to extend their sincere gratitude for visits and prayers for Ron and his family during his extended illness and passing.



GREEN THUMB GARDEN PROJECT

Missions is once again collecting packages of garden seeds from the beginning of March until April 15th. The seeds will go to the Jackson Area Ministries Green Thumb Garden Project in eastern Ohio. There will be a list of the seeds needed and a container in the narthex for your contributions. Thank you!

Pastor's Report - January

Terry Cavanaugh

Activities

Worship Services Led	4
Funerals Conducted	1
Bible Studies Led	4
Meetings Attended at FUMC	18
Meetings Attended for FUMC Outside of the Church	7
Weddings	0

Visitations

Active Members	6
Non-Active Members	1
Shut-ins	

Future

March	What An United Methodist Believes
April	40 Days of Prayer

Prayer Corner



Please lift up the following each day as you pray:

Samie Swank, Roberta McConnell, Amy Davis, Betty Olwine, Jim Greendkye, Jim Henby, Walter Neal, Yvonne Artz, Marjory Swabb, Debbie Powell, Carol Thwaites



Christian sympathy to Dee Puterbaugh and family on the passing of her husband, Ron Puterbaugh on 2/21.

Christian sympathy to Anne Randall and family on the passing of her son John Randall on 2/17.

FOOD BANKS

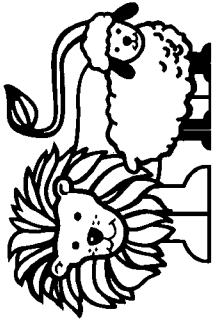
Remember you can donate non-perishable food to the FISH and GRCC food banks. Just bring your food items in and place them in the box in the narthex. They will be distributed to these two food banks monthly.

WEDNESDAY - NOON - LENTEN SERIES

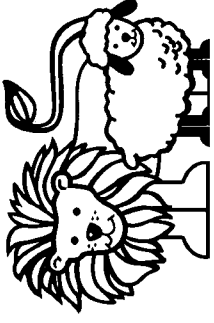
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
131 E. Fourth St.




March 7	Rev. Doug Klinsing
	Can I be sure of my Salvation?
March 14	Father John White
	What brings Fulfilment?
March 21	Rev. Terry Cavanaugh
	What about Suffering?
March 28	Pastor John Person
	Is There Hope?





March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Emmaus Team mtg	2	3
4 SYCAMORE ² Youth	5 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	6 Bible Study 7pm	7 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	8 Emmaus Team mtg	9	10
"Twelve" practice 7pm	Scouts 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study 7pm	Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	15 GRCC Food Bank Emmaus Walk	16 Emmaus Walk	17 Emmaus Walk
11 SYCAMORE ² Youth Emmaus Board mtg Emmaus Gathering "Twelve" practice 7pm	12 Dartball Recognition 6:30 p.m. Scouts 6:30 p.m.	13 Bible Study 7pm	14 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	22	23	24
18 Emmaus Walk SYCAMORE ² Youth "Twelve" practice 7pm	19 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	20 SPRC meeting 5:30 Trustee meeting 6pm Leadership Council Mtg. 7pm	21 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30	29 "The Twelve" 7:30 p.m.	30 Stations of the Cross	31
25  "Twelve" practice 7pm	26 Scouts 6:30 p.m.	27 Bible Study 7pm	28 Bell practice 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:30			



March Birthdays

- 2 Sue Holzapfel, Phyllis Williamson
- 4 Evan Laughead
- 7 Pat Meade, Marty Schipfer
- 14 Joyce Dotson
- 17 Rhea Potts
- 19 Samantha Grim, Jim Ward
- 20 Kay Seiler
- 22 Morgan Singer, John Westfall
- 25 Cate Condon
- 26 Daphne Kies

March Anniversaries

- 22 Alex & Kathy Warner

MARCH USHERS

- 4 - Ken Moore, Gene Landis
Keith Denman, Rod Grim
- 11 - Searcher's class
- 18 - Youth
- 25 -

UMCOR OFFERING

(Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)

On March 11, we will receive a special offering for UMCOR. When you give to the UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we promise that 100 percent of your designated gifts goes to specific causes. UMCOR is a non-profit international humanitarian-aid organization of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR is often one of the first relief agencies to respond to disaster and one of the last to leave as recovery is nearly complete. UMCOR does not receive any apportionment or World Service funds.

MARCH LITURGISTS

- 4 -
- 11 - Joy Keihl
- 18 - Becky Moore
- 25 - Keith Denman

MARCH NURSERY

- 4 - Loretta Etzell
- 11 - Kim Grim
- 18 - Gail Dynes
- 25 - Nellie Laughead

MARCH GREETERS

- 4 - Scott & Erin Kies
- 11 - Rhonda & Tyler McKinniss
- 18 - Joyce Dotson & Phyllis Corbin
- 25 - Keith & Erlene Hocker

THE ECHO IS DIGITAL

Our Newsletter is now emailed to you unless you requested a copy mailed to you. We will be posting all the information on our website www.firstmethodistgreenville.org also. We will continue to have copies you can pick up in the narthex at church.



SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH

Move your clocks ahead 1 hour.



MARCH 20



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Return Service Requested

*Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Bibles*



MINISTRY COST & STEWARDSHIP

all figures are rounded to the nearest dollar	Average Attendance	Gifts Received (Income) for Ministry	Projected Cost (Budget) for Ministry	Actual Cost (Money Spent) for Ministry
October 2017	72	\$16,420	\$17,983	\$14,532
November 2017	73	\$16,730	\$17,983	\$20,319
December 2017	81	\$20,618	\$17,983	\$16,165
Year-to-date	89	\$179,959	\$215,796	\$199,147

Thank you for Supporting Our Ministry!