



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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February 2018

Work in Progress

² *May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

³ *I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers.* ⁴ *I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy.* ⁵ *I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now.* ⁶ ***I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus.*** – Philippians 1:2-6

“Work in Progress” was the theme for Resurrection 2018. The key verse for the weekend was Philippians 1:6. The scripture text for the opening message was Philippians 1:2-6. The speaker for Resurrection 2018 was the Reverend Rachel Billups. Rachel is one of the pastors at Ginghamburg Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Rachel was an excellent speaker with a message directed at the youth, but with understanding for everyone in the room.

The opening message helped us to understand how we are all a work in progress in our faith journey. Sometimes we fail in our walk with God, but we pick up and try again. We get ourselves back in relationship. Our faith journey is a process and not a onetime event. God's grace and love have started a work in each of us. We are children of God. However, more importantly, we are cocreators with God. God uses us to bring about transformation.

During the next two messages, characters from the Bible (Sarah and Jacob and Esau) were used to exemplify how we are all works in progress. We have our moments where we take matters into our own hands or we wander away from God. We forget who we are. We are God's children! We were encouraged to remember we are God's and to live out God's ways. Even when it seems like the promise of God is unlikely, we need to remember that all things are possible with God.

The final session was about Going Public! While we are not perfect, and we are a work in progress we also need to go public. Going public means we open our mouths, we preach, and we share our story. We share God's story and how that has been a part of our lives. The sending forth from the weekend was an encouragement to not make faith a private matter. We were challenged to Step Out and Go Public!

The final challenge of Resurrection 2018 is a great challenge for each and every one of us. Share God's story. Share your story. Remember that you are a child of God. Remember that everyone you meet is a child of God. God loves each of us. Let's step out and go public about God's grace and love. There are some exciting ways to go public coming in the next few months. Watch your coming newsletters and listen for the opportunities.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

YUMS (Young United Methodist Students) News

February Wednesday Night Line-Up

We're wrapping up our series on Jesus, The Greatest Prophet and beginning a new series that continues to look at Jesus's ministry. Our memory verse for this series is Mark 4:41—*Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!*

2/7—A Boy's Lunch

2/14—Ash Wednesday Service

Children and their families will join with our church family for a special lesson and service. The program will begin at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall following dinner. Please make plans to stay with your child during this special time.

2/21—Jesus Walks on Water

2/28—The Four Friends

Save the Date

Saturday, 3/31—Easter Egg Hunt

Please bring in candy or small treats to the church office. We will use these to stuff the eggs! Treats are needed by Sunday, March 4th so the youth can begin stuffing eggs on the 7th.

Sunday, 5/13—Student Sunday

Children will take leadership roles in Sunday's service.

Blessings,

Leanne

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YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Study Schedule

Wednesday February 7th, 21st, and 28th the younger youth will continue studying Groove: The Basics. The older youth will continue studying Dare to Dream Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life.

Wednesday February 14th, the youth will join with the rest of the church for a Palms to Ashes Lesson and Service. The program will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, May 13th – Student Sunday

The youth will take leadership roles in the worship service.

Blessings,

Pastor Donna

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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday. As the Season of Lent begins, we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for a Palms to Ashes Lesson and Service. at 6:15 p.m. This will be a hands-on lesson time as we begin with the dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday worship service. If the weather is permissible, we will burn palms. All will have a hand in preparing the palms to ash for the service. We will learn why the ashes and day are important to our repentance and preparation for Easter. Finally, we will conclude the time with a service where we receive the ashes and begin our Season of Preparation. This time of lesson and service will be our Wednesday night programming.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pat McBryde, Otto and Marie Briscoe, Lee Wysor, and Deloris Johnson. Our Pastor, Church and Church Families; Our Nation's Service Men, Women, and their families.



Flower Donors for February 2018

February 4 Joyce Wilson
February 11 Peggy Perry
February 18 Ken and Joyce Barnes
February 25 Buford and Karen Bray

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH:

The family of John Moore, Sr., who passed away December 19, 2017.
The family of Kate Bailey, who passed away December 24, 2017.
Rebecca Williams and family on the death of her brother, Hobert Longmire on January 26, 2018.
To the family of Susan Salyer, who passed away January 27, 2018.

THANK YOU:

The Terry Moore Family would like to thank all of our church family and friends at Memorial for the cards, kind words, and gifts to the Music Program in memory of John G. Moore, Sr.

Dear Friends:

The new year is upon us, and with it come new opportunities to give back to your community both within church and in the community. As our seasons change please remember; there are always ways you can share your many God given gifts, and many ministries within our very congregation with which to participate. If music is a gift you've never developed or explored, join others in our Choir who are also exploring.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."

1 Corinthians 12:4-5 (NIV)

Sincerely, Josh Allen

FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR

Thur. Feb. 1	5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., Feb. 4	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c; Mark 1:29-39 1:00p Staff Meeting
Wed., Feb. 7	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Sun., Feb. 11	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 9:2-9
Wed., Feb. 14	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:15p-Palms to Ashes Lesson and Service, FH 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Thur., Feb. 15	5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., Feb. 18	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 25:1-10; Ephesians 5:1-20
Wed., Feb. 21	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Sun., Feb. 25	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 22:23-31, Luke 10:25-37
Wed., Feb. 28	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Anderson County Schools are closed, church activities will not meet!!! Check on Facebook and the website regarding office hours.

Schools Closings for Illness

If the Anderson County Schools and/or the Clinton City Schools are closed due to illness, church activities will not meet!!

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