

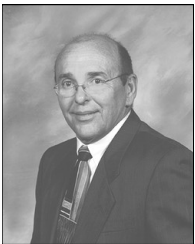
April 2015 Newsletter



Pastor's Article God Has the Answer

Recently, I was looking through the many articles I have collected and I found this one I would like to share with you. The author is unknown, but I hope you enjoy it.

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.



Pastor Mike Halferty

"God, how could you do this to me!" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. It is easy to get discouraged when things are

going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground----it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say: "It's impossible." God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "Nobody really loves me." God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on." God says: My grace is sufficient (II Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out." God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it" God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able." God says: I am able (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it." God says: It will be worth it (Roman 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself." God says: I FORGIVE YOU (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage." God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid." God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated." God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I don't have enough faith." God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

You say: "I'm not smart enough." God says: I give you wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone." God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

REMEMBER: GOD HAS ALL THE ANSWERS!

In His service,
Pastor Mike Halferty

Men's Lenten Breakfast Series

The annual community-wide Men's Lenten Breakfast series wraps up on Good Friday at the Auburn First United Methodist Church, 1203 E. Seventh St., beginning at 6:30 a.m. The series features breakfast, music, and a message from area clergy.

A full, hot breakfast will be served and a freewill offering collected. Meatless dishes will be available. The event is open to all men and boys and dismisses promptly at 7:30 a.m.

It is sponsored by the United Methodist Men and youth of First Church.



We ask that you keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Dean & Dora McBride

Gerald Shaw

Elaine Bice

Gracie Neely

Bill Rosenberry

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 - Kimberly Morton
 01 - M/M Dennis Davis
 07 - Phil Weck
 08 - Shannon Dangler
 09 - Allyson Stuckey
 11 - Janet Sutton
 12 - Nathan Brady
 13 - David Hubartt
 14 - Ginger Wilks
 14 - M/M Larry Wilks
 15 - Carol Barr
 17 - Layton Miller
 18 - Amy Reading
 18 - Taylor Rowe
 20 - M/M Jerry Robinson
 21 - Laura Freed
 21 - M/M David Turner
 22 - Cameron Buttermore
 23 - Ken Surber
 24 - Pauline Sanderson

25 - Donna Magley
 25 - Lincoln Slentz
 25 - Rachel Montel
 25 - Aidan Friedel
 28 - Kristi Kelley
 30 - M/M Mike Starkey



Those Serving This Month

East Greeters

05 - M/M Bill Hubartt
 12 - Janet Ordway
 19 - M/M Don Smith
 26 - M/M Herb Zeigler

Ushers

05 - Glen Hartman
 12 - Mike Starkey (1)
 19 - David Turner
 26 - Bill Hubartt

West Greeters

05 - M/M David Lapadot
 12 - M/M Jack Roudabush
 19 - M/M Mike Rowe
 26 - M/M John Turner

"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."

—Clarence W. Hall

Nursery

05 - Judy Hart & Terri Turner
 12 - Nancy Rowe & Janet Sutton
 19 - Jen Stuckey & Aimee Wentworth
 26 - Susan Whittington & Judy Hart

Acolyte

05 - Alexis Wall
 12 - Adam Ellert
 19 - Lexy Stuckey
 26 - Tristan Friedel

Cup of Cold Water

Apr. 1 Terri Turner (PU food)
 Judy Hart (unlock church)
 Ellen Meyer
 Josh Wall (door)
 Brooke Wall (children's msg.)

Apr. 8 Joan Davis (PU food)
 Dennis Davis
 Judy Hart (unlock church)
 Josh Wall (door)
 Brooke Wall (children's msg.)

Apr. 15 Terri Turner (PU food)
 Nancy Rowe
 Paula McGrath
 Sallie Pease (children's msg.)

Apr. 22 Judy Hart (PU food/message)
 Joyce Stuckey
 Susan Whittington
 Darryl Whittington

Apr. 29 Ron Camp (PU food)
 Karen Camp
 Ellen Meyer
 Sallie Pease (children's msg.)

The COCW ministry at our church is Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and we encourage anyone to come and share a meal and fellowship!

'Thank You'

We want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and the food. The care and concerns committee has been a blessing with their card ministry.

God bless you,

Lee & Carolyn Brown

'Thank You'

Dear Friend in Christ,

"Touched by your goodness and lifted by your kindness."

I loved the shawl. Thank you for remembering me and also for your prayers!

God Bless to all,
Sharron Plummer

'Thank You'

Scott and I would like to thank the pastor and the members of this church for all the rides and favors done for me during my convalescence from my accident. God has blessed this wonderful church in Waterloo. We are very proud to be members. Hope to see you soon.

Bobbie & Scott Mills

'Thank You'

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful planter sent in Lois' memory. We appreciate it.

Thanks again!

Coy, Darlyn, Brad, Allison

Brooke & Josh, Zack, Lexi & Maddie

Amanda & Ben, Caden & Cailin

The Ultimate Gift

If God didn't withhold from us his very own Son, will God withhold anything we need? If trust must be earned, hasn't God unequivocally earned our trust with the bark on the raw wounds, the thorns pressed into the brow, your name on the cracked lips? How will he not also graciously give us all things he deems best and right? He's already given the incomprehensible.



—Ann Voskamp, One Thousand Gifts



'Thank You'

Dear Church Family,

As many of you know, my last day as secretary of Waterloo UMC will be on or before April 10. I would like to thank all of you for your kindnesses and support during my time as your secretary. It has been a pleasure working with and for you all and getting to know you better. However, I am not withdrawing my membership, so you will still continue to see my family and I around. Again, thank you for everything.

Aimee Wentworth

Youth Events

Wed., April 1: 7:30-8:15am. Breakfast with Pastor Mike. Location to be determined.

Sun., April 12: Activity from 11am-2pm. We'll have lunch at the church, and will then participate in "Bubble Soccer" and rock climbing at the CCC. More specific details to follow.

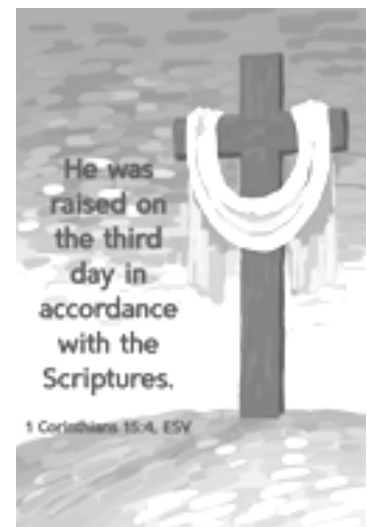
Fri. & Sat., April 17 & 18: "Lock-in" at the church from 6pm until 8am. We will have dinner, watch movies, play games, BUNCO, sing karaoke, etc. More specifics to follow.

Tues., April 21: Youth will be serving the Lion's Club meal. More details and food sign-up to follow.

Scrap Metal: The youth are continuing to collect scrap metal and pop cans for recycling as a fund-raiser. There is a tub in the hallway downstairs for smaller items. They will also be collecting appliances and water heaters. For pick-up of larger items, please call Dennis Davis at (260) 417-1528.

Food Pantry

Please bring nonperishable food items and household paper goods for the food pantry at New Hope Christian Center on the first Sunday of each month. The collection tub is in the hallway downstairs.



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April Calendar

- 01 - Pastor-Youth Breakfast 7:30am
Coffee Bible Study 9am
Lenten Luncheon @ Waterloo
UMC - noon
Cup of Cold Water 6pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm
- 02 - CARE Ministry 6:30pm
- 03 - Good Friday Service @ Agape
Church - 7pm
- 05 - Easter Sunday
Breakfast 8:45am
- 07 - Lion's Club 6:15pm
- 08 - Coffee Bible Study 9am
Cup of Cold Water 6pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm
- 12 - Youth Activity after church
Confirmation Class 11:30am
- 13 - Ad Council Meeting 7pm
- 15 - Coffee Bible Study 9am
Cup of Cold Water 6pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm
- 16 - UMW Meeting 7pm
- 17-18 - Youth Lock-In 6pm-8am
- 19 - Confirmation Class 11:30am
- 20 - Newsletter Deadline
Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 21 - Lion's Club 6:15pm
- 22 - Coffee Bible Study 9am
Cup of Cold Water 6pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm
- 26 - Confirmation Class 11:30
- 29 - Coffee Bible Study 9am
Cup of Cold Water 6pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision of the Waterloo United Methodist Church is of an inclusive, open fellowship:

1. that affirms faith in Jesus Christ as Lord
2. that builds up and nurtures all;
3. which leads us out in witness and service.