

# February 2015 Newsletter

**Waterloo United  
Methodist Church**

## Pastor's Article

### The Season of Lent

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start, of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). The dates for Lent are February 18<sup>th</sup> to April 2. April 5<sup>th</sup> is Easter morning. Lent is a



Pastor Mike Halferty

time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection. Not all Christian churches observe Lent. Lent is mostly observed by the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics. Eastern Orthodox churches observe Lent or Great Lent, during the 6 weeks or 40 days preceding Palm Sunday with fasting continuing during the Holy Week of Orthodox Easter. Lent for Eastern Orthodox churches begins on Monday (called Clean Monday)

and Ash Wednesday is not observed. The Bible does not mention the custom of Lent; however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.

Lent is also a time to form some good spiritual habits, such as reading scripture, praying, starting a prayer journal, or joining a study. We currently are studying spiritual formation in class on Wednesday mornings here at the church. There is plenty of room for those who would like to join our study for Lent and learn more about spiritual formation.

I encourage you to participate in the practice of Lent this year. Give up those things that stand in the way of you and God. Make sure you search yourself and find those things you need to repent of. May God bless you and be with you during your time of Lent.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike Halferty

### Providing Proof

If we are to accept the teaching of Jesus at all, then the only test of the reality of a man's religion is his attitude to his fellow men. The only possible proof that a man loves God is the demonstrated fact that he loves his fellow men.

—William Barclay

### The Success of Love

The success of love is in the loving; it is not in the result of loving.

—Mother Teresa



### “Souper” Bowl

We will be having “Souper” Bowl Sundays through February 8. If you wish to participate, please bring some **hearty** soup along with \$1 and place it in the container at either entrance. The soup will help replenish the Cup of Cold Water food cupboard. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

### Sub Sandwiches

The youth are selling sub sandwiches just in time for the Super Bowl. They are taking orders; if you'd like to order a sub, please call Judy Hart at (260) 235-1569 or Terri Turner at (260) 927-8148. You can choose among different meats, cheeses, and other toppings. The cost is \$5 for half of a sub, and \$10 for a whole, payable at pickup.

Subs will be distributed February 1 after church.



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

Dean & Dora McBride  
Gerald Shaw  
Elaine Bice  
Gracie Neely  
Bill Rosenberry

# February Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 - Jackie Evans         | 22 - Brad Charleswood   |
| 02 - Stephanie Kern       | 22 - Ryan Wentworth     |
| 02 - Linden Henderson     | 23 - Isaac Gibson       |
| 03 - Carolyn Brown        | 24 - Aimee Wentworth    |
| 03 - Sophie Nguyen Turner | 24 - Madalyn Wall       |
| 03 - Janet Moughler       | 25 - Randy Bice         |
| 04 - Cole Hartman         | 27 - Ruth Walter        |
| 06 - M/M Ray Moughler     | 28 - Karen Bishop       |
| 07 - Amy Miller           | 28 - Spencer Buttermore |
| 07 - David Lapadot        |                         |
| 09 - Roger Morrison       |                         |
| 10 - M/M George DeLong    |                         |
| 13 - Emily Mathews        |                         |
| 13 - Darryl Whittington   |                         |
| 15 - Rochelle Bishop      |                         |
| 19 - Christopher Barr     |                         |
| 19 - Nick Barna           |                         |
| 20 - Kyle Erwin           |                         |
| 21 - Joshua Clifford      |                         |
| 21 - Lysie Gibson         |                         |

*“Do something wonderful; people may imitate it.”*

*—Albert Schweitzer*



## Those Serving This Month

### East Greeters

- 01 - M/M Duke Williams
- 08 - M/M Larry Baker
- 15 - M/M Wade Castator
- 22 - Judy Crowl

### Ushers

- 01 - Mike Starkey (1)
- 08 - David Turner
- 15 - Bill Hubartt
- 22 - Mike Starkey (2)

### West Greeters

- 01 - M/M Darryl Whittington
- 08 - M/M Lee Brown
- 15 - M/M Bill Clifford
- 22 - M/M Dennis Davis



### Nursery

- 01 - Jen Stuckey & Susan Whittington
- 08 - Nancy Rowe & Terri Turner
- 15 - Janet Sutton & Susan Whittington
- 22 - Jen Stuckey & Judy Hart

### Acolyte

- 01 - Lexy Stuckey
- 08 - Tristan Friedel
- 15 - Evan Turner
- 22 - Ally Stuckey

## Cup of Cold Water

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| <b>02/04</b> | Ron Camp (PU food)<br>Karen Camp<br>Ellen Meyer<br>Sallie Pease (children's msg.) | <b>02/18</b> | Terri Turner (PU food)<br>Josh Wall<br>Brooke Wall (children's msg.)<br>Ellen Meyer   |
| <b>02/11</b> | Judy Hart (PU food/msg.)<br>Nancy Rowe<br>Jann Buttermore<br>Paula McGrath        | <b>02/25</b> | Joan Davis (PU food)<br>Dennis Davis (door)<br>Judy Hart (Unlock church)<br>Jann Buttermore<br>Sallie Pease (children's msg.) |

Cup of Cold Water is love in action. It understands that in order to show a hurting person the love of Jesus we must help meet some of their physical needs. Cup of Cold Water provides meals each week at various sites. No questions. No forms. No guidelines. Just love in action. 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'

To the people of the church,  
Thank you for all of the cards, visits and prayers. We've really appreciated them.  
-Dean & Dora McBride

## 'Thank You'

I want to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts. God Bless.

-Alice Berry

## 'Thank You'

To Waterloo U.M. Church,  
I want to thank you for remembering me with the very beautiful poinsettia at Christmas. I have really enjoyed it. Also I enjoy the cheer letters. Thank you so much for the Upper Room also.

May God richly bless W.U.M.C. in 2015.

-Bea Snyder



## 'Thank You'

Dear Friends,  
For your awesome and generous donation of \$1125.00 to our Senior Pak Program, those we serve through the program and our agency are truly in your debt. God Bless and a peaceful 2015 is our wish for all.

Gratefully,

Meg Zenk, Ex. Dir., DART and Dekalb County Council on Aging, Inc.

## 'Thank You'

We would like to say thank you to all that remembered us at the passing of our sister Betty Bolen on January 4th.

Juanita Crowl and  
Ida Mae Hartman

## Mission News

You are awesome!  
Thanks for your generosity in participating in the Angel Tree projects. With your help we were able to send money to the Heimach Center enabling 9 seniors to receive food twice a month for 2015. They were so pleased!!

We also helped an elderly lady (whose name was given to us by Heimach) have a nice Christmas. Last, we filled the Cup of Cold Water cupboard with lots of grocery items.

You are such a giving congregation!  
Thank you!

## 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.

## Laws or Love?

Businessman John Barrier, unrecognizable in jeans and a T-shirt, cashed a check at his longtime bank. But the teller refused to validate his parking ticket, saying Barrier hadn't made an official transaction. A manager agreed, saying rules were rules.

Barrier then performed a major transaction: withdrawing \$1 million and taking it elsewhere. He got his parking ticket validated after all.

What a great illustration of the perils of legalism, when man-made laws become more important than people. Jesus repeatedly healed and "worked" on the Sabbath, much to the dismay of religious leaders. He was concerned about people's hearts, not their appearance.

What matters more to you: laws or love? appearance or substance? A heart examination may be in order!

## Youth Events

**Sunday, Feb. 1:** Fund-raising activity from 9:00-11:15am. Youth will be assembling and distributing sub sandwiches for today's Super Bowl game. Prior to this event, youth will be asked to sell subs by taking orders.

**Wednesday, Feb. 4:** 7:30-8:15am. Breakfast with Pastor Mike at Top Notch restaurant.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17:** Youth will be serving the Lion's Club meal. More details and food sign-up sheet to follow.

**Sunday, Feb. 22:** Activity from 11:00am-2:00pm. We will be having lunch and then going to The Window Nook in Auburn for a "Sip 'n Create" painting project. Cost is \$15.

**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.

"People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7, NLT

## Lenten Living

During Lent, some Christians give up something that hinders their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth — a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.

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## February Calendar

- 01 - Youth distributing sub sandwiches
- 03 - Lion's Club 6:15pm
- 04 - Pastor-Youth Breakfast 7:30am  
Coffee Bible Study 9am  
Cup of Cold Water 6pm  
Choir Practice 6:30pm
- 05 - CARE Ministry 6:30pm
- 09 - Ad Council 7pm
- 11 - Coffee Bible Study 9am  
Cup of Cold Water 6pm  
Choir Practice 6:30pm
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
- 16 - Newsletter Deadline  
Trustee Meeting 7pm
- 17 - Lion's Club 6:15pm
- 18 - Coffee Bible Study 9am  
Cup of Cold Water 6pm
- 18 - Ash Wednesday Srvc. 7pm  
Choir Practice after Service
- 19 - UMW Meeting 7pm
- 22 - Youth Activity 11:00am
- 25 - Coffee Bible Study 9am  
Cup of Cold Water 6pm  
Choir Practice 6:30pm

*Happy Valentine's Day  
from the Chancel Choir!*



### 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.