



# March 2015 Newsletter



## Pastor's Article Easter is for Remembering...

How do you remember something? Do you tie a string around your finger? Make a note? Write it on your bathroom mirror or say it out loud to yourself over and over? As Easter draws closer, it's important to remember what it's really about remembering. You've heard of The Last Supper, right? It was the last dinner Jesus shared with His disciples before His death and resurrection. You've also probably heard of Passover. But did you know that they are related? Did you know that the Last Supper and Passover are



Pastor Mike Halferty

memorials? In a quiet, upstairs room, Jesus and his disciples sat down to eat the Passover meal together and remember how God freed the Israelites. But, as Jesus broke the bread and poured the wine, He told the disciples something new: *"and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'* In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, *'this cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'*" (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

Jesus still wanted the Passover to help them remember, but now He wanted them, and us, to remember something different. When Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He became our Passover Lamb. Because He died, God now "passes over" us; He forgives us and we don't have to pay for our sins. Those who do not believe in Jesus, just like the Egyptians did not believe in The One True God, will not be passed over and they will face punishment for their sins. This Easter, when you sit down to a special meal, stop for just a minute. Bow your head and remember what Jesus did for you, for me and for everyone who believes in Him.

In His service,  
Pastor Mike Halferty

## Lenten Luncheon Schedule

All Luncheons begin at noon.

Date	Location	Speaker
March 4	Mount Pleasant UMC	Pastor Kevin Marsh
March 11	Butler UMC	Pastor Scott Lanning
March 18	Hamilton UMC	Rev. Christine Fodrea
March 25	Auburn First UMC	Rev. Susan Smith
April 1	Waterloo UMC	Linda Springstead

## Men's Lenten Breakfast Series

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

Each Friday 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

# March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 02 - Terri Turner       | 22 - Ken Brown      |
| 03 - Mallory Hartman    | 22 - Layton Dennis  |
| 04 - Naomi Hill         | 25 - Danny Dangler  |
| 06 - Blake Dangler      | 26 - Roma Baker     |
| 06 - Jennifer Huth      | 27 - Ron Feller     |
| 06 - Renee Rader        | 28 - Loretta Kidder |
| 06 - Tyson Rowe         | 29 - Lori Friedel   |
| 07 - Mary Morrison      | 30 - Rev. Max Smith |
| 07 - Rachel Mathews     |                     |
| 08 - Lori Miller        |                     |
| 08 - Rev. Mike Halferty |                     |
| 10 - Tandy Buss         |                     |
| 10 - M/M Dave Dewitt    |                     |
| 11 - Stephen Hostetter  |                     |
| 13 - Jenna Hewitt       |                     |
| 14 - Dr/M Frank Cramer  |                     |
| 14 - M/M Walter DeLong  |                     |
| 16 - Dora McBride       |                     |
| 19 - M/M Norm Hart      |                     |
| 20 - Mai Turner         |                     |



## Those Serving This Month

### East Greeters

- 01 - George DeLong
- 08 - M/M Robert Fee
- 15 - Margaret Haller
- 22 - M/M Norm Hart
- 29 - M/M Glen Hartman

### Ushers

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

### West Greeters

- 01 - Diane Duszynski
- 08 - M/M Ron Feller
- 15 - M/M Gary Hart
- 22 - M/M Trent Stuckey
- 29 - M/M Jim Hobbs

### Nursery

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

### Acolyte

- 01 - John Turner
- 08 - Zack Wall
- 15 - Aidan Friedel
- 22 - Bayley Stuckey
- 29 - Tyler Lowman

## Cup of Cold Water

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| <b>03/04</b> | Judy Hart (PU food)<br>Ellen Meyer<br>Josh Wall (door)<br>Brooke Wall ( children's msg.)<br>Nancy Rowe (unlock church) | <b>03/18</b> | Joan Davis (PU food)<br>Dennis Davis (door)<br>Judy Hart ( unlock church/msg.)<br>Ellen Meyer<br>Joyce Stuckey |
| <b>03/11</b> | Ron Camp (PU food)<br>Karen Camp<br>Paula McGrath<br>Judy Hart (unlock church)   | <b>03/25</b> | Terri Turner (PU food)<br>Sallie Pease (children's msg.)<br>Susan Whittington<br>Darryl Whittington            |

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'

Church Family,

Thank you for the plant in loving memory of Nancy. You are all so wonderful, your kindness and prayers during the loss of Nancy were so appreciated.

Thank you again,

George, Don & Darlene,  
Dan & Kris

## 'Thank You'

Ladies of the church,

Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch that you prepared for us. We can't thank you enough. Your kindness and warm hearts that made a sad time so nice for all of us, thank you again.

From the family of Nancy Delong,  
George, Dan & Kris and family,  
Don & Darlene and family

## 'Thank You'

To all the wonderful people who made this shawl;

This is the best gift anyone has ever given me. It is such a comfort and blessing to me. It's nice to know there are people who care so much. This will always be with me even when I go to Indiana University Hospital next week to meet with the transplant doctors.

Thank you and God bless you all,

Blanche Hilsmier

## 'Thank You'

Dear Friends,

This note is long past due. I just want you to know how much I appreciate the notes from the CARE Ministry. It's so good after all of these years to still be remembered. They always help brighten my day. I have so many good memories of Waterloo E.U.B. - Methodist.

God bless,

Betty McAlpin

## 'Thank You'

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift and your generosity!

We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. Although Mike is the pastor, you all demonstrate daily how ministry is a "two-way street," and we are thankful for that, too.

Thank you, again, for your thoughtfulness! We pray that God richly blesses you all in 2015!

In His Grace,

Pastor Mike & Tricia

## Operation Christmas Child Update

In 2014 the Operation Christmas Child program collected 10,440,333 shoebox gifts. That's right, over TEN MILLION!! Isn't that a lot of boxes?

Of course what makes the number 10,440,333 so exciting is that it's not just a number of boxes. It is the number of children around the world that will receive a tangible expression of God's love and, even more important, hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Right now teams around the world are distributing those shoebox gifts and inviting them to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship campaign. Some of the boxes collected at our church were tracked and those boxes were delivered to South America.

Thank you so much for your continued support and for again helping our church participate in this program to spread boxes filled with fun and needed items as an expression of our love and ministry!

The Mission Committee

## Youth Events

**Wednesday, March 4th:** 7:30-8:15am. Breakfast with Pastor Mike. Location to be determined.

**Sunday, March 8th:** Youth will be holding our annual "Birthday Celebration" fund-raiser, beginning after church. This will be a potluck meal, followed by a cake auction. Please encourage your families to attend!

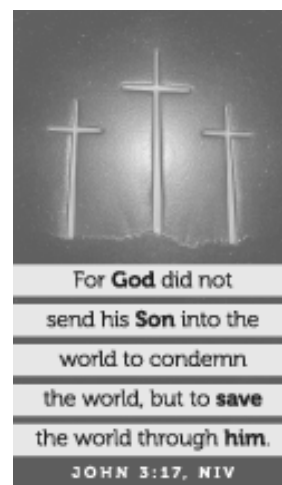
**Sunday, March 22nd:** Meeting from 11:00-12:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

**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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## March Calendar

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 03 - Lion's Club 6:15pm            | 18 - Cup of Cold Water 6pm   |
| 04 - Pastor-Youth Breakfast 7:30am | Choir Practice after Service |
| Coffee Bible Study 9am             | 19 - UMW Meeting 7pm         |
| Cup of Cold Water 6pm              | 22 - Youth Activity 11:00am  |
| Choir Practice 6:30pm              | 25 - Coffee Bible Study 9am  |
| 05 - CARE Ministry 6:30pm          | Cup of Cold Water 6pm        |
| 08 - Gideons Speaking              | Choir Practice 6:30pm        |
| Birthday Potluck after church      | 29 - Palm Sunday             |
| 09 - Ad Council 7pm                |                              |
| 10 - Pastor-Parish Meeting 7pm     |                              |
| 11 - Coffee Bible Study 9am        |                              |
| Cup of Cold Water 6pm              |                              |
| Choir Practice 6:30pm              |                              |
| 16 - Trustee Meeting 7pm           |                              |
| 17 - St. Patrick's Day             |                              |
| Lion's Club 6:15pm                 |                              |
| 18 - Coffee Bible Study 9am        |                              |
| Newsletter Deadline                |                              |



### 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.