

February 2018



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## Words Through Woody

Believe it or not, by the time you read this devotion, Lent will be only a few days away. (Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018) And it will be a time to reflect on things you did or didn't do for the Lord in the past year. It will be a time to meditate and renew your Christian faith.

Often Christians "give up" something as a sacrificial way of strengthening their faith and demonstrating their love for Jesus. Sometimes what we give up is something we need to get rid of in the first place. And most of the time it is difficult, especially if it's something we like, such as chocolate, coffee, or some other favorite food. And, yes, it is an excellent discipline to renew and build on our faith.

With that in mind, I recall a devotional I read several years ago. The premise of the devotional was that instead of "giving something up", why not *ADD* something to your everyday living. And yes, that too might take discipline, but practiced every day it will help us continue to be the person God has created us to be.

- Why not:
1. Do something you *don't* want to do.
  2. Do something you *do* want to do.
  3. Be quiet for a few minutes for prayer, spiritual reading, or meditation.
  4. Reach out in love, in *some way every single day* to someone else.

I don't know who originally suggested these disciplines, but it seems to me that to really strengthen our faith in the Lord, they are excellent ways to begin. It's a way to say "Thank you" to God for the wonderful things God has done for you. Perhaps after you become

accustomed to those principles, it's something you can continue for 365 days a year.

The Psalmist writes, *"I will sing praise unto the Lord forever, that I may daily perform my vows."* (61:8)

As we begin the Lenten season, it is my prayer that you will be strengthened by God's love as we celebrate this holy time of year.

In Christ's love,



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## Office Hours

The Mohawk office is typically open M, Tu, Th, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm and Friday mornings when needed. If you're coming a distance it's best to call ahead. Contact us at: 317.326.2460 or [officemumc@myninestar.net](mailto:officemumc@myninestar.net)



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# February Volunteers

Please Help Fill in the Blanks...  
Check in at the SIGN UP table on Sunday.

## Greeter

Leisa Harmon

## Fellowship Hosts

Genesis Class

## First Sunday Communion Helpers

Leisa Harmon

Mary Jo Thompson

## Food Pantry Delivery

Jack & Rosie Hunt

## Liturgists

4 Tracy Fellerman

11 Dan Bauer

18 Gail Stanley

25 \_\_\_\_\_

## Children's Worship Leaders

4 Heidi Bobb

11 Tracy Fellerman

18 Chris Gray

25 Megan Addison

## Worship Assistant

Dan Bauer

**Nursery Volunteers** are needed each Sunday  
during Worship and Sunday School.

Feb 4: Worship – Ashley Thompson & Sandy Plank  
SS - Lillian Kissel & Denise Phares

Feb 11: Worship – Aileen Lewis & Leisa Harmon  
SS – Ashley Schenck & Janet Bearhope

Feb 18: Worship – Mike Schenck & \_\_\_\_\_  
SS – Amy Lovins & Tracy Fellerman

Feb 25: Worship – Tracy Fellerman & Connie Wilson  
SS – Renee Street-Creed & \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sunday School – 10:15 am**

Nursery – Angel Linville

Pre-K & K – Diana Hartzog

Intermediate – Heidi Bobb

Sprint – Tammy Bearhope

High School – Burl Bearhope

Genesis – Meeting the Spirit

YACS – H<sub>2</sub>O: A Journey of Faith

3D – Revelation

Young Adults – The Wired Word



# Valentine Dinner

coming up...watch for details

## Birthdays

- 7 Shailynn Steeno, Ashley Schenck
- 10 Tommy Ewing
- 12 Lori Divine, Bill Ewing
- 14 Val Shepherd, Virginia Hartzog
- 16 Colton Kimble
- 20 Jim Bandy
- 21 Steve Gray, Rosalie Hunt
- 26 Debi Lane
- 27 Burl Bearhope, Tara Williams



## Anniversaries

- 4 Burl & Tammy Bearhope
- 12 Ed & Karen Clark
- 14 Kyle & Tracy Fellerman

If you don't see your February birthday or anniversary on the list please let us know so we can celebrate with you next year.  
(Ph: 326-2460 / E-mail: officemumc@myinestarnet)



Newsletter

## March 2018 Mohawk Messenger

Information for the **March 2018**  
**Mohawk Messenger** is due no later than **Tuesday, February 13.**  
Newsletters will be prepared for mailing on  
**Tuesday, February 20 at noon.**

## Office Security

The Mohawk UMC Trustees have been pondering ways to keep the office staff more secure during week-day office hours. It has been determined that the best solution is to keep the doors locked. However, if you come to the church during the day, you will be granted entrance at the east door into the narthex by ringing the doorbell. (East is the parsonage side of the building.) Look for a doorbell on the door. If someone is in one of the offices they can put eyes on you and run the stairs to let you in.



Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

## Youth Fellowship



Mohawk's Youth Fellowship will meet

**February 11,**  
**11:15 – 1**

**February 25**  
**11:15 – 1**

Lunch is included

(Plan ahead: March, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)

Mohawk's Youth will be sponsoring  
**Souper Bowl of Caring**



Youth will receive your contributions of canned soup or loose change **on TWO Sundays, January 28 and February 4**  
**Help eliminate hunger in Hancock County**

**Leadership Training**  
**Sunday, February 11, 1:30 – 4:45 pm**  
**Old Bethel UMC**  
**7995 E 21<sup>st</sup> St, Indianapolis**

This annual training event will cover the basics for church leaders who serve in the areas of trustees, finance, and staff/pastor relations, as well as clergy, but any member is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The deadline to register for the 2018 Central District Leadership Training event is Monday, February 5!



The afternoon will begin with keynote speaker Scott Swan, WTHR Channel 13 news anchor. Swan frequently speaks at churches and other gatherings to share his testimony.

One of the workshops offered is “Making an IMPACT”, for effective small churches (average worship attendance less than 75). This workshop serves to help smaller congregations to understand the importance and benefit of aligning Mission and Vision and how this and other tools presented will assist congregations in moving from a maintenance to mission mindset.

Register online at [www.inumc.org/centraldistrict](http://www.inumc.org/centraldistrict)  
Or contact Robin Brown: [cdadminassist@inumc.org](mailto:cdadminassist@inumc.org), 317.924.4140  
Speak to Pastor Woody for more information.



**Save the Date**  
**Spring All-Church Work Day**

**Saturday, April 14, 8 am**

Questions or comments? *Speak with Ashley Thompson*

# Missions Minded

February Food Pantry emphasis:  
Canned Fruit and Feminine Products



## Fill the Barnyard/Nothing but Nets:

What an awesome year-long mission project! In 2017 we purchased 60 Mosquito Nets, 7 Pigs, 12 Flocks of Chickens (chickens, ducks, geese), 3 Cows, 1 Sheep, and 1 Trio of Rabbits. The total given for the 2017 mission project was **\$3,582.25**. It's hard to imagine how many people this has helped, and will continue to help with the produce these animals will provide. THANK YOU, CHURCH, for you HUGE HEART!!

## 2018 Mission Projects:

The year-long project for 2018 will concentrate on the **Food Panty**. Let's PACK THE PANTRY in 2018. The list of monthly items will not change but we will be adding an additional item to the list each month. There will also be a box for cash donations. The food pantry can make the dollar go further than we can, and it will allow them to purchase items each month that are running low or perishable items that would be hard for us to donate. For the month of **February** donation items will be canned **Fruit and Feminine products**.

Also in February there will be a clothing drive for **HOPE HOUSE**. We are asking you to clean your closets and donate to the Hope House. We would also like to collect **NEW** Socks and Underwear of all sizes. Please drop your donations off in Fellowship Hall from February 4 to February 25.



**Flower/Plant sales** will begin in February.  
Stay tuned for details.

## Preparing for Easter A Lenten Discipline



What is your favorite thing about preparing for Easter? Do you fast from something like chocolate during the 40 days or have you added something like reading more from the Bible or praying five minutes longer?

As the next Lenten season is about to begin, the Worship team would like to provide an opportunity for you to draw nearer to God. The suggested discipline will only take about 10 minutes each day. In Fellowship Hall you will find a list of Scriptures and blank index cards/paper. Pick up a list and some cards and take them home. Each day write out the Scripture of the day on the card and listen for the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures provided come from a website called [swtblessings.com](http://swt blessings.com). Look on the volunteer table in Fellowship Hall February 11, 2018 and pick up the list of scriptures and a stack of cards.

As you travel through Lent, share with someone how God might be revealing God's self through the scripture you have carried in your mind and on your heart that day.