



The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

February 2019

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One of the ministry goals we have set for 2019 is to re-evaluate and review current worship services, based on our core values and create a new worship Environment. We hope to enhance our sense of unity in Christ Jesus, to bring more variety of worship experience, and to promote interactive participation including all generations in our church. Of course, we believe all these great things are only possible when the Holy Spirit leads and inspires us. The key to worship this year is to help us to feel God's presence through our worship services. Our worship committee has been working hard to bring fresh air into our current worship services. Several new things at the worship services have started. One being All Music Sundays on the fifth Sunday of the month. The Worship Committee, under Linda Soukup's leadership has invited local musicians to perform at our services and also encouraged us to include the Sunday school children to use their talents and gifts to glorify God through various ways by performing skits, reading scripture and singing songs.

This year the worship committee wants to continue to a new worship Environment, to help us to feel God's presence through services, and to walk by the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. The worship committee plans to merge two services, 9:30am contemporary service and 11:00am traditional service, to one unified service on Sunday. The Administrative Council made the decision at the January meeting to have a new unified service on Sunday at 10:00am, starting on February 17th. The new worship service will include traditional choir anthem, inspirational music by our praise team, and children's time. Change is always difficult even when it is a small change. However, we know that change brings new possibilities to move forward and make room for more people to join in worship and helps all of us feel unity in Christ Jesus. Most of all, we should feel we are all respected and considered as a core part of the body of Christ.

I hope all of us will actively and passionately participate in this new endeavor and help each other feel we are on body of Christ and we are in God's loving and caring presence, not only through worship services but also in our every day life.

Here is our new worship and Sunday school time which will be effective on **Feb 17th**:

- 8:00am Sunday Worship Service**
- 9:00am Adult Bible Study**
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service**
- 10am Children's Sunday School (PreK-5th Grade)**

God's Blessings and Loving Care to All
Kwang



Love One Another as I Have Loved You...

When was the last time someone really listened to you? That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. Stephen Ministers care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis.

Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal

illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring His love to those who are hurting. There's a lot of work to do in God's kingdom. Caregiving is one of the most important jobs God calls us to do - to love others in His name. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry is one way we accomplish God's caring work.

Stephen Ministers are members of our church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people going through a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. Nothing is too large or too small to take to our Lord in prayer. Men are matched with male ministers, and women are matched with female ministers.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, go to stephenministries.org or contact Jean Macenski at 319-653-6949.

LADIES! JOIN US AT THE 2019 WOMEN'S 'SEASIDE ESCAPE' RETREAT, FEB. 15-17

Are you in need of a day at the beach? A day to slow down and enjoy time with other women and with God. At SeaSide Escape, we will enjoy worship, Bible Study, music, crafting projects, games, lots of laughter as well as quiet time with God.

We will begin with snacks and check-in Friday evening, Feb. 15th at 6:30pm and will finish by 9:30am Sunday morning, Feb. 17th. Our retreat will be held at Crooked Creek Christian Camp, south of Washington and the choice of packages are:

Fri/Sat/Sun Full Retreat: \$95 - 2 overnights, 3 meals Saturday, Participant Guide

Fri/Sat/ No Overnight Retreat: \$45 - 3 meals Saturday, Participant Guide

Snacks will be shared Friday night through the weekend, and a light breakfast will be provided on Sunday morning as well as 3 camp prepared meals on Saturday. **Registration begins January 1** with a non-refundable \$50 deposit for the Full Retreat or \$45 fee for the No Overnight Retreat. Final payment for the Full Retreat will be paid no later than February 1. Register and pay through the church office, or contact Denise Chalupa. Checks are payable to WUMC, with "Retreat" written in the memo line.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10. We hope you will join us at the 'SeaSide Escape' and "Bask in God's Presence".

Room-mate requests will be offered. This is a great birthday, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day or any time gift for the women in your life!



Severe Weather Cancellations

The Church will advise radio station KCII when worship services or church activities need to be cancelled in the event of bad weather. Tune in before you brave the elements!



Also, please note that when schools are closed in Washington County due to severe weather, the church office is also closed.

Church History

The current exhibit in the display area features some program booklets from past Methodist womens' groups, three from the Women's Society of Christian Service and three from United Methodist Women. Notice how many more offices there were and that all married women went by their husband's name.



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HOPE**
G L O B A L L Y

THANK YOU - THANK YOU

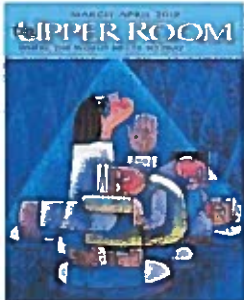
Dear Friends:

A big thanks to all who helped with their donations to Growing Hope Globally (GHG) formally known as Foods Resource Bank (FRB) in 2018. With the help of your generous contributions, we were able to raise **\$7,886.96** to help alleviate world hunger to people in third world countries by helping them become self-sufficient.

This year's funds are designed for a project in Haiti. Also, this is the first year we co-partnered with the Washington Community School FFA Chapter. This is the 14- year we have been involved in contributing to FRB/Growing Hope Globally.

Again, thank you for your generous support of this project in 2018, and I hope you will consider supporting this mission in 2019.

Blessings to You,
Dave Birney and Trent Steinhart (FFA advisor)
Washington Growing Project Coordinators
319-653-4713, if questions



The Upper Room

The **March/April 2019** issue of the Upper Room is available in the back of the sanctuary.

Please take one for yourself and another for a friend.

Year-to-Date Financials

| General Fund | Actual Income | Actual Expenses |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| January 2019 | 25,406 | 19,498 |
| Year to Date | 25,406 | 19,498 |

Sunday Bulletin Announcements - Due in the church office no later than the preceding Wednesday afternoon.

Meeting House Articles - Due in the church office no later than the 15th of the month (for the following month), regardless of what day the 15th falls on.

All announcements and articles are subject to Pastor approval.



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February 2019

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
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| Communion 3 8am Traditional 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11:00am Traditional  | 4 9am Quilters | 5 9am Prayer Grp 7:00pm Missions/ Outreach | 6 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00am Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 7 | 8 12:30pm UMW 6-9pm A Night to Shine!!! | |
| 10 8am Traditional 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11am Traditional | 11 6:30pm Worship Comm. | 12 9am Prayer Grp | 13 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm SPRC 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 14  WAMA 11:30am 6:30pm Trustees | 15 Women's Retreat @ Crooked Creek | 1 8am UMM 6:00pm Financial Fitness - Fellowship Hall Women's Retreat |
| 17 8am Sunday worship 9am ABS 10am Sunday worship 10am Children's Sunday School Women's Retreat | 18 9am Quilters | 19 9am Prayer Grp 6:30pm Children Ministry Team Mtg | 20 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 21 6:30pm Finance | 22 | 2 |
| 24 8am Sunday worship 9am ABS 10am Sunday worship 10am Children's Sunday School | 25 | 26 9am Prayer Grp | 27 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir | 28 | | |



Many thanks to all who called, sent cards, came by, prayed or brought food when I had my shoulder replacement surgery, and a very special thanks to Kwang and Yune for coming to the hospital before the surgery to pray with us. Your prayers were answered! May God bless you all. Milton Schnicker

Thanks go out to the following persons who delivered Meals on Wheels in December: Jerry and John Sproule, Beth Evanovich and Vic Patterson. Mission-Outreach Comm.

Thank you for my Christmas presents. I love chocolates, actually I love most food! Some day when I am tired, I will enjoy the Bistro for a couple meals. Bless our church and all of you. Gladys Ferguson

Thank you so much for the beautiful red rose I received for my 93rd birthday. Also enjoyed the "All Music" Sunday and especially the beautiful solo "Oh Holy Night" by Pastor Song. Sincerely, Audrey Stark

I want to send a big Thank you to your committee for the wonderful gift certificate. It will help me so much with food & personal things. I am truly blessed to have received this gift. Thanks again, Laurilee Chalupa

A heartfelt thank you to my Methodist friends for the beautiful red rose that Vickie Patterson delivered today. God bless you all. Enid Tweeton

February Birthdays!



2

Toni Adrian
Jeannie Edwards
Nancy Rash

3

Sawyer Manz
Betty Thompson

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Nicholas Williams

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Janet Crawford
Teri Hartzler

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Robert Bennett
Anna Collett
Hannah Young

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Edwin Griggs

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Deb Hensel
Thomas Lowe
Elaine Moore

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Sue Gilmer
Jeff Ingles
Jan Stiles

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Robert Kennedy
***Richard Paul**
Linda Wilson

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Rick Murphy

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Frances Cortum
Dirk Larsen

13

Nancy Westphal

14

Pete Bell
Ann Logan
Amanda Myers
Mallory Van Winkle

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Jean Macenski

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Carla Carter

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Sarah Bailey
Travis Bodkin
Ruth Shaffer
John Shive

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Penny Miller
Karen Moenck

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Jeff Moore

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Renee Guy
Leah Soukup

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Aaron Kaufman
John Moenck
Alivia Young

25

Paul Beezley
Kennedy Shive

26

Karen Arbuckle
Jake Bodkin
Jacob Brinning
Amyah Parra
Ira Wagner

27

Connie Forinash
Michelle Hinrichsen

28

Lauren Carter
Vicki Dempsey

***Bold names indicate
90+ birthdays!**



February Anniversaries!



14

Allen & Bev Griggs
Charles & Kathy Henry

20

Keith & Sara Murphy

27

John & Pat Hamill

16

Lyle & Nancy Rash Moen

28

Darrell & Denise Chalupa

**WASHINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2019 Church Officers**

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chair Michael Moore
 Secretary: Jennifer Stout
 Lay Members to Annual Conference:
 Lori Bauer, Abby Schnicker
 Lay Leader Ilene Schnicker
 SPRC Chair Sally Beezley
 Finance Secretary (staff-no vote): Tim Johnson
 Chairpersons of all committees and teams
 UMW President Marilyn Whitenack
 UMM President Russ Parker
 Secretary of Nomination Com.
 Judy Fredrick
 Youth Representative _____
 Membership Secretary Beth Evanovich

At-Large Member

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Lisa Carr | Connie Larsen | Cathy Kleese |
| Dave Birney | Craig Stout | Jennine Wolf |

SPRC¹: Chair (Sally Beezley)

Lay Members to Annual Conference
 Lay Leader: Ilene Schnicker
 2019 2020 2021
 Dave Birney Becky Kaufman Gerry Sproule
 Sally Beezley Margi Jarrard Carla Carter
 Vic Patterson Michael Moore Evan Young

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Chair (Bob Helscher)

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| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Bob Helscher | Bill Stewart | Rich Crull |
| Margaret Crawford | Duane Van Winkle | Sonja Campbell |

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Lay Leader
 SPRC Chair or representative
 Trustee Chair
 Tim Johnson (staff)

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Chair (Bob Helscher)

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| Bob Helscher | Michael Moore | Keith Lazar |
| Dave Birney | Trustees Chair | Finance Chair |

MEMORIAL: Chair (Bob Helscher)

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| Denise Chalupa | Bob Kennedy | Charlotte Magdeftau |
| Martha Lowe | Peggy Helscher | Lynda Jarrard |
| Trustee Rep. | Finance Chair | |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES²: Chair (Trustees elects in their first meeting)

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| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Tom Charlier | Ted Thornton | Jason Charlier |
| Milton Schnicker | Wayne Kaufman | Jeff Lueck |
| Paul Beezley | Ira Wagner | Craig Stout |

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/NOMINATIONS³

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Chair | Kwang Song |
| Lay Leader: | Ilene Schnicker |
| Secretary ⁴ : | Judi Fredrick |

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| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Judi Fredrick | Carla Carter | Ilene Schnicker |
| Becky Kaufman | Lori Bauer | Dawn Schindler |
| Gerry Sproule | Bob Bell | John Moenck |

MISSIONS/OUTREACH: Chair (Shirley Pfeifer)

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| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Dianne Gray | | Kim Chartier |
| Shirley Pfeifer | Lori Bauer | Roger Schroeder |
| Ilene Schnicker | Debbie Lueck | Lucy Landon |

HISTORY: Chair (Shirley Pfeifer)

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| Shirley Pfeifer | Judi Fredrick |
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WORSHIP: Chair (Linda Soukup)

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| Linda Soukup | | Dana Rembold |
| Lottie Schnicker | Linda Collins | |
| | Shirley Textor | Cheryl Crone |
| Vicki Ealy | Alison Greiner | Jennifer Stout |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM: Chair (Jennifer Stout)

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| Elaine Moore | Jennifer Young | Marilyn Whitenack |
| Dawn Schindler | Jennifer Stout | |

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM: Chair (Ann Williams)

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| Ann Williams | Dana Rembold | Jackie Williams |
| Lori Bauer | | |

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM:

Chair (Sharon Wagner)

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| Sharon Wagner | Jackie Wells | Barbara Wehr |
| Martha Hahn | Vic Patterson | Nancy Crites |
| Marilyn Whitenack | Maurine Roberts | |

STEPHEN MINISTRY TEAM: Chair (Jean Macenski)

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| Jean Macenski | Dan Macenski | Sharon Wagner |
| Gary Collins | Linda Collins | Evelyn Heald |

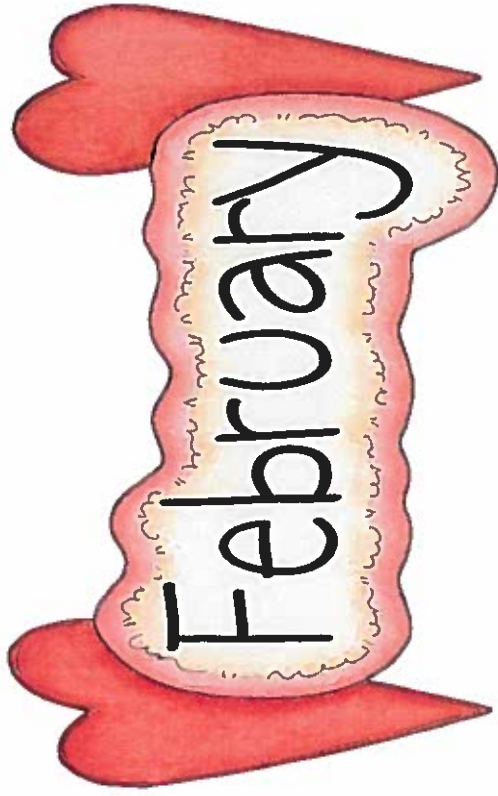
¹ All must be member of the church

² 2/3 must be member of the church

³ Elected by Charge Conference

⁴ member of Ad. Council and Charge Conference

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship

Praise Service: 9:30am

Traditional Service: 8:00 & 11:00am



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