



February 11, 2022

In-Person worship at 10 a.m. on Sundays

Or worship with us on Facebook Live at 10 a.m. or watch after 11:15

9:45 Kidz Ministry in Room 3

IMPORTANT *EPISTLE* ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning in February, the digital *Epistle* will be published once a month on the second week of the month. The weekly schedule of happenings will be published each week in the online and print bulletins. Deadline for articles for the online newsletter is the first Friday of the month. Please bear with us during this transition as it will take some planning ahead for all of us.



mark your Calendar

February 11		First monthly Epistle will be sent out
February 12	10 am	Book Club - Parlor
February 13		Mission Meal
February 14		Valentine's Day
February 17 - 23		Pastor Scott Out of the Office
February 17	4 pm	Pub Theology - Charlie's Cast and Crew
February 17	6 pm	Finance meets - FH
February 21	6 pm	Trustees meet - FH
February 24	4 pm	Pub Theology - Charlie's Cast and Crew
March 2		Ash Wednesday services - see article
March 2	11 - 1	Lenten Luncheons begin
March 3	4 pm	Pub Theology - Charlie's Cast and Crew
March 4		Deadline for articles for March newsletter
March 9	11-1	Lenten Luncheon

March 10	4 pm	Pub Theology - Charlie's Cast and Crew
March 12	10 am	Book Club - Parlor
March 13		Daylight Saving Time begins

COVID-19 STATEMENT

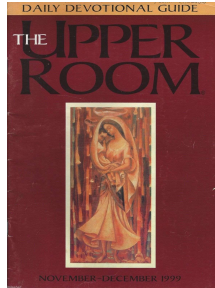
"Above All Do no Harm"

With the increase of infections and hospitalizations in our county we want to encourage mask wearing in worship for the next few weeks. If you are sick or hesitant about exposure, we want to encourage you to participate in worship online.

For more on this, please see the January 6 email with the title "Sunday Morning Worship."

MISSION MEAL

The Mission Team will be preparing a delicious meal for pickup or delivery on Sunday, February 13th. Chicken Alfredo, Italian salad, garlic bread and a scrumptious desert will be served. Please call Peter at (937) 218-6965 or Tari at (937) 218-2232 to reserve your meals. Meals will be available from after worship through 12:30 p.m. Your donations help support the many local outreach projects of the Mission Team.



The Upper Room for March-April is available in the Narthex and in the lower entry way.



March 2, 2022

Brief Prayer Services

7:30 a.m.

Noon

6:30 p.m.

**Sanctuary Open 8:00 am till Noon and 4:00 till 6:30
for prayer and meditation**



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THIS WINTER

Turn to WCPO Channel 9

on your television or www.WCPO.com for any church cancellations.

Please be sure to call your chairperson, group coordinator or the church office to confirm that your committee and/or church meeting is still scheduled and has not been cancelled. We will also send out an email if church is cancelled.

January, 2022	Attendance	General Fund
1/2/22	116	\$2,865.00
1/19/22	96	\$5,861.77
1/16/22	115	\$1,935.00
1/23/22	97	\$2,730.70
1/30/22	110	\$2,639.16

*Attendance and giving include in-person and online.



Please fill out a prayer card or call, email or text the church office with your requests. It is so important that we storm the heavens with intercessory prayers for others, our family, our community, our country, and our world.

Please pray for one, some, or all of these in your prayers each week. We may not know some of these people but they are on the hearts of members of our congregation and community. God hears and answers prayers.

Regina Carey

Joy Hall
Pat Waelti
Mary Gray
Aubrie Tullock - Curtin's great granddaughter
Continued needs of the tornado victims and their families
The many people who have COVID-19
Unspoken prayers
Shut-ins
Our Church and our Denomination
Pastors

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LENTEN LUNCHES

The UMW Board is happy to announce that they will hold their Lenten Lunches this year. We have not been able to hold them in nearly two years due to COVID.

There will be some changes and new safety precautions to keep everyone safe:

***All meals will be for pick-up or delivery only – no eat in at this time.**

- **All helpers will need to wear a face mask and gloves.** That includes all persons handling food as well as those delivering meals.
- **All desserts will be prepared at the church.** No food can be brought in.
- **Tuesday helpers are needed beginning about 10 am.**
- **Wednesday helpers are needed between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, whenever you can.**

Due to purchasing the dessert items, plus the increase in food costs, as well as other expenses, the cost of the meal is increased to \$8.00. Monetary donations would be much appreciated as well.

Arlafaye Carnahan has put together a delicious menu which is included in this Epistle. Lunches will be served on Wednesdays from March 2nd to April 13th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Lots of help will be needed** in preparing, serving, and delivering meals, and with clean up each week.

The Lunches are open to the community, but as mentioned – for pick up and delivery only. This is our only fundraiser. All proceeds go to missions that support women, children, and families locally and around the world. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

Fran Unger, UMW President

937-382-1876

LENTEN LUNCHEONS 2022

MARCH 2nd - APRIL 13th

11:00 am -1:00 pm

Wilmington United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

Donation is \$8.00

DELIVERY/CARRY OUT ONLY

CALL 937-382-1465 & ASK FOR KITCHEN

MASK IS TO BE WORN IN BUILDING AT ALL TIMES

March 2nd

Salmon Loaf

or

Chopped Sirloin

Au Gratin Potatoes

Peas & Carrots in Butter Sauce

Fruit Pie

March 9th

Chicken & Noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Biscuit & Butter

Brownies

March 16th

Glazed Pork Loin

Hash Brown Casserole

Country Green Beans

Apple Crisp

March 23rd

Roasted Turkey & Stuffing

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Buttered Corn

Pumpkin Dessert

March 30th

Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Broccoli Casserole

Angel Food Cake

Cherry Sauce

April 6th

Oven Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Orange Glazed Carrots

Cake

April 13th

Pulled Pork

Macaroni & Cheese

Green Bean Casserole

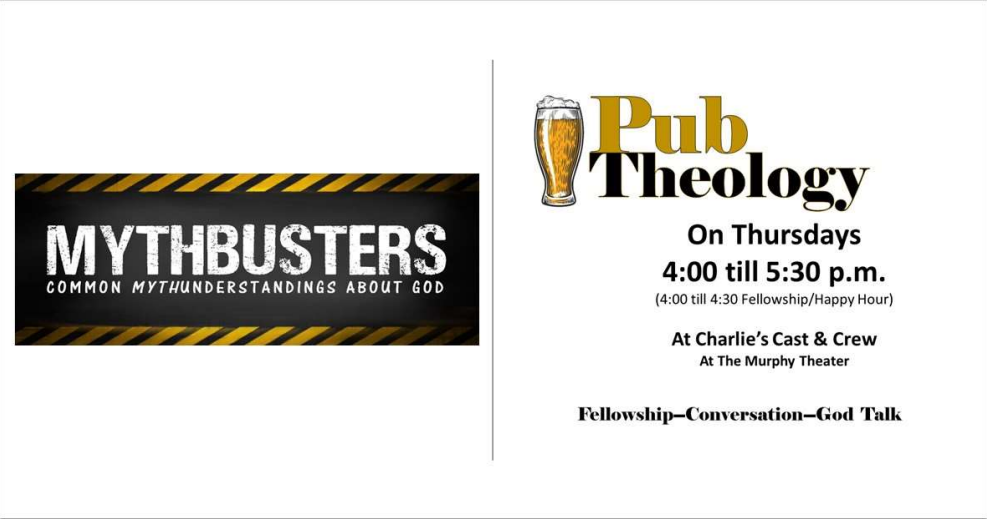
Texas Sheet Cake

Roll & Butter served with each meal

Menu subject to change

When the Wilmington City Schools are cancelled due to Inclement weather,

Lenten Luncheons will also be cancelled.



The flyer is divided into two sections by a vertical line. The left section features a black rectangular logo with yellow diagonal stripes at the top and bottom. Inside the black area, the word 'MYTHBUSTERS' is written in large, white, distressed capital letters. Below it, in smaller white capital letters, is the phrase 'COMMON MYTHUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT GOD'. The right section contains text about a 'Pub Theology' event. At the top is a small illustration of a beer glass next to the words 'Pub Theology' in a stylized font. Below this, it says 'On Thursdays' followed by '4:00 till 5:30 p.m.' and a smaller line '(4:00 till 4:30 Fellowship/Happy Hour)'. Further down, it lists the location 'At Charlie's Cast & Crew At The Murphy Theater'. At the bottom of the right section, the text 'Fellowship—Conversation—God Talk' is displayed.

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m. in the parlor. The book this month is *The Institute* by Stephen King.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the parlor. The book for March is *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

THANK YOU

It has been expressed to me how grateful the tenants of Green Meadows was to receive your gifts. Thank you, John Dale

THANK YOU

The Mission Team would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support of our holiday outreach projects. Because of your generosity, we were able to fill 150 shoeboxes, provide Christmas presents to 50 local children and distribute approximately 75 clothing bags.

The shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are shipped around the world to children living in impoverished and war stricken areas. The boxes are filled with personal hygiene items, school supplies, clothing and toys. After receiving their shoebox, the children are invited to attend classes to learn about God's great love for them. This program is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

The Angel Tree children are all residents of Clinton County. We receive their names and wishes from the HoHo Shop, the local agency that coordinates families in need of Christmas assistance with sponsors. All 50 children sponsored by our church received winter clothing, socks, underwear, pajamas, a shoe voucher, winter coat and accessories if needed and toys. The children also received stocking stuffers that included some school supplies, personal hygiene items, candy and fun items too. The gifts were all wonderful and showed so much care and love.

Two "winter clothing giveaways" were held this fall and winter. A hot breakfast was served at each one. Each person who attended was given a bag of winter clothing that included thermal underwear, hat, gloves, heavy socks,

scarf, chapstick, Hot Hands and a long sleeve shirt. Coats and heavy jackets were available for individuals to choose from. Bags were also distributed to local shelters and residents of a local campground. Many folks are much warmer after receiving these clothing items.

All of these projects are possible because of your support. We appreciate your many donations of items, time and monetary gifts. Many of you helped pack and deliver shoeboxes, wrap and deliver gifts and stuff clothing bags. Many donations of toys, school supplies, clothing, hygiene items and much more were received. Monetary donations were generous and helped purchase additional items for the projects.

The Mission Team is very thankful for your love, support and generous donations.

GOD'S PANTRY

We are very appreciative of the many donations for God's Pantry. There are many folks who benefit from the items available. Many just need a few items to last them until payday. Some are in need of quick snack items to help them through the day. We try to accommodate the various needs. All types of food donations are needed. We also try to have personal hygiene items available as well as warm clothing items, pet food and infant items. You may bring your donations to their church during office hours or on Sunday morning. You can also place your donations directly into God's Pantry.





SLIPPERS

The Mission Team is sponsoring a Slipper Collection for the VA Hospital in Chillicothe. New men's and women's slippers are needed. *They cannot have any type of laces or strings and should be non-skid slip-on style.* All sizes are needed.

Please help make this new outreach project a success. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the patients who will be receiving them.

There will be a collection site in the Narthex. You may bring in your donations on Sunday mornings or anytime the church office is open.

Sweets 'N Treats

The mission team is looking forward to bringing you the Sweets 'N Treats luncheon and auction this year. This exciting fundraiser will be held in mid-October in celebration of Sweetest Day. Be thinking of your favorite dessert and other treats.

Donations Barrels

A reminder about the Donations Barrels located in the foyer area near

fellowship hall. You may place the following donations in the designated barrel:

Food items for YFK Cooking Team - Elbow macaroni, spaghetti sauce, green beans, applesauce.

Socks - new or gently used socks for God's Pantry and other outreach ministries

Clothing items - new or gently used clothing for various outreach ministries
(Please hold on to large donations until Red Bird collection days.)

Food donations for God's Pantry

Items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes (small toys, school supplies, toothbrushes, bars of soap, combs etc.)

We continue to collect empty prescription bottles and tabs from aluminum cans. There is also a need for personal hygiene products. There are collection baskets for those items on the shelves located near the collection barrels.

Blankets needed for Your Father's Kitchen

If you have gently used blankets that you no longer need, please consider donating them to YFK's blanket collection. YFK distributes the blankets to those living in places that have little to no heat. You can take your blankets to Your Father's Kitchen or bring them to the church and place them in the barrel collection area. A member of the mission team will take the blankets to YFK weekly. .

ITEMS NEEDED FOR GOD'S PANTRY

Hand warmers, toe warmers

Winter accessories such as gloves, ear muffs, heavy socks, etc.

Bottled water

Protein foods - Canned meats - tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, stew, peanut butter, etc.



With our worship schedule in a different format during the COVID-19 crisis we have moved to offer online giving as a way to allow giving of tithes and offerings to the church. Please use the link below that will take you to our new online giving site. You can use the site for a one time gift or set it up for other regular automatic options. You can also continue your giving through your bank or by mailing your offering in by check.

<https://wilmington.breezechms.com/give/online>

The digital Epistle is the monthly newsletter of The Wilmington United Methodist Church, our people, our mission, and what's happening.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pastor Scott is not in the office on Friday. Please ring the bell if you need entry.

Check your August 18, 2021 email for our New Membership Directory with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

Remember that you can attend our in-person worship service, or you can watch our worship services every Sunday at 10 a.m. on Facebook Live. Look for an email around 11 a.m. giving the link to be able to watch at a time of your choosing.

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R. Scott Miller, Pastor

"We are a church united in love,
being and making disciples of Jesus Christ".

*"In the midst of
what some call darkness
I choose to see light"*

