



Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Sunday, March 3rd, you will be given the opportunity to receive a Heifer Project Bank. Your banks can be brought back to church on Sunday, April 14 which is Palm/Passion Sunday. Our prayer is that you will be moved to once again use your spare change to help those so they can learn to help themselves! God Bless



This year Easter is on Sunday, April 21st. We want to give everyone enough time to plan for this celebration of the Risen Christ. We want this day to be a day full of smiles and the love of God. Our plan is to have the girls/women wear an Easter hat or Easter bonnet, something bought, borrowed, or handmade, or yes, redesigned! The boys/men, yes, you can be a part of this too, by wearing a tie or bowtie. Suits are not required! Let's make this Easter a day of rebirth!



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Pastors Message

Council of Bishops

The United Methodist Church

February 26, 2019

ST. LOUIS – The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church would like to thank the delegates to the Special Session of the General Conference for their diligent work during the 2019 conference, which ended today in St. Louis, in the United States.

The General Conference is the highest legislative body in the church and the only group who can decide church law and speak officially for the global denomination.

The 864 delegates (half lay, half clergy) from all over the world met from Feb. 24-26 to discuss and act on the report of the Commission on a Way Forward over the issue of human sexuality. The delegates also considered petitions other than the report from the Commission.

What is the Traditional Plan?

“We continue to teach and believe that all persons are welcomed in the church, all persons are persons of sacred worth and we welcome all to receive the ministry of Jesus. Human sexuality is a topic on which people of faith have differing views,” said Bishop Ken Carter, president of the Council of Bishops, after the conference ended. “Despite our differences, we will continue to work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and share God’s love with all people.”

The Traditional Plan keeps the current language around sexuality and increases accountability by streamlining the processes to enforce penalties for violations of *The Book of Discipline* related to marriage and ordination of LGBTQI persons. Some parts of the Traditional Plan were ruled unconstitutional, and it will take some time to clarify which parts will become part of our church law and which parts will not.

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I will be attending one of the gatherings with Bishop Laurie to understand what this will look like for our churches. No matter what your belief may be, this is a sad day for the United Methodist Church. Yours in Christ, Pastor Joyce



A team has been in the process of updating our Membership Roll. These are the names of people we do not have a current address for. If you know where any of them may be, please call of office at 522-7754 so we can contact these people about their membership here at Grace UMC. Thanks for your help!

Susan Altemeier	Melissa Amos
Scott Cottrell	Jessi-Anderson-Pursley
Rebecca DePauw	Jim & Mary Herb
Curtis Jensen	Trevor Perez
Sierra Smith	Kelsey Tuttle
Cuyler Walter	Gaynelle Connor



2019 Apportionments have dropped from \$21,189 to \$19, 293. We owe \$3,104 on our 2018 apportionments. If we could possible give either \$18.50 a month, \$9.25 twice a month or \$4.63 weekly we would pay 100% of our 2019 apportionments. As your pastor, it is my responsibility to encourage the congregation to pay their apportionments 100%. This would above what you tithe to the church. Please consider this. Our apportionments help other churches, missions in our own area, the state, and around the world.

If you would like to start a Birthday & Anniversary log to share each Sunday, please let the office know and we will begin a new list.



Thanks to all that supported our Valentine's Day Cookie Grams

Thanks to all the cookie makers & bakers that took time out to help our kids!

March Schedules

Fellowship

- 03-03 Mary Sherwood, Cathy Boesenberg, Bonnie Mills
- 03-10 Carolyn Bittner, Marian Rhinehart, Mary Ann Schwiebert
- 03-17 Doris Jones, Vicky McDonald, Becky Lint
- 03-24 Natalie Gritsch, Kay Knight, Natalie Cline
- 03-31 Becky Edelen, Nancy Ollinger, Joy Commings

Ushers

Marc Olson, Lloyd Olson, Dave Johnson, Kevin James

Greeters - Greeters please stay at the doors until the first song so you can welcome any latecomers to our service.

March 03

West Door – Kyle & Marna Montgomery
South Door – Jeanne Clayton

March 10

West Door – Becky & Zanielle Johnson
South Door – Nancy Ollinger

March 17

West Door – Kay Knight
South Door – Sharon Herman

March 24

West Door – Chris & Natalie Gritsch
South Door – Sherry Korn Johnson

March 31

West Door – Carl & Jodie Fye
South Door – Lloyd & JoAnn Olson

Volunteers

The volunteers that make up the list for greeters, ushers, scripture readers, communion stewards, need your help. Please let us know to add your name or remove your name from any of these volunteer positions. Your opportunity to service as a volunteer is gratefully appreciated. Call 641-522-7754 or e-mail the church office @gumcbkln@netins.net

March Communion Stewards

Marna Montgomery, Becky Edelen, Mindy Huls

March Candle Lighters

- 03-03 Jake Boesenberg & Damien Haines
- 03-10 Beau Burns & Ethan Bridgewater
- 03-17 Cody Boesenberg & Ashten Kalinay
- 03-24 Layton Lacayse & Amiah Lint
- 03-31 Beau Burns, Ethan Bridgewater

Bell Ringers

- 03-03 Marian Coover
- 03-10 Kylie Cline
- 03-17 Zanielle Johnson
- 03-24 Gabrielle Fye
- 03-31 Caillyn Curphy

March Scripture Reader

- 03-03 – Tammy Jones 03-31 – Lyle Oswood
- 03/10– Dave Johnson
- 03-17 – Jerod Burns
- 03-24 - Carl Fye

March

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
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3 Communion 9:00 am Worship Heifer Project 10:00am Sunday School 10:30 am BCE Circle of Friends	4 4-7 pm CBBA	5 9:00am Prayer Group	6 BMW 1:00 10:30 Ash Wed. at Care Center 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday here	7	8	9
10 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Trustee Meeting	11 4-7 pm CBBA	12 9:00 Lenten Breakfast	13 No Lenten Soup Supper	14	15	16
17 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:45am Administrative Board	18 WIC 9-2 4-7 pm CBBA	19 9:00 Lenten Breakfast	20 6 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper	21	22	23
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