

# Lent



## Community Lenten Services

At each location, there will be a soup and bread meal at 6:00pm with a worship service beginning at 6:30pm.

- 2/28 New Beginnings
- 3/7 Gibson City United Methodist Church
- 3/14 American Lutheran Church
- 3/21 1st Christian Church

## Holy Week

- 3/25 Parade of Palms (also at SNL on the 24th)
- 3/29 Maundy Thursday Service here at 6:30pm



## Easter Sunday April 1

On Easter Sunday we will have our regular worship services at 8:45am and 11:00am and Sunday School at 10:00am. The Saturday Night Light Service will be held at 5:30pm on the 31st.



## Parade of Palms March 24th & 25th

Our annual special *Parade of Palms* offering for missions will be taken on Palm Sunday, March 25th and also during the Saturday Night Light Service on March 24th. All money given will go directly towards our missionaries. Children of all ages are invited to participate in the waving of palm branches and sharing their music in worship at the beginning of each church service on Palm Sunday. Children will meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. to participate in the 8:45 service. Those who will be helping with the 11:00 service will meet in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday School. Following their entry into the sanctuary, children will sit with their families.

## Chili & Oyster Appreciation Dinner



The Men's Breakfast group of the Gibson City United Methodist Church would like to honor all of the fire fighters, members of the police force, and EMTs serving the Gibson City area

for their service to the community and surrounding area by inviting them to a Chili & Oyster dinner. It will be held from 5:30-7:00 PM on Thursday, March 15th, 2017, in the lower level of the church at 206 E. 10th Street in Gibson City. All the men of the church are also invited.

Pastor—John Tennyson

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**Worship**

Saturday • 5:30pm—Casual Worship  
Sunday • 8:45am—Traditional Worship  
Sunday • 11:00am—Contemporary Worship  
Sunday School—10:00am

Visit us at [gcumc3.org](http://gcumc3.org) or Find us on Facebook: "Gibson City UMC"

## Psalm 150—Praise the Lord

- 3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;  
 Praise Him with the lute and harp!  
 4 Praise Him with the tambourine and dance;  
 Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!  
 5 Praise Him with loud cymbals;  
 Praise Him with clashing cymbals!  
 6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Ponder this with me: As early as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D., Psalm 150 was sung every morning in the church at dawn to celebrate the new day; not just some days, but every day. Each dawn is a gift, and thus a cause to celebrate.

Every day at dawn Psalm 150 was sung along with Psalm 148 and 149. All of these psalms begin: “Praise the Lord”. Each of these psalms state a different reason to remember to intentionally offer God our thankful love and honor.

Psalm 148 invites us to join creation which is already daily offering praise and worship to the Creator.

- <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
 praise him, all you shining stars!  
<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
 fruit trees and all cedars!  
<sup>10</sup> Wild animals and all cattle,  
 creeping things and flying birds!  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all people,  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike,  
 old and young together!  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD.

Psalm 149 invites us to sing for joy because God takes pleasure in us.

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song,  
 his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing,  
 making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.  
<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
 he adorns the humble with victory.  
<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful exult in glory;  
 let them sing for joy on their couches.

Each day is a precious gift of God. Therefore, let everything that has breath praise the LORD

~ *Pastor John*

## MMDC Spring Trip

Our church is scheduled to work at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center Friday, April 13. This a great opportunity to follow Christ’s call to serve our neighbors - local, national and global. Let’s join together to keep up the strong work in 2018!

### 2017 in Review

#### MMDC Kits and Projects Shipped:

Student School Bags - 13,335  
 Teacher School Bags - 115  
 School Desks - 284  
 Personal Dignity Kits - 36,456  
 Bikes - 391  
 Sewing Machines - 923

#### UMCOR Kits Shipped:

Health Kits - 11,761  
 Layette Kits - 1,635  
 Cleaning Buckets - 14,287  
 Bedding Kits - 336  
 School Kits - 3,089  
 Birthing Kits - 28,653

#### Summary of Operations:

Number of Volunteers - 2,314  
 Volunteer Hours - 33,217  
 In-kind Donations - 668,703 lbs  
 International Shipments - 29  
 Domestic Shipments - 201  
 Shipped out - 909,031 lbs

#### In 2017 MMDC sent supplies to the following countries:

In Africa - Ghana, Kenya, Zambia, Gambia & Uganda  
 Haiti  
 Guatemala  
 Jamaica  
 Belize  
 Dominican Republic  
 Honduras  
 Costa Rica  
 Antigua  
 St. Lucia  
 Nicaragua  
 Puerto Rico, US Territory



## Gibson Area Food Pantry



The next date we are scheduled to help with the Food Pantry (now at the old ALCO building) is March 24th. Help will also be needed on Friday evening, March 23rd to get things set up. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

## Learning in Community



Learning is a life-long process!

Pastor John attended the morning session of the District Leadership Training held at New Horizon UMC in January. Topics under the general heading of “Tearing Down Walls” were: racial, religious, ableism, and on the Way Forward.

Larry Richoz attended the session on Safe Sanctuaries. Thanks to both for continuing to learn!

Our seminary students have had busy Fall and January semesters. Sam Horsch, attending Boston University School of Theology, completed courses: History of the Christian Bible, Contextual Education, Global Christianity, and Constructive Theology. This Spring he is enrolled in The Tree at the Center of the World (Harvard)- (we will need more information about this!), Sacraments and the Arts (Boston College), and Spirit, Science, and Space. Be sure to ask Sam about his experience when he’s home for occasional breaks! Susan Schultz, (Asbury Theological Seminary), took Introduction to Koine Greek in the Fall (perhaps you saw her and her flashcards walking around GC?), and The Theology of John Wesley in January. She is now taking Inductive Bible Study of the Pauline Epistles, which is a particular method of bible study, this time focusing on the letters to the Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.

Please continue to keep Sam and Susan in your prayers as they pursue their Master’s of Divinity degrees.

## District Trip to Washington D.C.

District Superintendent Angie Lee invites you to join her June 11-15, 2018, on a trip to our nation's capitol. As we know, our world is comprised of a diversity of peoples, including those of different faith traditions, with whom we ever-increasingly encounter. This trip’s theme is ‘Interfaith Relations’ and will feature interactive, action-resulting seminars with leaders of different faith communities, a tour of the US Memorial Holocaust Museum, and a free day. Participants will travel via motor coach (bus), and lodge at William Penn House Hostel ([www.williampenhouse.org](http://www.williampenhouse.org)), which is dormitory-style. Cost is \$335 and includes transportation, lodging, seminars, breakfast each morning at the hostel, and one lunch. Registration and \$50 deposit are due March 1, (which is quick, from delivery of this newsletter!), so if interested you may want to contact the district office at 217-359-0640 to be sure it is still open. Online registration is: <https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/>

## Wesleyana Circle

Wesleyana Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 13th at 1:30pm at the Villas of Holly Brook



Thank  
You

The United Methodist Senior High mission group would like to thank everyone for their support in our fall fundraisers (nuts and peanut brittle). We have the ongoing Fannie May candy bars that are still being sold. Here are some of our

upcoming events for the spring:

- Terry Lynn nuts and fruits
- Monkey Bread in March and Mother’s Day

Thank you from Ayden, Alex, Carter, Spencer, Jackie, Rachel, Katie, Hannah, Andrea, Kim, Jim, Justin. If you have something that you think we could help our with just let Donna Douglas or Bill Hunter know and we can see if we could help you out. Thank you,  
**Donna & Bill, Group Staff.**

# PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy Birthday!*

Lyle Goltz	1	Janite Barnes	6	Amy McNutt	19	Molly Augspurger	30
Courtney Gramley	1	Halle Willoby	6	Jeremy Grider	21	Martise Evans	31
Grant Kummerow	1	Andy Bennett	7	Olivia Mullis	21		
Doug Eckerty	2	Lucas Lange	7	Cindy Bell	22		
Judy Eckhoff	2	Rebecca Littlefield	7	Alison Cowell	22		
Deanna Freehill	2	Bryan Bennett	8	Sarah Chase	23		
Jane Hill	2	Jill Greenlee	8	Diana Harmon	23		
Nellie Kinder	3	Jeremy Steidinger	9	Donald Hiner	23		
Meladee Ferguson	4	John Strebeck	10	Link Woodward	24		
Rowan Vogel	4	Karla Miller	11	Colleen Lange	25		
		Adalynn Bielfeldt	11	Liam Hawthorne	25		
		Angie Woodward	12	Shirley Rosendahl	26		
		Megan Whitehouse	13	Drake Royal	26		
		Carson Brown	13	Ross Royal	26		
		Sandy Reynolds	14	Gene Everett	27		
		Rudy Strebeck	14	Sarah Fiarfield	28		
		Dan Kearfott	18	Ruth Davis	29		



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Day	Years
Ralph & Marinell Jones	6	59
Roger & Kathleen Reum	6	19
Howard & Jo Nettleton	8	66
Jon & Bonnie Clark	19	30
Rick & Becky Young	20	38
Michael & Kaci Farmer	25	12

### Spring Forward

Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on March 10th. Daylight savings time begins March 11th at 2am!



## Mission Socks

March Mission Socks will be collected on March 17th/18th and will benefit our local contingency fund.



### Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel  
Cathy Breeden  
Dusty & Nancy Davis  
Ruth Fisher  
Doris Gerber  
Herb Green  
Doug Hager  
Phil Lutz  
Barb Murrell

## Offering & Attendance

Jan 2018 Offering for Budget	\$24,979.07
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Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
January 27th and 28th	25	112	29
February 3rd & 4th	16	94	18
February 10th & 11th	18	103	22
February 17th & 18th	20	142	32

### Nursing Home Residents

**Manor**  
Ruth Fisher  
Judy Peters  
Jane Hill  
Phil Lutz

### Annex

Mary Rosebraugh  
Sonny Boundy  
Doug Hager

**Paxton Health Care**  
Bill Dueringer

### Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young  
AB Cody McCoy  
PFC Glenn Mehl III

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



# 2018

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**  
 5:30pm—Fellowship Meal  
 6:30pm—GIG (PreK-5th Grade)  
 6:30pm—MS/HS Youth Group  
 7:30pm—Sanctuary Choir  
 8:30pm—Jake's Boys

<p>1</p>			<p>2</p>		<p>3                  Communion                   5:30 PM                  Saturday Night                  Light Worship</p>	
<p>4 Communion                  7:00 AM                  Men's Breakfast                   8:45 AM                  Traditional Worship                   10:00 AM                  Sunday School                   11:00 AM                  Contemporary                  Worship</p>	<p>5                  9:00 AM                  Prayers                   7:00 PM                  Trustees</p>	<p>6                  12:00 PM                  Lion's Club                  Lunch                   1:00 PM                  Communion                  Manor/Annex                   5:00 PM                  Praise Team</p>	<p>7                  WEDNESDAY                  NIGHT                  FELLOWSHIP                   1:00 PM                  Connection Team                   6:00 PM                  Community Lenten                  GCUMC</p>	<p>8                  7:00 PM                  Finance</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10                  5:30 PM                  Saturday Night                  Light Worship</p>
<p>11                  8:45 AM                  Traditional Worship                   10:00 AM                  Sunday School                   11:00 AM                  Contemporary                  Worship</p>	<p>12                  9:00 AM                  Prayers                   5:30 PM                  SPRC                   7:00 PM                  Covenant Council</p>	<p>13                  12:00 PM                  Lion's Club                  Lunch                   1:30 PM                  Wesleyana Circle                   5:00 PM                  Praise Team</p>	<p>14                  WEDNESDAY                  NIGHT                  FELLOWSHIP                   6:00 PM                  Communion Lenten                  American Lutheran                   7:00 PM                  Pie Night / Manor</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17                  Mission Socks                   5:30 PM                  Saturday Night                  Light Worship</p>
<p>18 Mission Socks                  8:45 AM                  Traditional Worship                   10:00 AM                  Sunday School                   11:00 AM                  Contemporary                  Worship</p>	<p>19                  9:00 AM                  Prayers</p>	<p>20                  Newsletter                  Articles Due                   12:00 PM                  Lion's Club                  Lunch                   5:00 PM                  Praise Team</p>	<p>21                  WEDNESDAY                  NIGHT                  FELLOWSHIP                   6:00 PM                  Community Lenten                  1st Christian                  Church</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Parade of                  Palms                   5:30 PM                  Saturday Night                  Light Worship</p>
<p>25 Parade of Palms                  8:45 AM                  Traditional Worship                   10:00 AM                  Sunday School                   11:00 AM                  Contemporary                  Worship</p>	<p>26                  9:00 AM                  Prayers</p>	<p>27                  10:00 AM                  Communion/                  Holly Brook                   12:00 PM                  Lion's Club                  Lunch                   5:00 PM                  Praise Team</p>	<p>28                  9:00 AM                  Newsletter Prep</p>	<p>29                  6:30 PM                  Maundy                  Thursday                  Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31                  Communion                  Easter Service                   5:30 PM                  Saturday Night                  Light Worship</p>



# MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Liturgist	Greeters (West, South, North)	Acolytes	Sound Room (8:45)	Projector (8:45)	Projector (11:00)
<b>March 4</b>	Tom Borton	Jim & Chris Hazen Don & Janet Jensen Joyce Dewey & Family	Maci Lindelof	Steve Hawthorne	Dani Eckerty	Rachel Quinley
<b>March 11</b>	Kent Bielfeldt	Jim & Chris Hazen Don & Janet Jensen Joyce Dewey & Family	Grace Steidinger	Jon Clark	Zander Wier	Katie Quinley
<b>March 18</b>	Amy Hood	Bill & Karla Hunter Phil & Jean Noellsch Jon & Bonnie Clark	Bailey Grider & Addison Farmer	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Katie Steidinger
<b>March 25</b>	Mick Kingsley	Bill & Karla Hunter Phil & Jean Noellsch Jon & Bonnie Clark	Maddox Lindelof	Steve Hawthorne	Erin Arsenault	Jeremy Steidinger

**Head Usher** for March is Kim Fisher

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