

## Valentine Boxes and Envelopes



Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and once again we are inviting you to share in giving to our special friends a gift of love. Please make valentines for those listed below. You may purchase cards or make your own!

For our military, please only include cards and notes for their Valentines. This will help in the mailing process.

Envelopes will be available starting February 3rd in the Narthex. Please have all Valentines "delivered" by Monday, February 11th.

Nancy Aden  
Joan & Delmar Bedel  
Edith Christensen  
Bill Dueringer  
Ruth Fisher  
Jeremy Grider  
Doug Hager  
Bob & Mary Hill  
Mary Hinthorn  
Phil Lutz  
Fred & Janece McCullough  
Judy Morano  
Judy Peters  
Wilma Reiners  
Mary Rosebraugh  
Carol Hari  
Marie Schneck  
Ima Jean Ping  
Joan Longmire  
Evelyn Wachstetter

**STUDENTS**  
Blythe Borton  
Garrett Frashier  
Schuyler Frashier  
Morgan Hazen  
Kaitlynn Kietzman  
Audrey Maxey  
Mitch McNutt  
Hailey Rutledge  
Jeremy Steidinger  
Doug Woodward  
Andrea Worthington  
Cayley Wilson

**MILITARY**  
AB Cody McCoy  
PFC Glenn Mehl III &  
Taylor Mehl

## GCUMC March Madness

All men and boys of our church family are invited to attend the first ever **GCUMC March Madness Celebration!**

**Date: Sunday, March 10th**

**Time: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Fellowship Hall**

**Who: All guys (ages 1 – 100!)**

There will be lots of food (wings, nachos, etc.), a wide variety of sports' related games, trivia, and fun, and our special guest, **GCMS Varsity Wrestling Coach Josh Carter.**

In order to prepare enough food, please RSVP on or before Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. RSVP by contacting the office (784-5452 or gcumc@sbcglobal.net) OR by signing up on the form located in the coffee area outside the church office.

Come alone or come with a friend or family member. Everyone is welcome to be part of the team and enjoy the celebration!

Questions? Contact the church office or a member of the Connection Team. (PS -- Ladies, if you would like to help with the event, let us know. Also, be on the lookout for YOUR event later in the Spring!)

## Chili/Oyster Supper

Mark your calendars! The Chili and Oyster dinner to benefit the local emergency workers (fire/police/EMT) will be held here in our Fellowship Hall on March 14th.

Pastor—John Tennyson

Church Phone 217-784-5452  
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*Worship*

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

## 2019 Prayer for Guidance Be Thou My Vision

The 2019 focus for our church, collectively as God's people, is to seek the face of God as the highest priority this year.

As Jesus instructed:

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

- Matthew 6:33, New Living Translation

I am inviting you to seek the Kingdom first by searching the heart and mind of God thru daily prayer for guidance:

- for ourselves
- for our family
- for our church: both inside & outside our walls
- and for our nation & world

**THE CORE INITIATIVE:** each week I will provide you a single verse for daily reflection, pondering, and conversation with God.

This single meditative verse will be provided each Sunday in each of the worship services, and will be the point of emphasis of the sermon. (We will also post it in the newsletter, emails, online, and all means possible)

I am inviting you to:

- create time and space for God throughout your day
- post the verse where you will see it multiple times, places
- read it several times a day → so that it echoes in your thoughts throughout the day
- discuss it with God: ask God for insight; and how it applies to your life and those around you:
- family, friends, co-workers, strangers, nations
- discuss it in small groups and classes.

Throughout the year we will provide other prayer and reflection opportunities in addition to our core initiative.



In February, the Connection Team will hold the annual Prayer Partner selection for adults in our church family who would like to participate.

Here is how it will work:

- If you would like to have a Prayer Partner, please complete the small informational sheet located in the weekly bulletins.
- Place your completed form in the box on the altar in the front of the church sanctuary (there is one box for men and one box for women.)
- There are two weekends that you can put your slip in to the box in order to participate; Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>/Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Likewise, there will be two weekends that you can draw for a Prayer Partner; Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> / Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> / Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our Prayer Partners are not “secret”. We encourage you to contact the person you are praying for... get to know them and how you can pray for them. The person who has your name will also do the same for you!

Praying for someone is both a privilege and a responsibility. Exchanging names within our church family is a wonderful way we can support each other as the Body of Christ. If you have any questions about our Prayer partner program, please contact the office or member of the Connection Team.

Connection Team Members are: Cathy Walker-Steidinger, Carol Steinman, Susan Hawthorne, Linda Goltz, Judy Eckhoff, Danielle Brown, Gail Anliker, Kathy Eagleson, and Bonnie Clark.

- Pastor John



## MMDC Spring Trip

Our church is scheduled to work at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center Friday, April 5th. 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 2019!

*Thank You*

Thank you very much for your telephone calls, cards, and prayers after the passing of our brother, Don Kelley. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and loving church family. May God Bless You,

**Evelyn Kelley, Mary & Jerry Holsten**

## Prayers for Our Kids



Please keep an eye out during pre-worship announcements, worship bulletins, and also during Joys & Concerns in the next few months. We will be taking time each week to pray for all of the kids in our Sunday School and Growing in God programs.

Each week a number of children will be selected and we are asking that you lift them up in your prayers during that week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

## 2019 Committees

### Covenant Council

The Covenant Council is the main decision making body of the church. It consists of the chair-people of the committees of the church and elected at-large congregational members. **We are still in need of a chairperson for this committee.** The Covenant Council meets on the second Monday of the month at 7pm in the Red Room. These meetings are open to anyone.

### SPRC

The primary goals of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) are to encourage, strengthen, nurture, and support the pastors and staff and their families, and to promote unity in the church. **We are still in need of a chair person for this committee.**

### Finance

The Finance Committee oversees the expenditures, budget, and audit of the church finances. The chairperson of finance is Kent Bielfeldt. Greg Pool is our church treasurer and our financial secretaries are Leigh Ann Sharp, Ann Young, and Karla Hunter.

### Trustees

The Trustees are mainly responsible for maintaining all church property. They also oversee Memorial Committee. Trustees meet on the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. The chairperson of trustees is Kelly Borton.

### Worship

The Worship Committee oversees most things related to our weekly worship services as well as other special services throughout the year. The worship committee meets more on a quarterly basis, so please contact a chairperson to find out when they will be meeting next. The chairperson for worship is Jenny Arsenault.

### Missions

The Mission Committee oversees the missions which GCUMC supports. They help organize mission trips and projects, raise funds, and choose the recipients of the monthly mission socks offerings. That chairperson for Missions is Kim Fisher.

### Connection Team

The Connection Team is concerned with the invitation, hospitality, and congregational care of new visitors and the members of the church. The chair person of this committee is Judy Eckhoff.

# PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy Birthday!*

Howard Rutledge	1	Donna Douglas	5	David Noellsch	12	Shirley Jackson	23
Darren Eckerty	1	Wanda Baird	6	Garrett Wright	12	Kellen Porter	23
Sandy Fairchild	1	Cody Jamison	6	Becky Young	14	Dorothy Lawless	26
Barb Horsch	2	Margaret Farmer	7	Alex Bennett	15	Sharon Heavilin	27
Joyce Dewey	3	Zach Wier	7	Fred Wittemann, Sr.	15	Laynie Howle	27
Jean Ertel	4	Seth Barnes	8	Easton Fairchild	15	Jerry Wright	27
Donald Rhodes	4	Casey Conrad	8	Steve Hawthorne	16	Brandon Clark	28
		Zachary Barnes	8	Patricia Gramley	17		
		Kim Fisher	8	Cheryl Hester	17		
		Dwaine Horsch	8	Fred Wittemann, Jr.	18		
		Chase McCall	9	Lucas McCallister	20		
		Trent Wetherell	9	Cathy Walker-Steidinger	20		
		Mitchel Quinley	10	Grant Goltz	21		
		Isaiah Chatman	11	Zachary Glascock	23		



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Day	Years
Phil & Jean Noellsch	1	44
Mike & Kenna McCall	14	32
Terry & Shelley Overman	25	41
Jeff & Judy Eckhoff	27	37
Lyle & Linda Goltz	27	48



**Paxton Health Care**  
Bill Dueringer

### Nursing Home Residents

#### Manor

Ruth Fisher  
Judy Peters  
Carol Hari  
Bob Hill  
Jane Hill  
Phil Lutz

### Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel  
Edith Christensen  
Nancy Davis  
Gabe Fairchild  
Ruth Fisher  
Bob Hill  
Phil Lutz  
Wilma Reiners

#### Annex

Mary Rosebraugh  
Doug Hager  
Marie Schneck

### Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young  
AB Cody McCoy  
PFC Glenn Mehl III

*Mission Socks*

February Mission Socks will benefit Little Achievers Preschool Academy.

## Offering & Attendance

2018 Offering for Budget	\$281,473.86
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Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
December 29th & 30th	25	88	
January 5th & 6th	13	95	30
January 12th & 13th	7	62	15
January 19th & 20th			



## LENTEN CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday—March 6  
Maundy Thursday—April 18  
Good Friday—April 19  
Easter Sunday—April 21

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Wednesday Night Fellowship</b> 5:30pm—Fellowship Meal 6:30pm—Growing in God (PreK—5th Grade) 6:30pm—Middle School Youth Group 6:30pm—High School Youth Group 7:30pm—Sanctuary Choir 8:30pm—Jake’s Boys					1	2 Communion  5:30 PM Saturday Night Light
3 Communion 7:00 AM Men’s Breakfast  8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	4 9:00 AM Prayers  7:00 PM Trustees	5 12:00 PM Lion’s Lunch  1:00 PM Communion Manor/Annex	6 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP  1:00 PM Connection Team	7	8	9 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light
10 8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	11 9:00 AM Prayers  5:30 PM SPRC  7:00 PM Covenant Council	12 Newsletter Articles Due  12:00 PM Lion’s Lunch  1:30 PM Wesleyana Circle	13 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP  7:00 PM Pie Night @ Manor	14 Valentine’s Day	15	16 Mission Socks  5:30 PM Saturday Night Light
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24 8:45 AM Traditional Worship  10:00 AM Sunday School  11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	25 9:00 AM Prayers	26 10:00 AM Communion @ Holly Brook  12:00 PM Lion’s Lunch	27 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP	28		



# FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Greeters (West, South, North)</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Sound Room (8:45)</b>	<b>Projector (8:45)</b>	<b>Projector (11:00)</b>
<b>Feb 3</b>	Mick Kingsley	Bill & Joan Pool Merle & Krista McCallister Don & Donna Douglas	Zoe Wier & Demi McCullough	Steve Hawthorne	Erin Arsenault	Katie Steidinger
<b>Feb 10</b>	Lisa Farmer	Pat Goembel & Patty Wilson Todd & Uyen Littell Eckerty Family	Grace Steidinger	Jon Clark	Dani Eckerty	Kearfott Family
<b>Feb 17</b>	Kent Bielfeldt	Pat Goembel & Patty Wilson Todd & Uyen Littell Eckerty Family	Maysen Frashier & Maci Lindelof	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Phillip Littell
<b>Feb 24</b>	Phil Noellsch	Dean & Lisa Farmer Wayne & Terry Snyder Greg & Sharon Pool	Maddox Lindelof	Steve Hawthorne	Quinley Family	Katie Steidinger

**Head Usher** for February is Kim Fisher.

## OUR STAFF

Pastor—John Tennyson cell 217-249-5453 email: [pastorgcumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorgcumc@sbcglobal.net)  
 Children/Youth Coordinator—April Rotramel cell 217-778-6728 email: [gcumcyouth@att.net](mailto:gcumcyouth@att.net)  
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 Organist—Beverly Nagle Susan Schultz, Volunteer  
 Choir Director—Ruth Davis



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