

THE FOLD

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
January 2017

CONTINUING MISSION FOCUS: OUR FOOD PANTRY

In the book of John, Chapter 6 tells the miraculous story of Jesus feeding the 5000, where a young boy puts his small gifts in Jesus' hands and they are able to provide for the multitudes. The same is true with us. When we give Jesus our gifts, the blessings multiply.

When we launched our Food Pantry ministry in August of 2015, we served 11 families. In November and December of 2016, we served 39 families (representing 140 people) and 33 families (95 people). As the ministry grows, so does the cost of groceries – which include fresh bread and produce.

Food is also donated from the congregation, groups who use our building, and other individuals. In addition, we periodically receive surplus food from the city.



In order to cover gaps in donated items and provide fresh bread and produce,

the food pantry spends about \$600 per month. Due to the growth of our pantry over the past year, most of the funds in the account have been used. We are in urgent need of cash donations to continue this ministry in 2017. We are looking to raise \$5,000.



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Pastor

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday,
10:00am – 3:00 pm

Sunday Schedule

9:15 am: God's Love in
ACTion
9:30 am: Adult Sunday
Study
10:30 am: Worship Service
Coffee & Conversation in
Fellowship Hall following
worship.

United Methodist Men

Dinner meeting 1st Monday
each month at 6 pm -
Leon's on Michigan Ave.



A Thought on John Wesley's "The Way to the Kingdom"

Rev Seok Nam Lim

For John Wesley the conception of the kingdom of God reflects "the nature of true religion" ("The Way to the Kingdom" from *John Wesley's Sermons*). The kingdom of God is "the substance of the gospel," in his terms, made real through the historical coming of Jesus for the salvation of the sinners, and also the present and experiential reality on earth, whose reign is established among the people, especially in their hearts. God's kingdom is not only a historical achievement of the gospel of Christ but also a reality we can experience today.

Further, Wesley argues that our hope for God's kingdom and its growth and progress has the objective, ontological and unshakeable foundation. Christ himself is our righteousness, our defense, our salvation, and our refuge. God shows his sovereign grace to us to prevent us from doing evil against God and our neighbors and to interrupt us to "procure every possible good" acceptable to God ("The Way to the Kingdom"). God himself is the builder of his kingdom; God's kingdom is founded upon God's righteousness in Christ and maintained by the intercession of Christ, so that it will not be wavered or staggered by human conditions.

Christian discipleship is to make God's kingdom an experiential reality in the world, transforming God's sovereign grace into real life experience. We are called to live in the spiritual and personal growth and to transform our social life according to the gospel of Christ, so that we may experience the growth and progress of the kingdom of God among us.

In this sense, Wesley argues that religion is more than orthodoxy or right opinions. We can have orthodox religion but be strangers to the kingdom of God unless our hearts are transformed by the Holy Spirit and according to the truth of the Word of God. Genuine and authentic religion is the religion of "a heart toward God and man," which brings happiness and joy into us ("The Way to the Kingdom"). It convinces us of the peace with God, which makes us overcome fear of death, evils and Satan, and tasted the power of God's kingdom to come. Our orthodoxy will be proved by our orthopraxis, through which we will keep us in God's presence and experience the progress of God's kingdom whatever happens to us in the world.

This year we will continue to see God's kingdom made real on earth through the transformation of our personal, spiritual and social life. We will continue to bring the fruit of the Holy Spirit, justice, peace and charity, into our life, not stopping to change our image into the image of Christ and experience his glory within us. Our primary Christian virtue is to love God the Lord with our whole mind and all of our strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In putting into practice this virtue we will see our congregation and our community life transformed according to the gospel of Christ for the kingdom of God on earth. We will experience the whole world renewed in Christ and let the people know that we belong to the kingdom of God and we are Christ's disciples.

From Wikipedia:

Orthodoxy (from Greek ὀρθοδοξία, *orthodoxia* – "right opinion") is adherence to correct or accepted creeds

Orthopraxy (a neoclassical compound ὀρθοπραξία, *orthopraxia* – "correct practice") is correct conduct, both ethical and liturgical

Fruitfulness Project: Sermon Evaluation

Completing a fruitfulness project is a requirement for ordination in the United Methodist Church. Pastor Lim has chosen sermon evaluation for his project.

The ultimate goal of the project is to help each other - pastor and congregation - grow in their understanding of Scripture, since we all come from different circumstances, cultural contexts, and experiences. The evaluation will encourage and cultivate the pastor for effective communication with the congregation, and its focus is on (a) how to help the pastor develop communication with the congregation and grow in his understanding of the congregational life, and (b) what impact the sermon can have on congregational life and how it can help the congregation formulate its own vision.

Using the sermon summary from each week's bulletin, those who wish to participate (and all are encouraged to participate!) will meet on Thursday evenings at 5pm for five weeks (January 19 - February 12) in the fellowship hall. A signup sheet is in the opportunity center. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Lim.

Joy Ride

Our next Joy Ride after that will be on Sunday, January 1st. This is a busy time of year, but it is also a time of giving – so please consider helping deliver cookies to those who have to work.

Adopting a Family for Christmas – Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the "Giving Tree". The family was so thankful for your kindness and generosity. We are so blessed to have our church family come together. God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Office Hours

Please note that Pastor Lim is on vacation through January 12. For pastoral care while he is out of town, please contact Rev. Tracy Huffman of Dearborn First UMC at the church at 313-563-5200.

Pastor Lim will also be out of the office on Thursday, January 26th for group mentoring for the Detroit annual conference.

Spaghetti Dinner

January 6th brings the first spaghetti dinner of the new year. There is no doubt that everyone has a multitude of things to do in anticipation of Christmas. Please keep the dinner from being forgotten in the hustle and bustle of the season.

Help is always needed at every dinner, but perhaps even more so this month due to it being at the end of the holidays. Many will be enjoying their last couple of days away from work or school and enjoying time with friends and family. YOUR help, time and energy will be immensely appreciated.



Please add your name to the signup sheet at the Opportunity Center for any of the possibilities to lend a hand with the dinner. There are many options for various times and days - Thursday morning is veggie chopping for the salad bar and vegetarian sauce, Friday morning is the Fellowship Hall set up and also the sauce preparation, plus there are many things to be done during and after the actual dinner. Thank you!

And invite friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to join you for dinner!

GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION
SERVE WITH JOY!



GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION
Join us before worship from
9:15-10:15am

*Goals: To Serve with Christian Joy &
Grow the Seeds of Faith*
Inter-generational experience
All ages are welcome!

Special Activity:

**January 8 & 15: Create garden
stones & discuss gardens of the
Bible**

Coming Attractions: Skits

Celebrate!

Happy Anniversary!

Jan 25 Nancy & Doug Murdoch

Happy Birthday!

Jan 3 Andrew Barna
Jan 10 Shelly Taft
Jan 11 Bruce Coburn
Jan 12 Jeremy Price
Jan 17 Danielle Lewis
Bea Woehlke
Jan 21 Kendra Durkee
Jan 24 Nathan Gottron
Jan 26 Mary Catherine Luoma
Jan 28 Dominic Lewis
Jan 29 Julie Connick

Nativity Presentation
Sunday, December 11



Our Good Shepherd (Jesus) was glorified by the retelling of His birth on Sunday, December 11 by God's Love in ACTION.



Joseph and Mary were proud, but humbled parents. Many gorgeous angels and intrigued shepherds witnessed his birth and then declared the good news to all. Wise men once again presented precious gifts to honor the baby boy.

The timeless story reinforces our hope, joy, peace, and love for the new year ahead.



Looking Forward in Worship

Message and Text

Jan 1	Speaker: Jean Mackey	
Jan 8	Speaker: Dean Lewis	
Jan 15	The Blessed Life for God's People	Psalm 1
Jan 22	The Blessing in the Son of God (1)	Psalm 2
Jan 29	The Blessing in the Son of God (2)	Psalm 2

Worship Leader

Jan 1	Sandie Post
Jan 8	Carla Schneider
Jan 15	Dean Lewis
Jan 22	Georgia Grovesteen
Jan 29	Sandy Lowe

Ushers

Jan 1	Al Costantino & Donna Eberhart
Jan 8	Annie Smith & Anita Polzin
Jan 15	Anita Polzin & Donna Eberhart
Jan 22	Al Costantino & Annie Smith
Jan 29	Donna Eberhart & Annie Smith

Acolytes	Josh Costantino Sabrina Perry
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Counters

1 st	Sandy Lowe & Jim Woods
2 nd	David Johnson & Scott Williams
3 rd	Carla Schneider & Sandy Lowe
4 th	Sandy Lowe & Jim Woods
5 th	David Johnson & Scott Williams

Greeters

1 st	Anita Polzin & Pam Post
2 nd	Donna Eberhart & Anita Polzin
3 rd	Annie Smith & Paula Turbett
4 th	Donna Eberhart & Pam Post
5 th	Anita Polzin & Paula Turbett

Communion Servers

Jan 1	No communion
Jan 8	No communion
Jan 15	Donna Eberhart & Dean Lewis
Jan 22	Jan Woods & Kathy Lewis
Jan 29	Sandie Post & Donna Eberhart

Nursery

1 st	Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson
2 nd	Liz Cairo & Kathy Lewis
3 rd	Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson
4 th	Kathy Lewis & Paula Turbett
5 th	Liz Cairo & Lori Lawson

Openers

1 st	Thomas Garrant
2 nd	Al Costantino
3 rd	Scott Williams
4 th	Marti Boynton Tamaroglio
5 th	Georgia Grovesteen



Lisa Andrews, Gary & Diane Atkins, Bondy family, Marg Brink, Ron Collier, Devine family, Griffin family, Rev. James Herbolsheimer, Helen Hosker, Robert & Kathy James, Jeff Joyce, Shirley Lantz, Lamp family, Delores Lebeck, Doug & Lynn Lebeck, Aron & Danielle Lewis & family, Elmer Lugh, Jack & Marilyn MacTavish, Drew & Elizabeth McDonald, Mesick & Hood family, Gayle Mihalik & family, Bill Noble, James Oliver & family, Amber Przygocki & family, Samantha Myers & family, Pigeon family, Sally Rausch, Mercedes Ruiz family, Ann Schaub, Michael Schlorff, Megan Schroeder, Tim Shaw family, Marie Shearer, Art Spears, George & Karen Stoops, Coleen Tesnow, Jeremy Travis, Andrew Urban, Nate Wilson, Marlene & Tom Zerger, Fran Zimmerman

Our Home Bound

(Addresses and Phone Numbers in Current Directory or Church Office)

Judy Barker, Anne Creek, Helen Hickey, Mary Catherine Luoma, Robert Signoretti

Our Military & Their Families

Zachary Danke, US Army

Articles for the February Fold
are due in the office by
January 15



Ellen Molatka

It is with sadness that Good Shepherd has learned of the death of Ellen Malotka, on December 11, 2016 at the age of 90 years old. She died peacefully while in the hospital from complications of pneumonia.

She was born on August 25, 1926 in Detroit, and was a graduate of Cass Tech High School and the Harper Hospital School of Nursing. Mrs. Malotka was a registered nurse and worked her entire career at Oakwood Hospital and Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. She married Carl in 1955, and they raised two sons in Dearborn.

The Malotkas were long-time members at Good Shepherd. Fred Michaelson shared that Ellen's late husband Carl joined the church in 1940, and Ellen became a member in good standing in 1956. The entire family was active during their many years at Good Shepherd. Carl sang in the choir, Ellen was known as an excellent baker, and both sons participated in the youth fellowship program as teenagers. Their involvement included service projects around the church, as well as mission trips, and social events and outings.

After Carl's retirement, the Malotkas split their time between homes in northern Michigan and Florida. When Carl died in 2013, Ellen downsized to a condominium in Farmington Hills, and then later to a smaller apartment in Saginaw to be nearer to her son, Kevin (Cathy), and his family. A second son, Kent (Joan), survives her, along with three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. It was her wish to be cremated. Memorial service arrangements at Saginaw First United Methodist Church are pending for early 2017. Pastor Lim has requested that we be advised of the arrangements. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the First United Methodist Church of Saginaw Memorial Garden (4790 Gratiot Rd, Saginaw, MI 48638).

The obituary of Mrs. Malotka is in the Saginaw News, and Good Shepherd archivist Fred Michaelson contributed to this remembrance.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Adult Sunday Study 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am Joy Ride	2	3 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	4	5 Veggie Prep 9:00 am	6 Sauce Prep 10 am Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm	7
8 God's Love in ACTION 9:15 am Adult Sunday Study 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am Finance Committee following worship	9	10 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	11 Choir 7 pm	12	13	14
15 God's Love in ACTION 9:15 am Adult Sunday Study 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am Fold Articles Due!	16 Spark 6:30 pm	17 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	18 Food Pantry Prep 1 pm Choir 7 pm	19 Tai Chi 10 am	20	21 Monthly Food Pantry 9-11 am
22 God's Love in ACTION 9:15 am Adult Sunday Study 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am	23	24 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	25 Choir 7pm	26 Tai Chi 10 am	27	28 Prayer Shawls 9 am
29 God's Love in ACTION 9:15 am Adult Sunday Study 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am Fifth Sunday Clothing Drive 12 pm	30	31 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	February 1 Choir 7 pm	2 Veggie Prep 9 am Tai Chi 10 am	3 Sauce Prep 10 am Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm	4

Worship for Oakwood Common residents is on Sundays at 1 PM and for Hubbard West residents on 2nd Sundays at 4:30 PM.

Looking Ahead

Fifth Sunday Clothing Drive

Sunday, January 29 • 12:00 pm

Benefitting the Redford Brightmoor Free Store

Clean out your closets!

The store also accepts gently-used appliances; please contact Brightmoor directly to arrange a pick-up.

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