



Welcome to the

Archbold United Methodist Church

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Sunday, February 4, 2018

This Week's Calendar

Sunday:

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship / Refreshments -
- 10:45 a.m. MS/HS youth class - The Rock
- 10:45 a.m. Faith class - room 203
- 10:45a.m. The Daniel Prayer—Room 201

Our Upcoming Week:

Tuesday:

- 9:45 a.m. Women's Prayer Group
- 6-8 p.m. Broadway Beat Practice
- 7:00 p.m. TLC @ Rock

Wednesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group @ Carol Ann's
- 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Bags
- 6-7:30 p.m. Prayer Partners
- 6:30 p.m. JAM

Thursday:

- 7:00 p.m. Nehemiah Group @ Rock

Friday:

- 7-11 p.m. Friday's @ the Rock

Saturday:

- 9-11 a.m. Broadway Beat Practice
- 4:30 p.m. Mass: St. Peter's Trip w/ Confirmation Kids

This Week's Birthdays:

Feb. 4: Liz Bentz

Feb. 8: Carolyn Fidler

This Week's Anniversary's

Roger & Marilyn Johnson

Prayer Requests: Kathie Weaver (Connie Nicolen's sister), Evelyn Rubash (Myrna Wyse's Mother) , Dick Gunn (Rachel's Son) , Family of John Patterson "JP" (Cal's son-in-law, John passed away Thur. Morning) . *Prayer requests can be written on the tear-off response card attached to your bulletin, and left in the offering plate.*

AUMC Staff:

Lead Pastor:	Pastor Jim Nathan
Director of Music Ministries:	Susie Slawinski
Director of Christian Education:	April Simon
Office Manager:	Mary Hooser
Ministers:	Congregation

UP-DATE to Women's Fellowship Activities February 7-1:00 p.m. at AUMC Pack College Kids Care Packages.

You are invited to gather us in the fellowship hall on Wed. at 1:00 to join in sharing God's love with our 8 college students. **The congregation is invited to bring in items from the list below by Sunday Feb. 4th.**

Just items— no boxes are needed. Contact Cathy Laub for questions.

Candy, Dried fruit, granola bars, microwave popcorn, microwave macaroni & cheese, soup, packaged crackers or cookies, gum, individual packets of coffee/tea/hot chocolate/hot cider, office supplies, quarters for vending machines and postage stamps for those rare snail mail letters.

March 14 - 11:00 a.m. PI Day with Pastor Jim & Jami

Typically "PI" is a mathematical symbol π (3.1415), but we will claim the day for "PIE" and enjoy it in a variety of ways. Lunch with Pastor Jim and Jami.

April 24-1:15pm BINGO at Fairlawn Our turn to host bingo for the residents at Fairlawn. Approximately 8 volunteers will be needed.



In Other Words...

Yesterday, a small group of us facilitated a move on behalf of a client of the PATH Center. Like any time you submit yourself to be a servant in the example of Christ, the day had its frustration; but I want to share about the other thing that happened yesterday.

Part way through the morning I received a phone call from my son, he was on the verge of tears. He had just been approached by a professor he knew to be on the selection committee for the University in regards to graduate student applications for the sciences department inquiring if he had received his offer letter yet (interpretation: Jered has been accepted to the Master's Program for UC!). Now for most students this is an accomplishment, for Jered (as of three years ago) it had seemed like an impossibility.

Jered went off to the University of Cincinnati with aspirations to be a high school science teacher. As he got closer to his first classes he had determined, why stop there... Masters, PhD, teach at the university level! The challenge being the first two semesters he failed three classes, two of them science classes. His problem was not the typical I'm gonna party, I'm not gonna study that many students have; it was that that the book store had run out of books for those classes and he did not get them until two-three weeks after class had begun. Mom and Dad had this wild, crazy idea (on the first day of class mind you), go and talk to the professor... let her/him know that you have no books. They can help.

Did he do it? NOOOOOOOOOOOO.

So by the time he did have books, he was six lessons and four labs in the rears with no way to catch up. Over the course of time, he did replace some of those grades (and a couple others affected along the way).

The first major breakthrough occurred when Dr. Ben Feldmeyer showed up at UC. Dr. Feldmeyer is a professor of criminology and Jered took his class. Ben Feldmeyer is the son of my mentor, Rev. Dean Feldmeyer... so Jered already had a relationship with Ben (though they had never met). After class, they could talk PK (preacher kid) stories and relate about different things (oh, professors can be relatable (not always but sometimes)).

The second major breakthrough occurred when Jered met Dr. Patrick Guerra. Dr. Guerra was seeking lab assistants and Jered was the first to apply. As Jered was the first (and only one whose name Dr. Guerra could remember) all subsequent lab assistants were Jered 2, Jered 3, Jered 4... Dr. Guerra spent a great deal of time mentoring Jered; encouraged him that he could still achieve his dream despite the rough start. It mattered more what efforts he took to fix those setbacks and who was on his side when he applied. Dr. Guerra knew all this because he himself had followed the same difficult path.

Needless to say, I am a proud parent today.

But my point in sharing all this is to say, this IS how God works. God works WITHIN our lives, ALONG SIDE our efforts. God makes available resources, people, opportunities along the way, and when we recognize them and use them we will be blessed. In the midst of that strong statement, yes, sometimes it takes a long time (this was five years, two years of down three years of up, and twists and turns all along the way (and this is not the end, two years of Masters, two-three or more of PhD)). Along the way, tragedy can always strike, we live in a broken world. But God works within our lives, we have to be open to recognize it.

When I got off the phone with my son, I stood by the truck and sang the doxology to myself with tears in my eyes.

Oh and just as an aside, Jered works with butterflies and moths. Now Jered has always been into science but never really bugs. We always figured he would chase dinosaur bones or cheetahs or some such thing. Except, then we remembered that the first time Jered got in trouble at pre-kindergarten class (and sent to the office) was for drinking the water out of the ant farm... Go figure!

How God works.

See ya in Church! Pastor Jim

Readings of the Pastor:

Floodgates, by Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey

YOU'RE INVITED:

Route 2G kids would like to invite any member of the congregation who is 65 years or older to attend Sunday School during Sunday School hour with them on February 11th. We will be talking about love and doing a lot of great activities. So grab your coffee and come on down to the basement for fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Vicki Schaffner.

Last Sunday January 28th was the tin bucket collection. A large Thank You to all of you for your support to the kids. The kids collected \$207.66.

"The Middle School youth group is already in preparation for Ash Wednesday"



Simon Says

Lion's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast.

Date: Sunday Feb. 4, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Place: Ruihley Park Pavilion

This is free. We will be open to offerings to raise money for Community Projects. Hope to see you there.

Thank You

Archbold Lions Club.

Senior Care Group

Next get together will be in March - probably around the 14th.

We can celebrate the passing of another winter. Watch for more info.

Friday's@theRock: I would like to thank those again who have so graciously given of their time to volunteer during the month of January. Currently, we are in need of at least **TWO** more people to sign up and fill the rest of February's dates. This is an exciting month for us as we begin to move into some bible studies with the kids. Please consider this an opportunity to truly participate in an outreach opportunity for those who might not have heard His word otherwise.

We are still looking for games, cards, Wii games, games for the PlayStation, and puzzles. In addition to that, we are low on our supply of pop. Please consider donating any of the following choices: Pepsi, Orange, Grape, and Red Crush, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Root Beer, Cherry Pepsi, Hug's (juice bottles), or the Red Mountain Dew. We are still good with water (thanks to Bill Dunn!) but typically go through a case a week.

High School Sunday School: We are meeting this Sunday – we are starting a new series, so even if you haven't joined us yet, it is NOT too late to start now.

Middle School/High School Groups: We are full speed ahead in our preparations for Ash Wednesday. **PLEASE NOTE:** **YOU ARE REHEARSING THIS SUNDAY** for the service during your regular Sunday school time.

For all students involved – please plan on coming this Sunday so you can get your specific parts to take home and practice, and then rehearse as a group. We may not get another chance to practice so attendance this Sunday is very important. We hope to see you all there!

Prayer Partners: I am excited to say that we are getting ready and excited for our next gathering scheduled for Wed, Feb. 7th 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to make this gathering, please contact either Cathy or I, no later than Feb 4th, to allow for proper planning.

Confirmation Class: Our next meeting will be gathering at St. Peter Catholic Church, Feb. 10th, NO LATER than 4:15pm, as mass promptly starts at 4:30pm and we will want to be in our seats ready to worship by then. If you are meeting me for a ride, we are promptly meeting at AUMC at 4:00pm. We will then gather back at AUMC for a meal and discussion after mass. If you have any questions, feel free to let Pastor Jim or myself know.

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			31 7:00 pm SPRC- Rock	1 6:30 pm Grace Small Group	2 7-11 pm Friday's @ the Rock	3
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18 9:30 am Service	19 7:00 pm IFD Team Rm 201	20 9:45am Ladies Prayer Group 6-8pm Broadway Beat 7:00 pm Staff Meeting	21 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group @ Carol Ann's 6:30 pm Middle School 6:30 pm JAM	22 10-12 am Cluster Group- Narthex	23 7-11pm Friday's @ the Rock	24 9-11am Broadway Beat 10-3 pm Healing Communities Training
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