



# Welcome to the

# Archbold United Methodist Church

401 Ditto Street Archbold, OH 43502 419-445-5566

Sunday, March 4, 2018

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday:

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship / Refreshments -
- 10:45 a.m. Route 2G Sunday school
- 10:45 a.m. MS youth class - The Rock
- 10:45 a.m. Faith class - room 203
- 10:45 a.m. No "The Daniel Prayer" class (will resume next week)

### Our Upcoming Week:

### Monday:

7:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

### Tuesday:

9:45 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

### Wednesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Group @ Carol Ann's
- 6:30 p.m. JAM
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 6:30 p.m. New Members Class

### Friday:

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

### This Week's Birthdays:

- Mar. 4: Diana Evans
- Mar. 6: Claiborn Vonier
- Mar. 7: Susie Slawinski
- Mar. 8: Rachel Gun
- Mar. 9: Paige Merillat  
Tobi Ziegler  
Jodelle Sparks
- Mar. 10: Blaney Huffman

### This Week's Anniversary's

John & Anna Funk  
Todd & Julia Ronngren

**Prayer Requests:** Dick Gunn (Rachel's Son) , Sanford Thomas (Audrey Burkholder's father) . *Prayer requests can be written on the tear-off response card attached to your bulletin, and left in the offering plate.*

### AUMC Staff:

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

Be patient with us. The two Narthex restrooms are being totally redecorated and refurbished. The several steps will stretch out over a few weeks due to reordering and coordinating schedules. Restrooms will remain functional throughout the process.

Trustees

## UP-DATE to Women's Fellowship Activities

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

Typically "PI" is a mathematical symbol  $\pi$  (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.

May 9, 10 & 11: Thrift Sale: ALL HANDS ON DECK! Set up will be May 7-8-9. Sale will open on Wednesday afternoon (the 9th) and run thru Friday. Bag day will be all day on Friday.



## In Other Words...

Race Relations

Homosexuality

Gun Control

What's next! What new controversy is pastor going to spring on us next?!?

Well, I would turn your attention back to that sermon series last summer about the Storm. Remember, the painting by Rembrandt?

The famous painting, stolen from a gallery in Boston a number of years ago, and as yet, still unrecovered, depicts Jesus being awoken by the disciples in the midst of a terrible storm. All of the disciples are in various places of panic, some complaining or pleading with Jesus, some frantically trying to save the boat, others in some state of inability to do anything... and the storm rages on.

Then there was that great worship service in the midst of that series with an empty bulletin. The whole worship service was out of sequence and there was no telling what was to happen next ('cause there was nothing in the bulletin). Oh, the number of people who went back to the ushers to get another bulletin because theirs was empty... makes me giddy. I have to tell you, I was never more excited and terrified of how a service would go as I was that day. EVERYONE REMEMBERS THE SERVICE; but do we remember the point?

The point was that chaos (storms) happen in life. They can be personal, they can be corporate, or they can be societal. They can lead to tragic consequences, and at times, God's providence intervenes and tragedy is averted. Sometimes they are of our own making, sometimes they are based upon a span of time and inter-lapping decisions by multiple people – our own corporate making. Sometimes they are just happenstance. Sometimes they are foreseeable and other times they are random and out of the blue.

The only thing that is certain is that they happen.

The question is about how you respond. Do you respond with fear? Do you respond with faith?

It is human to respond with fear. It is part of our basic fight or flight response that is hard-wired

within our very DNA. To not fear in the mist of the unknown would be very un-human. So to make the dichotomy simply about fear and faith is generally unfair (but the typically accepted way we tend to go). I really don't think that fear is the absence of faith... rather, faith is the facing of fear WITH THE ASSURANCE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD in the midst of our fear.

Time and time again, the stories of scripture point to faith. Faithful people standing up to the insurmountable odds against the individual or the corporate; doing so despite stated or unstated presence of human fear, with the assurance that God is present and will provide. Sometimes there are positive results – David standing up against Goliath. Sometimes there are tragic results – the exile of Israel to Babylon. Always, there is the witness of placing those faithful lives in the trusted hands of God, regardless of the outcome. And what we find, if we are to be truly seeking to be about God's will, is that we should actually be looking for the storm that we might sail directly into it and continue to witness to the power of God.

Oh yeah, that was the point of that sermon series.

To follow in the example of Jesus, we must remember that from his very birth, people sought to kill him. Throughout his ministry, he sought out the opportunities to speak truth to power and to confront the issues that plagued the faithful of His day. That even unto the cross He displayed love; love of God, love of neighbor, love of enemy, love to those who were there to take His very life.

We are living in a complex time. There are all sorts of complex intersecting issues that challenge our sense of right and wrong, and what really is the will of God... but it is hardly unprecedented. It is remindful of the complexities faced in the 1960s and 70s (the Cold War, segregation, Vietnam) and before that the 1930s and 40s (the rise of Fascism, World War). Each generation passes on a legacy of how it dealt (or failed) in the face of those problems and issues. Hopefully, prayerfully, our legacy in this place and time will show that we faced the storms with faith and as a witness to the God who is ever faithful.

**See ya in Church!**  
**Pastor Jim**

**Readings of the Pastor:**

Floodgates, by Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey



### Being United Methodist

We often say that John Wesley never sought to start a 'new church'; and yet, here we are. And if you are going to be United Methodist, you probably ought to know a little about what that means. Pastor Jim will be leading a class for prospective new members about what it means to be United Methodist Wednesday evenings March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm in the Adult Sunday School Rooms. While this is meant for new members, anyone is welcome to come and be reminded a

little about what makes Methodism a little different, a little unique from other denominations; our theology, our polity and our discipline.

### CHANGE CLOCKS & BATTERIES

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, March 11, 2018, and our clocks "spring ahead" one hour. It is a good idea to ask a family member, neighbor or property owner to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks

### Senior Care Group

Next get together will be in March. We can celebrate the passing of another winter. Watch for more info.



The Archbold Fish Pantry Board invites you to a two-hour seminar, "Bridges Out of Poverty," on Saturday, March 10, beginning at 9:00 am at St. John's Christian Church.

Shirley Fry from Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center will help us explore the experience of people living in generational poverty. "If you didn't grow up in poverty, you may be unaware of the 'hidden rules' that govern many aspects of life for the poor. People in poverty are often in survival mode, where the future holds little promise, and support systems taken for granted in middle class and wealth are nonexistent. If your business, agency, or organization works with people from poverty, only a deeper understanding of their challenges—and strengths—will help you partner with them to create opportunities for success."

While the seminar is free and walk-ins are welcome, for planning purposes we encourage you to RSVP to Lynn by calling or texting her at 419-572-6538 or by sending an email to [fish43502@gmail.com](mailto:fish43502@gmail.com).

### ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH . . . IT'S PI[E] DAY!

March 14 at 11:00am

Enjoy some fellowship time together with Pastor Jim and Jami in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Pi Day with pie!

Please sign up at the Welcome Center so that an approximate number can be given to the Na-thans for meal preparation purposes.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF RESIDENT BISHOP

### Bishop Gregory Palmer

Over this past weekend, many areas around our state have suffered from flooding. Our conference and district disaster leaders along with local congregations have been engaged in offering hope, leadership, and supplies. Bishop Palmer is asking you to join in supporting the disaster response in the following ways:

1. **Pray** for families and businesses affected by current flooding and those responding.
2. **Give** a financial gift to support the work within the conference. Make checks payable to **West Ohio Conference**. In the memo line, write "West Ohio Disaster Fund." Mail the check to: West Ohio Conference, 32 Wesley Boulevard, Worthington, OH 43085; or, put it in the offering plate.

At this time, the conference is asking for contributions to assist West Ohio's response directly instead of giving to UMCOR. 100% of your contribution will support disaster response within the West Ohio Conference.

If you have any questions, please contact Jami Nathan, Chair, Risk-Taking Missions.

Many thanks to our loving, caring, and praying church family. My sister, Kathie Weaver, has completed a difficult, lengthy round of Chemo and Radiation for her Stage 3 Lung Cancer. Her recent tests show great results at this point and no spreading of the Cancer! We Praise God and celebrate the Power of Prayer! The doctors continue to monitor her and will do more testing in 3 months. She is feeling very good and focusing on regaining her strength.

Thank you all so very much,  
Connie & Jim Nicolen.



"Sure, it might still be snowing, but it is less than 100 days before the first United Methodist Summer Camps begin!! Start planning your summer fun and spend some special time with God- go on-line to [www.westohiocamps.org](http://www.westohiocamps.org) or pick up a flyer at the welcome center to check out the great selection of camping opportunities available. Camp Widewater, nearby in Liberty Center, is one of three United Methodist camps to choose from in Ohio. There is a camp for everyone...from single day experiences and two night adventures to family camping days, week long excursions, and the very popular grandchild/grandparents camp! Don't worry- you sleep in air conditioned dorms at the lodge, it's really "glamping" (glamour-camping!!). The church has scholarships available to interested campers. Keep watching for more information coming soon or ask April Simon or Cristin Hagans for more details."



**Friday's@theRock:** We are still looking to fill up the remaining spots for March. Please consider spending an evening with us! You will also notice an ongoing shopping list in the newsletter for The Rock. These are things we could use on a regular basis. Of course the "Pop" needs vary, but it would be great to have a supply built up. If you are able to donate any items, they may be dropped off at the front office, my office, or The Rock. Thanks!!!!

Just as a reminder, here's what it looks like if you're a volunteer on a typical Friday night:

- Arrive at 6:45 to assist in setting up.
- Greet and get to know kids – most of them have familiar family members in the community
- Play games, talk/listen to kids, help in kitchen if needed, and listen during meeting time with the group
- Help maintain a safe and neutral environment
- Smile, laugh, have fun
- Help clean up at 11
- Go home knowing you helped make this night awesome for high schoolers and repeat – lots!

**High School Group:** We will NOT be meeting March 4<sup>th</sup> as I will be in Defiance with the Confirmation Class. Please make sure you've read CH 1-2 and reviewed the reflection questions.

**Middle School Youth Group:** Don't forget to read your "Rock" edition of Paul and Barnabas' missionary journey so we can discuss next time!

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# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<sup>1</sup> 6:30 pm Grace Small Group	<sup>2</sup> 7-11 pm Fridays @ the Rock	<sup>3</sup> 9-11 am Broadway Beat
<sup>4</sup> Confirmation Kids in Defiance @ The Xperience Church	<sup>5</sup> 7:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	<sup>6</sup> 9:45 am Ladies Prayer Group	<sup>7</sup> 7:00 am Men's Group @ Carol Ann's 6:30 pm JAM 6:30 pm Middle School 6:30 p.m. New Members Class	<sup>8</sup>	<sup>9</sup> 7-11 pm Fridays @ the Rock	<sup>10</sup> 1-4 p.m. Birthday Party @ Rock
<sup>11</sup> UMCOR Sunday Daylight Saving Ends: Spring forward 1 hr.	<sup>12</sup>	<sup>13</sup> 9:45 am Ladies Prayer Group 7:00 pm TLC @ Rock	<sup>14</sup> 11:00 am PI with Pastor and Jamie 6:30 pm JAM 6:30 pm Middle School 6:30 p.m. New Members Class	<sup>15</sup> 6:30 pm Grace Small Group	<sup>16</sup> 7-11 pm Fridays @ the Rock	<sup>17</sup>
<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup> 7:00 p.m. IFD— Rm 201	<sup>20</sup> 9:45 am Ladies Prayer Group	<sup>21</sup> 7:00 am Men's Group @ Carol Ann's 6:30 pm JAM 6:30 pm Middle School	<sup>22</sup> 7:00 p.m. Nehemiah Tem	<sup>23</sup> 7-11 pm Fridays @ the Rock	<sup>24</sup>
<sup>25</sup> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Tin Bucket Offering for the kids	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup> 9:45 am Ladies Prayer Group 7:00 pm TLC @ Rock	<sup>28</sup> Holy Week	<sup>29</sup> 7:00 p.m. Service	<sup>30</sup> <b>Good Friday</b> 7:00 p.m. @ St. Martins Lutheran Church	<sup>31</sup>