

First United Methodist Church

Methodist Outreach

"We're Saving a Seat for You!"

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Here I am writing another newsletter article and I have a familiar theme to discuss, there is a lot going on. It seems like this is just a normal state of affairs for us at Coweta FUMC which is good, and now is no different. There are the normal activities like chime choir rehearsal and Bible studies, but we are also preparing for the season of Lent and looking into new opportunities for the church. On February 9th, there will be an informational meeting to see if we will restart our United Methodist Women's group. I am told the idea is to focus on the community action and missional aspects of the organization. Also, I understand the women who participate in WOW on Monday evenings are planning something special for Lent.

Having just returned from my pilgrimage to the Holy Lands, I am really excited about the coming Lenten season. Everything about the Lent and Easter season will be different for me since I have been in the places that are described throughout the stories. I will always remember walking down the road that Jesus took on Palm Sunday to enter Jerusalem. Easter will be especially changed now that I have prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and at the Garden Tomb. These sites and others will forever color my understanding of our Holy Week observances and make them more real.

Along with all of these considerations, I am currently finishing up the paperwork portion of my ordination process. I then have interviews to go through with the expectation of being ordained at annual conference after Memorial Day. I truly covet all of your prayers as I continue on this path. I will keep you all updated as the process goes forward. Lastly, I want to say a word about the special called General Conference scheduled in February to address how the United Methodist Church will address human sexuality going forward. I expect you all know I will not shy away from letting you know what is happening and what impact the decisions will have on the local church. I ask that each of you add the conference to your prayer list and let us all be patient as we wait for the outcome. I want everyone to remember that regardless of the decisions made in St. Louis, we are still a family of faith and we will work through any situation.

Pastor John



IT'S A NEW MONTH

Be sure to continue your visits with your neighbors this month and pick up their pledged canned goods for CARD/Grace Center. Let Pastor John know if you have any questions.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men's breakfast 8:00 am
3 9:45 Sun School 10:45 Worship	4 6:30 WOW (Women of the Word)	5	6 Chime Choir practice 5:30-6:15 6pm Gathering Meal 7pm Bible Study	7	8	9 UMW Breakfast 8:00 am Meeting 8:30 am
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February 2 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 am

February 9 - Informational meeting about reorganizing the UMW Chapter at Coweta FUMC. Any women who would like to participate are welcome to come for breakfast at 8:00 am with the meeting to follow at 8:30 am. Watch for further announcements in the future.

February 15-17 - Women's retreat at Egan



Lent is a time of preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. This year WOW is accepting the challenge of "Forty Days-Forty Items"; choosing to give up something for others. The ladies will remove one item of clothing from their closet the no longer wear each day of Lent. At the end of the 40 days of Lent, they will then donate the clothing items to someone who can really use them. Please help encourage the ladies of WOW as they take on the missional attitude.





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Sunday Service Times:

Sunday School (for all ages) - 9:45 Worship - 10:45

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