

## *Pastor's Message* by Rev. Bruce Fensterbush

Wayne Rice, co-founder of Youth Specialties, tells a cute story in one of the resources he authored for teens. It's about a little boy who was spending one Saturday morning playing in his sandbox. He had with him his box of cars and trucks, his plastic pail and a shiny red plastic shovel.

In the process of creating roads and tunnels in the soft sand he discovered a large rock in the middle of the sandbox. The boy dug around the rock, managing to dislodge it from the dirt. With no little bit of struggle, he pushed and nudged the rock across the sandbox by using his feet. When the boy got the rock to the edge of the sandbox, however, he found that he couldn't roll it up and over the little wall.

Determined, the little boy shoved, pushed, and pried, but every time he thought he had made some progress, the rock tipped and then fell back into the sandbox. The little boy grunted, struggled, pushed, shoved – but his only reward was to have the rock roll back, smashing his chubby fingers. Finally, he burst into tears in frustration.

All this time the boy's father watched from the living room window as the drama unfolded. At the moment tears of frustration began to fall from the little boy's eyes, a large shadow suddenly fell across him and the sandbox. It was the boy's father. Gently but firmly he said, "Son, why didn't you use all the strength that you had available?"

Defeated, the boy sobbed back, "But I did, Daddy, I did! I used all the strength I had.

"No, son," corrected the father kindly. "You didn't use all the strength you had. You didn't ask me to help you."

With that, the father reached down, picked up the rock, and removed it from the sandbox.

How many times do we fail in our own lives because we don't use all the strength we have available to us? We all have "rocks" in our lives that need to be moved and, most of the time; we will fail at moving them unless God helps us. God is always ready and waiting to come to us in our time of need, but God isn't going to barge into our lives uninvited.

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## *Christian Education News*

From the Christian Education Committee

Since fall 2018, under the guidance of Pastor Bruce and Harry Owens, our committee has been involved in developing educational opportunities for the members of Otterbein UMC. Our goal is to enrich and deepen our congregants' path to discipleship, to allow them to grow in their faith and prepare them to actively respond to that faith.

To that effect we implemented several programs last year. Two highlights were: a six-week study of *Heaven*, which was very well attended and the *Disciple I* class which continues through this spring. Thirty students made a commitment last August to study the Bible through 34 weekly lessons and it continues to be a wonderful, blessed experience for everyone involved.

We would like to continue to offer similarly enriching classes through this year. Our committee has some new programs and ideas coming up. Watch for the Weekly Updates and the Sunday bulletins for information as we set up the schedule.

We would also like to hear from you. If you have ideas of topics and programs that we might consider, please do not hesitate to contact me ([rgseyfried@comcast.net](mailto:rgseyfried@comcast.net)) or any other member of the committee. If you would like to be involved in this process by becoming part of the committee or by leading a short-term study or discussion group, we would welcome hearing from you.

We are called to make disciples and to support and encourage each other in that journey. With God's help let's do it together!

Rosa Seyfried  
Chairperson

**Adult Sunday School Classes** – New class members are always welcome! Please do not think you have to wait for a new study to join! Check out all the classes until you find a class just right for you. Classes meet from 9:45 to 10:45 every Sunday morning.

### **B.A.S.I.C. Brothers and Sisters in Christ Adult Class** (Room 8)

**Format of class:** *Discussion/DVD*

**Leader:** Harry Owens

**Current Study:** *The Story, Getting to the Heart of God's Story* by Randy Frazee

### **L.I.F.E Adult Class** (Room 12 &13)

**Format of class:** *Discussion/DVD*

**Leader:** Allegra Juday

**Current Study:** *Discovering God's Will*

**Loyal Bible Adult Class** (Room 9/10)

**Format of class:** *Lecture*

**Leader:** Rotating Leaders – See Wayne Schwartz for details

**Current Study:** **The International Uniform Series** is a 6-year plan for reading and studying the Bible. The International Uniform Series believes the Bible is the record of God in Christ, the key resource for understanding the Christian faith, being under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of His Spirit. This Fall quarter is concentrated on the theme “Responding to God’s Grace” and study Scripture passages from Pentateuch, I Samuel, I Kings, Luke, Epistles.

## *Children’s Activities*

by Kimberly Nickle

Kimberly Nickle, the Children’s Ministry Director can be reached via email at:  
[children@otterbeinumccarlisle.org](mailto:children@otterbeinumccarlisle.org) or by phone at 717-258-6704 x 2.

**Parents**

If your child participates or would like to participate in Otterbein’s Children’s Ministry, please fill out the new participation and photo release forms found on the Children’s Ministry bulletin board. Even if you have filled one out previously, please take the time to fill a new one out as they have recently been updated. If you have more than one child, you must fill out one form per child. Please return to the folder on the bulletin board or to the Director of Children’s Ministry.

**Safe Sanctuary**

The church and the conference have recently updated their Safe Sanctuary policies. This means there will be some changes we must make. If you are unsure of whether or not your clearances are still valid contact Kimberly Nickle as you may need to renew. (Many members’ clearances do expire in 2020!) If you are sure you have the proper clearances in place, you will need to provide Kimberly with your e-mail address, as the conference is now doing Safe Sanctuary training online. You must provide your e-mail address so you can be entered into the MinistrySafe database and complete the required online training. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact Kimberly at [children@otterbeinumccarlisle.org](mailto:children@otterbeinumccarlisle.org).

**Children's Day**

Children’s Day will be March 29th! If your child would like to participate, please contact Kimberly Nickle at [children@otterbeinumccarlisle.org](mailto:children@otterbeinumccarlisle.org). Thanks!

## *Youth Ministries*

by Megan Warren

Megan Warren, the Youth Ministry Director can be reached via email at: [youth@otterbeinumccarlisle.org](mailto:youth@otterbeinumccarlisle.org) or by phone at 717-258-6704 x 103.

It has been an honor and blessing to see the members of Otterbein Youth Group grow this past year! With every interaction we have, the youth inspire me to deepen my faith. They are a group of world changers, leaders, worshippers, disciples, and true friends. If you have not had the chance to pour into our youth in some way, I encourage you to do so. They are and will continue to be the future of the church.

In youth group during the month of January we have been focusing on the power of prayer. We looked at how we pray and why it's important to pray. In February we will be continuing the theme of our ZETEO conference which we attend at the end of January. Then in March we will be learning more about the fruits of the spirit. Coming up, we will be having a youth campfire, Valentine's Dinner for youth followed by a babysitting night, lock-in, girls and guys night, serving with Project Share, and we will attend a Hersey Bears game with the Young Adults group.

Please continue to pray for our fearless youth leaders! They all give so much time, energy, and love to the youth group! Also, we are growing our volunteer team! Please pray for them as they transition into this fun, rewarding, and exhausting ministry!

**January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>** the Youth Group will be attending the Zeteo Conference.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm the youth group will be hosting a **Valentine Babysitting Night!** There will be snacks, games, crafts, and a movie for all children ages 4-12! There will be adults present who have their clearances, too. If you have any questions, please contact Megan.

**February 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** the Youth Group will be having a Lock-In 7:00 pm Friday – 12:00 Noon on Saturday in the Gym and Room 8



## *News & Notes*

**Administrative Council** is scheduled to meet on Sunday, February 9th at 1:30 pm in room 8. The meeting minutes and other handouts will be emailed to council members prior to the meeting.

**Blood Pressure Screenings** are the first Sunday of the month at 10:10 am in the cry room.

**Church Leadership for 2020**: The complete listing of church officers and committee members for 2020 is posted on the bulletin board by the office and in the narthex. Welcome to our new members and Welcome Back to our returning volunteers. Thank you to everyone willing to share your time and talents.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** are available in the narthex for folks who usually attend the sanctuary worship service and on the table in the gym for folks who usually attend The Gathering worship service. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like to, please contact the church office.

**Cash for Causes Fundraiser**: We are participating in Giant Food Stores "*Cash for Causes*" community fundraising program, as well as the Karns Gift Card Community fundraiser program. For each gift card we sell, we keep 5% to use as we choose. Cards are available in \$25 and \$50 amounts. Otterbein has decided to use the money to purchase equipment for the church. Gift cards are to be used for everyday purchases like groceries and gas. They are available for purchase the first Sunday of the month in the narthex and anytime during the week in the office. This is a great fundraising opportunity for us. So far, we have raised over \$8,100.

**Congregational Care** (prayer list, shut ins and hospital visits). Please notify the church office if you or a family member has become a shut in or is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit. Hospitals rarely notify the church when a member is a patient (confidentiality rules apply).

If you or a family member needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact the church office or Pastor Bruce via phone or email.

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Pastor Bruce's phone number is 717-659-7695. Email is: [bfensterbush@susumc.org](mailto:bfensterbush@susumc.org)

**Seniors Luncheon Group** will meet on February 4th at 11:30 am at Walnut Bottom Diner and on March 3rd at 11:30 am at Hoss's. Please contact Connie Calaman at 717-249-4231 if you plan on attending.

**Scout Sunday** is February 9<sup>th</sup> in the 8:30 am sanctuary worship service

**Pioneer Girls Sunday** is February 16<sup>th</sup> in the 10:45 am Gathering worship service.

**Holiday Office Hours** The office and daycare will be closed on President's Day – Monday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Group Study Abba's Child – The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging**

by Brennan Manning

Many Christians have bought into the lie that we are worthy of God's love only when things are going well. But when life begins to fall through the cracks and when our less-than-perfect identity is revealed, we scramble to keep up a good front to present to the world and God. We cover and hide until we can rearrange the mask of perfection and look good again. Sadly, it's at that time that we wonder why we lack intimate relationships and a passionate faith. Yet God our Father "Abba" is calling us to accept and claim our identity as God's child "Abba's child". Books can be ordered through Amazon or Christianbook.com for under \$13.00.

**Leader:** David Fincher dlfischer62@gmail.com

**Dates:** Tuesdays, February 18 – March 17

**Time:** 7pm

**A SIGN-UP SHEET IS POSTED ON THE LIBRARY WINDOW**

**Cherry Pies:** Sign up on the bulletin board by the office or the white board by the gym to order your pies. The pies are \$7.00 each and will be available on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00–3:00 in Room 8. Pay when you pick up your pies

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service** is February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Mt. Zion in Churchtown.

**Cake Auction with Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social**



No Fee to Enter. Donations accepted and Cake will be a cash or check payment event.

**Fun, Fellowship and Food!**

**Date:** Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Otterbein UMC Gym

Please contact Joe Packowski with any questions: [jpackowski3@gmail.com](mailto:jpackowski3@gmail.com) or 717-418-2176



Auction

**Scouts Spaghetti Dinner at Otterbein:** Please come out and support our Scouting program.

**Date:** Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.



**Financial Peace University:** Never worry about money again with *Financial Peace University* (FPU), the nine-lesson course that gives you the proven plan to master budgeting, pay off debt, build wealth, and give generously. Contact Jim Compton at 717 243-7767 for more info. Sign up at [fpu.com/1107600](http://fpu.com/1107600). Class starts Thursday, February 6, 2020 from 7:00-8:30 pm in Rooms 12&13.

**Call for New Members:** We will be receiving new members at both services on Pentecost Sunday which, this year, is May 31st. A four-week New Member Orientation Class will be offered during the Sunday School Hour each Sunday in May for anyone interested in joining the church or just finding out more about the ministries of Otterbein. If you are interested in becoming a member or would just like to be a part of the class, please contact Gina in the church office.

## *United Methodist Women*

by Marcia Compton

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at 10 a.m. in Room 8. All of the ladies of the church are invited to attend. This is our second month of our three-month trial for the change of time. Our goal was to make it possible for more ladies who do not like to drive at night to be able to join us. Unfortunately, this is also shutting out the younger women, who work outside the home during the day. Since we would like our group to be able to grow, we will revisit our time change in March. Our April and May events (Bingo with residents at the Church of God Home and our Mother/Daughter Banquet) will, of necessity, be in the evenings.

Coming up shortly is our cherry pie sale on February 21, just before George Washington's birthday. We will be baking the pies that morning and have them ready for pick-up from noon till 3:00. Pies are \$7 each and there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards at church if you would like one. If you would like to help bake the pies, you are welcome to join us Friday morning in the kitchen.

Our March meeting will be March 10, the second Tuesday of the month. Also, in March is our chicken pot pie sale. We will be making the noodles on Thursday morning, March 26, and cooking the pot pie on Friday, March 27. The pot pie should be ready for purchase from 1:00 to 3:00 at \$7 quart. Cole slaw at \$2 per container will also be for sale. This is a big event and takes many hands joining in fellowship to make it possible.

Please mark those dates on your calendar and join us for Christian fellowship at our gatherings.

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*Missions Opportunities*

**Red Bird Mission, KY- Otterbein UMC**

**Leads:** Melanie & John Hackman

**Dates:** June 7 - 13, 2020

If you are interested in learning more about this missions trip or are interested in attending, contact John Hackman at [johnd41673@gmail.com](mailto:johnd41673@gmail.com) 717-706-4105 or Melanie Hackman at [me192774@gmail.com](mailto:me192774@gmail.com) 717-448-5827

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*Servant's Corner*

**BLOOD DONOR CLUB #412:** We had a successful blood drive last Sunday, as we collected 30 units of blood from members and community individuals. Central Penna Blood Bank was very appreciated for these donations. Thanks for your efforts in this valuable service.

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*Denominational Update* by Pastor Bruce

Delegates from around the world will be meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota from May 3 - 15, 2020 in what is called the General Conference (GC2020). In addition to hearing reports and conducting the quadrennial (every 4 years) business of the church's legislative body, they will also be considering several petitions that deal with the future of the United Methodist denomination.

One of those petitions seems at this point to have the greatest chance of passing. It is a proposal from a select group of 16 United Methodist leaders from across the theological spectrum of the church and it is entitled "**Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation.**" This is a proposal to restructure and multiply the United Methodist Church by creating a second traditional denomination. The "Protocol" also calls on the 2020 General Conference to adopt a process that would allow central conferences, annual conferences, and local churches to either remain with the United Methodist Church or join the new denomination while maintaining control of all their property, assets, and liabilities.

There are numerous hurdles that must be cleared in order for the "Protocol" to be acted on by the General Conference, however, plans are being made to expedite it's submission.

The text of the "Protocol" can be found at this website: <http://wesleyancovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Signed-Protocol-Statement.pdf>

In addition to the proposal, the group also created a "Frequently Asked Questions" document that can be found at this website: <https://wesleyancovenant.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Mediation-Process-Frequently-Asked-Questions-FINAL1.pdf>

Lastly, a letter from Bishop Jeremiah Park addressing this matter can be found here: <https://www.susumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/01.2020-The-Protocol.pdf>

Please join me in keeping our United Methodist Church and especially the delegates to GC2020 in our prayers. May God bless us all as we seek to live out our faith and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

God bless you.

Bruce Fensterbush

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The season of Lent provides us with a time for self-examination, penitence, and spiritual growth. It is the season of the church year when we are encouraged to examine our lives and discover those "rocks" that need to be moved. As we move through Lent toward our celebration of Easter, my prayer is that we would all take the time we need to make the changes God would have us make in our lives so that we might become the people God is creating us to be. This Lenten season, may we all find that God truly is *"our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."* (Ps. 46:1)

Till next time...



## *Volunteers for February & March*

### **Ushers/ Greeters**

#### **8:30 Service** – Traditional

**February:** Rick Singiser, captain, Vic Barnes, Doug Fickel, Doug Hair, Joel Hiles, Hattie Ogle, Joe Shughart, Frank Sherman

**March:** Gary Morrow, captain, Matthew Bear, Steve Bear, Jeff Ham, Von Jaymes, Scott Morrow, Bob Noggle, Ron Tanger

#### **10:45 Service** – Contemporary

##### **February:**

Feb. 2 Kelley Family  
Feb. 9 Jay and Alice Franklin  
Feb. 16 Amy Kirk and Emmett Baker  
Feb. 23 Coolige Family

##### **March:**

March 1 Megan Warren  
March 8 Heather Housel  
March 15 Debbie Anderson  
March 22 Kaci, Matt and Rourke Wood  
March 29 Coolidge Family

### **Sunday Morning Services:**

Worship Services are every Sunday morning at 8:30 am for traditional worship in the sanctuary and 10:45 am for the contemporary worship service, called The Gathering, in the gym. Our *Soul Café*, located in the gym, is open from 9:15 am until 9:45 am.

Sunday School for all ages is from 9:45 am until 10:45 am all year long.

### **Weather Related Cancellations**

If we need to cancel worship services because of severe winter weather, we will post this information on our website: [www.ottumc.org](http://www.ottumc.org) and will contact the local TV stations (ABC 27, CBS 21 and WGAL 8). An email will also be sent from the church office (as long as we have your email address!!) Please provide the office with your email address for communication purposes.

### **Mailbox Reminder**

All committee chairs are reminded to check the mailboxes in the library weekly for correspondence.

Don't forget your canned fruit for Project SHARE. Our monthly goal is 100 cans. There are containers in the narthex and in the gym.

The monthly deadlines are as follows:

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Altar Flowers***

Feb. 3 Harry & Janet Lay  
Feb. 10 Jim & Marcia Compton  
Feb. 17 Jerry & Doris Hiler  
Feb. 24 Richard & Patti Johnson

March 3 Linda Roher  
March 10 Myrna Minnich  
March 17 Gerald & Donna Paden  
March 24 Nancy Foster  
March 31 Dan & Justine Monken

**Flowers come from Georges' Flowers.  
Please call them directly at 717-243-2626  
with special requests.**

## *Sunday Musical Leaders*

### **Sanctuary Worship Service, 8:30 am**

- Feb. 2 Celebration Winds, directed by Harold Edwards
- Feb. 9 Adult Choir, directed by Andrew Vensel
- Feb. 16 Dr. Michael Martin and The Three Winds
- Feb. 23 Bells of Otterbein, directed by Tammy Ham
- March 1 Celebration Winds, directed by Harold Edwards
- March 8 Adult Choir, directed by Andrew Vensel
- March 15 OPEN
- March 22 Bells of Otterbein, directed by Tammy Ham
- March 29 Hymn Sing

### **The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service, 10:45 am in the gym**

- Feb. 2 Kelley Family, His House
- Feb. 9 Jay and Alice Franklin, Lumina
- Feb. 16 Amy Kirk and Emmett Baker, His House and Children & Youth Choirs
- Feb. 23 Coolige Family, Lumina
- March 1 Megan Warren, His House
- March 8 Heather Housel, Lumina
- March 15 Debbie Anderson, His House  
and Children and Youth Choir
- March 22 Kaci, Matt and Rourke Wood, Lumina
- March 29 Coolidge Family, Lumina

## *Sunday Speaking Schedule*

- Feb. 2 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary and The Gathering
- Feb. 9 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary and The Gathering – Scout Sunday
- Feb. 16 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary and The Gathering – Pioneer Girls Sunday
- Feb. 23 Brenda Brehm: Sanctuary and The Gathering
- Feb. 26 Pastor Bruce: Ash Wednesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Churchtown
- March 1 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary and The Gathering
- March 8 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary and The Gathering
- March 15 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary and The Gathering
- March 22 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary and The Gathering
- March 29 Pastor Bruce: Sanctuary Children’s Sunday: The Gathering

## *Thank You Notes to Otterbein*

We received Thank You notes from the following local organizations for our ongoing support (paid quarterly): Mission Central, Community CARES, Project SHARE, Samaritan Fellowship, Safe Harbour, Salvation Army, United Methodist Home for Children.

Dear Friends of Otterbein UMC:

I regret that I cannot be present to give this memorial gift in person. I once again call on a special friend Rev. Joe Kugle to present this gift in memory of my son, Rev. Daniel L. Dennis, in the amount of \$150,000. The Churches that Daniel Dennis served, he served with dignity and concern for the people and the needs of the church.

If I may, I would like to designate portions of this \$150,000 to go to concerns that Dan had while serving as pastor of Otterbein UMC.

1. \$50,000 to the Church's Building Debt.
2. \$25,000 to the Church's mission's program.
3. \$25,000 to the Church's needs/budget.
4. \$45,000 to the Bright Beginnings Day Care.
5. \$5,000 to the Boy Scout's Troup

A Loving Memorial Gift from  
Dan's Father,  
Mr. Derl Dennis

## *Getting Involved*

### **Bible Studies**

Tuesday morning Bible study begins at 9:15 am and we finish at 11 am. We meet in the library and would enjoy any person that would like to join us. Join a group that prays for, encourages others and enjoys exploring the Word of God. If you would like to learn more contact Edna Brehm at 717-249-8299, 717-448-3808 or email at: [samiam2108@gmail.com](mailto:samiam2108@gmail.com)

### **Sunday School for All Ages**

Sunday school for all ages meets on Sundays at 9:45 am. Classes for children and youth by age group and four different adult classes are available most every Sunday.

### **Soul Cafe**

Sundays from 9:15 am to 9:45 am in the Gym. Food donations are greatly appreciated. See Allegra Juday to complete details.

### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule:**

Administrative Council – Feb. 9 at 1:30 pm (Meets quarterly)  
 Bright Beginnings Daycare Board – Feb. 24, 6:30 pm (Meets quarterly)  
 Christian Education Comm. – as needed  
 Communications Comm. – as needed  
 Contemporary Worship Comm. – TBD  
 Finance Committee – TBD  
 Missions Committee –Feb. 25 at 7:00 pm (Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly)  
 Springville Cemetery Assoc. – as needed  
 Staff Parish Relations Comm. –February 24 at 6:30 pm  
 Trustees – TBD  
 United Methodist Women – Feb. 11 at 10:00 am  
 Worship Committee – TBD

*Please note that all newsletter information is due in the church office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Newsletters are written bi-monthly.*

## *For the Record*

### **Membership:** (Count is 578)

Our sympathies to the Preston "Bud" Troupe family, Anna Mae Smith family, Richard Cummins family, Shirley Stoey family and Jenny Diehl family.

Welcome New Members: Eugene & Georgia Taylor, Frank Sherman II

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## **Finance Committee Report**

Finance Committee Report which covers the entire year of 2019

Church Income for 2019: \$798,966.12 (includes bequests of \$45,000 and \$150,000)

Church Expenses for 2019: \$792,074.60

Church Income for 2018: \$652,588.34

Church Expenses for 2018: \$683,358.11

Church figures include mortgage principal payments and additional payments on mortgage debt. Income includes capital campaign income.

Daycare Income for 2019: \$397,803.06

Daycare Expenses for 2019: \$371,280.32

Daycare Income for 2018: \$404,224.97

Daycare Expenses for 2018: \$318,008.78

Mortgage balance as of 12/31/19: \$282,500.53

## Attendance

### Attendance for November

	8:30 Sanctuary	10:45 Gymnasium	Sunday School
Nov 3	180	48	60
Nov 10	198	65	75
Nov 17	164	64	67
Nov 24	155	54	62
Nov 27	83 (7:00 pm)		

### Attendance for December

	8:30 Sanctuary	10:45 Gymnasium	Sunday School
Dec 1	164	71	68
Dec 1	91 (7:00 pm)		
Dec 8	164	62	67
Dec 15	187	79	85
Dec 22	223	67	84
Dec 24	187 (6:30 pm)		
Dec 24	unknown (9:00pm)		
Dec 24	180 (11:00)		
Dec 29	147	Unknown	61

### Attendance for January

	8:30 Sanctuary	10:45 Gymnasium	Sunday School
Jan 5	166	69	74
Jan 12	171	65	72
Jan 19	106	50	54
Jan 26	174	68	72

## *Upcoming Dates to Remember*

February 9: Scout Sunday

February 15: FREE Valentine's Day Babysitting Night from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Hosted by Youth Group.

February 16: Pioneer Girls Sunday.

February 17: President's Day, Office and Daycare are closed

February 21: United Methodist Women selling cherry pies. Order form is on the bulletin board by the office. Cost is \$7 each. Pies will be available for pick-up at Noon on this date.

February 26: Ash Wednesday

February 29: Scouts Spaghetti Dinner 4:00–7:00 pm

March 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 8: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Daylight Savings Time

March 15: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 19: First Day of Spring

March 21: South Middleton High School Mini Thon Pancake Breakfast –Time to be decided

March 22: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 27: United Methodist Women selling chicken pot pies. Pies will be available for pick-up at Noon on this date.

March 29: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Cake Auction with Hot Dog and Ice Cream Social 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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**Sunday Services**

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Sanctuary Service
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Service (in the Gym)

