

**ARMA/GRACE/MULBERRY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER**

**8:00 am Worship Service -- Mulberry
9:30 am Worship Service -- Grace
10:00 am Youth and Adult Sunday School - Arma
11:00 am Worship Service -- Arma**

COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS -- TRY IT!

The two critical questions in every major religion are, "What does God have to offer you?," and "What does God require of you?" For us Christians, the answer to the first question is given in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The answer to the second is given by the prophet Mical, who said, "He has showed you, Oh Man, what is good and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

It is so simple. It is so easy. Yet we make it so difficult. Kindness is contagious. "Do justice. Love kindness," embrace it, and express it, "and walk humbly with your God." What better way can we express who we are, and what we believe our life is to be all about.

Kindness is contagious. I learned that as a child from my mother. She taught me that if you will be kind and respectful, and thoughtful of other people, they will be that to you in return. Sometimes I have not been, but for the most part it has been a truth that has upheld my life. The writer of Proverbs might well have been writing about my mother when he said, "she opens her mouth with wisdom and the teachings of kindness are always on her tongue," because she was always talking about how important it is to love people.

Claim God's love and show it. We have the power to change the world. That is what I believe. Kindness is contagious. Try it.

Don Foster, Pastor

GRACE NEWS

PRAYERS: Please keep Sammie Bough, Hannah and Stacey Kramer, Shannon Lynn, Irene Jones, Vera Wood and Vera Little in your prayers.

LADIES DAY OUT:

Monday, Feb 20 -- We will meet at CHATTERS, Pittsburg, at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Mar 20 -- We will meet at Mt. Carmel Medical Center at 10:30 am for the Christian Women's meeting. They serve lunch at 11:00 a.m. Susie Taylor will sing.

Tues, April 18 -- We will be going to Locust Grove, OK. We will eat at the Country Cottage. We will leave at 9:00 am.

Monday, May 22 -- We will be going to Kansas City. We have not decided where we will be going to eat. We leave at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME!! -- We want to welcome Maxine Frick, Sam Yoder's mother.

OOPS--

We want to apologize to Juanita Karnes for leaving her birthday out and Kay Bough for the wrong date on the January birthday list. Juanita Karnes was January 5th and Kay Bough's was January 18th. Again we apologize.

BIBLE STUDY -- We will notify you with the new dates for Bible Study -- once they've been set.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 2 Soup/Chili Dinner -- 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Apr 6 Spaghetti Dinner -- 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

On the 5th Sunday of the month we have break the bank for the Organ Fund. The next one will be April 30, 2006.

FEBRUARY GREETERS:

Feb 5 Barbara Engelhardt

Feb 12 Jim McDaniel

Feb 19 Emmaline & Frank Rodich

Feb 26 Jill & Bryan Goodwin

MARCH GREETERS:

March 5 Pat Cummings

March 12 Norma McCabe

March 19 Mike Seely

March 26 Susie Taylor

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 15 Sam Yoder

Feb 17 Annabelle Crabtree

Feb 18 Jeanine Rogers

Feb 20 Wilrose Bough

Feb 26 Tyler AnnDee Lynn

Feb 27 Helen Seely

Feb 29 LaMoine Kabonic

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

Feb 14 Don and Kay Bough

Teri and Greg VanBecelaere

Paul and Tanya Crabtree

Lord, lead me to do Your will.

Make Your way plain for me to follow.

Psalm. 5:8

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

--The newsletter committee met and is working very hard on a new format for the newsletter. Let us know what you like.

--Birthday/Anniversary List -- we're trying to update these lists. Please help us by writing down your family birthdays and/or anniversaries and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

--Special Accomplishments -- The newsletter committee wants to recognize special accomplishments. Let us know about yours or church members special achievements. Jot them down and drop them in the collection plate or mail them to the church.

--Shut-in's -- help us keep abreast of our shut-ins.

FOCUS ON OUR MEMBERS/FRIENDS--

This month we would like to feature Flora Scherff. Flora's membership in the AUMC spans several decades -- since 1924. She served as a Sunday School teacher and our organist since the 1920s. Flora worked her entire lifetime as a beautician, and once cut an airline stewardess' hair at 30,000 feet. She is now living in Topeka with her daughter, Judy, on a street named after her. Flora's birthday is February 10th. Here's her address for cards: 2640 SE Flora Ct., Topeka, KS 66605.

Happy Birthday, Flora!!

UMW

The January UMW meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The February 14th meeting will be at 11:15 am at the church to go for lunch with the meeting to follow. The unit will be sponsoring a Super Bowl soup sale, Sunday, February 5th, following church service. A variety of homemade soups will be offered on a carryout basis.

UMW Cookbook

We need your recipes!! To have a good, saleable cookbook, we need at least 200 recipes, preferably more. Extra copies of the recipe collection forms are available on the table in the Narthex of the church. The table holds a box for you to deposit your recipes.

Our target is to have the recipe books for sale at the Homecoming Dinner. That means we probably should have the recipes to the publisher sometime in April.

The sooner we have 200 or more recipes, the sooner we will have a recipe book. Forms also may be returned to Marlene Singel or any UMW member.

LEAVE THE COOKING TO US --

February 19 - 6:00 - 7:30 Valentine's Dinner in the church basement, \$5,00 for adults, \$3.00 for children. Carryouts available. Entertainment provided.

March 5 - Chicken Noodle Carryouts -- \$5.00/quart. In the church basement -- watch for times.

April 30 -- Mother/Banquet -- details to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 4 Shower for Danielle and Dusty at 1:00 pm in church basement

Feb 5 UMW Soup Sale after church
 Feb 8 Arma Administrative Board, 7:00 pm
 Feb 19 6:00 pm Valentine's Day Dinner in church basement

February Birthdays

Feb 5 Troy Graham
 Feb 10 Flora Scherff
 Feb 14 James Cowan
 Feb 16 Hunter Newberry
 Feb 18 Joseph Polhlopek
 Feb 23 Mark Price
 Feb 25 Kennie Baker
 Feb 25 Katie Banks
 Feb 28 Brett Garrett
 Feb 29 Gerald Wayman

February Anniversaries

Feb 24 Bill & Lorene Fawcett

February Arma Greeters

Feb 5 Norma & Murray Lockwood
 Feb 12 KC and Diane Cameron
 Feb 19 Youth
 Feb 26 Susan Herrell, Muriel Stroud

Stewardship Corner -- "Stewardship is enumerating the ways in which God has blessed you, then asking yourself how you might respond. This is so important, I'm going to say it again: Stewardship is enumerating the ways in which God has blessed you, and then asking yourself how you might respond."

"Begin with the fact that God allowed his only begotten and dearly beloved Son to die on the cross so you and I might have life in all its fullness. Move on to home and food, clothing and work, family and friends, and we soon find that virtually all that is good about life is a gift from God. Then we need to ask, 'What would be an appropriate measure of my response to God's goodness?' That's stewardship. Anything less is a matter of parking on someone else's nicke."

Congratulations to -- RACHEL CAMERON for Honor Roll and to RACHEL CAMERON and JACOB PRICE for recent successes in NEHS Scholars' Bowl activities.

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