

Living the Adventure at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

Love is in the air, and I'm not talking about Valentine's Day. Although February 14th is the day set aside to acknowledge and celebrate love, there is no greater love than that of God for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." This verse from John 3 is probably the most known verse of the Bible, but I believe it is also the most under appreciated verse, because that is an indescribable amount of love. And an important clue to the kind and volume of love we need to have for each other...selfless love.

Jesus taught love throughout His ministry. We know that He had the power to make things happen, calling forth armies of angels to make people bend to His will, but He chose love. And He expects us to follow in His example. We are to love one another, but we know this isn't an easy task. Love, as a verb, requires work. It is a decision we make, and then we must put effort into being successful in giving love. Love is not passive. Love is not simple, nor is it momentary. The love that we are required to give is constant, complex, and often complicated. But it is doable, not because we are able, but because all things are possible through Christ, who strengthens us!

Ash Wednesday happens to be on Valentine's Day, and I think it is a sign that we need to begin a different kind of fast for Lent. Let us fast from judgment and exclusion. To make the fast more meaningful, let's replace judgment with open-mindedness and exclusion with kindness. As we have ashes placed on our foreheads, let us be reminded of the reason Jesus came, and spend the Lenten season working on loving each other the way Jesus loves each of us. What an amazing Lent it Prophets.

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Katy

February 2024 Events

Friday, February 2.....4:30-6:00 PM
The Table

Wednesday, February 7.....7:00 PM
United Women in Faith Meeting

Thursday, February 8.....6:30 PM
Prayer Group

Tuesday, February 13.....5:30-7:00 PM
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, February 14.....6:15 PM
Cluster Lenten Offering Selection

Wednesday, February 14.....7:00 PM
Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, February 16.....4:30-6:00 PM
The Table

Monday, February 19.....Noon
Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, February 22.....6:30 PM
Prayer Group

UPCOMING



EVENTS

Join Us At The Table

Free Family Meal

February 2nd

February 16th

4:30 pm-6:00 pm

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Due to Covid-19, we will be doing a
drive-thru pickup for our community meal.



SUPPORT BUNKER HILL YOUTH

Soup Options:
\$8 per quart
Chili- Beef or Deer
Vegetable Soup
Potato Soup

Sandwich Options:
\$7- Country Ham
\$5- City Ham

SOUPER BOWL

SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE

ORDER BY FEB 4TH ~ PICK UP FOLLOWING WORSHIP FEB 11TH

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE YOUTH'S ASP TRIP

If you'd like to place an order, please get an order form from the bulletin, see a youth member, or email your order to the church at bhumchurch@gmail.com.

Orders due back by
February 4th

Pick Up Following Worship
February 11th

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 13

5:30-7:00 pm

The Youth will be going on a mission trip this summer and will be raising funds for that trip.

Please join us for pancakes and sausage!

This meal will be donations only.



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Looking for a Pianist

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Please contact us for more info or to apply!

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ash WEDNESDAY Service

February 14th

7:00 PM

Please join your cluster at 6:15 pm to decide the beneficiaries of our Lenten offering.

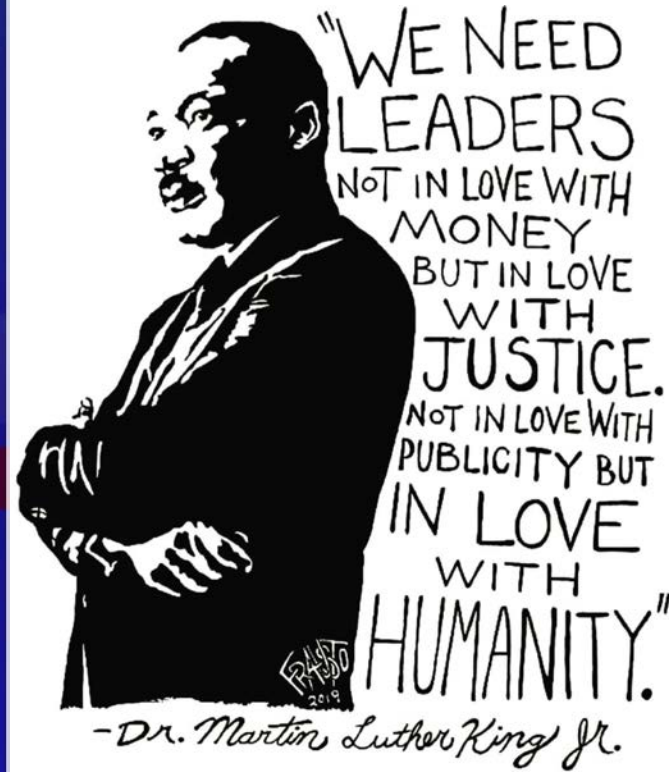


VBS 2024
STELLAR
 SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

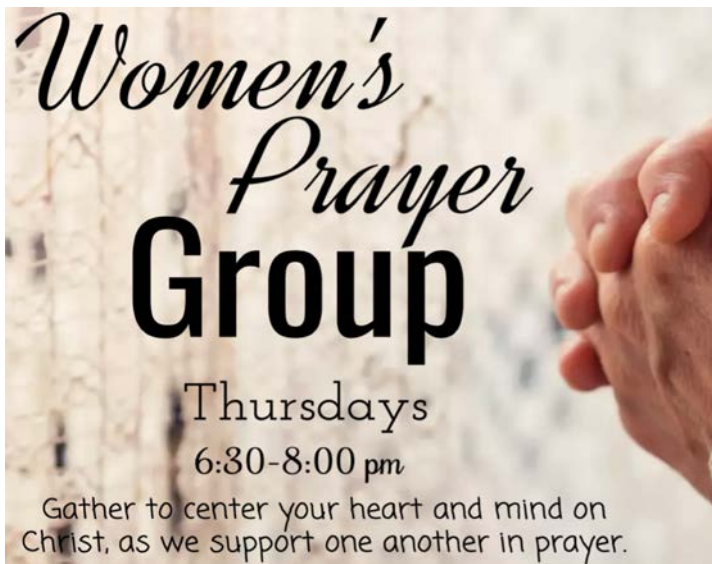
Would you be interested in Participating?

We're getting a jump start on VBS this year! If you'd like to be a part of the planning, please see Pastor Katy or Tiffany King



"WE NEED LEADERS NOT IN LOVE WITH MONEY BUT IN LOVE WITH JUSTICE. NOT IN LOVE WITH PUBLICITY BUT IN LOVE WITH HUMANITY."

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Women's Prayer Group

Thursdays
 6:30-8:00 pm

Gather to center your heart and mind on Christ, as we support one another in prayer.



HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a church clean up project! If you can join us in helping to declutter the church, a clipboard will be available every Sunday until March 3rd to sign up.

March 9th
 Beginning at 9:00 am



Jesus

~ Mother Teresa

There are so many religions and each one has its different ways of following God.
I follow Christ:

Jesus is my God,
Jesus is my Spouse,
Jesus is my Life,
Jesus is my only Love,
Jesus is my All in All,
Jesus is my Everything



Looking for Supplies...

We will be starting a prayer station and we are looking for donations of the following...

- SMALL PRAYER BOOKS
- SMALL DEVOTIONALS
- INSPIRATIONAL BOOKMARKS, ETC
- POST IT NOTES
- TISSUES



Pray For The Mabe Family



Nicaragua, Central America

Ryan, Lena (Pastor Katy and Rusty's daughter), Hannah, Josiah, and Sarah have arrived in Nicaragua and are beginning their time as missionaries. They will be working with special needs children and clergy families during their time there.

Rusty traveled over with them to help them get moved in. They are settled into their home and the kids have begun school. They are currently waiting on a vehicle.



Reading the Bible in a Year...

This plan is meant for 5 days a week,
which may be less of a struggle for many of us.

The readings were generated by www.fivedaybible.com.

We started in September 2023 and will finish in August 2024.

January 29 - February 2

- o 1 Chron 22-25; Psalm 78;
Romans 5
- o 1 Kings 1; 1 Chr 26-28; Romans 6
- o 1 Kings 2; 1 Chr 29; Romans 7
- o 1 Kings 3; 2 Chr 1; Ps 42;
Romans 8
- o 1 Kings 4; Prov 1-2; Psalm 43;
Romans 9

February 5-9

- o Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10
- o Prvbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Rom 11
- o Prvbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Rom 12
- o Prvbs 11-13; Psalm 8; Rom 13
- o Prvbs 14-15; Romans 14

February 12-16

- o Proverbs 16-18; Romans 15
- o Proverbs 19-21; Ps 40; Romans 16
- o Proverbs 22-23; Ps 117; 2 Thess 1
- o Proverbs 24-25; Ps 41; 2 Thess 2
- o Proverbs 26-28; 2 Thess 3

February 18-23

- o Proverbs 29-31; 2 Thess 4
- o Song of Sol 1-3; Ps 72;
2 Thess 5
- o Song of Sol 4-6; 2 Thess 1
- o Song of Sol 7-8; Psalm 127;
2 Thess 2
- o 1 Kings 5; 2 Chr 2;
2 Thess 3

February 26- March 1

- o 1 Kings 5; 2 Chron 3;
2 Timothy 1
- o 1 Kings 7; 2 Chron 4;
Psalm 44; 2 Timothy 2
- o 1 Kings 8; Psalm 30; 2 Tim 3
- o 2 Chr 5-7; Psalm 121;
2 Tim 4
- o 1 Kings 9; 2 Chr 8;
2 Tim 5





Finance Focus

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
~1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and friends, we collected at total of \$164,677.39 during 2023. \$147,500.51 of this total amount was designated for the general fund for general church expenses. The remainder of the total was designated for specific funds in the church, including Lenten, memorial, emergency, youth, and building funds among others. In December, we cashed out the Gardner Mish endowment fund and used those funds for the designated purpose of paying pastor salary and expenses. This \$4,430.18 is included in the above total.

In November, we paid off the building loan at Summit Bank. This was possible through the generosity of the Crusaders Class. They loaned the church \$32,000 from their scholarship fund to pay the loan. The payoff amount for the loan was \$31,965.45. We will now be paying back the scholarship fund monthly at a reduced rate, interest free.


As we began 2023, we were paying overdue bills for 2022. We also had to pay back taxes and penalties. We paid off a huge credit card bill. In bringing bills up to date and working to keep bills paid on time, our disbursements for 2023 totaled \$208,489.74. We were able to meet these expenses by using all reserves in the general fund, cashing in the Gardner Mish funds, obtaining the Crusaders' loan, and receiving generous giving from the congregation. God has truly blessed us in all that we have accomplished!

The one area where we were not able to pay all that was owned was in mission shares. For 2023, our obligation to the conference for mission shares was \$1,309.83 per month. We were only able to pay seven months of the mission shares throughout the year. As of the beginning of January, we still owe the conference \$6,549.15 for 2023. We are still obligated to pay this bill. The mission shares for 2024 will be slightly less. We will owe the conference \$1,252.75 per month for this year.

In the fall, we re-applied to the conference for the Equitable Compensation Grant to help pay the pastor. Thankfully, we have received this grant. We will receive a total of \$10,000 in two payments to be used only for the pastor's salary. This will pay for a little over three months of her salary!

Thank you to everyone for helping our church meet its obligations and continue our ministries!

Sharon Cooley,
Finance Chair



ALWAYS READY
-Jeff Squerson

"Thinking that the day is a long way off, we may get sloppy with what has been given—we may forget to be diligent in our stewardship. The wise and faithful steward lives each day in light of "that day."

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE...

a Fund Drive

TO REPLACE THE FENCE
SURROUNDING THE PARKING LOT

WATCH FOR MORE INFO TO COME!



If you are not able to worship with us in person, or prefer giving electronically, you may give via



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Living the Discipleship Adventure at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church

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Our Mission is to enable all people to have a personal relationship with Christ through
discipleship and ministry.

Our Vision is to grow as Christians and to reach out in love and service to all people.

Opportunities for Ministry and Mission

Loaves and Fishes

The tally for January's grocery collection for Loaves and Fishes is in. Bunker Hill congregants gave 66 cans of pasta (SpaghettiOs, Beefaroni, etc) to the local food pantry. For February, pasta will remain the centerpiece of our giving when we concentrate on boxes of macaroni and cheese mix. Thanks to everyone who unites and donates to this outreach.

Loaves & Fishes
February's
Emphasis:

Boxed Macaroni
and Cheese

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