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Newsletter, April 2023

Dear Church,

During the season of Lent I did a reflective series on the Book of Revelation. In case you missed it, each session is still available on the church's YouTube channel.



The intent of the series is not to “kick the ball in the weeds” as is often done with the Book of Revelation, but to look to it for a sense of guidance and inspiration for the Church today. Some of the issues I discussed include:

- There is only one “Revelation” in the entire book, and it is that “Jesus Christ is Lord.”
- Like other apocalypses, Revelation is inherently political and ultimately concerned with the order of the world.
- Revelation is not primarily predictions about the future, but a picture of repeating patterns throughout history.
- Much of the strange imagery in Revelation can already be found in the prophetic writings of the Old Testament.
- Revelation provides a template for both hope and change.

Since this teaching was carried out solely through recorded video, I wanted to offer an opportunity to come together for a time of fellowship and discussion. Therefore, on Sunday, April 16th, I want to invite everyone to join me in Friendship Hall beginning at 4pm. Coffee will be available, and I am asking all who participate to bring a dessert.

I hope that you will also join us for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services this year. On April 6th and 7th, we will gather at the church at 6:30pm to observe Holy Week. Our Maundy Thursday service we will be in the chapel. Our Good Friday service will be held in the sanctuary. Both evenings we will sing sacred hymns, hear a message on the related Gospel texts, and celebrate Holy Communion.

Finally, I want to encourage you to reach out to your new Pastor, Rev. Brian Plum in the coming weeks to greet him with positive words of welcome. I have already been in contact with him and have invited him to spend some time with me getting to know more about the community and church. He and his wife, Zondra, are excited to join you in ministry: 312 E 7th Street, Weston, WV 26452 or umcpastorbrian@gmail.com

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jonathan

Sheila's Page



Note from Sheila, Minister of Congregational Care

Happy April to my Church family!!

How is it that we are just one week away from the most sacred of days in the Christian Church. Easter Sunday, the day we celebrate the resurrection of the risen Christ! What traditions do you and your family have to celebrate? I would love for you to call, text or email me so I can hear about them!!

I want to give you all a bit of an update about what is going on with me as a CLM; In March, I started retaking the CLM training, I took last year. While I am still a CLM in good standing and I learned so much from my certification process, I realized there was still a lot I need to learn. Kim Matthews, our Conference Lay Leader does the CLM training I am currently taking and it is written by the United Methodist Church and covers some of the “nuts and bolts” that I feel I still need to know. While this will not have any affect on my role as your Minister of Congregational Care, I do ask that you keep myself, John and William in your Prayers, as it is an intense process and does have an affect on our family time.

As you are all aware, we are down to our last 90 days at St. Andrew with Jonathan as our Pastor and Melanie as our Christian Education Director and I have had a couple of people reach out to me, with some anxiousness about the transition and I want you all to know that I am here any time you need me. If you need to voice fears, anxiety, laughter or any other feeling, it will stay between you, me and God; it never goes anywhere else.

With this brief update, I want to leave you with my scripture for the month of April, which I think is suitable for this time in our lives and the life of the Church.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

² *a time to be born and a time to die;*

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ *a time to kill and a time to heal;*

a time to break down and a time to build up;

⁴ *a time to weep and a time to laugh;*

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

⁵ *a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;*

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ *a time to seek and a time to lose;*

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

⁷ *a time to tear and a time to sew;*

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

⁸ *a time to love and a time to hate;*

a time for war and a time for peace.

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NRSV

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(SNAP Students March 2023)

Melanie's Page

Food Donations for the St. Albans Food Pantry

On the first Sunday of each month, items are collected for the St. Albans Food Pantry. For April, any non-perishable food items are always welcome! However, the most needed items at this time are: pasta sides, Hamburger Helper, potato sides, noodles, boxed pasta, corn bread, jello and pudding. Your support for this ministry in our community is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Children's Ministry:

Children's Church in Cottrell Hall or on the playground each week on Sunday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. during worship. All ages are welcome!



Compassion Camp – monthly – All children in Gr. K-5 are invited! Sun. April 16 – 4:00 -5:30 p.m. at Roadside Park.

Debi Ellis will be sharing her talents as she leads the children in making spring placemats for the Golden Living Center/Riverside Health & Rehabilitation.

Youth Ministry

Sun. April 16 – 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Rm. 308. All youth in Gr. 6-12 are invited! Friends are always welcome! Contact Roy & Kathy Smith for further info.

Youth 2023

Donations will be received at *The Table* to be held on Sunday, April 2nd at Roadside Park to go toward expenses for 2 youth and 1 adult to attend Youth 2023 in Daytona Beach, FL July 25-28. If necessary, this will also be done at the May 7 gathering of *The Table*.

Summer Church Camp

Spring Heights Camp and Retreat Center is excited to offer the following opportunities for campers this summer!

On-Site Camp in Spencer, WV

July 9-14 - Classic Camp (Ages 8-18)

July 16-21 - Classic Camp (Ages 8-18)

July 23-25 - Beginners Camp (Ages 5-8)

July 26-29 - Mini Camp (Ages 8-12)

Registration began March 1!

[Follow this link to learn more about each camp option.](#)

Please let Melanie Ogu know ASAP if you are interested in going to Spring Heights. The cost for each camper will be \$50 per person. The remaining balance will come from sponsorships/scholarships from the congregation. Please see separate article.

Camperships/Scholarships

Scholarships or sponsorships will be received for those attending summer church camp at Spring Heights in Spencer, WV. The cost of camp is \$200-\$400 each depending on the length of the camp and the age of the camper. If you would like to sponsor a student attending camp, please make your check payable to St. Andrew UMC with Spring Heights Scholarship on the memo line.

Center Shot Archery Ministry

Sun. April 23 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at St. Peter's United Methodist Church

This is open to all children and youth. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Outreach Opportunities

Opportunities are available to meet and connect with our neighbors during the month of February. Is God calling you to participate in any of the following? All are welcome. You may call the church office at 304-727-7114 for further contact information.

Personal Care Kits

Karen Bradley's Small Group is collecting items for personal care kits for St. Albans schools. Please place your donations in the box in the overflow. Thank you!

Bingo & Snacks - at the Villager Apartments - Date: TBA

Tim Priddy's Small Group

Art for All – Wed. April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall or on the church lawn, weather permitting.

Amy Loftis' Small Group

Sharing a Meal – Thurs. Apr. 27 at 11:15 a.m. at Christ's Kitchen

Fishermen Small Group

St. Andrew Piecemakers

To request a Prayer Pillow made by St. Andrew Piecemakers, please call Melanie Ogu, 304-724-7114, option 5.

Library Update

Since the library has not been used much in recent years and because the library needs to be weeded periodically, in the next several weeks books will be placed in the overflow for rehoming. When you see them there, please take time to look at them and take any that may interest you.

Susan Danford, church librarian

SNAP Update

Greetings St. Andrews – here is your monthly update on snap. So far in March we visited the clay center to see the exhibit “Medieval to metal, the art and evolution of the guitar.” We also visited the Kanawha piano gallery to see how guitars and pianos are made. Then we made our own guitars out of paper mâché as an art project. We also went bowling and started working on our service project which is enrichment activities for animals at the animal shelter. We need donations of old towels or fleece blankets for our project. Thank you and happy spring!



April 2023

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| Sun. Apr. 2 | The Vine: Virtual Message and Music
Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m. in the choir room
One Service – 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary
The Table – 4:44 p.m. at Roadside Park |
| Mon. Apr. 3 | Sheila Radochio’s Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom |
| Tues. Apr. 4 | Tim Priddy’s Small Group – 11:00 a.m. by Zoom |
| Wed. Apr. 5 | Amy Loftis’ Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
Bob Lilly’s Wesley Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom |
| Thurs. Apr. 6 | Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 p.m. in the chapel |

Fri. Apr. 7	Good Friday Service – 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
Sun. Apr. 9	The Vine: Virtual Message and Music Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m. in the choir room One Service – 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary
Tues. Apr. 11	Tim Priddy’s Small Group – 11:00 a.m. by Zoom Finance – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
Wed. Apr. 12	Amy Loftis’ Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom Bob Lilly’s Wesley Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
Thurs. Apr. 13	Fishermen Small Group – 11:00 a.m. in Friendship Hall
Sun. Apr. 16	The Vine: Virtual Message and Music Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m. in the choir room One Service – 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary Compassion Camp – 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Roadside Park Youth Ministry – 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Rm. 308
Tues. Apr. 18	Prayer Pillow Group – 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 300 Tim Priddy’s Small Group – 11:00 a.m. by Zoom
Wed. Apr. 19	Amy Loftis’ Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom Bob Lilly’s Wesley Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
Thurs. Apr. 20	Church Council – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
Sun. Apr. 23	The Vine: Virtual Message and Music Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m. in the choir room One Service – 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary
Tues. Apr. 25	Tim Priddy’s Small Group – 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Apr. 26	Amy Loftis’ Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom Bob Lilly’s Wesley Small Group – 6:30 p.m. by Zoom
Thurs. Apr. 27	Fishermen Small Group Outreach – 11:15 a.m. at Christ’s Kitchen
Sun. Apr. 30	The Vine: Virtual Message and Music Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m. in the choir room One Service – 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

If any of these meetings pertain to you, a Zoom link will be sent in the Midweek Update.

April Birthdays

- 3 Karen Brimhall
- 4 Staci Robinson, Elizabeth Ross, Sean Stalnaker
- 5 Tammy Snedegar
- 6 Anthony Goode, Lydia Young
- 7 Joyce Dickson, Danielle Mallory, Dan White
- 8 David Bradley, Nolan Duncan, Phyllis Garner, Jeanie White
- 9 Randi Robinson, Andy Theodos
- 12 Mary Lou Hutton
- 14 Kim Wood
- 16 Brooke Wood
- 21 Bill Clough
- 23 Regan Raines
- 24 Kelsey Clough
- 28 Sydney White
- 30 Lori Young

April Anniversaries

- 1 Ian & Lisa Bennett
- 14 Dan & Peggy White
- 18 James & Sonya Lawson
- 20 Pat & Joanne Hart
- 22 Bob & Joyce Dickson
- 24 David & Pam Duncan
- 27 Oscar & Carol Hutchison
- 30 V.J. & Lori Counts-Smith

Prayer Concerns

Our Church; Our Staff; Nursing Homes & Shut-ins; Healing for our nation and the world; Those suffering from anxiety/stress; Unspoken; Our Military; Rev. Jarrold & Debbie Lanham; Dinah Withrow; Melissa Henrich; Melinda McDermott, Sarah, Wayne Arrington, Goldia Saunders Raines, Kathy Bono Hutton; Vernon Taylor; Bailey and family; Brian Pauley; Nancy Carte; Bobby Sadler; Leora McCoy; Beverly Wharton; Roger & Sandy Peters and her mom; Conni McGraw Morris; Robert Holley; Jill Taylor; Jon Hensley; Margie Evrard; Bruce Medley; Barbara Asbury; Vernon Taylor