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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Fully Handicapped Accessible



John, the Gospel of Light and Life

February is a fun month. It begins with Punxsutawney Phil and his shadowy predictions, contains the happy four day weekend, and for us in the church is the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. This year our Lenten Study will delve into Adam Hamilton's thoughts on the book of John. Through this study we will explore the character of Jesus and learn more of God's plan in sending his Son and in the Resurrection. It will be fun to see just how John experienced Jesus and God's love. The six weeks of Lent (seven if you count Easter Sunday) will be a time where we can be enlightened by God's abounding love. Lent is meant to be a time where we reflect upon our inner selves and consider the relationship we have with Christ. It is our opportunity to discover and remove the things that separate us from the

God who loves us, so that when Easter morning comes and we celebrate the Resurrection we can do so with clean hearts, eager to greet our Lord. John's gospel will allow us to learn more about Jesus who loves us so that we can fully examine our relationships with him. Lent is meant to be a frustrating time when we do the hard work of exploring the depths of our souls. Remember, however, at the end of the day that "Jesus Loves You and There's Nothing You Can Do About It!"

~Pastor Kristen

Our Giving for January 3- January 24, 2016

	Env. & Loose	Other	Received	For
1/3/2016	\$3,542.62	27.00	\$8,124.00	Envelopes
1/10/2016	970.00	16.00	169.62	Loose
1/17/2016	1749.00	51.00	39.00	Initial
1/24/2016	2,032.00	7.00	40.00	Buld.Use 22.00 Hmn. Rel. Day

Budget income this 4 weeks was \$8,394.62. This is a weekly average of \$2,098.66. We require \$2,336.00 per week to meet budget.



February Birthdays

- 3 Becca Gorski, John Faulkner
- 5 Ryan Terry
- 6 Laura Fisher
- 11 Will Faulkner
- 14 Rich Medley
- 16 Linda Teachnor, Bill Reed
- 17 Erin Sinclair
- 18 Jason Fisher, Wilson Sheldon
- 20 Jay Gilmore
- 21 JoAnn Saxton
- 24 Jeremy Villegas
- 25 Ashlynn Reed
- 27 Kathy Sheldon

February Anniversaries

- 24 Mike and Kathy Sheldon
- 25 John and Lori Faulkner

Endowments

Our Scholarship Endowment has increased in value steadily this year. January is the month we announce the availability of a scholarship.

We are able to offer two (2) \$500 scholarships in 2016. Guideline/requirements are as follows: Applicant must be a high school graduate or have a G.E.D., and a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, and must be a member of Blissfield First United Methodist Church.

Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees or expenses while attending a college, university, or trade school. Scholarships will be given on an annual basis, providing funds are available. Recipients may not be eligible to receive a second scholarship. Decision is at the discretion of the Endowment Committee and their decision is final. Endowment Committee will make scholarship offer known each year in January, in Church Newsletter and by other announcements (bulletin, worship).

Deadline for submission of application is May 1 of each year. Should a member of the Endowment Committee disqualify him/herself from judging the applications, assistance may be requested from member(s) of the Administrative Council.

Applications are available in the church office, and again must be submitted by May 1, 2016.

Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 26th. Thank you!!

Ministries on Sunday

Mornings in February:

Ushers:

- 7 Rich Medley
- 14 Jerry Villegas
- 21 Joe Gust
- 28 Mike Frederick

Greeters in Front Entrance:

- 7 The Medley Family
- 14 Jerry and Sandy Villegas
- 21 The Gust Family
- 28 Mike and Cindy Frederick

Greeters in West Entry:

- 7 Barb Cambal
- 14 Phyllis Mallory
- 21 Judy Mershon
- 28 Janet Flores

Acolytes:

- 7 Natalie Fisher
- 14 Alexa Mapstone
- 21 Amanda Fisher
- 28 Jessica Fisher

AV Room:

- 7 Diana Medley
- 14 Dave Kerekgyarto
- 21 Chris Gorski
- 28 Becca Gorski

Lay Readers:

- 7 Judy Merson
- 14 Lori Faulkner
- 21 Bonnie Emerson
- 28 Jerry Villegas

JANUARY PRAYER LIST

The prayer chain was used several times over the last month. Please let the church office know when it may be appropriate for us to remove a prayer request from our list, otherwise it will be removed within a reasonable amount of time. You may also place your prayers in the prayer basket located at the back of the church. Please include name and (optional) reason for prayer.

The following were prayed for during

January: ...For all the global conflicts and our troops, the economy, Carl Anderson, Myla Novak, Darlene and Bob Spotts, Bertha Grimes, Kevin and family, Ellen Smith, Kevin Wilson, Emily Hepker, Larry Greenwald, Robin Raines, Kaden Elizardo, Debbie Lake, Emily Alley, Connie Cox, Mary Gooze, Carolyn Goetz, Emily Nowak and her son Iziah, Gordon McClain, Brian Betz, Carol Sheldon, Melanie and Eric, Annaliese Marks, Emma Phenicie, Dave Handy, Ali and Karly, Gianna Sell, David Stucker, Jim Morris, Pearle Barrus, Margaret Goble, Raylan Baney.

We have also been praying long term for: Elizabeth Stutzman, David Anderson, Lori Spotts, Edie Holmes, Susie DeSue, Al VanLooke.

If you have prayer concerns or joys to add, or know of names that could be removed, please contact the church office at 486-4040 or blissfumc@gmail.com. You are invited to visit, call, or send notes of encouragement to our shut-ins:

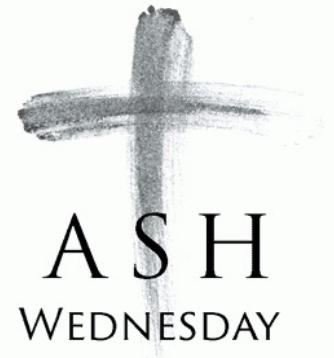
<u>Hilda Knoblauch</u>	<u>Bob and Darlene Spotts</u>
650 W. Adrian St.	9953 Treadwell
Blissfield, MI 49228	Blissfield, MI 49228
517-486-2442	517-443-5834
<u>Elizabeth Stutzman</u>	<u>Barb Dittman</u>
1244 West Southern Ave	2057 N Wellsville Hwy
Muskegon, MI 49441	Britton, MI 49229
	517-423-2248





Remember our local food pantry! They are asking for the following:
Assorted Canned Soup, Cookie/Cake Mix, and Canned Peaches.

We will have a special service for Ash Wednesday, February 10th, at 6:30 p.m.



Centen breakfasts

All Breakfasts begin at 9:30 a.m.

February 11th - Blissfield FUMC

February 18th - St. Paul Lutheran

February 25th - Emmanuel UMC

March 4th - First Presbyterian

March 10th - Trinity Lutheran, Riga

March 17th - Light of Christ, Blissfield

Choir!

Choir rehearsals

February 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7 pm!

Blissfield MOPS

- The next meeting will be February at 9:30 am. The meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month and are from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We are also looking for volunteers to watch the children during the meeting. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

- The MOPS group will also have a Valentine's party February 12th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm here at the church.

Youth News

- Youth group will also be meeting on Saturday, February 6th to make all Hoagie orders. Please meet at the church at 7 p.m.

- Youth group will have a meeting February 21, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Swim Night



Saturday, February 27th from 5 to 8 p.m. at The Centre.

We will be delivering meals to the

community Feb 8th-19th Please sign up in the sanctuary if you can help.

