



Sheridan First United Methodist Church

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Loving God

Recently I have been reading through the Psalms...listening to the heart's cry of the psalmist and noting his relationship with God. I came across these words in Psalm 63: 1-2, words that David cried out to God: *O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.*

David had some spiritually dry spells in his life... times when he did not feel God's presence...yet he yearned for God's presence in his life with all his heart and he continued to cry out to God. You see, only God can satisfy a heart like David's, a heart that truly longs for God...this world has nothing to offer that compares to it...absolutely nothing! And even though he sinned greatly against God...the word says that David was a man after God's own heart. That's the way we were created to be. And God is much more than good, gracious, kind, forgiving, righteous, and faithful! His love goes far beyond what our human minds can understand.

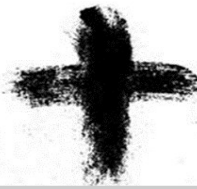
This is the essence of what it means to love God: to be satisfied in him. In him ... not just his gifts... but God himself, as the glorious, gracious, almighty loving God that he is! Loving God will include *obeying* all his commands; it will include *believing* all his word; it will include *thank-ing* him for all his gifts. But all that is overflow. The essence of loving God is admiring and *enjoying* all that he is...from beginning to end...he is the Alpha and Omega...the first and the last...He is our A to Z. And it is this enjoyment of God that makes all of our other responses truly glorifying to him. We all know this intuitively as well as from Scripture.

Do we feel most honored by the love of those who serve us from the constraints of duty, or from the delights of fellowship? It is the same with God, who delights in our fellowship with him. A husband or wife is most honored when his or her spouse says, "It makes me happy to spend time with you." And so it is with God. He is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him. None of us has arrived at perfect satisfaction in God. I grieve often over the murmuring of my heart when I lose some earthly comfort or convenience. But I have tasted that the Lord is good. By God's grace I now know the fountain of everlasting joy. It is found in my close relationship with God. And so I love to spend my days luring people into joy until they say with me, "One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." Psalm 27:4



Youth Confirmation Class begins February 8th
Youth in 6th through 12th grades are invited to participate in the 2018 Confirmation Class. We will meet in the youth room on Thursday, February 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.. Confirmation and Baptism will be on Sunday, February 25th at the 10:00a.m. service. Please contact the church office (317-758-4195) or Rev. Fritz (317-626-9315) if you plan to attend.

Ash Wednesday



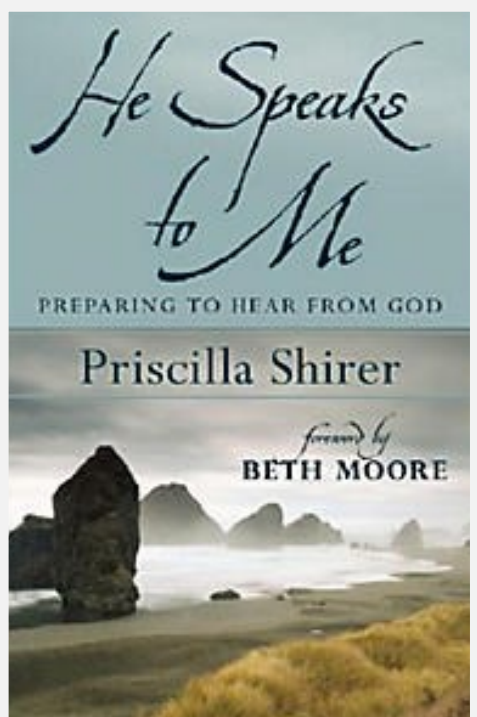
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

First UMC will provide a simple 30 minute Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th at 6:30p.m. Join us as we begin the season of Lent with prayer and worship.



The Missions committee is currently preparing for the Annual Chili Cook-Off to be held Sunday, February 25th after second service. Prizes will be given to the winners in the following categories: "Best Kids Chili, Best Adult Chili, and Best Overall Chili. All donation will be used for future mission trips. Any questions please contact Shelley Weir or Suzanne Montgomery.

Education News



“When we approach God humbly and bow down before Him, we put ourselves in a position to hear from Him.”

Are you longing to hear God’s voice, but feeling disconnected?

God wants to speak directly to each of His beloved children, not to just a few “spiritual elite.” Priscilla Shirer looks at God’s call to Samuel and uncovers six characteristics essential for hearing from God:

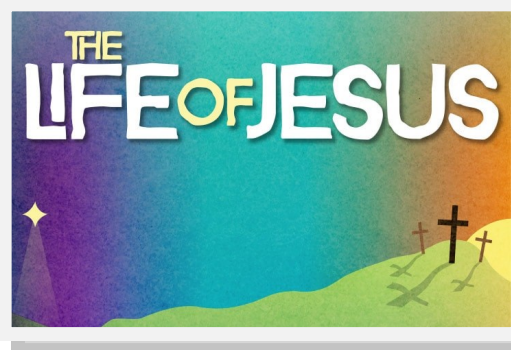
- A simple RELATIONSHIP, unfettered by sin or pride
- A single-minded WORSHIP, focused on God and His glory
- A set-apart HOLINESS, determined to live a life that honors Him
- A still ATTENTIVENESS, willing to be silent before Him
- A sold-out HUNGER, passionately pursuing God’s presence
- A servant SPIRIT, submitted to God’s call

Her warmth and honesty, combined with a wealth of practical help, will inspire you to cultivate these traits in your own life. By doing so, you will prepare yourself to draw closer to Him and to hear His voice



POLAR BLAST VBS

Our VBS this year, Polar Blast, will be an afternoon and evening event just as we did last year! Special thanks to Sharon Brimberry and Sarah Godby who have agreed to be VBS directors and to all those who have agreed to help. Watch for further details as to date, etc.



In Sunday School and Enrichment we are spending several months on Digging Into Life of Jesus.

Digging Into the Life of Jesus leads kids in walking in Jesus' footsteps from birth to resurrection to ascension. Kids don't just learn about the historical Jesus; they get to know him personally. They'll discover that Jesus is a real person—a real friend—who makes a difference in their lives today.

EDUCATION (continued)

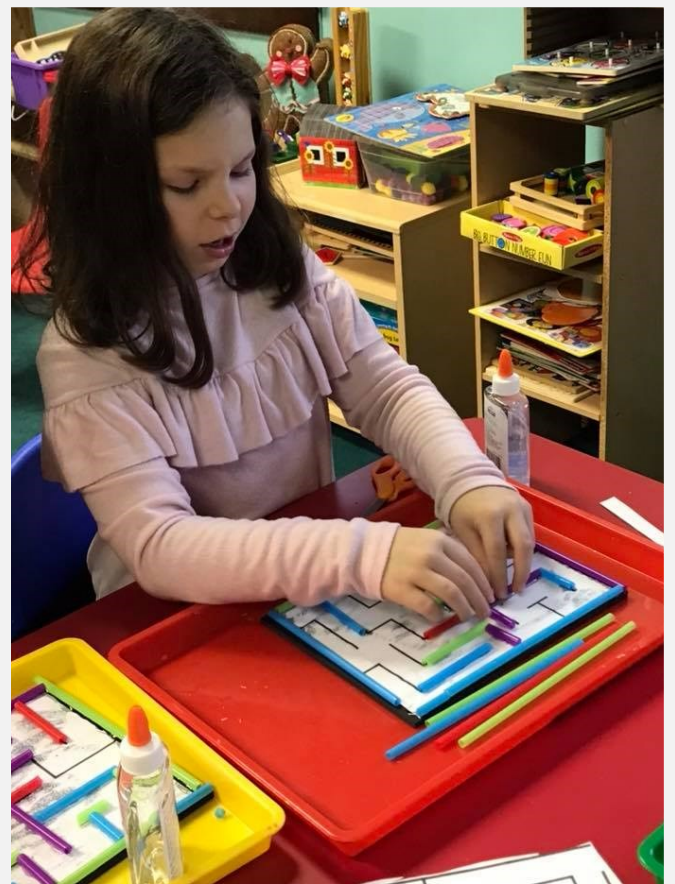


We learned about John the Baptist. We learned he is the cousin of Jesus and lived in the desert where he preached. We learned that he wore animal skins and ate bugs. But most importantly we learned he baptized Jesus. During the baptism, the Heavens opened and God spoke and send a dove, the Holy Spirit. We made dove paintings and doves to remember the story.



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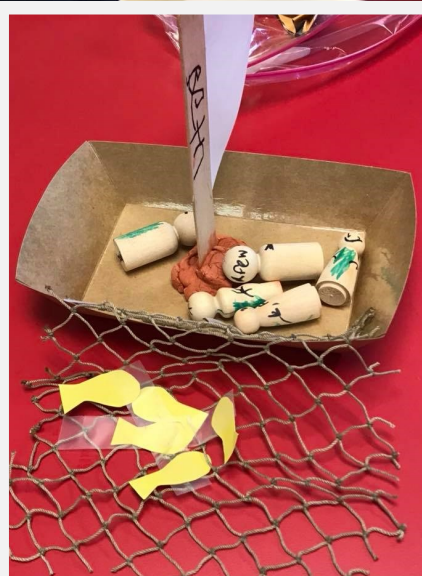
We learned that following Jesus baptism, the Holy Spirit led him into the wilderness to be tempted. We talked about the meaning of temptation and the ways we are tempted. We learned that Jesus will help us when we have temptations. We made puppets that could say “no” and we also made a maze. The maze shows us that God will lead us through to the right decision.



EDUCATION (continued)



We learned that following Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, He began his ministry by calling the disciples. He called Simon Peter and his brother, Andrew, who were fishing. He then called brothers, James and John who were also fishermen. He said "Come, follow me." As we made our fishing boats, we talked about how Jesus calls us to follow him.



LEARN AND PLAY PRESCHOOL

During the month of January our themes were Snow/ Mittens, Martin Luther King Jr., and Nutrition. We had a lot of fun in our stations.



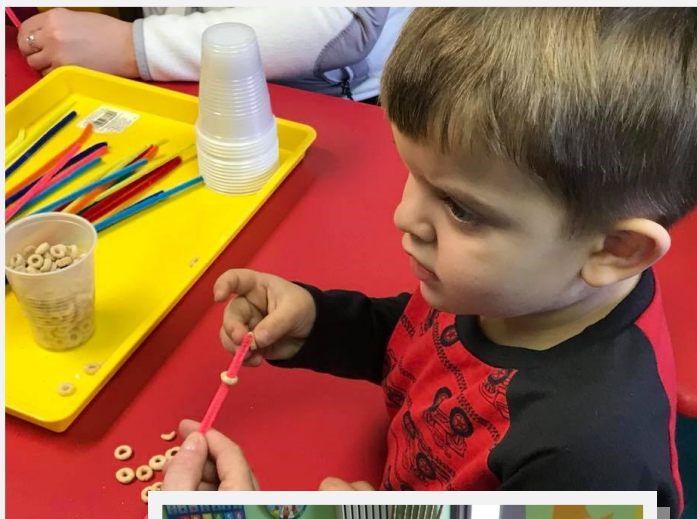
LEARN AND PLAY (continued)

We learned about Martin Luther King and about kindness. Our letter for the week was K. We finger painted with ketchup, made peace doves, and even got to play in shaving cream as our sensory experience. We made treat bags for a class mate.



LEARN AND PLAY (continued)

In our group activities and in our centers we learned about food and how good food helps us grow. We even painted with vegetables and made some bird feeders out of Cheerios.



Our memory game! What food was taken away




Happy Anniversary

Curtis Lindenmayer	2/6
Lisa Gipson	2/7
Arnola Pickett	2/10
Tresa Waitt	2/11
Presten Weir	2/11
Bethaney Adams	2/12
Steve Faherty	2/16
Mary Lou Finchum	2/16
William Oberthur	2/20
Alyssa Gipson	2/21
Kylee Dripps	2/23
Jackie Evoy	2/25
Eva Grinstead	2/26

Gerald & Sally Lindenmayer	2/20
Ross & Buffy Perkins	2/21
Kenneth & Elizabeth Bensen	2/27

Sunflower items needed for February



- Mouthwash
- Paper towel
- Shampoo
- Sponge & scouring pads



Lent

Let light shine out of darkness ...

2 Corinthians 4:6



Remembering Our Homebound Members

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Please remember our homebound with a card, a call, or a prayer this week. If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please let us know.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	2	3
4 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	5	6 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m. Girl Scouts 5:00-6:30p.m. Worship Mt. 7:00p.m.	7 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	8 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Confirmation class 5-6p.m.	9	10
11 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	12	13 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m. FAT TUES- DAY SUPPER 4:40-7:00p.m. Greenhouse Board Mt. 7:00p.m.	14 Ash Wednes- day Service 6:30-7:00p.m. Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	15 Learn & Play Pre- school 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Confirmation class 5-6p.m. Koinonia 7:00p.m.	16	17
18 1st Sunday of Lent 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship	19 Trustee Mt. 7:00p.m.	20 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	21 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	22 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00a.m. Lunch Club 12:00p.m. Confirmation class 5-6p.m.	23	24
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