

Read: Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 1:17 and 58:10, Micah 6:8, Matthew 25:31-40, Psalm 41:1, James 1:27 and 2:14-17.

One of God's amazing creations is snow. We had a lot of snow and ice in January. I was mesmerized by the beauty I was seeing as I drove through the countryside... I simply could not stop looking at it. I wondered if there was an artist who could paint the beauty my eyes were beholding... I don't think so... no one but God could capture the amazing beauty of the mixture of snow, ice, and sunlight. A lot of my friends on Facebook have been posting beautiful pictures of the trees and landscape covered in snow and ice...and yet it is not the same as being there.

I know there are lots of folks who do not like snow, but not me. I LOVE snow! It is beautiful and fun... and it's the only time in the year that my yard looks just as nice as my neighbors!

It has been fascinating reading about snowflakes as I was preparing for this article. I read the other day that snowflakes are made from ice crystals which form on dust particles as they fall gently from the heavens. Did you know that all snow crystals have six sides? But you shouldn't expect to easily find a perfect six-sided snowflake. They occur only about 25% of the time. Do you want to why? It's because a snowflake has a bumpy ride and difficult journey on its way to the earth. Each flake is buffeted by wind, water, temperature change, other snowflakes, and other objects.

A couple of years ago I was in Noblesville and it was snowing little snowballs... not sleet...but snowballs! I called my daughter and told her it was "snowballing" outside. I learned that these types of snowflakes are called graupel. So, in reality it was "graupeling" outside! They fall in the form of a ball due to their melting and refreezing, rather than forming into a snowflake. Amazing isn't it!

During the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century a man by the name of Wilson Bentley developed a camera capable of photographing individual flakes. During his lifetime he photographed over 5,000 snowflakes and declared that no two snowflakes are alike. Scientists agree that it would be very rare for two to be identical considering the conditions necessary for each one to form. Microscopic photography reveals that snowflakes are works of art! How wonderful God is to make something so delicate... yet MIGHTY!

A single snowflake doesn't make much of an impact, but when they gather in large numbers, they become a force to be reckoned with. We certainly know that firsthand! They have been known to close roads and mountain passes, shut down airports, cripple cities, crush roofs, sweep away homes, take down trees, cause power outages, and move mountainsides. And there are times that snow removal crews just cannot keep up with the fast falling snow. It hardly seems possible that something so small and delicate could have the ability to become such a powerful force of nature.

The same is true with the love God works in the hearts of Christians, joining them together as the body of Christ. As the body of Christ, the Church, we too become a powerful force that can change and transform individual's, communities, and the world. Like a mighty avalanche Christians working together for the Lord have transformed the landscape of communities all across this great land by standing against injustice, prejudice, poverty, and violence. They have cleaned up neighborhoods, built parks, opened thrift stores for the poor, centers to aide with legal and financial services, free health and dental clinics, youth centers, summer programs for children and youth... whatever is needed to bring change and hope... together they do what seems impossible.

Let's all join together and become a part of this mighty force of God. We may be in for a bumpy ride but the beauty that God will bring to cover our community... our world... will be with it in the end. Let's continue to cover Sheridan with the love of God!

A special thanks to all of you who give so much of your selves and finances to the ministries of this church. Together you are a mighty force making a difference in the lives of many people in Sheridan and around the world! Thank you for your dedication and commitment in doing God's work.

Pastor Carol

### **District Leadership Training Event:**

Where: New Horizons UMC, 611 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> St., Anderson, IN.

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

FOR: Staff-Parish, Trustees, Finance, and Church Council Please pick up a registration form at the church office.

Valentine's Bake Sale

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Hall

For Youth Mission Trip

### 2019 Hamilton Co. UMM Lenten Breakfast Schedule

**Theme:** "WHO is your neighbor?"

**Scripture:** James 2:8 - "If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture,

you shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing right."

**Offering:** Metro Ministries

**Time:** 7:30 a.m.

#### **Dates:**

Sat., March 23, First UMC, 2051 E. Monument St., Noblesville

Speaker: Mr. Dennis Schrumpf, Certified Lay Servant

Sat., March 30, The Promise UMC, 12648 E. 116th St., Fishers Speaker: Ms. Emily Reece, Director of Church Development

Sat., April 6, St. Mark's UMC, 4780 E. 126th St., Carmel

Speaker: Mr. Craig Wood, Certified Lay Servant

Sat., April 13, Sheridan UMC, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan

Speaker: Rev. Adriane Curtis, Associate Pastor, Carmel UMC

## **COMING UP IN MARCH:**

March 5<sup>th</sup>: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner sponsored by the United Methodist Women

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Lent Begins: Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

March 17<sup>th</sup>: Lead Worship Service at Sheridan Nursing Home

March 17<sup>th</sup>: Annual St. Patrick's Day "Spud Fest": Baked Potato BarA Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

March 31<sup>st</sup>: UMCOR Special Offering



You are invited to join us for the new Women's Bible Study, The Quest by Beth Moore, beginning Wednesday, January 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

A light supper is available.

Curiosity is hardwired in humanity. We have this innate need to question and seek after what we don't know or understand.

In this 6-session Bible study, delve into Scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop your intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God.

#### Benefits:

Deepen your intimacy with God as you ask, discuss, and ponder questions of faith.

Take comfort in remembering this world is only a temporary stay until we reach our heavenly home.

Understand that questions are inherent and essential to growth.

Embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God

# Learn and Play Preschool

Learn and Play today. Today was pajama day! Our letter was P for pajama, penguin, popcorn, and peanut butter! We even had pancakes for lunch.















Lisa Gipson	2/7
Elijah Summers	2/9
Arnola Pickett	2/10
Tresa Waitt	2/11
Presten Weir	2/11
Bethaney Adams	2/12
Skeet Ridge	2/14
Steve Faherty	2/16
Mary Lou Finchum	n 2/16
William Oberthur	2/20
Alyssa Gipson	2/21
Kylee Dripps	2/23
Jackie Evoy	2/25
Angela Heiser	2/25
Eva Grinstead	2/26



Gerald & Sally Lindenmayer	2/10
Key & Betsy Bensen	2/27



Sunflower items needed for January, February, And March.

Mouthwash Paper towel

Shampoo Sponge & scouring pads

The Sunflower pantry is opened the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.



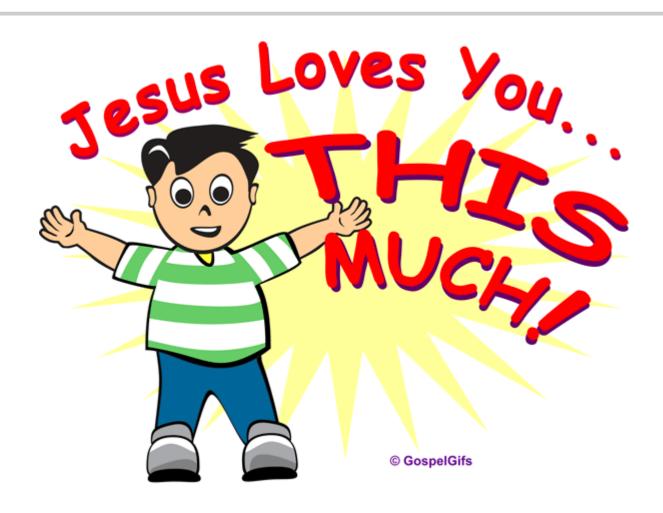
A Call to Prayer
The council of Bishops invites United
Methodist to intentional prayer from
2:23p.m.-2:26p.m. each day, until the
Special Called Session of the General
Conference in February.

The Conference will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.



James Arthur Don Mendenhall Helen Pickard Renate Ridge Tresa Ann Waitt Jackie Pickett Mark Blessing William Oberthur Kate Pickett Ruth Sanders Mary Walker LeeAnn Bridwell Mary Anne Ogle Janet Butcher Melba Stephens Beverly Frederick-

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. Contact information is available in the church office. The church number is 317-758-4195.



# FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Church Council 7:00p.m.	5 Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	6 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	7 Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	8	9
8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00a.m. Worship	11	12 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m	Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00p.m.	15	16
17 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 Worship	Trustee Meeting 7:00p.m.	Sunflower Pantry 1:00-3:00p.m.	Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00  Lunch Club 12:00p.m.  Koinonia Circle 7:00p.m.	22	23
8:30a.m. Worship 9:00a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship	25	Finance Meeting 7:30p.m.	Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m. Choir 7:00p.m.	Learn & Play Preschool 10:00-12:00 Lunch Club 12:00 p.m.		