

Bell Chapel UMC Newsletter
 A publication of Bell Chapel UMC
 Ringing out with the Good News
 The Gospel of Jesus Christ
February/March



Bell Chapel UMC
Our Schedule
Sunday

Prayer
 Time.....9:30am
 Worship:.....10:00am
 Fellowship.....after service
 Sunday School:....10:15am
UMM Bible Study
8:00am
 Feb. 9th
 Feb. 23rd
 Mar. 9th
 Mar. 23rd

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From Pastor Jeff Proya's Desk

Dear Jonathan

I'm trying to remember the song that was playing as I was driving across the ridge on yet another blustery winter day here in the valley. There was a flock of Canadian geese trying to scrape up a meal in what was left of a corn-field before the combine and snow had taken their toll. I think I was going to google it when I got to the stop sign but, I guess there were other priorities of life confronting this journeyman whatever I am, or as it happens more and more I just forgot. Not to worry for indeed if it had been important or if life had gone uninterrupted by geese, blurred vision from a gust of wind, or a phone call, well I might just have remembered. Most of life young man has structure or order depending on how one views the workings of the universe. For instance I think of life as an ever elusive mystery, constantly moving and changing, while we humans chase after it hoping to label it then perhaps organize it so as to maximize our experience of living. Solomon in his wisdom simply assigns our various emotional extremes into seasons without I might add clearly defining the duration of any of life's moments, yet all are it seems a function of God's created order. If your head is spinning join

the crowd young man, those damn geese have more of clue than we do, simply trying to get a belly full of corn before the real storm hits all the while life ever changing as it is watches and laughs at our feeble attempts to make sense of it all. Don't get me wrong, I didn't stop the car and join them in the field nor try to beat the mob to Kroger's there in Wintersville for the human equivalent of bread and milk. I chose to start the windshield wipers, turn on the defroster and answer the phone, and then with any luck and a little discernment figure out what to do next. That is just how subtle life's flow and our response can be. The one conclusion I have arrived at in life is that you never really know what's just ahead, order or chaos, tears or laughter, want or plenty, nor should one get too caught up in trying to figure it out. My advice is just this young man, when within your power make good decisions as it relates to your future, based on both the information at hand and your understanding of life given your faith in God. That is the grand design according to Pap in a nut shell, which will maximize your potential for living

a well-balanced life, and minimize the possibilities for destructive patterns to develop within and around you. Notice I didn't say there would be no storms, tears, pain, heartache, disappointment, nor mistakes, for there is ebb and flow to life no matter how good your choices are. No wonder even Solomon was so frustrated by his observation of life. Those geese were created with an instinct to go south for the winter, go figure here they are in the Ohio valley, so goes our own frustration and with it the question as to what it is we are supposed to do. I'm not sure what lies ahead for any of us, even myself, or where and when the road ends I only know who travels the road with each of us to the very end, the windshield wipers are finally thawed out, I can see clearer now. Oh it was the "The Last Resort by The Eagles" "Who will provide the grand design, what is yours and what is mine?" I have every confidence you will figure it out or at least wrestle with it from time to time, just remember it is a mystery constantly moving and changing. Maybe we're not supposed to figure it all out, perhaps our main purpose in life is to enjoy the journey and trust the One who guides our way!

Love,
 Pap

BIRTHDAYS

Karyssa Smith	Feb. 1st
Sonja Rhine	Feb. 4th
Anthony Pelegreen	Feb. 5th
John Bosela	Feb. 7th
Anna Wadas	Feb. 11th
Kevin Daugherty	Feb. 14th
Vivian Gump	Feb. 14th
Donna Glover	Feb. 16th
Barbara Turner	Feb. 17th
Rozita Daugherty	Feb. 20th
Adam Davis	Feb. 20th
Mikayla Pelegreen	Feb. 22nd
Roger Watts	Feb. 22nd
Jody Alvey	Feb. 26th

PLEASER PRAY FOR

Constant Prayers

Little David	Robbie
Brandon	Marissa
Valerie	Preston
Sydney	Joe
Dave S.	Mary
Bob	Eva
Calla	Evie
Faith	Mary Jane
Patty	Bill N.
Grace	Devon
Jim and Clara	
Jonathan	Tammy
Janet and Dan	Rhonda
Leslie	
Lori	Sally
Cathy	Ben
Peggy	Helen
Chanoski family	Lynnette
Mike and Linda	Joe
Simone	Terri
Ian	Ryan

Our Shut-ins

Richard and Vera
Tim
Teresa and family
John and Nancy
Esther



BIRTHDAYS

NiKole Cooper	Mar. 3rd
Joshua Alvey	Mar. 5th
Jacob Alvey	Mar. 5th
Jane Toothman	Mar. 9th
Lester Lemley	Mar. 10th
Kathy Pavlik	Mar. 11th
Peter Carpico	Mar. 15th
Noreen Tressler	Mar. 17th
Jonah Moro	Mar. 19th
Stephanie Carpico	Mar. 21st
Robert Ferguson	Mar. 21st
Jim Still	Mar. 24th
Tresa Bratt	Mar. 25th
Ruth White	Mar. 25th
Carole Auch	Mar. 26th
Katelyn Gorby	Mar. 27th

SERVICE PERSONNEL

Aaron Ensminger	Justin Louk
Gene Zrinyi	Brock Taylor
Lt. Col. Dave Irvin	Richard Davis
Wesley Streblo	Corey Thomas
William Burns	Major William Booth
John Steedman	Ryan Gorby
Josh Bain	Daniel Decker
Jeff Toney	Jasen Pederson
David DeGarmo	Bill Prosko-Army
Lt.Col. Glenn Reinhold	ranger
Pt. Ian Fulmer	Major Rich Saphore
Staff Sgt Garrett Waller	
Brian Furbee	Sabrina Chwalek

ANNIVERSARIES

Keith and Sharon Pool	Feb. 14th
Owen and Jane Lenkner	Feb. 18th
Larry and Peggi Townsend	Feb. 22nd
Wayne and Debbie Barcalow	Feb. 28th



ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Arlene Zahniser	Mar. 1st
Sid and Jane Toothman	Mar. 3rd
Gary and Donna Glover	Mar. 9th
Wayne and Judy Fulmer	Mar. 11th

Happy
Valentine's
Day



USHERS AND GREETERS

February



3rd

Greeters: Bob Smith and Dave Rothacker

Ushers: Glen Furbee, Linda McCullough, Kathy Proya and Dave Rothacker

Liturgist: Glen Furbee

10th

Greeters: Jesse Hill and Delbert Furbee

Ushers: Joe Poss, Tammy Lemasters, Gary Glover and John Dennis

Liturgist: Tammy Lemasters

17th

Greeters: Mona Chandler and Rachael Bellville

Ushers: Bob Smith, Karen Taylor, Debbie Parsons and Jesse Hil

Liturgist: Stan Kavanagh

24th

Greeters: Joe Ross and Ralph Wise

Ushers: Wayne Fulmer, Debbie Gump, John Rhine and John McCullough

Liturgist: Wayne Fulmer



March



3rd

Greeters: Aiden and Olivia Ferguson

Ushers: Sonja Rhine, Joe Ross, Tammy Lemasters and Dave Rothacker

Liturgist: Nancy West

10th

Greeters: Roger and JoAnn Watts

Ushers: Delbert Furbee, Wayne Fulmer, Kathy Proya and Karen Taylor

Liturgist: Delbert Furbee

17th

Greeters: Gary and Donna Glover

Ushers: George Milosevich, Patty Milosevich, Glen Furbee and Debbie Parsons

Liturgist: Frances Furbee

24th

Greeters: Lisa and Alex Anderson

Ushers: Jesse Hill, John Dennis, Debbie Gump and Bob Bratt

Liturgist: Wayne Fulmer

31st

Greeters: Bob and Tresa Bratt

Ushers: John Rhine, Bob Smith, Linda McCullough and Tammy Lemasters

Liturgist: John Rhine





Thank you all for everything! I really appreciate everyone's visits, cards and prayers. God Bless you all!

Esther Elliott



CHURCH CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of bad weather :

Call the church (740-283-2239) to hear a recorded message concerning an altered service schedule.

If there is no electricity there will be no church services.

(Just a note: If you call the church and the answering machine does not come on, there is no electricity at the church.)

If the county issues a Level 2 or Level 3 Emergency Notice there will be no church services.



Update information please

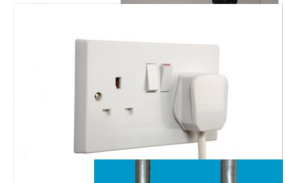
If you have moved, gotten a new phone number, or added someone to your family, please send me your updated information. You can either do it when you sign the attendance sheet, or e-mail me at cindy@bellchapel.org, or you can call the office and give me your new information (740-283-2239.)

Also, I am always looking for pictures of children for our children's moments slides. I usually use pictures I have found on the internet. But I would much prefer pictures of our children. So please feel free to send me pictures of your children or grandchildren anytime. They can be emailed to me at cindy@bellchapel.org or call me at the office and we can make arrangements for you to text them to me.

Thanks for your help with this.

Help Wanted/ Parts Needed

The Trustees are beginning to work on the LaRue Farmhouse. If anyone has any NEW Plumbing or Electrical supplies or parts that you can donate we would greatly appreciate it. Also if you can volunteer to help us as we work on this extensive renovation we would certainly appreciate it. Please see John Rhine or Bob Bratt to volunteer. You can also call the church office. Thank you!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Food Pickup @ 8:00am	2
3 Worship Ser- vice @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group Mtg	4 Small Group Mtg @ 6:00pm @ the Four Seasons Minis- try Coffee Shop	5 Busy Needles @ 9:30am	6 UMM Meeting @ 7:00pm	7 Sausage Making @ 8:30am UMW Mtg @ 2:00pm	8	9 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am
10 Worship Ser- vice @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group Mtg	11 Trustees mtg. @ 6:00pm Good Samaritan Mtg @ 6:00pm Finance Committee Mtg @ 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting @ 7:15pm	12 Busy Needles @ 9:30am	13	14	15	16 Sweetheart Dinner @ 6:00pm
17 Worship Ser- vice @ 10:00am and Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group Mtg	18 Small Group Mtg @ 6:00pm @ the Four Seasons Minis- try Coffee Shop	19 Busy Needles @ 9:30am Packing Food Boxes @ 8:30am	20	21 Food Distribution @ 8:00am	22 Sausage Making @ 8:30am	23 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am
					<h1>March</h1>	
24 Worship Ser- vice @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am Youth Group Mtg	25 Small Group Mtg @ 6:00pm @ the Four Seasons Minis- try Coffee Shop	26 Busy Needles @ 9:30am	27	28	1 Food Pickup @ 8:00am	2
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April

United Methodist Women United Methodist Men

The holidays are over and it's time to get to work. Our next meeting will be Feb. 7th at 2:00pm and I understand we will be doing sausage that day also; just come to work in the morning and stay for the meeting. Each month we donate \$100.00 to a worthy cause.; this month it will be given to Special Olympics. These young people are amazing; the things they can do. They will be in Steubenville the first week in May— go down and see for yourself.

We will be having our annual sweetheart dinner on Feb. 16th at 6:00pm here at the church. Please RSVP. There is a sign sheet on the welcome center desk or you can call the church office at 740-283-2239.

Our ladies will be having a bake sale at the fire department during the fish fry. On March 1st with the money raised going to the fire department. Our March meeting will be held on March 7th at 2:00pm. Ash Wednesday is March 6th.

The Easter Bunny collection will begin on March 10th. These little animals make our shut-ins very happy.

Our meeting April be on April 4th and our

Chicken n Biscuit Dinner will be on Apr. 6th.

Thought for Today

“His laws and rules are just and right.”

On February 6th at 7:00pm, the UMM will hold their monthly meeting. The meeting is open to all the men. Our March meeting will be held on Mar. 6th here at the church at 7:00pm. We will be making plans for the upcoming fundraisers.

On February 22nd the UMM will make sausage for the last time. Please see anyone in the UMM if you would like to order sausage, or call the church office. We want to thank everyone that came out to help .

Without you this would not be possible.

The UMM will be going out for breakfast. Any of the men are invited to go. We will let you know the place, date and time.

Bible Studies for February will be on Feb. 9th and Feb. 23rd at 8:00am. You are invited! Dates for March Bible Studies are Mar. 9th and Mar. 23rd at 8:00am.

Thank You

Over the years here at Bell Chapel the congregation has been blessed by many who have generously supported the ministry here and quite frankly at Four Seasons as well. They have quietly partnered with us in the proclamation of the Gospel and to say I'm appreciative is an understatement. Without their support as well as their advice from time to time, we would not be the witness we are here in the valley. As we prepare to meet the challenges of maintaining and growing our ministry it is good to know we have those who continue to believe in what we are trying to accomplish in the name of the Christ. Thank you for your thoughtful support and for always being there for the Church, you really do make a difference!!! Jeff

* Irish Blessing *

May the road rise to meet you.
 May the wind always be at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 And rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Sweetheart Dinner

Super Bowl Collection

Beginning Jan. 20th and running through Feb. 17th we will be having our Super Bowl Sunday collection. We will collecting laundry soap, dish detergent, bar soap and toilet paper to be given out during our February 21st food distribution. If you would like to help with this project, please bring in any of the above listed supplies. A rack will be placed in the lobby for your donated items. Thank you for your help with this project.



Sausage Making

The UMM will be making sausage on Thursday, Feb. 7th and Friday, Feb. 22nd. Please see one of the UMM or call the church office to order sausage.



Easter Bunny Collection



Starting March 10th and continuing until April 14th we will be collecting Easter Bunnies to be given out to area nursing homes for Easter. If you want to participate in this project, please bring a medium sized bunny to church and leave it in the Sanctuary. We appreciate all your help with this ministry.



Easter flower orders

To add to the beauty of our Easter Worship we are offering our congregation the opportunity to purchase a plant in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or as an expression of love. This year we are offering Lilies and Hyacinths. Please mark which flower you would like. The plants will be \$10.00 each, and will be for our worship services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Plants may be taken home after the worship service on Easter.

The last day to order will be Apr. 7th.

Easter Basket Offering



Sunday, March 31st—Sunday, April 14th

John 3: 16—"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This will be our most important offering as we think about what Jesus did for us. No matter how many offerings, we can never praise Him enough. As we put our offering in to help others, we are showing God how much we love Him and also obeying His Son. "Love your neighbor."

Thank you,
The Good Samaritan
Committee



Fudge for Sale

Peanut butter fudge will be for sale in the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 31st, April 7th and Sunday, April 14th. The cost will be \$10.00 per pound. Two dollars of every pound sold will be donated to the Good Samaritan Fund for the food pantry. There will be a box with the fudge to put your money in.

Fudge Platters by special order, will be sold for anyone interested for use at showers, or graduation parties etc. To order please see Martha Dean or call her at 740-282-9046. The cost for a platter will be \$30.00 and 5.00 of it will go to the Good Samaritan Fund.

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“
Go therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit...”

—Matthew 28:19

Please Paste Label Here

Happy Valentine's Day

PAID IN FULL

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, and somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with the young man's name embossed in gold. Angry, he rose his voice to his father and said "with all your money, you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not

seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, a sudden feeling of sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important papers and saw the still gift-wrapped Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt.7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?" As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words PAID IN FULL.

Happy St. Patrick's Day