

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. 8th
 Feb. 22nd
 March 14th
 Mar. 28th

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday.....8:30-1:00

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From Pastor Jeff Proya's Desk

Dear Katie

I was just about to bite into a mouth-watering piece of chocolate, not really sure what was hidden just beneath that soft milky coating melting in my hand when my phone beeped alerting me of a new text. I hesitated for a moment thinking whatever is beneath this creamy treat has to be better than whatever is going to be revealed on my phone. My instinct was right just instructions for the day from a once upon a time mermaid, my how life changes. I made a mental note of the list, quickly texted back "OK honey" then realized the beep had awakened me from a dream, and there was no special milk chocolate candy in my hand or anywhere in sight, as I discovered quite amazingly I might add that I was still in bed. I did what most of us have done at one time or another, allowed my head to sink into the still warm from sleep pillow, closed my eyes and hoped I could well you know bite into my first honest to goodness zero calorie morsel still fresh in my mind. Needless to say no matter how hard I tried to summon back to reality

those oh so sweet images accompanied by thoughts as close to sugar plums dancing as I've ever had, well let's just say I was powerless in the art of persuasion. We will soon be approaching the season of Lent which like the beep of our phone early in the morning has within it the ability to awaken us from the elusive self-promoting humanity with images of ourselves and our condition that are often too good to be true. It takes just a quick dose of ashes to bring us back to the reality of our mortality with or without the list of a well-adjusted mermaid to come to grips with a wardrobe of our finest all of a sudden gone poof only to discover one is clothed in sack cloth. Oh I wish it were different I say to myself trying to sink my head back into the comfort of a freshly washed pillow. If only I weren't so damn human, or if I were younger, perhaps if I hadn't made so many mistakes or if my dreams of life had lined up more with the living of life, and just then "beep". We call it Easter expressing our exu-

berance and innocence, young and old seem to appreciate what it offers, it puzzles dreamers and realist alike with a verdict that renders old men foolish enough to tell stories of once upon a time at city lake, and young women to run back home with a tale good enough to think one is dreaming and perhaps we are! This is perhaps the last time this journeyman whatever I am will rise early in the morning, put on my best pulpit robe and greet the saints I have served and grown to love with words as familiar as life itself. I may indeed need to pinch myself just in case it has all been a dream in which case I would summon up all my earthly powers for just one more moment of what I have come to accept as "beep" listen Katie whatever I have or have not done in the living of this life, I believe the Christ still lives in our midst. When it's all said and done walking the plank was a breeze, the pulpit robes as light as a feather, and oh yes the milk chocolate is still dripping from my fingertips. Now where was I on that list from the mermaid?

Love,
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BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Karyssa Smith | Feb. 1st |
| Sonja Rhine | Feb. 4th |
| Anthony Pelegren | Feb. 5th |
| Nora Bosela | Feb. 7th |
| Anna Wadas | Feb. 11th |
| Kevin Daugherty | Feb. 14th |
| Virginia Gump | Feb. 14th |
| Donna Glover | Feb. 16th |
| Rozita Daugherty | Feb. 20th |
| Adam Davis | Feb. 20th |
| Mikayla Pelegreen | Feb. 22nd |
| Roger Watts | Feb. 22nd |
| Jody Alvey | Feb. 26th |

**PLEASE 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 | Nada |
| Lori | Sally |
| Cathy | Ben |
| Peggy | Helen |
| Chanoski family | Lynnette |
| Mike and Linda | Joe |
| Simone | Jim Dryley |

Our Shut-ins

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|-------------------|
| Richard and Vera |
| Tim |
| Teresa and family |
| John and Nancy |
| Esther |
| Sid and Jane |
| Nora Lee |
| Pat Ambler |

**BIRTHDAYS**

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|-------------------|-----------|
| NiKole Cooper | Mar. 3rd |
| Joshua Alvey | Mar. 5th |
| Jacob Alvey | Mar. 5th |
| Jane Toothman | Mar. 9th |
| Lester Lemley | Mar. 10th |
| Kathy Pavlik | Mar. 11th |
| Pete Carpico | Mar. 15th |
| Noreen Tressler | Mar. 17th |
| John 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 |
| David Babenko | |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Dom and Erin Andreozzi | Feb. 14th |
| 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**

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

USHERS AND GREETERS

February

2nd

Greeters: Olivia and Aiden Ferguson
Ushers: Bob Bratt, Glen Furbee, Kathy Proya and Wayne Fulmer
Liturgist: Glen Furbee

9th

Greeters: Joe Ross and Dave Rothacker
Ushers: Jesse Hill, Tammy Lemasters, John Rhine and Dave Rothacker
Liturgist: Tammy Lemasters

16th

Greeters: Lisa and Alex Anderson
Ushers: Gary Glover, Linda McCullough, Joe Ross and John Dennis
Liturgist: Nancy West

23rd

Greeters: Betty Hilderbrand and Rachael Bellville
Ushers: John McCullough, Tresa Bratt, Karen Taylor and Delbert Furbee
Liturgist: Delbert Furbee



March

1st

Greeters: Gary and Donna Glover
Ushers: Gary Glover, John Rhine, Linda McCullough and Dave Rothacker
Liturgist: Stan Kavanagh

8th

Greeters: Bob and Tresa Bratt
Ushers: Joe Ross, Kathy Proya, Tammy Lemasters and Bob Bratt
Liturgist: Wayne Fulmer

15th

Greeters: Roger and JoAnn Watts
Ushers: Wayne Fulmer, John Rhine, John Dennis and Glen Furbee
Liturgist: Frances Furbee

22nd

Greeters: John and Linda McCullough
Ushers: Karen Taylor, John McCullough, Delbert Furbee and Tresa Bratt
Liturgist: Delbert Furbee

29th

Greeters: John Rhine and Ron Tarr
Ushers: Jess Hill, John Rhine, Joe Ross and Gary Glover
Liturgist: John Rhine

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.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020

At 6:00pm

Study/Service



Updated Information Needed

If you have moved, gotten a new phone number, or added someone to your family, please send us 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.)

Thanks for your help with this.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Prayer time @ 9:30am
Worship Service @ 10:00am
Sunday School @ 10:15am

3 Small Group Meeting @ 6:00pm @ Four Seasons Ministry Coffee Shop

4 Busy Needles @ 9:30am
Choir @ 6:00pm

5 UMM Meeting @ 7:00pm

6 Sausage Making @ 8:30am
UMW Meeting @ 2:00pm

7 Food Pickup @ 8:00am

8 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am

9 Prayer time @ 9:30am
Worship Service @ 10:00am
Sunday School @ 10:15am

10 Trustees Meeting @ 6:00pm
Good Samaritan Meeting @ 6:00pm
Finance Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm
Administrative Council Meeting @ 7:15pm

11 Busy Needles @ 9:30am
Choir @ 6:00pm

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14 Sweetheart Dinner @ 6:00pm

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16 Prayer time @ 9:30am
Worship Service @ 10:00am and
Sunday School @ 10:15am

17 Small Group Meeting @ 6:00pm @ the Four Seasons Coffee Shop

18 Packing Food Boxes @ 8:30am
Busy Needles @ 9:30am
Choir @ 6:00pm

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20 Food Distribution @ 8:00am

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22 UMM Bible Study @ 8:00am

23 Prayer time @ 9:30am
Worship Service @ 10:00am
Sunday School @ 10:15am

24 Small Group Meeting @ 6:00pm @ the Four Seasons Coffee Shop

25 Busy Needles @ 9:30am
Choir @ 6:00pm

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March

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| 5 PALM SUNDAY Prayer time @ 9:20am Worship Service @ 10:00am Sunday School @ 10:15am | 6 Small Group@ the Coffee Shop @ Four Seasons Minis- try @ 6:00pm | 7 Busy Needles @ 9:30am Choir @ 6:00pm | 8 | 9 Maundy Thursday Maundy Thurs- day Dinner @ 6:00pm | 10 Good Friday | 11 |

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United Methodist Women United Methodist Men

We will be starting to make candy on Feb. 6th at 8:00am with our February meeting to follow in the afternoon. We hope to make candy every Wednesday morning the months of February and March at 8:00am. Our Sweetheart Dinner will be held on Feb. 14th at 6:00pm. Make your reservations early. Beginning on March 1st we will once again be collecting stuffed animals during Lent to be given out to shut ins. Don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts on Mar. 8th. Have a great day!

Four Seasons Ministry

A lot is happening at the community center. The new furnaces will be finished by the time this letter is published. Our new tenants pay 10% of their gross profits for rent payments. Their payments are usually 1 ½ to 2 times what we usually charge per room. The furnaces/air conditioners will be a big boost to the building. The corn that was planted was a success and 2 hogs were donated to the church for our sausage in lieu of the use of our fields. I pray that our new pastor is excited about Four Seasons and can help with the functionality of the community center as well as our plans for the future. We are working on grants as we speak for restrooms and more HVAC units. We have a person that wants to do some community service and he will be helping with cleaning and all of the baseball rentals this spring. We are looking for volunteers to man our coffee shop and gift shop from 9-12 M-F. It doesn't have to be every day. We can mix and match so to speak. Our Clothes Closet is open M-W-F from 9-12. Call Sonja Rhine if interested. 740-381-1160.

All men are invited to come and be a part of the Bell Chapel UMM. On Feb. 5th the UMM will meet at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. We hope to see you there. The UMM put all the dates for 2020 on the calendar. Bible Studies for will be the second and fourth Saturdays at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come. The UMM will meet each month, dates to be determined, for breakfast. The dates will be in the bulletin on Sundays. On Apr. 12th the UMM will prepare breakfast for the Sunrise Easter Service. On May 9th at 6:00pm the UMM will prepare and serve dinner for Mother's Day followed by a ministry of music. On June 5th we will hold The Strawberry Festival with the UMW at 3:30pm-6:30pm. On Aug. 14th the UMM and the UMW will hold the Peach Festival from 3:30pm-6:30pm. On Oct. 3rd the UMM and the UMW will hold the Fall Festival from 10:00am-6:00 pm. On Nov. 19th we will have the Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:00pm. On Dec. 5th from 9:00am-11:00am the UMM will have its Breakfast With Santa. We are planning to have a Craft Show- date to be decided.

We will be having a bake sale at the firehouse on March 27th from 11am-5:00pm during the fish fry.

Shaker Woods Festival Dates for 2020

Aug. 8th and 9th
 Aug. 15th and 16th
 Aug. 22nd and 23rd

Christmas In The Woods Dates For 2020

Oct. 10th and 11th
 Oct. 17th and 18th

Cruise In Date for 2020

Sept. 12th
 12:00pm- 4:00pm



Sweetheart Dinner

Friday, Feb. 14th
At 6:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Adults Only Please

Super Bowl Sunday



Easter Fudge

Beginning Feb. 2nd and running through Feb. 16th we will be having our Super Bowl Sunday collection. We will be collecting laundry soap, dish detergent, bar soap and toilet paper to be given out during our February 20th 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.

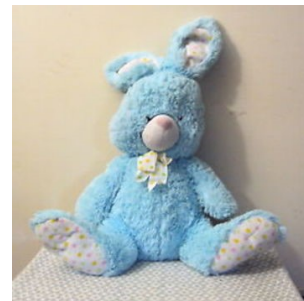


There will be fudge in the fellowship hall for sale on March 15th, 22nd, and 29th. The cost will be \$8.00 a pound with \$1.00 of every pound sold going to the Good Samaritan Fund. Please put the money in the fudge box. \$72.00 went to the Good Samaritan Fund from the last Easter Fudge. Thank you all for your help with the fudge and also for your help in buying the throws for The Meadows Nursing Home in Cadiz. I know on Christmas morning they felt warm and loved. God Bless You All.

Martha



Easter Bunny Collection



Beginning on March 1st we will be collecting Easter Bunnies to be given out on Holy Week to residents at local nursing homes. If you would like to participate, please bring in a medium sized bunny and leave it in the pew here at church. The last day to bring in bunnies will be Apr. 5th. We thank you for your help with this project.



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.

Children's Easter Party

Saturday, April 11th
2:00pm

At Four Seasons Ministry

**The last day to order will be
Mar.15th**

Save The Date

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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

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Happy Valentine's Day

By the time this letter reaches the Bell Chapel family there is a good chance that we will know who our new pastor will be. I hope we all can look at this transition positively because our pastor, Jeff, as he has always asked us to call him, has given his life to faith and our church for the past 28 years, 25 at the Bell. Jeff's faith and leadership has brought 2 churches into one and it has flourished for the past 25 years. Jeff has made friendships at the Bell and it can be hard to leave them. We all must realize that a pastor's life is hard but fulfilling if he or she feels the calling in the beginning. A pastor not only has his flock to be concerned with but their own family, all at the same time. I have known Jeff since he came here and he has become not only my pastor but my friend. As a friend we have had many talks and as a pastor we have had even more if that makes any sense. The one thing that he has for our church and his flock is "Loyalty". That's a big word if you take it seriously and he does. That word alone can wear at a pastor down and, after years of service, Jeff is entering a new life of retirement. I think we all know that he is just going from one "Journey" to another. He has gained wisdom through journey and it has prepared him for his new life. He may retire but he will be around and I'm sure he will be back at the Bell sooner or later enjoying his new journey. I think we will miss his joking and laughter but we will always hear it echo-

ing in the halls of the Bell. He has definitely earned this new journey and I for one am happy for him as he has reached this goal and wish him well!

Our new pastor has been prayed for ever since we heard that Jeff was leaving. I know the Rev. Hitchcock has diligently prayed and worked for the best pastor for us. He or She will be starting their own new journey with us and I believe we will greet the pastor with open arms, hearts and minds. We must remember that this pastor isn't Jeff and will do things differently but, in my own life I have seen that different can be good and exciting! This is what I am expecting and I'm excited to start this new journey with the Bell and a new pastor. Let's welcome our new pastor and start this new journey together!

John



Happy St. Patrick's Day