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# The Broadcaster

*Willoughby*   
UNITED-METHODIST-CHURCH

**March 2017**

## Dates to Remember

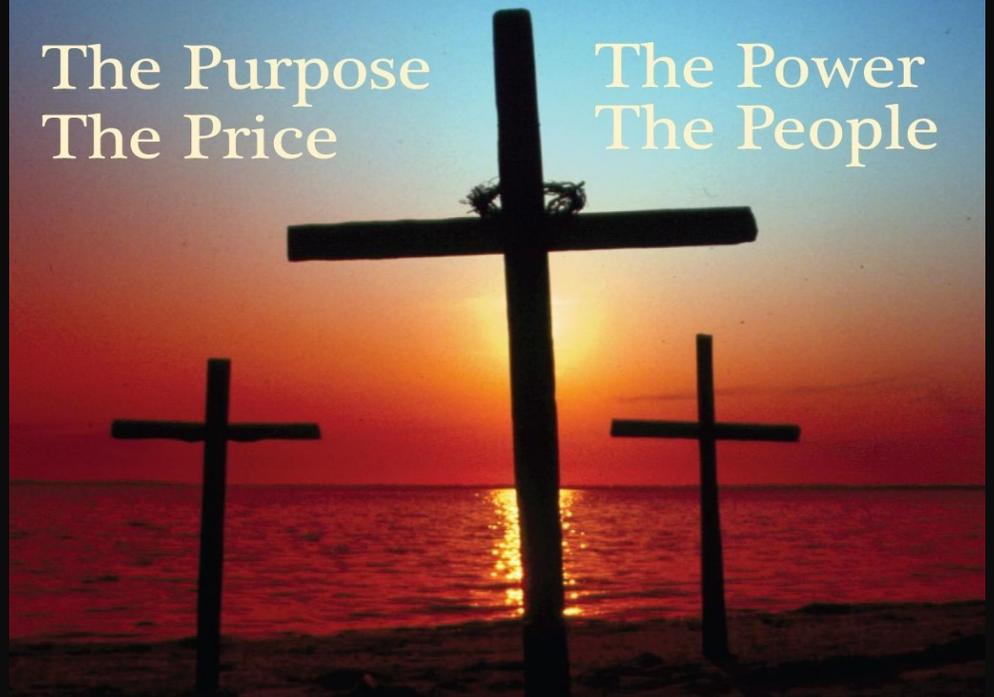
- **March 1 - Ash Wednesday**  
Service 6:30 PM
- **March 11 - McKinley**  
Distribution
- **March 12 - Mission Morning**
- **March 13 - Broadcaster**  
Articles Due
- **March 18 - Seuss-A-**  
Palooza
- **March 19 - Youth Spaghetti**  
Dinner Fundraiser
- **March 21 - McKinley**  
Distribution
- **March 24 - Youth Night Out**
- **March 25 - McKinley**  
Distribution
- **March 26 - Lenten Potluck**
- **March 28 - Broadcaster**  
Mails

# CROSS EXAMINATION

*Looking for the Truth*

The Purpose  
The Price

The Power  
The People



**Lent 2017**

# A Message from the Pastor

Pastor Don Perks  
[wumcpas1a@ameritech.net](mailto:wumcpas1a@ameritech.net)  
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Hello Family,

A few years back someone handed me a picture and asked me, "What do you see in this picture?" I responded by saying I saw two pillars. He then asked if I saw anything else, and I said no. He pointed between the two pillars and sure enough there was an image of elderly lady that I did not see before he pointed it out to me.

Isn't it strange that sometimes we can look at something and think we see what is present, and then when someone points out a different way to look at it we can see something else?

I remember going to a Christian concert and the Christian artist told this story. He lives in California and while in a store one day he met a young lady who had a necklace on around her neck. He commented to her that he liked her cross necklace. Her response was, "Oh, is this a cross, I thought it was a plus sign and since I am a positive person I like wearing it."

There is a familiar hymn called, When I Survey The Wondrous Cross. It made me wonder, what do you see when you look at the cross? Do you see what you have always seen, or is there something there that maybe you did not see before?

During the season of Lent, which starts March 1, we are going to be doing a series of sermons on the cross called Cross Examinations. My hope is that we will take a long and close look at the cross of Jesus and maybe see something that we have missed before.

I hope to see you in church, Pastor Don



## **Lent and Easter Sermon Series**

**Sunday, March 5**  
***Cross Examination:  
Looking for the Truth***

**Sunday, March 12**  
***The Purpose of the Cross***

**Sunday, March 19**  
***The Price of the Cross***

**Sunday, March 26**  
***The Power of the Cross***

**Sunday, April 2**  
***The People at the Cross***

**Sunday, April 9**  
***Bearing Our Own Cross***

**Easter Sunday, April 16**  
***The Cross Examination:  
Jesus on Trial***

## Congregational Care Opportunity

Sharing in the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is a very special time when we can experience God together in a tangible way. It is a time for fellowship both with God and with our family of faith, as we celebrate the work of God in Jesus Christ.

**But what about those who are no longer able to be here on a Sunday morning?** When they are limited in their ability to be present to worship with us, they often lose that sense of belonging and being loved.

You can help to change that sense of loss!! After we experience the joy and thankfulness of the Lord's Supper together on the first Sunday of each month, you could help us extend that table to those of our congregation who must stay at home. Would you like to be one of the connecting links that help our shut-ins know that they are remembered and still a vital part of our family of God here at Willoughby United Methodist Church?

We will teach you how to take Communion to someone. We will teach you what to say and do. Your service to one of our church family members may become some of the most precious moments in the entire month for them. It is not hard and only takes a commitment of a few minutes each month. **Can you spare some time to show God's love to someone?**

If you think you might be interested, please join us on **March 8 at 10:30** in Pastor Hazel's office (Room 210). We will have some conversation and a brief training so you can decide if this is something God is asking you to do.



**Pastor Hazel**  
*Congregational Care  
Minister*

## Mission Morning Sunday March 12th

Deacon Kathy Dickriede will be presenting a short program of her missionary experiences and sharing about the 3Cs. Every mission site always cares for the whole person – body, mind and spirit – with a church, a medical clinic and a school. This is how the Bishop's initiative of the 3Cs was born. What are the 3Cs? – Churches, Clinics and Classrooms. The program begins at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Light Refreshments will be served.



## 30 Pieces of Silver Lenten Offering

Our Lenten collection will be given to the East Ohio Conference 3C's initiative where every mission site cares for the whole person – body, mind and spirit – with a church, a medical clinic and a school. Bags will be available for families to take home and fill with silver throughout the 6 weeks of Lenten. The collection will take place on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, during the Palm Sunday Service.

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## What Is Intercessory Prayer?

Have you wondered what happens to the prayer requests you write down on your Connection Cards every week? They are collected in the Church office and a copy of the requests are collated and put into a folder for the Intercessory Prayer Group. Then on Wednesday nights at 6:45 a group of dedicated folk come into the Chapel and pray for every request you have shared.

Beginning on March 8 we are starting something new. I, Pastor Don, will be teaching about prayer for approximately 10-12 minutes, then we will practice what we learn about prayer. If you would like to learn more about prayer, Come! If you would like to help us pray, Come! There are no experts when it comes to prayer, only those who are learning as we practice, so plan on learning with us on Wednesday nights from 6:45-7:30 in the Chapel. See you there.



# ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## A Grace-Full Life: God's All-Reaching, Soul- Saving, Character-Shaping, Never-Ending Love

Grace is God's all-reaching, never-ending, game-changing love for you and me. Examine God's Word and discover how grace works in our lives and in our world. This study will seek to answer the questions: In what ways is God an ever-present God? Why does God want to have a personal relationship with me?, How can I fully experience and respond to God's grace? How can I die well surrounded by God's grace?

### *This study will be offered:*

Sundays, March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Room 3-4 on the lower level

Wednesdays, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Room 213 on the top floor.

## Upper Room

The Upper Room class allows people to connected and feel welcomed into God's presence. Based on the Upper Room Devotional, participants will listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story; see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work, encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.

### *This study will be offered:*

Sundays, March 5<sup>th</sup>—May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Room 101 on the main level.



## The Gospel of Mark: The Jesus We're Aching For

God's heart is moved by your cries for help, your shouts for joy, your unspoken worries. We know Him to be a God of unparalleled power and authority, but Mark's account of Jesus paints Him as a deeply personal and intimate God too. Follow Jesus through His days of early ministry all the way to the cross. It's there we discover what it means to be the recipients of His excessive compassion and the very reason for His all-consuming passion.

### *This study will be offered:*

Wednesdays, March 8<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the Parlor on the main level

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## 40 Days of On Purpose Prayer

During Lent, we are encouraging you to "be with God on purpose"--to intentionally create space where you might hear God's holy whispers. The Praying with Mandalas book offers detailed coloring that offers a unique way to quiet our minds. It blends the relaxing practice of coloring with the contemplative practice of prayer. Books may be available for purchase through the Christian Education office or on Amazon. There are 40 pages - one for each day of lent.

You will find discussion questions on the last page of each section. There are 2 to ways to engage and share in discussions about your "40 Days of On-Purpose Prayer":

**Monday evenings March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

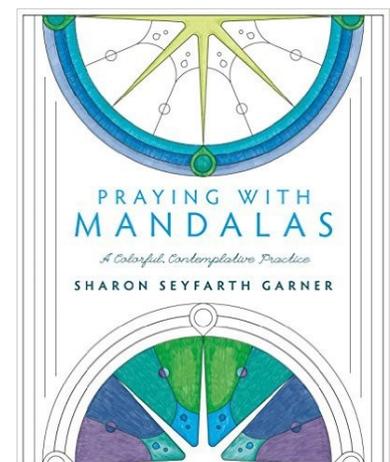
**Room 213 at 6:30 p.m.**

**W.U.M.C. 40 Days of On-Purpose Prayer Facebook Group**

**[www.facebook.com/groups/1701158950214858/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1701158950214858/)**

We also encourage friends to share photos of their prayer mandalas in the Facebook Group or by emailing them to [wumceduc@gmail.com](mailto:wumceduc@gmail.com).

#onpurposeprayer



# Connection Classes for all Ages

SUNDAYS 10-10:50 a.m.



1st & 2nd grade—Rm. 207 Mrs. Knotts & Mrs. Perks  
3rd & 4th grade—Rm. 201 Mr. & Mrs. Pantaleano  
5th grade—Rm. 203 Mrs. Weber & Mr. Lombardo



### March Kids' B.L.A.S.T. Memory Verse

**Pray continually**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:17**



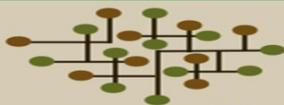
3 & 4 yr olds —Rm. 105 Mrs. Kneeland & Mrs. Miller  
5 yr olds —Rm. 205 Ms. Crown & Mrs. Miller



6th—8th grade—Rm. 6  
Mr. Kreger, Mr. Muranko,  
Mrs. Kubiak and Mr. & Mrs. Fulginiti



9th grade and above—Youth Room Mr.  
Lance Vene



adult connections

### A GRACE FULL LIFE

Room 3  
Examine God's Word and  
discover how grace works in our  
lives and in our world.  
Led By  
Lisa Richards & John Wilson

### MISSION MORNING

Fellowship Hall  
March 12th  
Presented by  
Kathy Dickriede  
*Light refreshments will be served.*

### UPPER ROOM

Room 101  
Connect to God  
personally through scripture and  
stories from The Upper Room  
Devotional.  
Led by David Black



Deuteronomy 6:7 states "Impress them (God's Commandments) on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." At Willoughby U.M.C., we want to come along side you through a variety of opportunities to help equip parents to be the spiritual leader of the home through our Faith@Home Ministries.

Pick up a Children & Family Ministry Brochure at the  
Welcome Desk for this quarter's children & family upcoming events.



Connect with Children and Family Ministry Updates on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/wumcfaithathome/>

# Gently Used or New Children's Book Drive

## February 19th - March 11th

*The gift of a book can foster the love  
of reading!!*



The Mission-Minded Family is taking a collection of gently used or new children's books for the children of Royalview Elementary in Willowick in conjunction with **End 68 Hours of Hunger**. Books collected will be given to an elementary student to take home over Spring Break and keep as their own. A collection box will be located in the church parlor.

[www.end68hoursofhunger.org](http://www.end68hoursofhunger.org)



# Seuss-a-Palooza

Saturday, March 11th

10:30a.m.—Noon

in Fellowship Hall

Admission Price -1 New or Gently Used Children's Book per family



Families and people of all ages are invited to join us as we celebrate our Mission-Minded Family children's book collection with reading stories, family games and activities.

Please sign up online at our *WUMC Faithathome* page on Facebook or at the Christian education office so that we can have enough supplies prepared.



# Lenten Fellowship Opportunities



## Lenten Potluck

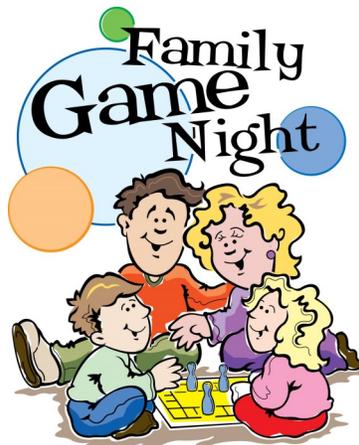
Sunday, March 26, 4:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish to share.  
Last name starts with A-H-dessert or  
salad, I-P-main dish, Q-Z-side dish  
Come and share a meal with your  
church family.



## Interfaith Seder at Fairmount Temple Wednesday, April 5 Fairmount Temple

Fairmount Temple in Cleveland Heights hosts a symbolic Seder meal to teach about and celebrate the Jewish holiday of Passover. People of every faith and denomination are welcome. There is no charge for this event but reservations are required. Call Lisa Richards at 440-773-4300 by March 22 with reservations. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 to carpool.



## Faith Families Game Day led by Kris Knotts April 2nd 1-3 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in playing the board games of their childhood with the families of today. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share as we spend an afternoon together.



## Ice Cream Seder Sunday, April 9

12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
Children with their parents have an opportunity, learn together about God's power and care through a non-traditional Seder, using ice cream!



## Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

March 19<sup>th</sup>  
5pm in  
Fellowship  
Hall



Join us for food, fun and  
games, and a raffle!

Adults: \$10  
Children (up to age 12): \$6  
Under 5 are free

## Missions & Social Concerns News

Thank you again for your generosity. Our January Mission Moment focused on the Lake County Free Clinic. January 29th's Noisy Collection was sent to them: \$558.30!

March 1 (Ash Wednesday) begins Lent. During that church season, we will be again collecting for BirthRight Lake County. They accept new or gently used baby / children's clothing and sleepers, jackets and coats (newborn to size 5), toiletries, baby wash, baby wipes, diapers (preemie to size 6), pull-ups, Glad/Hefty drawstring kitchen bags, toilet paper and paper towels along with maternity jeans, 8-ounce plastic bottles, new newborn socks, blankets, baby towels and washcloths. They do NOT accept toys. There will be a bassinette/pack-n-play in the cloister and by the altar side door to the parking lot. As always, we thank you for your generosity!

Our March Mission Moment will feature Kathy Dickreide, an ordained Deacon in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. She and her husband have been serving in the mission field since 2008. She spends part of the year in Liberia and the rest as chair for the 3Cs Mission (Classrooms, Churches and Clinics) in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Zimbabwe and Russia. She will speak during all three services briefly and during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will be present to hear her inspiring testimony about missions.

Our next committee meeting will be Thursday, March 9, at 7 pm in the Parlor. All are welcome!

## World Water Day



The United Nations World Day of Water is held on March 22nd each year. The theme for 2017 is "**Water &**

**Wastewater.**" About 75% of Liberians do not have access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. Many villagers are forced to draw water from stagnant, bacteria-infested ponds and swamps, rivers and creeks. As a result, waterborne diseases (dysentery, cholera, and infectious hepatitis) are common. These situations and numerous life-threatening issues prompted the Human Rights Monitor, the Peace with Justice Program of Liberia United Methodist Church, to develop the "**Water for Life**" initiative in 2008. Its mission is to rescue communities and residents from poor living conditions by construction of wells. UMCOR (United Methodist Church on Relief) has Water for Life Advance #3020811 where you can make a donation. The website is [www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3020811](http://www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3020811).

## Coffee Fellowship

If anyone has any old tablecloths they no longer need or want I am collecting different tablecloths for the parlor for Coffee Fellowship. I like to change them for the different holidays and seasons and the cloth ones are so much prettier than plastic or paper. Some bring back old memories, too. Just leave them in servery if you have any to donate. We are always looking for bakers to provide baked goods for Sunday morning too! Thanks for your donations!

— Karen Ward

## Wednesday Knit/Crochet Group



Greetings from the Wednesday morning knit/crochet group! We enjoy Christian fellowship during our meetings and we combine our knit/crochet items to be given to various charitable organizations. Our organization is also called "**WUMC Community Purl**" which is part of Women4Women Knitting4Peace. Here is a list of our donated items in 2016:

- **Woment4Women Knitting4Peace:** 90 baby hats, 150 baby wash cloths, 24 baby bibs, 31 Peace Pal dolls, 3 pair mittens.
- **Birthright.org, Mentor, Ohio:** 2 pair baby socks, 2 baby blankets, 18 baby hats.
- **W.U.M.C. Prayer Shawl Ministry:** 4 shawls to Sower Mission, 8 shawls to W.U.M.C.
- **St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, SD:** 13 hats and scarf sets.
- **Salvation Army:** 7 adult hats
- **Veterans Hospital:** Lap robes

Come see us on Wednesday morning. We meet from 10 am until noon. Our door is always open and all are welcome!



## Parishioner's Corner

Pastor Don's corner for February stressed how much this church is a family. I remembered a list that I had written a while ago and thought perhaps I could share it with you all! Call it "a parishioner's corner!"

### My Church is Family

- When I am sad, my family consoles me.
- When I am glad, my family rejoices with me.
- When I am looking for answers, my family helps me find them
- When I ask, my family finds prayer power for those I love who are in harm's way.
- When I am feeling alone, my family fills the gap with cards, calls and conversations.
- And, when things can't seem to go right, my family gives me the strength to bear them

I can't help but feel blessed to have such a wonderful "all-of-you family" church. I count you as my blessings from the Lord! Thank you!

— Janet Whitehorn



*Thank you Janet for your lovely article! Would you like to tell your WUMC story in Parishioner's Corner? Email your article to [wumcbroadcaster@gmail.com](mailto:wumcbroadcaster@gmail.com) or leave in the Broadcaster folder outside the office - Editor*



## Thank You

To my church family,

Thank you for your prayers and cards for the loss of my daughter, Joyce. Now her pain is over and she is with the Lord. A special thanks to Pastors Don and Hazel and Judy Dort for the beautiful memorial service.

God Bless,  
Lillian Vondouris



## Prayer Requests

Phyllis Culek, Terry Daniels,  
Russell Freeman, Erin Hendrix,  
Pat Meyer, Larry Morgan.



## R & R

March R & R will meet at Flavors on the Avenue, 30133 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe.



## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

- Isaac Watts, 1707



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Distributions for residents of Willoughby, Willoughby Hills,  
Eastlake, Willowick, Lakeline, Timberlake and Wickliffe  
Please bring photo ID & utility bill every visit

MCOC is a 501(c)3 Tax-exempt organization; Donations accepted  
Volunteer opportunities available



◀◀◀◀ AVAILABLE AT TAXABLES DISTRIBUTIONS ▶▶▶▶

- ⇒ Taxable/Personal Care Items
  - ⇒ Clothing & Shoes
- ⇒ Linens & Household Goods
  - ⇒ Baby Supplies
  - ⇒ Pet Food & Supplies
  - ⇒ Books



- ⇒ Blood pressure & health checks
  - ⇒ Flu shots
- ⇒ Meet Jesus – for Kids
  - ⇒ Prayer/Chapel
  - ⇒ Hot Meals
- ⇒ Winter coats, hats, gloves & boots

916 families made 3,705 visits during Taxables Distributions in 2016; One visit per family permitted each month  
In 2016, MCOC gave away 20,142 rolls of toilet paper, 3,047 rolls of paper towels, 2,379 bottles of dishwashing liquid,

◀◀◀◀ AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ▶▶▶▶



⇒ Furniture  
Written requests for furniture are accepted. Furniture is available by appointment and is dependent on donations received.



⇒ Durable Medical Goods  
Wheelchairs, walkers/rollators, raised toilet seats, canes and shower chairs are available depending on donations received.

◀◀◀◀ CHOICE FOOD PANTRY ▶▶▶▶

Guests may select items from what is donated and/or purchased from the Cleveland Food Bank.  
Number of items to select is based on family size; Families may visit once every 30 days.

In 2016, 927 families visited the pantry 2,865 times; MCOC distributed 85,748 pounds of food



◀◀◀◀ FEED THE BODY, FEED THE SOUL MEALS ▶▶▶▶

On the second, fourth and fifth Mondays of the month, a brief message and time of prayer leads into a time of food & fellowship, beginning at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

◀◀◀◀ PROGRAMS & SERVICES - Call listed numbers for more info ▶▶▶▶

- ⇒ Lake County Community Network  
440-954-9934 "Helping One Another Help Others"
- ⇒ Salvation Army – Willoughby Service Unit  
440-942-5877 "Doing the Most Good"
- ⇒ Voting (Lake County Elections board) 440-350-2700  
Willoughby City wards 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A and 2C
- ⇒ AA Men's Insight Group  
Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Enter by North door

- ⇒ Ohio Guidestone Opportunities First  
216-403-1719 "Empowering Individuals for Personal and Professional Success"
- ⇒ GED Classes provided by ABLE) 440-358-8027  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30am-noon
- ⇒ ShadeTree Community Church - 440-497-0251  
Worship Sundays at 10:45am;  
Youth group Thursdays at 6:00pm

**Donation & Building Administration Hours**

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Please note that the McKinley Community Outreach Center does NOT pick up furniture donations.

**Taxable Distribution hours**

Saturday, March 11: 9:00-10:30 AM

Tuesday, March 21: 6:00-7:30 PM

Saturday, March 25: 9:00-10:30 AM

**Food Pantry hours:**

Mondays: 6:00-7:30 PM

Wednesdays: Noon-2:30 PM

Thursdays: Noon-2:30 PM

**Feed the Body Feed the Soul Meal**

Monday March 13: 5:30 PM

Monday March 27: 5:30 PM

**Greatest Current Donation Needs**

**TAXABLES:**

Laundry detergent – 32 loads;

Dishwashing liquid – 25 oz.;

Liquid cleanser

**PET FOOD:**

Cat food, dog food

**CLOTHES:**

Boys & men's and extra-large women's

**BED SHEETS:**

Queen & king sizes

**BLANKETS & TOWELS:**

All sizes

**FURNITURE:**

Beds – any size, but especially twin & queen

**FOOD: Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, macaroni & cheese, Chicken noodle & tomato soup, tuna**





# A Mission Trip

Looking for a way to serve in a life-changing way? Please consider joining us on the Adult Mission Trip! We will be working with the organization, the Christian Appalachian Project. We will travel to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky where we will be doing home repairs for families in need!. Our trip is scheduled to leave Sunday, August 6 and will return home Friday the 11th. An individual deposit of \$50 is due March 5th. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact the church office and they will connect you with an Adult Mission Trip team member. We would love to share our past experiences with you!



Join us for a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious time  
at our practically perfect Mary Poppins tea party!  
(to benefit the American Cancer Society)

Lunch and a spoonful of sugar will be served!

Sunday, April 30, 2017

1:30pm

Adults \$15 Children \$8

at

Willoughby United Methodist Church  
15 Public Square, Willoughby



Sponsored by Team B.A.R.B.  
for Relay for Life



Contact Lisa Richards at 440-773-4300 for tickets



Save the Date

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> –  
Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>  
6-8:30 p.m.

To volunteer for this outreach event, contact Kris Knotts or the Director of Christian Education, Stacy Becker.

**CHANGE  
THE WORLD**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, May 7 2017**

- Job-site application available now through March 18
- Site Manager Meetings
  - February 26 after the 11:00 service to learn more
  - March 21 at 7:00 PM for assignment of job sites
  - April 21 at 7:00 PM for final prep
- Team sign up in April





### 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Underway

There is a sense of excitement at Willoughby United Methodist Church these days because plans are being made to celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Willoughby community in 2018. What a blessing for Willoughby and the surrounding areas and what a blessing for us as a church family!

Plans are in the works for many exciting ways to celebrate this wonderful longevity. We plan to involve the City of Willoughby, the Historical Society, the community at large, our former pastors and maybe even couples who have been married in our beautiful sanctuary over the years. And, of course, our current members are right in the thick of it with programs being planned for fellowship and fun.

### Celebrations Begin This September

We will officially kick off the 200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary in September of 2017. We will gather as a church family and learn more about John Wesley and the history of Willoughby United Methodist Church. Who knows, a circuit rider may even show up at our door steps again.

The official Anniversary Week will be **May 18—28, 2018** where lots of activities will be planned, including special guests being invited to worship with us. Mark your calendars now.

Celebration activities will continue through December 2018. If you would like to be a part of planning the various activities please join the 200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Committee - we meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

**We are also sprucing the place up.**

We want our best foot forward for 2018 and beyond.

Several of the projects that are planned or are currently in the works for the beautification of our church include new carpet for the sanctuary, an extension of the stage area in the sanctuary, restoration of our front door, refurbishing the parlor and repainting of many areas of the church to name only a few. An anonymous donor has blessed this congregation with a gift of \$10,000 to reach our beautification goals. That was certainly generous but as if that wasn't enough, the donor stated that if we could raise \$10,000 from our congregation, he/she would match that in addition.

As a member of our church family, we are hoping you would be willing to help with this goal. Any amount is appreciated. Checks can be made out to WUMC and place a note in the memo saying "200 years". Donations can be made at any time throughout the year and either placed in the offering plates or sent to the church office.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your financial involvement with this milestone in our history.

— 200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
Committee

## Circuit Riders

### In Early American Methodism

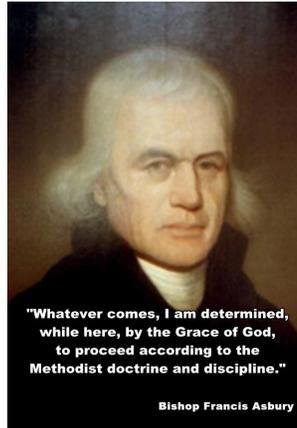
Dr. Robert Simpson

John Wesley's Methodist plan of multiple meeting places called circuits required an itinerating force of preachers. A circuit was made up of two or more local churches (sometimes referred to as societies) in early Methodism. In American Methodism circuits were sometimes referred to as a "charge." A pastor would be appointed to the charge by his bishop. During the course of a year he was expected to visit each church on the charge at least once, and possibly start some new ones. At the end of a year the pastors met with the bishop at annual conference, where they would often be appointed to new charges. A charge containing only one church was called a station. The traveling preachers responsible for caring for these societies, or local churches and stations, became known as circuit-riders, or sometimes saddlebag preachers. They traveled light, carrying their belongings and books in their saddlebags. Ranging far and wide through villages and wilderness, they preached daily or more often at any site available be it a log cabin, the local court house, a meeting house, or an outdoor forest setting. Unlike the pastors of settled denominations, these itinerating preachers were constantly on the move. Their assignment was often so large it might take them 5 or 6 weeks to cover the territory.

Brother Harwood in New Mexico, when asking how to begin his work, was told: "Get your pony shod. Then start out northward via Fort Union, Cimarron, and Red River until you meet a Methodist coming this way... thence westward and eastward until you meet other Methodist preachers coming this way. All this will be your work....I saw at once that I had a big field."

Francis Asbury (1745 - 1816), the founding bishop of American Methodism, set the pace. He traveled 270,000 miles and preached 16,000 sermons as he traveled the circuits.

Peter Cartwright (1785-1872) described the life of the circuit- rider. He wrote in his Autobiography: "A Methodist preacher, when he felt that God had called him to preach, instead of hunting up a college or Biblical Institute, hunted up a hardy pony, and some traveling apparatus, and with his library always at hand, namely, a Bible, Hymn book, and Discipline, he started, and with a text that never wore out nor grew stale, he cried, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.' In this way he went through storms of wind, hail, snow, and rain; climbed hills and mountains, traversed valleys, plunged through swamps, swollen streams, lay out all night, wet, weary, and hungry, held his horse by the bridle all night, or tied him to a limb, slept with his saddle blanket for a bed, his saddle-bags for a pillow. Often he slept in dirty cabins, ate roasting ears for bread, drank butter-milk for coffee; took deer or bear meat, or wild turkey, for breakfast, dinner, and supper. This was old-fashioned Methodist preacher fare and fortune."

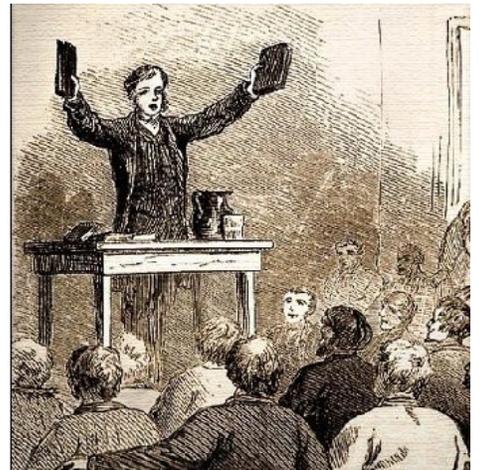


1847, nearly half were less than 30 years old. Many were too worn out to travel.

What did they earn? Not much in dollars. Bishop Asbury expressed their reward when he recruited Jesse Lee, "I am going to enlist Brother Lee. What bounty? Grace here and glory hereafter, if he is faithful, will be given."

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Not only did the preacher face physical hardship, but often he endured persecution. Freeborn Garrettson (1752-1827) wrote of his experience: "I was pursued by the wicked, knocked down, and left almost dead on the highway, my face scarred and bleeding and then imprisoned." No wonder most of these preachers died before their careers had hardly begun. Of those who died up to

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

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8:00 AM - Service (Chapel)  
 9:00 AM - Contemporary (Sanctuary)  
 10:00 AM - Sunday School  
 11:00 AM - Traditional (Sanctuary)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Lent</b> <b>5 Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 1:00-3:00 PM - Youth Group 	    	<b>1</b>  5:30 PM - Meal 6:30 PM - Ash Wed Service	<b>2</b> 1:00 PM - Daytimers 7:00 PM - Choir	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry	<b>4</b>	
<b>12 Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 2:00 - 4:00 PM Mission Trip Mtg 	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM - Alanon 6:45 PM - CWT <b>Broadcaster articles due</b>	<b>7</b> 10:30 AM - Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM - 200th Anniversary Plan. Mtg. 7:30 PM - River Street	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 9:30 AM - Library 5:30 PM - Meal 6:30 PM - Bells 6:45 PM - Intercess. Prayer	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM - Choir 7:00 PM - Trustees 7:00 PM - Missions	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 6:30 PM - Burroughs	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM - <b>McKinley Distribution</b>
<b>19 Sunday Worship Schedule</b> CTW Plan. Mtg. 5:00 PM - Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM - Alanon 6:45 PM - CWT 7:00 PM - Girlfriends in God <b>Broadcaster articles due</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30 AM - Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM - River Street	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 9:30 AM - Library 5:30 PM - Meal 6:30 PM - Bells 6:45 PM - Intercess. Prayer	<b>16</b> 1:00 PM - Daytimers 7:00 PM - Finance 7:00 PM - Choir	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Seuss-A-Palooza 
<b>26 Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 10:00 AM - Meet the Pastors and More 4:00 PM - Lenten Potluck 	<b>20</b>  9:30 AM - Alanon 6:45 PM - CWT	<b>21</b> 10:30 AM - Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 PM - River Street 6:00 PM - <b>McKinley Distribution</b> 7:00 PM - CTW Site Mgr Mtg	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 9:30 AM - Library 6:30 PM - Bells 6:45 PM - Intercess. Prayer	<b>23</b> 12:00 PM - R & R 7:00 PM - Choir 7:00 PM - SPR	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry Youth Night Out	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM - <b>McKinley Distribution</b>
<b>26 Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 10:00 AM - Meet the Pastors and More 4:00 PM - Lenten Potluck 	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM - Alanon 6:45 PM - CWT 5:30 PM - McKinley Dinner	<b>28</b> 10:30 AM - Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM - Communications 7:30 PM - River Street <b>Broadcaster mails</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 9:30 AM - Library 6:30 PM - Bells 6:45 PM - Intercess. Prayer	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM - Choir	<b>31</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 	