

ATWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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YOUTH NEWS

March 3 – Spaghetti and Sausage Sandwich Dinner (Youth Fund Raiser)

Menu Options

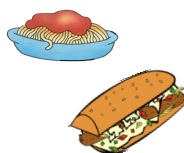
Option 1: Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, Dessert, Beverage \$5.00

Option 2: Sausage Sandwich and coleslaw, Dessert, Beverage \$5.00

Option 3: Spaghetti Dinner (sausage and spaghetti, Dessert, Beverage) \$7.00

Advance Tickets are available from any youth or youth leader, however you can also purchase them at the door!

PROCEEDS WILL HELP COVER EXPENSES FOR YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



March 18 – We will meeting at Deerfield UMC 6 – 8 PM

UMW News

UMW: March 14, 12:00 noon

Program: Luncheon with Deerfield, Randolph and Congregational ladies. Bring a covered dish or two.

Coburn Circle: March 20, 7:00 pm

Hostess: Gracie Myers

Program: Charlotte Jermy

Worship Workers

March

Liturgist: Pam Roeder

Ushers: Gracie Myers & Katrina Wise

Greeters: Lisa Welch & Amber Milam

Elevette: Bonny Bowker

Acolyte:

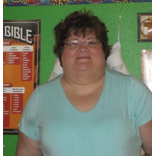
Fellowship Time:

Youth Bell Ringer:

Communion Helpers: Linda Hollendonner & Martha Bevard



MISSION STATEMENT: "TO LOVE, CARE, AND SHARE THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US."



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

“Change? Who Me?” The last thing most of us want to think about is change. Change is not often welcomed, change is hard, change is frightening, change means unknown.

In Webster Dictionary, one definition of the word change is “to make radically different.” Some synonyms are: “alter, make/become different, adjust, adapt, amend, modify, revise, refine; reshape, refashion, redesign, restyle, re-vamp, rework, remodel, reorganize, reorder; vary, transform, transfigure, transmute, metamorphose, evolve.”

The Apostle Paul said in Romans 12:2: “Be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind.” In Biblical Greek, the word Paul uses here is the word we use for the metamorphosis of a butterfly. The change in the end is something completely different than was there before. This is how total the transformation should be when it comes to our thinking. Keep in mind, our thoughts determine our actions.

Paul says that in Christ, our thoughts become brand new. In Christ we are not trying to defend self, we are surrendering to him and going through a complete metamorphosis apart from other people's opinions. When our thinking is changed, our beliefs are changed, our actions are changed, and our *life* is changed.

In this season of Lent, let us focus on how we need to change in order to experience the resurrection of Christ more fully in our lives – heart, mind and soul.

Blessings,

Rev. Ruth

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 25

9:25 AM Worship in Atwater

11:00 AM Worship in Deerfield

Maundy Thursday, March 29 7:00 at Deerfield UMC

Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM Atwater UMC

Easter Sunday, April 1

9:25 AM Worship in Atwater

11:00 AM Worship in Deerfield



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All Children (age 4 – 5th grade) At Rolling River Rampage VBS, students will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience the ride of a lifetime with God.

During Vacation Bible School at Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God, your students will become Rafters and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. The fun runs from Monday, July 9 – Friday, July 13, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at the Atwater UMC! Hope to see you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING TEAM

You are invited to participate in the VBS planning team. Our first meeting will be **MONDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 6:30 PM.** We will meet in the office of the Atwater UMC.



Easter Flower Order Form

Easter Flower orders will be taken through March 11

Cost is \$8.00 each

Make checks out to Atwater United Methodist Church and **place form and payment in the collection basket.**

Or mail them to the church: 6380 Waterloo Rd. Atwater, OH 44201

Flower choices are lily, pink tulip, or daffodil

Please indicate flower type by each name

Name _____ Phone # _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By _____ Flower type _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By _____ Flower type _____

In Honor Of: _____

Given By _____ Flower type _____

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SUMMER CHURCH CAMP



The average American youth spends:

- 270 minutes watching TV a day
- 4 minutes playing outside a day
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics
- A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose.

What do you need this Summer?

- * Friendship and Laughter
- * Praise and Worship
- * Exploring and Relaxing
- * Horses and Nature
- * Spiritual Growth
- * Challenge and Skills
- * Fun and Adventure
- * Campfire and Prayer
- * Swimming & Canoeing
- * Leadership Development

There is something special for you and your family at Camp. Explore an adventure of Faith, Fun, and Friendship!

The Power of Camp is...

In a world where it is hard to be a kid, AND it is hard to be a parent, let church camp be your partner in faith and the development of your child.

Lifelong Friendships

Outdoor Adventure

Positive Christian Role Models

Time to Unplug Meaningful Conversations

Exciting Worship

East Ohio Camps are now taking registrations for kids, youth and adults to participate in a week of summer camp. More information can be found on the table outside the sanctuary, online visit www.EOCsummercamps.org or talk with Brian Riggs or Rev. Ruth

Trustees

Martha Bevard is looking for someone to change the lightbulb on south east corner of the church. If you can help call Martha at 330 947 3191.

Note

There will be no Men's Breakfast in March

Attention Graduating Seniors

Church Scholarship Applications are available, please contact the church office to receive an application. Deadline to submit is April 2, 2018.

Prayer Chain

You can start the prayer chain by calling Kathy Elson at 330-904-3964 or Martha Simons at 330-947-2017



VISION STATEMENT: "REACHING OUT TO OTHERS TO EDUCATE AND PROMOTE FAITH IN CHRIST."



March 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

* denotes birth-day				1 Pastors Bible Study 7:00pm *Carl Hollendonner	2 *Jim Gay *Ami McComb *Brianna Royer	3
4 Worship 9:25am Sunday School 10:30am *Jerry Simons *Angie Wiley	5	6	7 *Peggy Manion	8 Pastors Bible Study 7:00pm	9	10
11 Worship 9:25am Sunday School 10:30am *Judy Scott *Phil Milat	12 Quilt Club 10:00am	13	14 UMW - Luncheon 12:00 noon	15 Pastors Bible Study 7:00pm	16 *Karen Stephenson	17 *Yvonda Westfall
18 Worship 9:25am Fellowship Time *Joyce DeGroff *Stephen Stroll	19 *Russ Milburn	20 Coburn Circle 7pm *Bill Meissner *Makenna Leigh	21 *Stephanie Foster *Christine Stroll *Kelly Rach	22 Pastors Bible Study 7:00pm *Jackson Leigh	23	24
25 Worship 9:25am Sunday School 10:30am	26	27	28 Book Club 5:30 pm @ Kinsey's	29 Pastors Bible Study 7:00pm Holy Thursday	30 Good Friday Service 7:00pm	31