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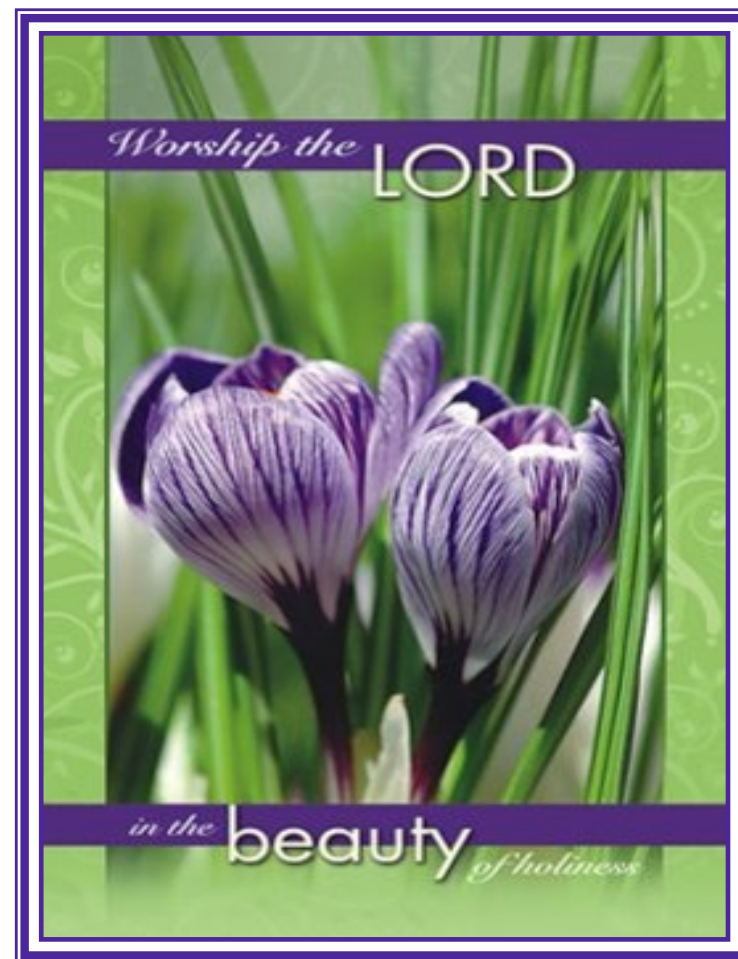
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reflections

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On Saturday, March 6th, Vonette and I have the privilege of watching our oldest son, Robert, get married in Plainfield, Illinois. Robert and his fiancé had their hearts set on getting married in a rustic castle in New Hampshire, a popular wedding venue. Unfortunately for them, the castle is not available until the fall of 2023, so they decided to get married in a simple ceremony for just family this March, and have the “real wedding” with all its expected glitz and glamour in the fall of 2023. Vonette and I are doubly excited that we’ll also get to see our middle son Andrew, who’s currently working in the Seattle area as a computer engineer. This will be the first time in nearly four years that all five members of our family will be together in one place at the same time. Our children are grown up with their own lives, but it will be nice to turn back the clock for a couple days with everyone in the same household again. Naturally, in preparation for the big event, Vonette and I have been busily cleaning the house so that everything will be at its best. It’s amazing the amount of dust and clutter you get used to in your house when you don’t have special guests around.

So, how much spiritual clutter has accumulated in your life? When we are saved, we are indwelt with the Holy Spirit, who abides with us as a helper, friend, and advocate. I Corinthians 6:19 reminds us, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?” And when we are indwelt with the Holy Spirit, He is more than just a visitor and guest—He is our lifelong companion! Yet too often we forget He is there, and we live our lives in a way unworthy of His presence in our lives. We clutter souls with sin and poor decisions, and in doing so, we forget the One living inside us. In a way, our bodies are like rental cars. Some folks who rent a car drive it, well, like a rental car—abusing it, doing things in that car they would never do in the car they own—because it’s not their car, and not their problem. Others treat their rental car more carefully, knowing that they’ll be accountable for any damage when it is returned to the rental car company.

Which one are you? My prayer is that we remember the words of the final verse in 1 Corinthians 6, verse 20: “For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” Perhaps it’s time to

sweep out the clutter of sin that’s been slowly accumulating in our lives and confess it to God. We know He is faithful to forgive our sins when we earnestly confess them before Him (1 John 1:9), and we can honor the presence of our God in our lives in a clean dwelling place. When we clean our homes for special guests, we don’t let it get dirty and nasty again. In the same way, may our lives be holy, living examples to the God that lives inside us, and may our the fruits of our bodies be worthy legacies to our Savior.



An **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on March 2nd at 6 p.m.

Please join us as Rev. Kathy Marshall leads us in an evening of contemplation and prayer as the season of Lent begins the 46 day journey to the Lord’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. Her message will be “Clean Hearts” (Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:10 and Psalm 51).

The imposition of ashes will be available if desired.

Congregational Meeting & Installation of Officers

CHURCH OFFICERS

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting immediately preceding the March 20th worship service to elect Blake Walker as Deacon.

Blake (if elected), along with Vonette Miller will be ordained and installed as Deacons during the worship service.



We’re looking for an administrative assistant for our church office and invite you or someone you know who may be interested to apply! The job consists of 24 - 30 hours per week with salary negotiable based on qualifications and experience. Social, communication, listening

and communication skills are needed as well as proficiency in Office, Word, Excel and Access; knowledge of Publisher is a plus.

If you have questions or to obtain an application, please call church office at (309-962-5011) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., M-Th.



March Celebrations

Birthdays

3/01 Jill Self	3/05 Amanda Hill	3/19 Kobe Brent
3/01 Randy Sigler	3/08 Bonnie Crumbaugh	3/21 Jacob Holoch
3/03 Lynn Walker	3/15 Maggie Baughman	3/22 Dennis Mennenga
3/04 Miranda Walker	3/16 Danna Sanders	3/23 Gavin Graybeal
	3/17 Brooke Walker	3/24 Jarrett Cox
	3/18 Gavin Melton	3/27 Isaac Holoch

3/03 Amy & Scott Graves
 3/09 Mary Ella & Dennis Mennenga
 3/19 Katie & Kenny Taylor
 3/31 Teresha & Charlie Bossingham



Anniversaries

March Library Corner

By Marty Dean



Spring into Reading!

The Struggle - *The Kentucky Brothers* - Book 3
 by Wanda Brunstetter

Each saga surpasses the other in Book 3 of Wanda Brunstetter's *Kentucky Brothers* series. To refresh--Books 1 and 2, *The Journey* and *The Healing*, revolved around two other brothers' move from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Kentucky.

In *The Struggle*, a strained marriage drives Timothy Fisher's decision to uproot his family in hopes of starting anew in Kentucky. Hannah's reluctance to move only serves to escalate matters once unfathomable tragedy strikes. A heart-wrenching yet warming conclusion plays out to end this stirring trilogy.

Special Offering

Our church took a special offering on Feb. 20th to purchase supplies (non-perishable food, satellite phones, transportation fuel) for the people of Ukraine. \$ 2229 was received for the group organizing this mission effort.

Pastor Bob Marsh, who has often filled our pulpit in recent months, expresses his appreciation and reports that supplies are already being acquired for the area.

Please continue your prayers for peace in the conflict, that God would work in the hearts of the leaders and people whose selfishness and pride cause destruction; for displaced families and damaged communities, that God would give hope even now; for God to comfort those facing tragedy and pain.

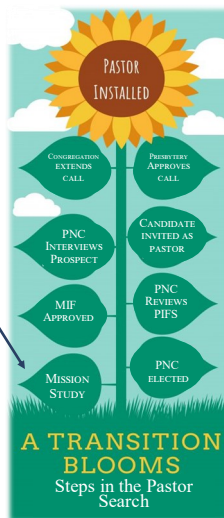
UKRAINE

We're sure everyone is wondering what's going on with our Pastor search!

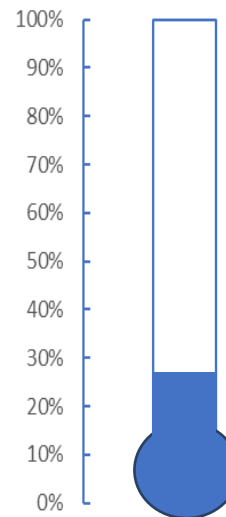
It is a long process which is supposed to begin with finding an interim pastor to help lead us through the process. Unfortunately, after diligently searching to fill this spot, there are no interims available that fit the needs of our church.

So Kathy Mitchell, our ministry partner, has begun leading our "Mission Study" the first step in the process. (see chart).

Meanwhile our Worship & Music team will continue working hard to fill our pulpit with speakers that inspire us with God's Word each Sunday.



BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRESS UPDATES:



This "thermometer" graph is a visual aide to watch our contributions grow to pay towards the \$300,000 that we intend to borrow towards the project. We have received **\$82,550** since the project was approved. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!

The drywall and bathroom fixture installation for the new offices, bathrooms and nursery area is expected to begin next week. Flooring and wall/trim paint colors are being determined.

The south half of the fellowship hall has a beautiful new ceiling and new LED lighting that really makes everything so much cleaner and brighter looking. Only a few of the tiles have not been installed because of additional work to be done. The upper doors on the storage closets will be cut down slightly to fit and new molding above the windows will be installed.



Continued from last month....here are some more activities going on at the Living Well United Senior Center!
 (Check out their current [calendar for specific dates at www.livingwellunited.org](http://www.livingwellunited.org).)

- Euchre**- No experience necessary-we will teach you! -FREE
- Hand & Foot Canasta**- Card Game-No experience necessary-we will teach you! -FREE
- Blood Pressure Checks**-Registered nurse checks and records your blood pressure, pulse and O2%
- TOPS**-Taking Off Pounds Sensibly - a hands on, pounds off approach to weight -First meeting FREE
- Open Sewing**-want a place to spread out and work on projects with good company? Bring any crafting projects or stop in and see what others are working on. -FREE
- RetroFit** (Silversneakers) Exercise Class. A fun, good workout that can be done seated or standing!
- Community Care Systems**- Here to answer your questions- Medicare, senior discounts for license plate stickers, and anything else senior related. Have questions? - they've got answers! -FREE
- BINGO** - The Crumbaugh library brings us BINGO! -FREE
- Lunch**- We enjoy 2 meals together per month. Delicious & made with love! - Donations accepted.
- Pan-Near-Ya (Panera)**a variety of bread items (bagels, bread, cookies etc.) are available on a first come first serve basis. Please stop in and grab some! - FREE
- ATI Physical Therapy**-don't miss this excellent free education and Q & A time with local Physical Therapists. Free on-site injury screens.
- Dull Scissors?** Label your scissors with name and phone number, drop off anytime 10-4 on February 3rd with \$8.00. Pick up anytime 10-4 on 8th (or any days after 8th while the center is open).
- Grieving Together** - Wednesdays at 3:30pm you will find a support group where you will feel safe and cared for while you learn about the process of grieving and find help and healing. Free
- Tweezer/Waxing Tuesday** -stop in and get a hand removing unwanted eyebrow and/or chin hair. Licensed cosmetologist will do waxing and tweezing. - Donations accepted.
- SYNERGY Presentation**- Join Aggie Hedin from SYNERGY HomeCare for a presentation the last Thursday of each month at 10am. - FREE

Pancake & Sausage Fundraiser

Saturday, Feb. 26th



We had a great turnout for this year's Pancake & Sausage Fundraiser! \$ 888 was raised for our middle school youth to attend the Great Escape summer camp in Green Lake, Wisconsin, and for our high school youth to go to take part in the Student Life Mission camp at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

Our appreciation to Dennis and Judy McCormick for providing the sausage as well as the local Meijer store for their grant to underwrite other costs of this event. And thanks to YOU for your participation to help make this annual fundraiser a success!

Worship Schedule - January 2022

9:00 a.m. Sunday WORSHIP	March 6 (Communion)	March 13	March 20	March 27
ACCOMPANIST	Vonette Miller Londa Holoch	Vonette Miller	Vonette Miller	Vonette Miller
LAY READER	Mary Sigler	Vonette Miller	Mary Sigler	Sarah Hill
USHER/ GREETERS	Randy Sigler; Barb Monical	Bobbi & John Murfin	Randy Sigler; Londa Holoch	Beverly & Jack Burcham
COMMUNION SERVERS	Tracey Holoch; Mary Ella Mennenga; Barb Monical			
TECH BOOTH	Steve Sinnott; Randy Sigler	Steve Sinnott; Tanner Holoch	Steve Sinnott; Sarah Hill	Steve Sinnott; Tate Sigler

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

<i>Sunday Dates</i>	<i>Sunday Attendance</i>
February 6	47
February 13	32
February 20	48
February 27	40
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	42

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

Martha Dean
Tracey Holoch
Dennis McCormick
Mary Ella Mennenga
Anna Rayburn
Ashley Sigler
Randy Sigler
Steve Sinnott
Dixie Weinheimer

Committee

Adult Christian Development
Administration/Nominating Committee
Adult Christian Development
Adult Christian Development/Worship & Music
Clerk of Session/Christian Education
Christian Education
Administration/Worship & Music
Worship & Music

**Session is currently scheduled to next meet on
Wednesday, March 9th at 6 p.m.**

Minutes will be available, after approval, in the office.

Deacons:

Teresha Bossingham
Beverly Burcham
Jack Burcham
Scott Graves
Amanda Hill
Sarah Hill
Londa Holoch
Vonette Miller
Barb Monical
Bobbi Murfin

Deacon of the Month:

October
June
May
November
August
July
February
April
March
September



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March

Deacon of the Month

Barb Monical

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 6:00 PM LEAP (K-5)	28	1	2  ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	3 10:00 AM MISSION & OUTREACH 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion) 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP & MUSIC 6:00 PM LOOP (6-12 grades)	7	8	9 6:00 PM SESSION	10 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 7:00 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 6:00 PM LEAP (K-5)	14	15	16 6:30 PM DEACONS	17 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
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