

TODAY



LET'S EAT!

CHURCH WIDE SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 29th

Right after Church in Fellowship Hall

No need to make anything,
the youth have it covered.
Stay and enjoy a warm meal
provided and served by the youth.

**ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE
YOUTH CAMP FUND**

Calendar

Sunday, January 29

9:00 Parent & Mentor Meeting

11:15 Youth Soup Fundraiser

4:00 Hands for Him

Monday, January 30

2:30 ROOTS

Wednesday, February 1

9:30 Bazaar Workshop

6:00 Disciple 1 & 2

7:30 Choir

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 21 Youth Pancake Supper

Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday

Dear Church Family,

This week we have considered the spiritual practice of laughter. One church member showed me the note from her fortune cookie from Sunday lunch that read: "Hearty laughter is a good way to jog internally without having to go outdoors." Yesterday I received a text with a picture of a church member's calendar that dubbed January 24th as national belly laugh day. And, every day this week I have received delightfully cheesy jokes in my text messages. It has been so fun to appreciate God's gift of laughter together; and, to notice the little synchronicities of where laughter is invited into our day because we are open to it.

There are healing properties to laughter that can open us to accepting our frailty and vulnerability. Laughter can move us toward a trust of the love of God that holds us in our humanity. Laughter can help us to release our pride and self importance and ground us in gracious humility. Laughter helps us process the absurdity of this life. And, sometimes through laughter, we can more easily access the truths that cut to our core and point us toward our next faithful steps of healing and growth in receiving God's grace.

My prayer for you is that you find space for laughter this week. Here are a couple of the jokes that were shared with me to get you started:

"Why did the chicken cross the road? ...To show the silly possum it can be done!"

"Did you hear about the new air freshener that is mind controlled? Makes scents if you think about it!"

"You can't tell dad jokes if you're not a dad... we don't allow any faux pas here."

Grace, peace, and JOY, *Pastor Amanda*



Worship, Nurture & Serve in Love
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023

ENTRANCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACOLYTES

Aubrey Jackson & Maddie Babb

PRELUDE

Roger Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chrissy Hamilton

OPENING PRAYER

Gayle Cooper

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Is All the World to Me

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PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Amanda

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gayle Cooper

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8

ACT OF PRAISE

Feed My Lambs

Choir

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Pastor Amanda

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS AND CONSECRATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

VOWS OF HOLY MEMBERSHIP

Stephanie Mueller

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SERVERS: **Steve, Susan & Andy Kilgas: Andy & Andrew Lewter; Karen & Patrick Baker, Camille Legins**

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* **2153**
BLESSING

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CONCERNS: *We ask for your prayers and continued prayers for these we know of. There are several more who have asked us to keep their situations private. If God places someone's name on your heart, please consider sending a note their way or giving them a call.*

Ongoing Concerns: Confirmation Class and mentors. Lon May. Wally Crider. Pat Page. Vicki Smith. Paula Moore. Lindy Johnson's mother, Sherry. Phyllis Pritchett. Allison Stockton. Michael Johnson. Diane Broughton. Donna Webb. Gail Smith. Peggy, Terry & Will King. Bishop Bill McAlilly. Linda Hall. Marilucile Counce. Marion Pitts. Janice Noble. Angie Damron. Vernon & Aloha Prather. Mary Nethery. Harry Henderson. Keath Turner. Sarah Byars. Angie Farmer. Dotsie Clifton. Kristin Havener's foster son, Kaden. Jim & Gina Johnson. Karen Johnson. Bob Carroll. Gail Beard Yates. Chris Smith. Janiece Peeler. Virginia Clendenin. Cooper Johnson & family. Frances Brewer. Donna Flynt. Chris Bowman. Charline Freeman. Alan Moody. Billie Sue Walker. Bob Smith. Kathy Prewett. District Superintendents David Weatherly & Nancy Varden. John Overcash. We Care Ministries. UTM Wesley. Dresden First United Methodist.

Prayers for Friends and Relatives: Jen Galey's mother, Janet Flynn. Chrissy's sister, Carol Downes. Pastor Amanda's father, Ron Birkner. Family of Brother Bill Tate. Kari Beth Woods' father, Jay Woods. Dave Politte's brother, Alan. Caroline Ideus' father, Marlan Ideus. Amanda Jackson's friend, James Lensbouer. Kayci Borden' father, Gary Henline. Michael Johnson's aunt, Jennifer Johnson. Susan Kilgas' friend, David Sheridan. Megan Kilgas. Crawford's mother-in-law, Robin Crawford. Janice Noble's sister, Peggy. Dee Cannon's friend, Ann Stuart. Roger Johnson's mother. Staci Mancusi's brother, Phil Peiffer, and grandmother, Doris Davidson. Carla Field's friend, Clara Hays. Crawford & Nancy Gallimore. Steve McConnell's girlfriend, Faye. Amy Todd Brown. Renee LaFleur and Ricky Garlitz. Kristy Shumake's mother, Brenda Dublin. Rosemary Coleman's daughter-in-law's mother, Joyce Ashe. David Murphy. Peggy King's son-in-law, George Frels and friend, Leslie Justice. Jenise Butler's Cousin, April.

Thank You

Dear friends,
Thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl. It means so much to know that so many have prayed for our family.
The Family of Rev. Bill Tate

Council on Ministries - The three subcommittees of the COM – Worship, Nurture & Serve - will meet on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall to plan for 2023. Everyone is welcome to attend and give input. Lunch will be provided so please let the office know by Feb. 2.

Our SPRC and Church Board would like to announce that we are hiring for the position of **Director of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation**. This position is a full time position that works alongside the pastor, church leadership, and church staff in programmatic and administrative capacities to shepherd the discipleship and spiritual formation of the intergenerational church community. This persons is a coordinator, motivator, servant leader and vision caster for existing ministry with an eye toward the ways God is calling us to grow and deepen our ministry with one another and in the community.

To request a full job description, contact the office. To apply, please submit your resume and a cover letter to Pastor Amanda (pastor@martinfumc.org). The deadline to apply is February 17th by noon.



We are pleased to announce that the SPRC and Church Board has hired Rev. Randy Cooper as our new part time Minister of Visitation. Here's a note from Randy:

I am happy to begin serving as Minister of Visitation in our church. A few of you may not know that I served as Pastor of the church for 12 years until my retirement in the summer of 2021. I look forward to meeting you and coming to know you if you are relatively new to this church family.

As for my family: Our two daughters have given us six grandchildren and two fine sons-in-law. They live in Danville, KY and Manhattan, NY. My wife Gayle and I enjoy visiting our grandchildren a bit more than we could before my retirement. Also, Gayle's New England roots take in that direction a time or two each year.

I also am serving as the "field pastor" at the Wesley Senior Living Apartments located next to the Van Ayer Nursing Home. No matter our age, opportunities to serve others in the name of Christ abound for all of us. Jesus said "the harvest is plentiful" (Matthew 9:35-38).

I will be serving at the pleasure of Pastor Amanda and at the pleasure of those within our church family who are called to a ministry of caring for one another. As always, any requests for visits to a hospital or home will best be made by contacting Pastor Amanda or Judy Mehan in the church office.

**United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith
Prayer Calendar**

Mission Focus—USA Fund Fenton Memorial Deacon Homes—Ministry of respite and learning for deaconesses, home missionaries and home missionaries

Mission Focus—International Nicaragua—Encinitas Project Chacocente ministries—to advance the dignity, freedom, health and joy of people in rural Nicaragua through education, faith, infrastructure and relationships