

WELLSVILLE UMC NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 10:45 am Worship, -- 9:30 am Sunday School
Wednesday 6:30 pm Food, Fellowship, Faith & Fun

Mission Statement: Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known

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POTLUCK
NO February Potluck

The Boy Scouts will have their Annual Souper Sunday Lunch for us on February 6. Come, enjoy and support our Scouts!!



Helping Hands Food Pantry Distribution

The Harvester Drive-Thru is Friday, **February 18th, 9:00**, and Saturday, **February 19th, 10:30**, is the regular distribution day.

If you can help on Friday or Saturday, please do. If you need to receive some of these items, please go.



HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

It's not too late to contribute to Heifer Project International. We will continue to receive donations through Sunday, February 6th. Remember, our small gift with others' small gifts can help a great deal!



Prayers

When you or a member of your family is hospitalized or wish a pastoral visit, please call the church office (883-2737) or the pastor (883-2128). If you wish to begin the prayer chain for someone, please call the church office or Renate Watts (883-4619).



UMW meetings

Day Lites
Wednesday, February 9
1:15 pm

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Nite Lites
Monday, February 21
7:00 pm

At Diana Jarrell's home
Shower items: Kleenex & hand sanitizer for the local school



BEST CHOICE UPC LABELS

Save your Best Choice UPC labels and bring them to church. The Congregational Ministries Committee has undertaken this fundraiser. For every **1000 labels** we will receive **\$60**. What an easy way to raise funds!



GOOD CAUSE FOR SCHOOL

Don't forget to save the can pull tabs, Education Points and Campbell's Labels. You may bring these to the church or send them to the school directly.

Church Picture Directory

We will be taking pictures for a new directory. We are doing it ourselves. We will be taking pictures starting Friday evening, February 11, Saturday morning, February 12, and Sunday after church, February 13. We will continue for 3 weeks.

Don't forget the Nursing Home Service Sunday, February 6, at 3:00 pm. It's only 30 minutes and they enjoy it tremendously!



MEMBERS SPECIAL DAYS

February

Anniversary

Tim & Carrol Duffy	2
Kip & Connie Rush	14
JW & Dorothy Tomlinson	14
Mark & Darlene Westhoff	14
Terry & Carolyn Silvius	15
Bill & Linda Klamm	21

Birthday

Chase McCullough	1
Sarah Harris	3
Ellen Neis	3
Wayne Good	5
Barbara Saner	5
Susan O’Dea	6
Lance O’Dea	6
Lois Zielinski	6
Logan O’Dea	8
Jane Thompson	8
Allen Bottiger	9
Vanita Chandler	9
Tim Jarrell	9
Raymond Price	11
Diane Bonzo	14
Tony Holtwick	14
Scott Harris	16
Brent Neis	16
Jacob Baker	17
Brandon Crist	18
Steven Lawrenz	18
Merle Todd	18
Lisa Martin	19
Kevin Kelly	20
Nolan Rush	23
Jeff Taylor	23
Braden Crist	25
Morgan Cunningham	26



So, am I the only one experiencing “Cabin Fever?”

I was born on the shortest day of the year; maybe that is why I am a night owl and maybe that is why I crave daylight. Usually we see one good thaw sometime in January. You know, when the temperature gets close to 60 degrees for a couple of days. This year we have hardly seen the freezing mark and we have already had our annual average of snowfall. I am sick and tired of the cold and snow!

Sometimes there are seasons of our lives that are a lot like an exceptionally cold, snowy, dark winter. Days of pain and grief seem to extend on and on without the slightest hint that there is a spiritual spring around the corner. In that dark, cold place we may despair of ever experiencing the warmth of love, the feeling of joy again. Often these times of our lives are initiated by great loss; the death of a loved one, the end of a marriage, the betrayal of a close friend or serious illness. Sometimes these “dark nights of the soul” seem to come out of nowhere, for no particular reason like a sudden blizzard, as though some black, spiritual cloud has descended upon us. Our souls feel cold and frozen in place.

At those moments, it is good to turn to God’s word and remember that we are not alone in these feelings. They are common to all of us. The Psalms in particular recount every human emotion, including despair. Psalms 42 and 43 share the same refrain,

which is repeated three times, twice in Psalm 42 and once in Psalm 43:

“Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.”

It is comforting to remember when we feel that we are struggling all alone in the dark that God is always with us. It is reassuring to remember that even our Lord Jesus Christ knew grief and despair. After all, it was Jesus who echoed the Psalmist from the cross, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” When the wind chills of life fall into negative digits, God’s grace is there to remind us that at the end of our darkest winter is an eternal spring. May God be the help of your countenance and may the Holy Spirit show you that you need not live out your winter all alone.

Grace and Peace – Pastor Lane

Bridges to the Future Update

Our original pledge to Bridges to the Future was \$9885. This commitment was to be paid in 5 years. To date we have paid \$3601.35. This leaves a balance due of \$683.65 to be paid by Dec. 31, 2012 (2 years away). We are collecting quarters on the 2nd Sunday of each month to try to attain our goal. The oatmeal boxes are still available each week too.

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