

FEBRUARY 2020

HALF TRUTHS

February 2

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

Psalm 10:14b, 17-18a

February 9

What We Can't Handle

1 Corinthians 10:13

February 16

God Said It, I Believe It...

Deuteronomy 23:12-14

February 23

Love the Sinner / Not the Sin

Matthew 7:1-5

February 26

6:30 pm

**Ash
Wednesday**

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Dear Friends:

I am ready for spring but we have weeks of winter weather to endure. To those church members who have escaped to warmer climates, good for you! One day Chris and I will do likewise.

We are coming to the time of reflection and growth during the season of Lent: Ash Wednesday, February 26th – Easter Sunday, April 12th. I would like to have a group or several groups that would devote themselves to a spiritual discipline of prayer, reflection and silence. Richard Rohr is one of my and Chris' favorite authors and theologians. He wrote a small text called '**Silent Compassion**'. Perhaps your heart is like mine and needs that quiet time of prayer and devotion in order to hear God's voice. If so, would you send me an email or text? We will find a good time to meet and give ourselves to this discipline during the season of Lent.

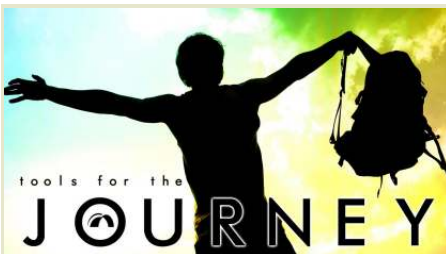
Our Office Administrator, Donna Norman, will be retiring on Sunday, March 15th. We will have one service that day and then celebrate our friend and co-worker's achievements. I hope you will make time to be part of this event. Donna is not relocating, but retiring from the everyday work schedule so that she and Phil can enjoy this time of their lives. Our Staff Parish Committee has advertised this position, and we have had a strong response. Please be in prayer as we sift through the many applications and begin the interview process. We want to follow the Holy Spirit's direction in selecting this key role in our congregation.

Our **Youth Group** will be diving into "**Tools for the Journey**" — learning about spiritual practices and the ongoing story of their faith. *Parents:* Watch the mail for a letter describing our upcoming lessons and dates. Details can also be found below.

As always, I am happy to be your pastor and to serve Christ in this congregation.

God bless us every one,

Pastor Mark



Have you ever heard the phrase, "*We are spiritual beings on a human journey?*" It makes sense when you consider the ways we are connected as Children of God. We all need "**Tools for the Journey**" we are on!

Our Youth will take two Sunday nights a month to learn about the spiritual practices that fortify us, and the lessons that teach us about the ongoing story of our faith. Confirmation questions of claiming faith for themselves will also be included. Come join us!

For Youth Grades 6-12

1st and 3rd Sunday evenings

February 16th through May 3rd

6-7:30 pm

www.livelovegrow.org

Connections is published each month. Our church vision is to *Live for God, Love Our Neighbor, and Grow in Christ*. Visit us at 725 Wall Street, Wentzville. Sunday worship is at 9 and 10:30 am.

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Deadline for the
MARCH 2020 Newsletter
is Monday, 2/24



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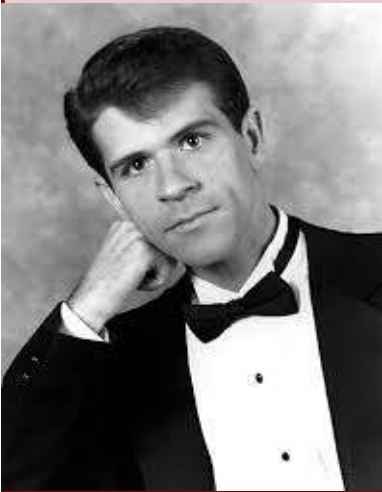
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Sean Morlock, Todd Oberlin, Brian Phipps and
Kermit Sandorf

LIVING FOR GOD



JIM HENDRICKS Piano Ministries **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — Worship and 4 pm**

Jim Hendricks will be our featured pianist during both worship services and perform in concert at 4 p.m. that afternoon. He has played over 1,400 Christian piano concerts in churches across the land, including appearances at the former Crystal Cathedral. Jim has made 16 piano recordings, performed on ABC, CBS, TBN and PAX, and been featured in Clavier Piano Journal.

We are delighted to welcome him to our **2019-2020 Concert Series!**



Redeemed Praise Band **SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — 6 pm**

The March offering for the **2019-2020 Concert Series** will be our very own **Redeemed Praise Band**.

This talented group of musicians will present songs in a Coffee-House style performance.

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends for a great evening of music!

Good **FRIDAY** *Cantata*



THE WEeping TREE

by Joseph M. Martin

Here is a poignant rendering of the cross that uses beloved hymns, newly composed music, thoughtful narration and simple sacred symbols to create a touching testament of grace for Holy Week worship. Hymn titles include *The Weeping Tree*; *Without His Cross*; *Of Tears and Sorrows*; *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*.

6:30 PM

APRIL 10TH

WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS!

Looking for extra voices for the cantata — and voices for the entire year!

WHEN: Rehearsals at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday

CONTACT: toddoberlin@wentzville-umc.net

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

Please give generously to support women, children and youth through the World Thank Offering!

thank you!



United Methodist Women meets in the church Café at 12 noon on Thursday, February 13th for their monthly program and potluck lunch. Sally Adams will present the UMW Charter for Racial Justice, and meeting hostesses are Dee Hansen and Ola Martin-Cooksley. Please bring flowers or cookies for our homebound members (and help deliver). Please also bring your World Thank Offering (blue box). For more information contact Nancy at 636-357-7571.



We work **Mary Martha Thrift Shop** the week of February 10, Monday through Saturday. *We especially need several people to help with our new Saturday hours from 8 am until 2 pm.*

How about 12-2? Or other times? Check the Sunday Connect Card

Thanks for your help and support!



February Needs

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Tuna Helper ®

Drop items in baskets in church office foyer

No glass items, please—thanks very much!



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pearce Blvd. and Kent Drive

Thursday—2/6, 2020, 3-7 pm

Register @ redcrossblood.org

**Painters
wanted**

Our Wentzville UMC Trustees have two painting projects in the Christian Life Center wing—both the Women and Men's restrooms will be re-painted. We need at least 6 volunteers to caulk and paint. Two possible dates are Saturday, 2/22 and Saturday, 2/29. The work can be done in one day from 9 am until 12 noon. If you are available and can help on one of these Saturdays, check the Sunday Connect Card.

TRIVIA  NIGHT

SAVE
THE
DATE
APRIL 4, 2020

HABITAT ST. CHARLES

7th Annual Trivia Night for *Habitat, St. Charles County*

Saturday, April 4th

Larry Elms Training Center (Carpenter's Hall) — 755 Parr Road in Wentzville

Doors open at 6 pm — Trivia begins at 7 pm

\$200 for a table of 8 and \$25 for individuals

Last year Wentzville UMC had 4 tables of players. Great fun for everyone!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Children's CHURCH

Greetings from Children's Church!!

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not." ...C.S. Lewis
Love, love, love! Who doesn't love LOVE? Seeing others and ourselves through the agape love of the Father, gives life meaning that is rich and eternal. The children and I are learning about the great love Isaiah and Moses had for God and others. These men were brave and obedient when other people made it hard for them. How can we learn from them and each other? The goal of all the lessons, discussions and prayers of Children's Church is that our children will gain much confidence and knowledge in the things of God. I have faith and trust that they will be able to boldly say to Jesus, "Here I am Lord!! Send me!!"

On Friday, February 14th, from 5-8pm, we will have a **Parent's Night Out**. Enjoy a dinner and date night while your child(ren) have a blast at Children's Church!!

Wrapped in His love,

Angela Langdon
Children and Family Director
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2020 IGNITE CAMP

Information flyers are in the church lobby

EARLY BIRD RATE OF \$100
through 2/28/20

June 15-19, 2020

Co-hosted by WUMC and
The Way

On the WUMC Campus



nextgencamps.org
June 15-19, 2020
Wentzville United Methodist Church
Wentzville, MO
On Location Day Camp
THE WAY
Early Bird \$100
Regular \$125
Register before Feb. 28 for the discounted rate!
IGNITE MOBILE CAMP

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

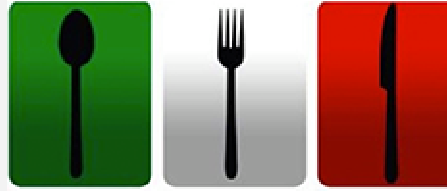
Game Day for the 55+ Crowd
Wednesday, 2/5 at 1:30 p.m.



Saturday, 2/15 — 8 am
Village Café in Lake St. Louis
Dan Engdahl will share
his life testimony
Good food and fellowship!
Questions? Call Kermit, 636-734-2171



Wednesday, 3/4 at 6 pm
*Note the March date due to
Ash Wednesday on 2/26*
"Mermaid's Chair"
by Sue Monk Kidd



Italian Feast

Hosted by the Handbell Choirs

Wednesday, February 12th
Serving begins at 5:30 pm

The bells are raising money to have
four octaves of bells professionally
serviced and polished this summer.

Invite your family and friends!

Bon Appetit



On Sunday, 1/26, 22 church friends
attended the SLU Billikens basketball
game at Chaivetz Arena. Great seats
and fun times. It was sponsored by
the Men's Group and we will do it
again next year!

FEBRUARY

Quik View

Lydia Circle Quilters

Tuesdays, 8 am—12 Noon

Game Day for Seniors

Wednesday, 2/5 at 1:30 pm

Jim Hendricks, Piano

2019-2020 Concert Series

Sunday, 2/9 during both
worship services

4 pm Sanctuary Concert

Wednesday Italian Feast

Wednesday, 2/12 at 5:30 pm

Sponsored by the Bell Choirs

United Methodist Women

Thursday, 2/13 at 12 Noon

Parents' Night Out

Friday, 2/14 from 5-8 pm

Men's Group Breakfast

Saturday, 2/15 at 8 am

Village Café in Lake St. Louis

Hymn Sing at Parklane

Thursday, 2/20 at 10 am

ASH WEDNESDAY Worship

Wednesday, 2/26 at 6:30 pm

Needlework for Missions

Thursday, 2/27 at 9:30 am

Book Club

Wednesday, 3/4 at 6 pm

Note new date due to Ash

Wednesday on 2/26

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