

Church Messenger



*Our Purpose is to Praise, Glorify and Love
God*

*Our Principles are Humility, Grace, Prayer,
Love,*

Compassion and Service

January 12, 2020 – January 26, 2020

LADIES!

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A LIFE-CHANGING STUDY

Coping effectively with whatever life brings is the common theme of day and evening Bible studies beginning January 13 and 14.

The Monday morning class will tackle “*The Armor of God*” by author, speaker and actress Priscilla Shirer. The 7-week study provides ways to protect your heart, mind, marriage, family, relationships, dreams and destiny from real, unseen forces of evil that wage war all around us. Using a workbook and videos, participants will learn how to stop being pushed around and caught with their guard down in life. The group meets Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Wesley Room.

The Tuesday evening class will be studying “*It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered*,” by New York Times best-selling author and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries, Lysa TerKeurst. With grit, vulnerability, and honest humor, Lysa draws on her own recent experiences of marital trouble and illness to help readers not to panic when God actually does give more than we can handle. The study guide and videos will enable participants to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations and train themselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so they can stand strong and persevere through daily disappointments or life-altering loss. The evening class meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook Room.

Women of all Christian denominations from our community attend UMCM's Bible studies. To register for a workbook for either class contact Laurel in the church office, 330-467-3169. Give yourself a gift this new year by digging into God's Word!

ADD MOMS' TIME TO YOUR 2020 BUCKET LIST!

Here's a weekly refresher that will make you a better parent, wife, human being:

Join us on *Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.* for Moms' Time. Three weeks of the month we do book and Bible studies. One Tuesday a month we do a fun and inexpensive activity together such as a movie, craft and game nights, hikes, or spa nights. The group also does some volunteer work together such as making dinner for our Limitless teens, working at the Emergency Assistance Center and filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

It is a huge blessing to share life's ups and down with moms from all stages of motherhood! We'll begin our new session **January 14** at Lynn Ham's house with *Elijah: Spiritual Stamina for Every Season* by *Melissa Spoelstra*. If you have children living in your home you are eligible for this amazing support





Soup Tastes So Good On a Snowy Day!

And that's why Open M is asking us to provide **large cans of soup** for their food pantry for the month of January. Hunger knows no season, and the food pantry's lines never get shorter. We care and that's why Macedonia UMC has been one of Open M's most loyal supporting churches for over 50 years. Bring your donation to the red wagon in the church parlor and from there we'll get it to Akron.

We Care.....We Serve.....We Support.....Let's Keep it Going!

- ◆ **Open M** is the ecumenical ministry in downtown that we've supported for over 50 years. Our Open M leaders are still "gung ho" but we want to make sure that our church's enthusiasm continues long after our "gung ho" has gone.
- ◆ **How can you help?"** We serve lunch to about 100 folks at Open M four times a year, the first time beginning in April. There's money in the church budget to pay for meals, but about 8-10 volunteers are needed to help with buying, preparing, serving, and cleaning up. Come once and get involved, you won't regret this rewarding experience!
- ◆ We ask the church for **help with items for the food pantry** monthly, gather over 200 items for the Christmas food baskets, and encourage the congregation to adopt some of the 600 children Open M supports during the Christmas season.

The Open M church representatives meet a few times a year at Open M and Carolyn Hansinger will be out of town for the Tuesday, February 25 meeting at 4 pm.

Would you either alone, or with a friend, consider being the **Macedonia rep that day?**

Call Carolyn at 330-467-1836 or text to 440-821-0943 until January 30. We want to spread the knowledge of Open M to many more people. It's fulfilling, and fun.



Thank you to everyone who helps with the purchase of donuts for our Fellowship time after Sunday services. Donuts, coffee and fellowship are enjoyed by all during this time. The Campership Fund *truly appreciates* the continued support.



Would you kindly consider a monetary donation to help this ministry while keeping the yummy donuts going every Sunday? There is a **sign up sheet** on the donut table if you would like to consider donating to our ministry. Any donation you can give would be very much appreciated!

Join Us at St. Malachi!

Once per month you're invited to head down to St. Malachi in Cleveland to help support our Homeless/Section 8 ministry. All you have to do is come to the barn on *Saturday, January 18 at 12 noon*, help load up the cars and go down and pass out clothing and food and warm smiles. Children of all ages are invited to come along and help serve. You'd be setting a great example.



There are so many people in our church who make our worship and Sunday School and Fellowship time *so meaningful*. How can you thank them? Why not **make a donation in their name** to whatever ministry in the church they're passionate about and let them know that you really appreciate them. That way you make a difference in the life of the church and show all our loyal and loving workers and volunteers what they mean to you. Appreciating people is not just appropriate for Christmas and birthdays; you can make people feel appreciated and loved all year long.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, January 18, 10 am -Joint Breakfast Meeting at Carolyn Hansinger's Home (All are welcome!)
- EVES meeting, Thursday, February 6, 6:30 pm
- LOA Meeting ,Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 am
- TBD—All church Potluck Supper & Speaker

Mission Work Trip Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pancake Breakfast,
Sunday, February 9, 8:30-1 PM

 - ◆ Spaghetti Dinner,
Saturday, March 14, 6-8 PM

 - ◆ Soup Café & Basket Auction
Saturday, April 4, 6:00 –8:00 PM

 - ◆ Jail & Bail
Saturday, May, 2, 12 PM—5 PM

 - ◆ Bowling
Saturday, May 16, 6:00-8:00 PM
- *More info to follow closer to date of event



ANNUAL SPRING WOMEN'S
RETREAT
MARCH 28-29, SUGARCREEK, OH
CARLISLE INN

Everyone's story can have a happy ending

Find out how at **Share Your Story: A Reason for Hope**, this year's women's retreat at the Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek. Author and former librarian Kevin Louise Schaner will lead three hands-on, interactive sessions that will help us look back and ahead to see how God is the author of our lives and gives each one of us an exciting story to share with others. Kevin has taught women from Cambodia to Zimbabwe how to share their faith stories as she has led or participated in more than 20 mission trips across the globe.

The retreat **begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 28** and ends after Sunday worship at 11 a.m. Participants can spend the night or just come for Saturday and leave after dinner.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and have a blast getting to know new friends from your church family and their guests.

Prices and lodging info are available on the registration forms which are located at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Scholarships are available so no one misses the retreat for financial reasons. Contact **Lynn Ham (330-467-7649)** or **Peggy Spraggins (330-467-1323)** with any questions, dietary restrictions or to volunteer at the retreat.

Sunday, January 12th

8:30 Pancake Breakfast
 9:30 Traditional Service
 9:30 Children's Sunday School
 11:00 Confirmation
 11:00 Life Quest
 11:00 Redefine (modern)
 11:00 Children's Sunday School
 4:00 Limitless

Monday, January 13th

7:00 Men's Breakfast-Luna's
 10:30-Women's Bible Study
 4:00 Girl Scouts
 6:00 Listening Session
 6:00 Jazzercise
 7:00 Finance Meeting
 7:00 Bell Choir

Tuesday, January 14th**New Year's Eve**

8:30 Women's Breakfast-Luna's
 10:00 Adult Bible Study
 6:00 Jazzercise
 7:00 Women's Bible Study
 7:00 Trustees Meeting
 7:00 Martial Arts
 7:30 Tues. Night Serenity
 Support Group

Wednesday, January 15th

8:30 Boot Camp
 6:00 Jazzercise
 8:00 p.m. Open Arms

Thursday, January 16th

11:00 Dinner Out Coalition Mtg.
 4:30 Dinner Out
 6:00 Praise Team
 7:00 Chancel Choir

Friday, January 17th

6:15 Come & Get It Support Group
 7:00 Good Stuff Too

Saturday, January 18th

8:30 Jazzercise
 9:00 Stained Glass
 12:00 St. Malachi

Sunday, January 19th

9:30 Traditional Service
 9:30 Children's Sunday School
 11:00 Life Quest
 11:00 Confirmation
 11:00 Redefine (modern)
 11:00 Children's Sunday School
 12:00 Private Event
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 4:00 Limitless
 6:00 Cub Scouts

Monday, January 20th

7:00 Men's Breakfast-Luna's
 10:30 Women's Bible Study
 4:30 Girl Scout Troop 91090
 6:00 Jazzercise
 7:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 21st

8:30 Women's Breakfast-Luna's
 10:00 Adult Bible Study
 6:00 Jazzercise
 7:00 Tuesday Night Bible Study
 7:00 Martial Arts
 7:30 Tues. Night Serenity
 Support Group

Wednesday, January 22nd

8:30 Boot Camp
 6:00 Jazzercise
 8:00 Open Arms

Thursday, January 23rd

6:00 Praise Team
 7:00 Chancel Choir
 7:00 Cub Scouts Meeting

Friday, January 24th

6:15 Come & Get It Support Group
 7:00 Good Stuff Too

Saturday, January 25th

8:30 Jazzercise
 9:00 Stained Glass

Sunday, January 26th

9:30 Traditional Service
 9:30 Children's Sunday School
 11:00 Life Quest
 11:00 Confirmation
 11:00 Redefine (modern)
 11:00 Children's Sunday School
 12:00 Private Function-Pace
 4:00 Limitless

Deadlines:

Articles for the next Messenger should be submitted by **Wednesday, January 22nd.**

Important Meeting Reminders

Last two meetings regarding the Administrative Board governance model to Single Board model! Please plan to attend one of these sessions where the new model will be explained and discussed.

Here is the *updated* schedule of listening activities:

Monday, January 13, 2020, 6-7 p.m. in the Holbrook Room.

Sunday, January 19 2020, 10:45 and 12:00 in the Aldersgate Room.

Everyone is invited for the discussions.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Pendleton, Peggy Spraggins or Joe Pannitto.



Church Council Meeting—January 27, 7 :00 pm in the Holbrook Room

— END OF YEAR —

GIVING STATEMENTS

Year -end offering statements are available in the
Narthex for those who have not received theirs
by email

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