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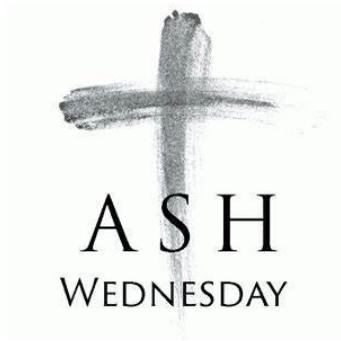
The United Methodist Church

of Macedonia Messenger

**OUR PURPOSE:
PRAISE , GLORIFY,
LOVE GOD**

**OUR
PRINCIPLES:
HUMILITY,
GRACE,
PRAYER, LOVE**

February 12, 2021



THERE WILL BE AN ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

ASH WEDNESDAY,

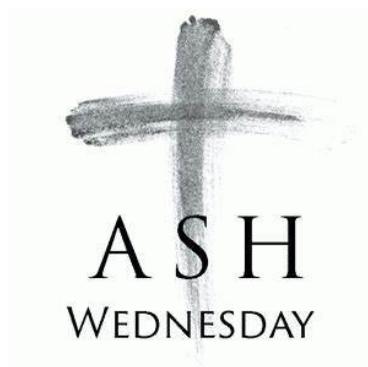
FEBRUARY 17TH, AT 7 PM.

FOLLOWING THE ONLINE SERVICE

WILL BE THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

AT 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.....





On behalf of our church, the Congregational Care Team is working on a “Soup Ministry” for the month of February as an outreach ministry to benefit The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield.

From now until the end of February we will be collecting cans of soup to be distributed to the EAC to help feed our Summit County neighbors in need. However, instead of just a “can of soup” to feed their bodies, we want to give them something to feed their souls as well. Each can will have a sticker on top with an uplifting spiritual message. There will be a “With Blessings, Your friends from The United Methodist Church of Macedonia” sticker on the bottom.

Our goal is to collect enough for one can of soup per family. The EAC serves around 300 families per month.

If you wish to donate, the cans of soup may be dropped off ANYTIME to the church. There is a “SOUP MINISTRY” bin OUTSIDE by the Fellowship Hall doors. The bin will be emptied on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please email me at cmiller@umcofmacedonia.org or call the office (330) 467-3169.

Cathy Miller
Congregational Care Team





NEW THIS YEAR!

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES
FEATURING PASTORS AND MUSIC
FROM SIX NORDONIA HILLS CHURCHES!
TUNE IN TO FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE
“UMC OF MACEDONIA” OR
“NORDONIA MINISTERIUM”
WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM
DURING LENT!**

The Nordonia Ministerium is an ecumenical alliance of Christian churches and faith based organizations within the Nordonia community committed to shared ministry, interfaith relations, and faith based responses to community concerns.

This year we are joining together for a weekly Lenten community worship series beginning Wednesday, February 24. The focus will be on the “I Am” sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of John. Although we are from different denominations, we all worship the same God!

February 24

Host Church: The United Methodist Church of Macedonia

Message: "I am the Bread of Life."

BY: Rev. Chase Jones from The Chapel Nordonia

**EACH 30 MIN
PROGRAM STARTS
AT 7 PM!**

March 3:

HOST CHURCH: Faith Fellowship

MESSAGE: "I am the Light of the World".

BY: Rev. Albert Jennings, Rector, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

March 10

HOST CHURCH: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

MESSAGE: "I am the Gate."

**BY: Executive Pastor Angela Murray,
Faith Fellowship**



March 17

HOST CHURCH: Good Shepherd Christian Church

Message: "I am the Good Shepherd."

BY: Rev. Kathy Dickriede, East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church

March 24

HOST CHURCH: The Chapel Nordonia

MESSAGE: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

BY: Pastor Peter Lawson from Northfield Presbyterian Church



Open M - Still working Hard during Hard times

The next **“Mountain of Food”** giveaway will be Friday, February 19 from 9:30-11am. If you're willing to help Open M pass out pounds and pounds of food to folks in the parking lot of Open M, **call Julie Carneal at 330-434-0110, ext. 416.**

You would probably need to arrive in south Akron before 8 am. Many volunteers are needed.

****Open M reported that in the last two months of the year,**

“Mountain of Food” distributed more than 65,000 pounds of food, served 961 families which included 181 families who had not been served before. Obviously this is an important source of nutrition for Akron families.

Remember: You can still turn in messages of hope to be put in bags of food given out at the food pantry. A simple Bible verse on a card, or a piece of notepaper will be fine. This is an ongoing project as the food pantry has hours on Monday through Thursday every week. One example you could write on a card is: “Jesus Loves Me, this I know, and I know He loves you, too.” Bring your messages of hope to the church office or mail them to :

**Open M.
Attn: Julie Carneal
941 Princeton St.
Akron, OH
44311**

-Carolyn Hansinger



Girls on the Run in Nordonia Hills Community



3rd-6th graders meet twice
weekly after school to:

- Have fun playing games!
- Make new friends!
- Learn about yourself!
- Learn to be a better friend!
- Become healthier!
- Run a 5k!

GOTR is not about running fast!
Beginners are welcome.



Coach Contact Information:

Kathy 330-842-1048

Kay 330-607-5543

To register or for more information:

gotrneo.org

234.206.0RUN

JOIN THE TEAM!

Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00-5:15
at Macedonia UMC outside under the church
pavilion. Outside, masked, social distance,
hand sanitizer, access to bathrooms.

**Spring season begins week of March 15th and
runs through May 19th**
Celebratory 5k Saturday, May 15th

REGISTER ONLINE!

Registration is open February 9th.

<https://www.gotrnortheastohio.org/Program-Registration>

Registration fees are based on a sliding scale and scholarship funds are available to all participants in need. Contact us at 234-206-0786 to learn more!

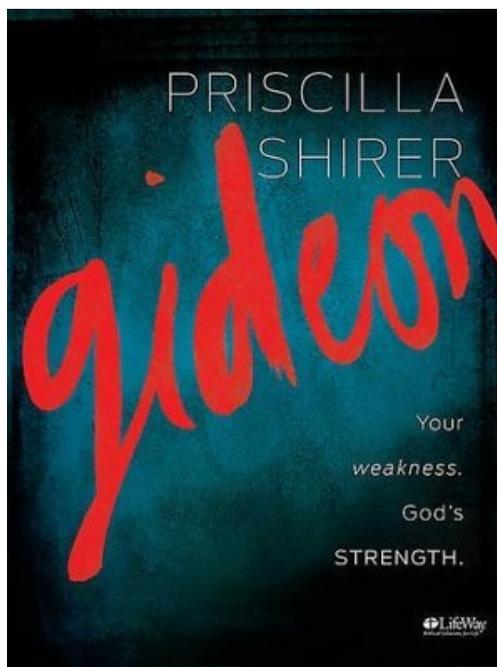
To ensure that all girls have equal opportunity to participate, a registration lottery will take place on February 15th. Registration will reopen on a first-come, first-served basis on 2/15/21 for sites with spots still available.

TURN INSECURITIES TO BIG VICTORIES WITH
NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

If you've ever felt stuck in life because you lacked the confidence to try new things, the next daytime women's Bible study is for you! Using the account of the reluctant warrior Gideon, author and speaker Priscilla Shirer reveals how our weaknesses and limitations are actually a GIFT! We'll learn how God can transform our struggles into triumphs just like He did for Gideon when He saved Israel from several different enemies. Weekly homework, discussion and video messages from Priscilla will open your eyes to a brand new perspective on who you are and who God is!

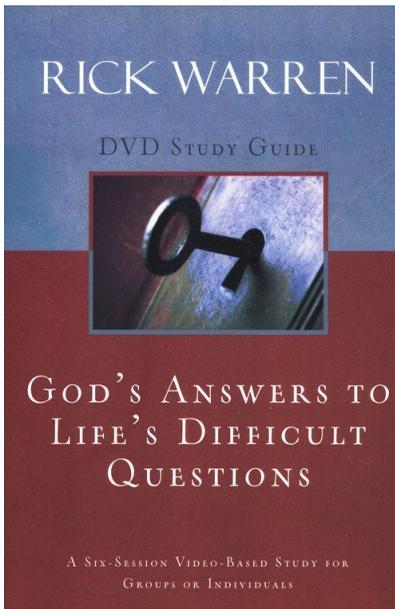
"Gideon" begins Monday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Wesley Room or via Zoom. The study runs for seven weeks. Reserve a book by March 1 by calling Laurel in the church office between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 330-467-3169.

Women from many different churches comprise the Daytime Women's Study!



God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions

The Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study will be studying Rick Warren's book entitled: "***God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions***". In this study, we will discuss topics such



as: How Can I Cope with Stress? How Can I Defeat Depression? And How Can I Have Peace of Mind? **The six-week class starts Tuesday, March 2 through April 6 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm via Zoom.**

Pastor Warren gives us practical steps and specific actions we can take, based on God's Word, that will help us cope with the common problems we all face. By applying the principles illustrated in the lives of Bible characters, we can avoid making some of the same costly mistakes they made. God gave us these stories in the Bible to encourage us by the fact that He chooses to use ordinary people to accomplish His plans despite their weaknesses and failures.

This session will be led by Charlene Mandat who has taught the class for the Adult Sunday School class, LifeQuest. A study sheet will be provided to you each week to complete while watching the video. There is also an optional book, but it is not necessary. You can purchase the book on Amazon in a hard copy for \$14.59 or Kindle for \$5.86. If you are interested in the book, please purchase it on your own.

If you have any questions or to register for the class, please send Peggy Spraggins an email at peggysprag@aol.com or call 330-472-4358. Once you register, the Zoom link will be sent to your email.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Last May, the church applied for the **2020 PPP Loan, or Paycheck Protection Program Loan** established by the Federal CARES Act. The church was able to receive the loan for \$44,360 which was to be used towards salaries, utilities, and mortgage interest over a 2-month period. Recently, Jill was informed that we were eligible for a **second round** of PPP Loans. On Monday, February 8, the church received \$40,972 from Huntington Bank for our second round of Paycheck Protection Program loan/grant.



Thank you for relying on Huntington to obtain your Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. We have appreciated the opportunity to help you meet your business's financial needs.

NOTICE OF PPP LOAN FORGIVENESS ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

Date of Notice: 2/11/2021

I. COVERED LOAN INFORMATION

Eligible Recipient Name	UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF		SBA PPP Loan Number	[REDACTED]
Authorized Representative	First Jill	MI M	Last Marlow	Job Title Treasurer
PPP Loan Amount	\$44,360.00		Date of Disbursement of Covered Loan	5/1/2020
Covered Period	5/1/2020 through 10/15/2020			

II. FORGIVENESS DETERMINATION

We have made a determination, based on your forgiveness application and supporting documentation, that your forgiveness application is:

Approved in Full

Jill received notice this week that we have been **forgiven** of the first loan amount of \$44,360 DO NOT have to pay it back! Praise God for this news!

Let's pray the same happens for the second loan!

Unified Church Board Monthly Update

The members of the UCB have been working throughout the month as we make changes from the old governing structure to the new one. We are all trying to think creatively so that we do not make things more difficult or cumbersome and we stay focused on our **Purpose: “To make the administration more efficient and effective in its operations to allow more time and resources to be used for serving Christ through various ministries and missions.”**

Managing a church the size of ours is very complex. There are several areas such as facility maintenance, for both the church and the parsonage, and ensuring staff are taken care of adequately. These two items in addition to the spiritual functions of the church including worship, music, missions, ministries, social media presence, among other things are all part of the work of the UCB.

Each of these three areas is of equal importance. We need all three of them to work together in order to achieve our goal of “Praise, Glorify and Love God. “

Thanks to Laurel, who set up a Members’ Only page on the UMCM website. Under the Members’ Only, you will be asked to enter a password which is: **UMCM2021**. You will be able to review meeting agendas, minutes, calendars, budgets, and documents that are used for the three areas of the church.

We are currently working on the continuing tasks for the facilities, staff concerns, and enhancing the online worship experience for Sunday morning, “Live at 5” and other opportunities to share God’s word. We are also discussing various options on how and when to re-open our church once we know it is safe for our members and guests.

Please keep the members of this board and all staff in your prayers and ask for God’s direction as we begin our new structure. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at peggySprag@aol.com or 330-472-4358.

Peggy Spraggins, Chair



- SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH
- PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION
- JOIN US AFTER THE ONLINE SERVICE