



# Red Lion United Methodist Newsletter

## March 2020

To Serve God, Christ's Church and the Community: Proclaiming Salvation To All.  
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Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."**  
Psalm 51:10

Lent is a time of reflection. Last month I talked about instead of "giving up" something, you look at it as "giving" a "love offering."

One of those "love offerings" was to spend some extra time with God.

I want to offer you one way you might do this during March...meditating on Psalms.

The Psalms listed are found in this year's Lectionary for Lent. Each week (pick a day & time):

- If possible, begin by write out the Psalm. If not, start with the next step.
- Read through the Psalm slowly.
- Read through the Psalm again keeping in mind the question, "What is God saying to me?"
- Write down what phrases, words, images, feelings that came to mind.
- Listen and reflect on what message God is sending to you through this Psalm.
- End with a prayer.



<u>Week of</u>	<u>Psalm</u>
Mar. 1-7 .....	32
Mar. 8 .....	121
Mar. 15 .....	95
Mar. 23 .....	23
Mar. 29 .....	130

This Lent let us open our hearts to God and welcome him in. We don't change our hearts, it is God who changes our hearts, but he needs our permission and we need to make space for him.

*Shine the light of Christ out on everyone you meet everywhere you go.*  
*God Bless, Pastor Sandy*

P.S. If you need a journal or bible, see Pastor Sandy.



Turn your clock ahead on Saturday, March 7 so that you can arrive at church on time on Sunday, March 8 😊

**2020 "LOVE OFFERING"**  
**40 DAYS – 40 ITEMS**

Each day of Lent, you can "give up" one "love offering" item from your belongings that you no longer use or need to some of God's people. Clothing, blankets, etc.

On Easter morning, bring them to the church and we will distribute them or you can do it yourself.



### MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

**Sunday Worship:** 11:00 am. Everyone welcome.

**Mission Dinner:** Tues., Mar. 3, 24 & 31 – See next page for details

**Community Sunday Dinner** Sun., Mar. 8, 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

Everyone Welcome!

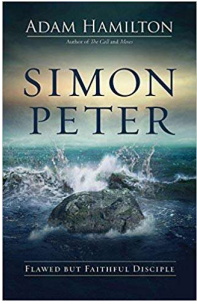


**Guest Preacher**  
March 15 & 22  
Jennifer Fry

## LENTEN SERMON SERIES

March 1 – April 5

**Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple**



He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world.

That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man.

Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

Mar. 1: Luke 5:1-11 *"The Call of the Fisherman"*

Mar. 8: Matthew 14:22-34 *"Walking with Jesus in the Storms"*

Mar. 15: Matthew 16:13-19, 21-23 *"Bedrock or Stumbling Rock?"*

Mar. 22: Matthew 26:31-35, *"I Will Not Deny You"*

Mar. 29: John 21:12, 15-17, *"From Cowardice to Courage"*

## FAITH DEVELOPEMENT

- Adult Sunday School: Sun., 9:45-10:45 AM
- Children's Sunday School: Sun., Children's Moments in worship - (ages 5-10)
- Youth Bible Study: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, 12:30 pm



## GUEST PREACHER

Jennifer Fry, CLM



Jennifer has been part of the UMC since birth. Her grandparents were EUB and moved over to the

Springboro church when they merged in 1967 (one year before the big merge!).

Jennifer has lived in Springboro since I was 12, but spent a large part of her childhood on the Fry farm on the east side of 741.

Jennifer is a Certified Lay Minister in the West Ohio Conference and serves on the ORV District Lay Servant Ministries committee. She enjoys sharing the Good News about Jesus Christ with others through teaching and sharing messages!

Jennifer is our liaison for the IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) Mission at Springboro UMC.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Faith – Hope – Love in Action**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

Time: 11:00 a.m.



You are invited to join the UMW for a morning of bible study, prayer and service. If you know someone who could benefit from receiving an encouraging word via a card, please let Norma know.

## AA MEETING

Every Tuesday 7:30-8:30 PM

Contact: Mike Tracy  
H: 513-932-0538  
C: 513-850-4633

AA is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. Open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem.



Sign up on list in Fellowship Hall

### ✓ **Mar. 3, 24, 31 Mission Dinner** (Franklin UMC):

- **Food Donations:** See calendar (*Bring to church Mar. 1, 22, 29*)
- **Donation of Time:** 2:30-4:00 pm set up; 4:15-5:45 pm serve & clean-up

### ✓ **Mar. 8, Community Dinner:**

- **Food Donation:** Fish Fry
- **Donation of Time:** 4:30 pm – set-up, 5:30 – serve and eat, after all have eaten – clean-up

### ✓ **Anytime**

- bags of chocolate for our missions (leave on counter in Fellowship Hall)
- **IHN Mission Bin** (toothpaste, toothbrush)
- **Clothing Mission Bin** Laura Gregg mission work (scarfs, hats, mitts, coats, sweaters, blankets)
- **Matthew 25 Mission Bin** empty pill bottles & old devotionals

**March to Mission:** In March, **Disaster Relief Fund Through UMCOR** (Special Advance Fund).

When disaster strikes as responders scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.