

# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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*Ministry to God through prayer and worship.*

*Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.*

*Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.*

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY

On the TV show *Outlander*, a 20<sup>th</sup> century nurse time travels to 18<sup>th</sup> century Scotland where she tries to explain the concept of bacteria to a local. He jokingly later refers to them as "wee invisible beasties." It is hard to conceive of something the naked eye cannot see causing such havoc in our bodies on occasion. A book titled *The Deadly Messiah* came out in 1977 and was about a lethal outbreak. People had their immune systems lowered to the point they died of the slightest disease. At 12 years old, I was especially traumatized by the description of a teenager who died from acne. This may have been the origin of my germophobia. I am not overly eccentric about it, but I keep hand sanitizer on standby and go to great lengths to not touch the door handle of a public restroom. I hate wee invisible beasties.

There is currently growing concern over an outbreak of a new disease dubbed Coronavirus. As I understand it, a corona virus is actually a classification of virus that is not new. In fact, the SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) outbreak of 2003 was caused by a type of coronavirus. I believe we should take this seriously as Corona killed more people in 8 weeks than SARS did in 8 months. However, the new disease seems actually less deadly. The mortality rate with SARS was 9.6% and with the novel

coronavirus, it is between 1-2%. "In essence, it's a version of SARS that spreads more easily but causes less damage," says Ian Jones, a virologist in the UK. To further put this in perspective, the CDC estimates from 18,000 to 46,000 people have died from the flu this season. As of Monday, there have been 3,100 deaths from this Coronavirus.

Panicking never really helps anything. We should be cautious and continue to follow basic health and hygiene protocols. I have appreciated how everyone has taken to heart to not come to church while sick. Our attendance may have suffered at times, but it's worth it in the long run. I just hope I do not have to resort to preaching with a surgical mask on.  
Steve.

**Choir rehearsal** on Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday evening activities**, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adult bible study.

**Church Council** will meet on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Keenagers** will meet on March 10, 10:30 a.m. If you were present in February, you are automatically reserved for March. Program will be Sammy Sawyer and Peggy Cooper will have devotions. Remember our collection of non-perishable food items for Cedar Lane UMC food pantry.

**United Methodist Women**, March 19, 6:30 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Carrie Ellis and Frank Colandro on the arrival of Joseph Dylan on March 2<sup>nd</sup> weighing 4 pounds, 15 ounces.

## **Our Service**

March 8, 2020  
Second Sunday in Lent

### **Ushers**

Howard Darnell, R.A. Laws  
Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

**Come join us for worship this Sunday.** The Scripture will be Mark 8:31-38, and the message will be **“REBUKED.”**

## **Our Presence and Our Gifts**

March 1, 2020

Morning Worship	83
Sunday School	45
Budget Offering	\$5,456.31
Youth Fund	\$15.00

**Please check the prayer list to delete names or add someone.** We would like to keep the list current. Thank you.

### **Prayer List:**

Betty Bays  
Linda Comer  
Joe Cooke, father of Sabrina Lindfors  
Eddie Cox  
Jo Gault  
Gay Lee DeShazor, Cheryl Mills' Aunt  
Judy Hickman – recovering from injuries from fall  
Kim Lineberger, cancer – friend of Shari Rose  
Sharon Morris-Dagangon, friend of Pat Newman  
Pat Newman  
Marilyn Faith Plemons (requested by Carolyn & Sue Wilson)  
Patricia Sutton  
Missy Wiedemann  
Leigh Anne Lenoir Williams – recovering from stroke

### **Continuing Care:**

Joe Broom, Kermit Campbell, Samantha Collier, Bill Ferguson, Sarah Hawkins, Joe Hurst, Jo Ann Learn, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Ann Turner, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.