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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
MON. - THUR. 9-2  
FRIDAY: Closed



## UPCOMING DATES

### Sunday February 25, 2024

8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP  
9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP  
9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 am WORSHIP  
11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP  
11:10 am CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:10 am YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

### Monday February 26, 2024

8:00 am SACK GROCERIES  
10:00 am WEAC RESERVATIONS  
MUST BE IN BY 10:00am

### Tuesday February 27, 2024

### Wed. February 28, 2024

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY  
5:30 pm WEAC MEAL SERVED  
6:00 pm YOUTH  
6:00 pm HAND BELL PRACTICE

### Thursday February 29, 2024

9:00 am FOOD PANTRY  
9:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY  
6:00 pm PAINT CLASS

### Friday February 30, 2024

### Saturday February 31, 2024

8:00 am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Sunday Message:* **February 25, 2024**  
*Scripture:* Naming the Sin of my Desires & Motives  
James 1:13-25

## HANDBELL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The First Methodist Church Handbell Choir, under the direction of Joel Henson, will be participating in a Handbell Clinic, and performance on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McCalla. Time is 3:00 p.m.

## WEAC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Beginning with the February 14th WEAC meal, we need volunteers to help with the "after meal clean-up & leftover food storage." The WEAC prep and cook team for years have done just that...prep and cook, but they have also had the work of cleaning up and storing left over prepped food. Did you know that most of these wonderful ladies also play in the handbell choir, they sing in the chancel choir, and they try to participate in bible study. We need 5-10 folks to volunteer. Members of the MOVING FORWARD TEAM will be sharing in this work. Please contact Bro. John V. asap to let us know you will help! Thank

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# Touch

FEBRUARY 19, 2024 NEWSLETTER

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN STUDY

The Lenten Study on Wednesday nights after WEAC is titled, *Jesus in the Wild*. In the Spring, there will again be Bible Study for those who wish to participate. The Bible Study will start at 6:30 p.m., and it will be geared to the 40 Days of the Lenten Season. Author Dan Wilt wrote a wonderful piece within the remarkable scene in Luke 4:1-14 of Jesus being challenged by the devil in the "wild"—the untamed and unruly wilderness? And what are the surprising implications of this event for followers of Jesus today? In *Jesus in the Wild* you'll take a forty day journey into the heart of one of the most unusual, and often most misunderstood, stories in the Gospel accounts. In this encounter, following his baptism in the Jordan and before the inauguration of his ministry, Jesus is alone with the adversary—the one whose works he had come to destroy (1 John 3:8). He faces three tests, or "temptations"—all aimed at unseating him from his identity, his belovedness, and his purpose as the Son of God.

Understanding how Jesus faced down the accuser in the wild, you and I will be equipped to address every demonic challenge that comes our way in the wild places in our own lives. *Jesus in the Wild* is a perfect personal study and daily reader for individuals who want to gain a deeper sense of their vocation and calling in Christ, and for groups or congregations wanting a study on this momentous event in Jesus' life.

## WEAC MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY 10:00am MONDAY.

The WEAC season returns beginning 5:30 pm, Wednesday, February 14, 2024. The Wednesday's of WEAC are as follows:

February 14, 2024  
February 21, 2024  
February 28, 2024  
March 6, 2024  
March 13, 2024  
March 20, 2024

RESERVATIONS MUST  
BE IN BY:  
**10:00am**  
Mon.

The serving time for the Spring Session will be 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you arrive prior to the 5:30 p.m. serve time, please come into the Fellowship Hall and enjoy some fellowship time with each other, as you catch up on how the week has progressed thus far.

SERVING STARTS  
@  
**5:30pm**



## Attendance & Contributions

February 18, 2024

Ash Wednesday Service.....87  
Online.....292  
Sunday Worship .....103  
Online.....292  
Budget 2/18/2024.....\$10,938.00  
Total as of 2/18/2024.....\$519,740.00

## Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward	Jan Towers
Karen M. Parsons	Jean Jordan
Tom Foust	Mary Frances Bell
Jack Moon	Glen Hooks
Raymond Widener	Bobby Glass

## THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS



**2/29/24** we will be painting this "Smiling Donkey". All supplies are included for \$18.00. We meet at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come. Call the church office to reserve your spot. Or Call Laurie @ 205-401-3124

**NO PAINT CLASS ON 2/22/24**

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## WEAC MENU FEB. 28 th

Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Slaw, Rolls & Cobbler.

## CHOPPED PECANS

Are still in the office.



February 19, 2024

Hello Followers of Jesus! At the time of this week's Newsletter writing (Monday, February 19), we are starting our fifth day of the Lenten Season. Our theme for Lent is The Heart Matters.... We began our journey with an Imposition of Ashes Service. Individually and collectively we are called to observe a Holy Lenten Season by intentionally committing to dedicated Worship, Study, Prayer, Fasting, Service, Giving, and Fellowship. Our hope is to grow more Christ-like in these forty days! I am praying for you all, please pray for me!

Thank you to the WEAC Cooks for a great meal last Wednesday night kicking off our Spring WEAC Season. Remember to make your meal reservations by 10:00 a.m. each Monday, and also remember, meal serving will start at 5:30 p.m., and last till 6:15/6:30 p.m. Lastly, I am looking forward to our study that starts Wednesday, February 21st, "Jesus in the Wild", by Dan Wilt. Join us for this Lenten Study!

Here is a reminder of the Lenten Preaching theme, The Heart Matters...  
February 18th – Psalm 51 & Psalm 139:23-34 Finding Mercy and Forgiveness  
February 25th – James 1:13-25 Naming the Sin of My Desires and Motives  
March 3rd – 2 Chronicles 34:1-33 Stolen Attention and Affection from God  
March 10th – James 2:1-9 Partiality is Lukewarm, Making Wrongs Right  
March 17th 1 Peter 1:3-9 Living that I Don't have to overcome Sin  
March 24th – Luke 19:28-44 Letting Go, and Letting God  
March 31st Sunrise Service led by Youth Group 6:30 a.m.  
March 31st Luke 24:1-8 It Matters What Your Heart Believes...

Again, I pray that each of us will be Spiritually challenged during the next forty days of the Lenten Season to open the door of our hearts from the inside out, letting God into lives. That goes for the church as well. A reminder...our hearts can become a very protected area for us. When this happens, it's usually because we been vulnerable, we have risked getting hurt, and unfortunately, we have had a bad experience. Thus, we tell ourselves we won't let that happen again. Before we know it, we have walled off everything, yes, even God. In fact, we might have even allowed a little anger, distrust, hurt, doubt or even rejection to seep into our relationship with God.

It is my hope and prayer that each of us will find the courage to open our hearts to God, and to His calling for our lives, in the Lenten Season. I am hopeful that you will join me in seeking to allow ourselves as Christ Followers and the Church, to give our life a chance for spiritual renewal.

What is something our hearts have been holding on to; harboring; causing us distress over; causing others distress on; keeping us captive from living life; having us shut down from the joys of life? The season will be a great time to open the door of our hearts to God...

*Blessings,  
Bro. John Verciglio*

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

**ROCK-A-THON**– In Honor of Bill Sadberry. By John & Nancy Simmons.

**CHOIR**– In Honor of Betty Phares on her 100th Birthday. By Jack & Nancy Moon.



## ROCK-A-THON

Saturday, March 2, 2024

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

1843 Bessemer Rd. (The old Central Park United Methodist Church building). If you would like to participate in this fundraiser call: 205-251-2178.

Bill Sadberry has been "rocking" in the ROCK-A-THON for over 20 years.

## EASTER LILLY ORDER FORM

**\$15.00**

Number of lilies \_\_\_\_\_

In HONOR of: \_\_\_\_\_

In MEMORY of \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DEADLINE IS MON. MARCH 10th**

We only have a limited number of lilies this year, so get you order in quickly.