

The Tower

March 2021

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Laud & Honor on Palm Sunday

P A L M Sunday



The Palm Sunday anthem “All Glory Laud and Honor” is one of Christendom’s oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding

a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin—*Gloria, laus et honor*—and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer “because we know just what kind of King he was and is—an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor.”

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s name coming,
The King and Blessed One.

Board of Christian Education



At the meeting we discussed the information that we had received regarding the Wayne Westland School District. The schools plan to return students to their school buildings using a hybrid model of education beginning on Monday, March 1. We believe the children will be learning on site several days a week and on line from home several days a week. Since we have

been following the lead of our school district regarding the opening of schools, the Board is now preparing to open our Sunday morning church school classes on Sunday, March 7. We will be following all Covid health procedures.

- *Children and teachers will wear masks.
- *When children enter the building they will go

down stairs to Fellowship Hall and meet their teacher.

*Sanitize and wash their hands.

*We are asking parents to call the church office to notify teachers that they intend to bring their children to church on March 7.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Board of Christian Ed

Worship opportunity

A Way To Worship.

We would like to offer a faith opportunity to those who are not yet comfortable with attending regular Sunday worship.

We know many of you miss your church and being able to physically come inside the church building.

We have put some procedures in place to make you feel more comfortable

and at ease if you would like to come and spend some time in the sanctuary.

- Call the church and set up a time that you would like to come in.
- Linda will make sure no groups are meeting.
- You may come in the main door (parking lot entrance), sign-in and go directly to the sanctuary.
- You will be alone.

● You will not be disturbed.

● You will not have to come in contact with anyone else.

We hope this will allow everyone a chance to stay connected to the church until everyone is vaccinated and the time comes that we can all worship together comfortably and safely.

Christian Service Committee-March Care and Share

Care and Share for March goes to *Champions of Wayne*.



This organization is a non-profit group that supports Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, Michigan. *Champions* create an oppor-

tunity for WMHS students to earn a \$200 incentive by reaching a customized academic goal.

Champions of Wayne is privately funded by WMHS graduates and the Wayne Community.

Mission Statement:
To transform student

obstacles to success by way of an incentive-based mentoring system so that each student graduates in the best way possible.

The Comfort Connection

Amid suffering, we might feel alone and wonder what good can come of it. But later we may discover ourselves equipped to serve precisely because of what we experienced.

Writer and civil rights activist James Baldwin stated: "You think your pain and heartbreak are unprecedented...but then you read. [Books] taught me that the things

that tormented me the most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive or who had ever been alive." Whether through books or direct human interaction, we often learn that our suffering connects us to other people and that our pain gains meaning by moving us to support someone else who's hurting.

Paul writes of such connection: "Praise be to...the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). May you share the comfort you have received from God with others in pain. As a bonus, along

the way you'll realize you're not—and never have been—alone.

The Newsletter, Newsletter March



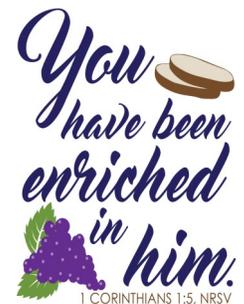
Deacon News

March 7 is communion Sunday. We will practice communion the same way we have been doing it since the pandemic started. We will use the individual juice and bread cups in order to maintain the safety protocol we have in place.

If you are not yet comfortable to return to church, but would like to participate in

communion, you may stop by the church and pick up a cup to take home with you. When you watch the service on Youtube, you may follow along as Rev. Linda Anderson administers the sacraments. We want everyone to have the opportunity to participate.

We have limited Deacons available for Sunday duties because of the virus. So thank you to all who are stepping up to help the Deacons when needed.



March Birthdays

2	Jean Radley	15	Gail Streit	29	Amber Weiss
3	Scarlett Mason	15	Erin Inkrott	31	Chris Poremba
4	Linda Beasley	17	Faithanne Melow	31	Rich Horzelski
4	Charlene Oliver	18	Tommi Henley		
4	Kiki Ayotte	19	Jordan Harlow		
4	Jim Slater	21	Marilyn Birdsall		
5	Nathan Wensko	21	Joe Chicky		
7	Matthew Wensko	21	Tiffany Lementola		
8	Lisa Ann Throne	22	Kylie Navarra		
9	Carol Shurlow	23	Judy Zajac		
10	Jessica Mason	24	Brenda Armstrong		
11	Kayla Barker	25	Marchell Bauer		
12	Evelyn Scott	25	Jane Pozega		
13	Barry Hoops	26	Darlene Hawley		
14	Nicole McKay	29	Elizabeth Barber		



"Always show kindness and love to others. Your words might be filling the empty places in someone's heart."

~Mandy Hale

Women's Fellowship

2021 Rummage sales:

- April 29, 30, May 1
- September 30, October 1, 2

Both of these dates are subject to change of course, depending on the state of the virus.

You may bring rummage into the church, but call ahead to make sure nobody else will be there dropping off items.

The rummage will be put in the youth room. You will have to take the rummage

to the room yourself, so make sure you have someone with you if you need help.



Women's Fellowship would still like to stay in touch with our friends from the First United Methodist Church's Women's Fellowship. We are talking about plans to organize a luncheon or tea to stay connected with our friends from First Methodist. This is still in the plan-

ning stages so it may not be until late spring. We will keep you posted on further plans.

We were also talking about some ideas regarding joint activities with the ladies. If they have some projects that are very near and dear to their heart,

and need a place to hold these activities, they may be able to use our Fellowship Hall, and we may be able to make it a joint activity.

If you have some thoughts or ideas about this, you may contact Elaine Pittman, president

of Women's Fellowship.

All women of First Congregational are members of Women's Fellowship. The meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Please join us.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on February 9, 2021.

- Reviewed Financial Statements.
- Sunday morning Trustee schedule has been set.
- Trustee Committees have been set.

Chairperson-Kevin Wensko
Vice-Chairperson-Miriam Shurlow
Secretary-Pam Wright

Board of Trustees

Wayne-Westland FISH Pantry

We will be on duty in March for the FISH food pantry. Below are some items that we are low on.

- Crackers
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned pasta
- Baked beans
- Relish
- Mayo
- Jelly
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit

If you could donate some of these items that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for all the support you have given toward our food programs.

Proverbs 22:9

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.



Restock the SHELVES

Member information

In our prayers:

Marcie Slater
 Danielle Breier
 Debbie Kolusk
 Kevin Hodge
 James Cantrell
 Robert Hatfield
 Sonny Lucas
 Steve Hawley
 Matt Wensko
 Christine Van Meter Melow
 Alice Fuhrman
 Charlene Oliver
 Terry Shenk
 Margaret Harlow
 Faye Poremba

Home bound members:

Pat Fowler
 Marilyn Birdsall
 Jim & Marcie Slater
 June Williams
 Danielle Breier
 Irene Carpenter
 Janet Provot

Our home bound members would love to hear from other church members. Please drop them a line or give them a phone call.

Member update

Elaine Radley's brother, Eric Cooley, 42, passed away due to complications from back surgery. Please keep the Cooley and Radley families in your prayers.

Margaret Harlow and Faye Poremba are continuing their therapy at home.

Martha Richards would like to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes for a speedy recovery from her surgery.

Irene Carpenter's new address:
 American House Rm. B9
 1660 S. Venoy Rd.
 Westland, MI 48186
 (She loves getting cards)

Congratulations on the birth of Natalia Elena Remick on Feb 8, parents are Kevan and Anna Remick, grandparents are Bob and Marsha Remick, great grandparents are Sandy and Dennis Putman, grand niece to Pam Wright.

Office Update

The church office is now opened with the hours of Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

The church building is opened to receive visitors or those with business, however, everyone must use the south door (by the elevator) and be buzzed in. The north door will not be used, even if you have a key.

You must sign-in when you enter the building, for contact tracing. And most importantly, everyone must wear a mask coming into the church and keep it on



Bulletin, Tower, Flower Support

Towers (\$30)
 Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Dec

Bulletins (\$30)
 March 7, 14, 21, 28

Flowers (\$20)
 March 7, 14, 21, 28

The March Tower is supported by John and Judy Smith of Lake Orion, Mi.

March Readers

Mar 7 Joe Nowaske
 Mar 14 Bev Woodard
 Mar 21 Kevin Wensko
 Mar 28 Bill May
 (For now we will not have greeters or Coffee Hour in the Parlor)

March Trustees

Allen Lucas
 Brenda Armstrong

Time to order your Easter Flowers



It's time to order your Easter Flowers. The beautiful spring blossoms will decorate the chancel area on Easter morning. Flowers may be ordered in honor of or in memory of someone. Please fill out the order form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, or send it to the church.

Orders must be placed by March 15, 2021.

Lily \$13.00 Hyacinth \$13.00 Tulip \$13.00

From: _____

In memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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10:30 a.m. Worship/Nursery, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Children
are with parents until they go to Sunday School), 11:30 a.m. *Coffee Hour in the Parlor*



10 Biblical Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
5. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of...Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
6. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
7. Trust without wavering. "Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
8. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
9. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).
10. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you." (Colossians 1:9)

March 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Communion</i>	8	9 <i>Board Meeting-6:00 pm</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>W.F.</i> <i>1:00 pm</i> <i>Cabinet Meeting</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31			