

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2024

Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

From the computer of Pastor Sheila:

It is so good to be back and to catch up with each of you again. We have been hearing a series entitled, "Becoming The People of God" and it ends on February 4. One of our Scriptures we studied was from Mark 1:14-20. From that Scripture, one verse sticks out to me so vividly and that is when Jesus says to Simon and Andrew, "*Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men,*" vs. 17.

Jesus calls each of us to follow him in different ways...and when we have responded to his "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men," we not only have a heart for God, but we have a heart for ministry, the two go hand in hand. When Jesus captures our life, he can give us a healing of our heart, soul or mind, and when Jesus "captures our lives," we also receive many more blessings than we could ever count.

During our Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 (ironically it is Valentine's Day) what if we show our love to Jesus and ask someone to come to church with us and let them have the opportunity for Jesus to say to them, "Come, follow me..." and if that happens, we become fishers of men.

On a church sign a few years back, I read the following: Jesus says, "You catch them and I will clean them." So, let us invite others, let us be fishers of men and allow Jesus to "clean them."

That is all for now. See you in church.

Pastor Sheila

February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday, the Scripture is: 2 Kings 2:1-12 & Mark 9:2-9. The message is: Crossing

Thank You!

FROM CHRIS DENSON: Thanks for keeping me on your prayer list = please know I also pray for it and the whole body of the church in Cassopolis Methodist!!! God bless you all always, in all ways!!! 1/24/24!!!

Dear Church Friends,

We would like to thank you so very much for your love, prayers, blessings and meals. It's especially comforting that we have a church family who we love very much.

Love,

John and Gretchen Kelley

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

This year, as we celebrate the joyous occasion of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the world seems especially dark. Conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine sadly continue to threaten the lives of many. Closer to home, residents of Acapulco, Mexico struggle to recover from a horrific hurricane.

Your gifts and prayers equip us to go into these crisis zones to share the wonder of that first Christmas: Christ has come to be our eternal hope! You are helping us tell the hurting in numerous locations around our nation and the world, "Arise, shine, for your light has come!

And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). Thank you and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

President

Dear Cassopolis United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Domestic And Sexual Abuse Services! We truly appreciate your commitment to the survivors and their children in our community. With your help, we provided 2,079 nights of shelter last year. Our house guests are able to live securely and learn to build healthy relationships which can lead to a life free from violence.

For 40 years our commitment to our mission has been unwavering, however we couldn't do it without YOU! Thank you.

Sincerely,

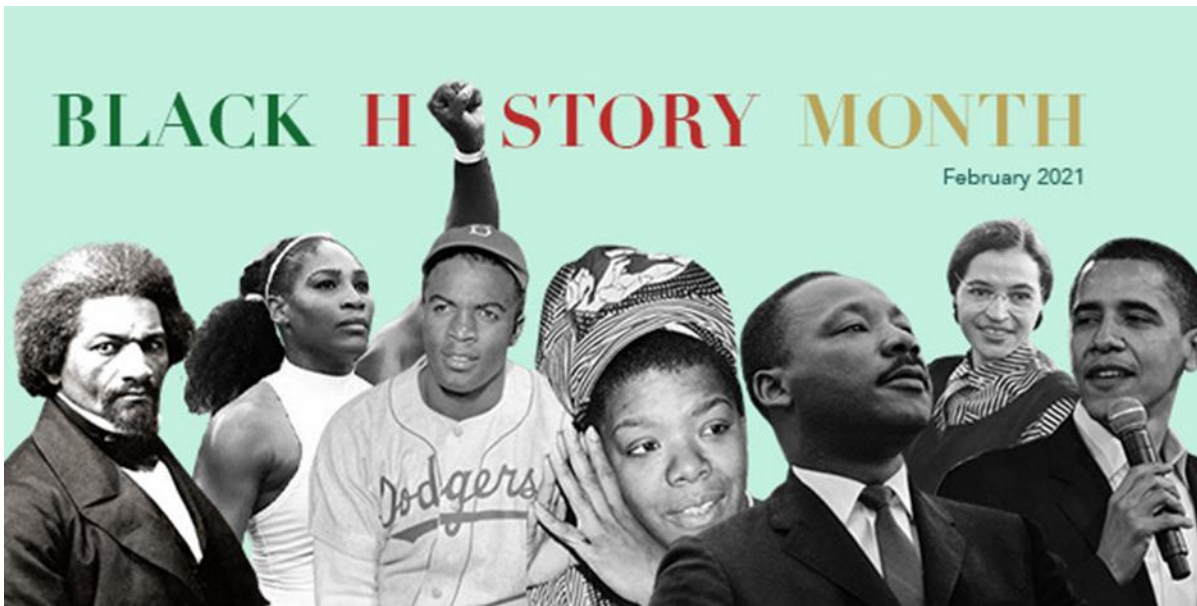
Deborah Hackworth and McKenna Huffstutter

Co-Executive Directors

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." -Aesop



Please remember that we will be observing Ash Wednesday on Sunday, February 18, during worship since that is what the majority voted on this past Sunday.



February is Black History Month, a great time to reflect on and appreciate the many important contributions and accomplishments made by Black-American men and women. I received an email from our very own, Char Hiemstra, that included an article about this very topic from UMC Weekly Newsletter. I have included the PDF for anyone interested in exploring this significant part of our collective history. You may contact me if you would like a printed version.

[Black-History-Month-Activity \(1\).pdf](#)

"Mitten Tree" Project

Reminder, please remember that we will continue collecting new mittens, glove, hats and socks throughout the winter months. All of your generous donations will be delivered to our local elementary students at Sam Adams. Thank you, Barb Mesko, for your kindness and dedication to this cause.



FEBRUARY



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | | 1 Greg Connelly | 2 JoLynn Watts  | 3 Jane Moraw | |
| 4 Worship 10 AM Holy Communion | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Liana Heath | 9 | 10 Mary Nelson | |
| 11 Worship 10 AM | 12 | 13 | 14  Ash Wednesday | 15 | 16 | 17 Kelley Nickel | |
| 18 Worship 10 AM | 19  PRESIDENTS DAY | 20 Sewing Sowers 10 AM | 21 | 22 Jim Beebe | 23 | 24 St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1 PM | |
| 25 Worship 10 AM | 26 | 27 Aleah Dahlgren | 28 | 29 | | | |
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If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office know.