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# The GOOD NEWS Newsletter

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*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:5-11

Happy New Year! We are coming to the end of our first year together in this intentional process. We have been asking ourselves, "Who Is God Calling Us To Be?" There is wonderful conversation going on that is helping us discern this answer. I hope each and every one of you have found a place to wrestle with this question. As we have heard, who God is calling us to be now, is probably not who God has called us to be in the past. And, we will need to continually evaluate who we are to be, in the ever-changing world, for the betterment of the Kingdom of God.

This self-understanding will be the foundation of the next step in our process. First, we have to realize we are not who we used to be, or even who we thought we were. But an honest self-awareness will place us ready for our next step. And this process happens as we gather together. The Apostle reminds us we are to be of one mind. But we often forget, that we are called to be "of the same mind of Christ." It is not forcing others to believe as we think or feel. It is determining what Christ thinks, then all of us changing to match Christ's mind.

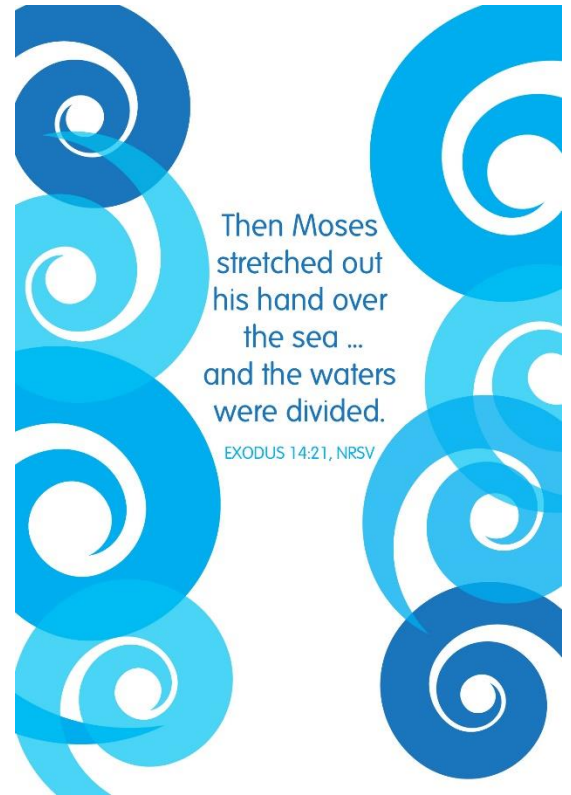
So, as we start a new year, let us fulfill our identity as children of God, and be who God is calling us to be.

Peace,  
Pastor Mike

I had trouble coming up with a topic for this article until I discovered an idea in a notebook I keep with ideas for sermons, articles or just because I like the thought. Here is the statement I found by an unknown author: **"I asked Jesus why He was taking me through troubled waters. He said because your enemies cannot swim.** Isaiah 43:2-3b states, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, your Savior." Remember when Moses was leading the Hebrew people out of Egypt, they crossed the Red Sea, but Pharaoh and his army drowned in the water. They could not swim (Exodus 14).

You may wonder why we have to face the sudden death of loved ones, the closing of a nursing home that has been home for friends and families for many years, the closing of a store that has served the community, and overwhelming financial or health problems. Maybe we need to look at these troubled waters a different way. Peter started looking at Jesus and walked on water. Then Peter looked down at the water and he began to drown. He took his eyes off Jesus.

Where are your eyes looking? Deuteronomy 10 provides these words: "For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome...he defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow and loves the alien residing among you, giving him food and clothing...Fear the Lord your god and serve him. Hold fast to him...He is the one you praise; He is your God who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes." Keeping your eyes focused on our great God, his son Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit you will not drown. What a great focus no matter what troubled waters you face now or in the new year. Remember your enemies can't swim!



### Watchwords for 2023

On Sunday, January 8, 2023, as we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we will draw Watchwords for 2023. Watchwords are verses of scripture that are offered up to give guidance and encouragement throughout the year. Watchwords are drawn for congregations, groups and individuals.

This Moravian practice of drawing Watchwords is traced back to 1722 in Herrnhut, Germany. The Worldwide Unity of the Moravian Church publishes The Daily Text which gives Watchwords for every day of the year. The process to select these passages is long and takes about 2-5 years to bring the passages to print each year. The Watchwords found in the Daily Text are then separated and chosen as guidance for the coming year.

So, we will have the opportunity to join this traditional practice as we continue our Faith Journeys in 2023.



*You Know You Are a Steadfast Lutheran If....*

**You wholeheartedly believe the cardinal rule:  
Lutherans don't sit in the front two rows!**

## *Jesus League*

**THANK YOU** ❤️ to everyone that helped prepare our Christmas program, "Christmas at Emanuel." We enjoyed seeing people, singing with the choirs, and dining on a wonderful lunch prepared for us. It truly was a wonderful and meaningful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



**There will be no Sunday School classes on December 25th and January 1st**

Beginning January 8th..... we are back together and ready to learn about our Bibles and we will also study and learn The Lord's Prayer.

January 29th.....It's Donut and Movie Day. Please join us in the movie room on the 4th floor. Bring a friend too!

## **SOCKS for SOULS**

Our January service project is collecting sock for the homeless. These will be distributed around Valentine's Day. Socks may be put in the blessing basket by the elevator on the 1st floor.



**A•men**  
(ā•men')  
adv., interj.

I hear a lot of people say, "Amen," around here. What does this "AMEN" really mean?  
What do you all really mean when you say that?

AMEN is found as a Hebrew word which means, "truly," "verily," "it is true," or "let it be so." The meaning of the root word from which AMEN comes means, "to be firm or confirmed," "to be reliable," "to be faithful," "to have faith," or "to believe." As time goes on, the word AMEN is understood to mean "so be it."

While scurrying around one day, I found an old scrap of paper laying around that had this written:

Be careful of simple words said often.

"Amen" makes demands like an unrelenting schoolmaster:

Fierce attention to all that is said;

No apathy, no preoccupation, no prejudice permitted.

"Amen":

We are present. We are open. We hearken. We understand.

Here we are; we are listening to your word.

"Amen" makes demands like a signature on a dotted line;

Sober bond to all that goes before;

No hesitation, no half-heartedness, no mental reservation allowed.

"Amen":

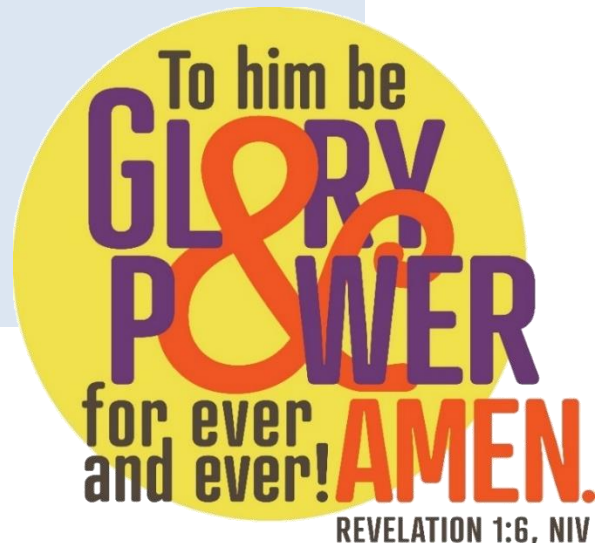
We support. We approve. We are of one mind. We promise.

May this come to pass.

So be it.

Be careful when you say "Amen."

- Barbara Schmich



## Social Ministry News....

The **Laundry Initiative** held on Saturday, December 3 at both Colonial Laundromats (587 N Main and 610 Bellefontaine) was another success. We were able to help so many people within our community. Here's what we did:

Store	Bellefontaine	N. Main St.	Total
Number of washes	90	63	153
<b>Pounds washed</b>	<b>3250</b>	<b>2670</b>	<b>5920</b>
Wash money spent	\$603.00	\$473.00	\$1076.00
CCL Dryer contribution	\$134.00	\$81.50	\$215.50



Heartfelt thanks go out to our partner Colonial Coin Laundry and to all of our volunteers: Lou Ann, Carolyn, Paula, Carolyn, Rex, Dodi, Joe, Heather, Donna, Linda, Michele, Kathy, Ann, Leah, Graham, Lori, Dee, Steve, Ed, Pastor Mike, Matt, Becky, and Gary who spent an hour or two of their time to pour, swipe and meet our neighbors. It takes all of us doing a small thing to make a big difference in our community. Not sure about working our next Laundry Day in April 2023; ask one of our volunteers how they feel about this project.



**Fresh Food Distribution** is an ongoing ministry of numerous churches in the area. We are looking to provide some additional help by providing ideas on how to use the items distributed. Have you ever looked past an item in the produce department because you had never tasted it, didn't know how to fix it or didn't recognize it? Now consider being on the receiving end of some much-needed food and not knowing what to do with it. This is where you come in...with recipes for items that may not be familiar. Recipes serve three purposes, first to educate, second to reduce waste and third to show someone cares. Recipes can be dropped off at the church office, put in the Social Ministry mailbox found in the Martin

Luther Room or emailed to Barb Russo at [russofarm3@gmail.com](mailto:russofarm3@gmail.com). February recipes should include Jell-O salads, pineapple or apples. March recipes should include potatoes, carrots, beets, or turnips.

**Emanuel Medical Device Lending Library** What is that all about? We are looking for people interested in working with Social Ministry, Emanuel office staff and Aspire Ministries (formerly Love, INC) in getting this valuable service for the community up and running. This mission has a number of areas of commitment; some are short term while others may be longer in nature. If you are interested in helping others, have experience with crutches, walkers, etc. and want to help at the ground level please contact Barb Russo 740-513-9935, the church office, or leave a message in the Social Ministry mailbox (found in the Martin Luther Room) with your name and contact information.

**GWOH** Last fall Parish Planning Council challenged the Social Ministry Board to expand the GWOH program across the entire year (instead of only in September and October). Initially we will be offering a project or two in each quarter of the year still emphasizing the original timeframe until we get the ball rolling with a project offered in each month for members to engage or participate. **The first project of 2023 will be making and assembling sandwiches for the Peanut Butter Jelly truck in February, March and/or April.** Those wishing to participate will help assemble sandwiches on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Marion Church of the Brethren. To volunteer you will need to contact Bev Young at 740-360-3704 (call/text) or [BevYoung40@gmail.com](mailto:BevYoung40@gmail.com) at least 1 week in advance.





**Christmas in July** is something new for 2023. So, as you put away your nativity set or sets at the end of this season, please consider bringing them out for our first ever Christmas in July event to raise money for the Heart of Ohio Homeless Shelter located in Marion. More details will follow in the next few months so watch the newsletter, weekly bulletins and our Facebook page for additional information. Want to get involved with planning this project? Let any of our board members know because there is “always room” at this inn! See Becky Sloat, Matt Primmer or Barb Russo.

### *Comfort Quilters*

The Comfort Quilters have purchased batting from Jo Ann Fabrics for 25 years. As most of you know, Jo Ann Fabrics in Marion is closing in January. Here are some suggestions if you want to contribute to the quilters from their Closing Sale: Sewing scissors for cutting the yearn; a package Schmetz Microtex all-purpose sewing machine needles size 12 or 14; or 4 yards of material- 2 yards of one color or patterned fabric and 2 yards of a matching color or patterned fabric. Thank you for any support you provide for our quilters.



### *Advocacy in Advent* **Building a Beloved Community**

In November, Pastor Poole and Donna Thomas were invited to join the Hunger Network in Ohio and the Ohio Council of Churches for Advocacy Day to engage our state lawmakers on important policy issues. After an update on policy issues facing our state legislators prior to the end of the year, our team of six was given appointments to meet with Senator Kuntz, Senator Reineke, Representative Richardson, Representative Liston, and Representative Russo.

We presented each of the legislators a packet of information concerning issues that affect the hungry and marginalized in Ohio. Among the issues we discussed were the use of Ohio’s reserve of \$2 billion in the Federal American Resource Plan funds. We encouraged them to consider Affordable Housing, Universal School Meals, and Food Banks as priority needs for our families. We also encouraged a positive vote on Criminal Justice reform. That bill recently passed.

Our Advent Advocacy Day continued the following week with follow-up emails to the senators and representatives as well as the legislative leadership. There will be a spring advocacy day in a few months to address issues before the legislators at that time.



## Faith Journeys

The January Faith Journeys event will be a Prayer Retreat. On Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 9am – 4pm, we will explore a vast array of means of prayer. Some of the prayer topics we will discuss are: individual prayer, use of devotionals, corporate prayer in worship, icons, labyrinths, illuminated texts, sacred coloring as prayer, integrating movement into prayer, and the use of prayer beads. We will set up hands-on opportunities to explore the prayer techniques. And each participant will make their own set of prayer beads. Plan on joining us and feel free to invite others to come along with you.

### Future Faith Journey Events:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 21</b>	<b>9a-5p</b>	<b>Prayer Retreat</b>
<b>Fri/Sat/Sun</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>10, 11, 12</b>	<b>Conformation Retreat – LMC</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>March 1,8,15,22,29, 4/5</b>		<b>Lenten Lord's Prayer worship</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>9a-5p</b>	<b>Mission / Vision / Identity Workshop</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>6p-7p</b>	<b>Faith Journey Questions</b>
<b>Sunday-Friday</b>	<b>June 25,26,27,28,29,30</b>		<b>Confirmation Camp</b>

## Pastor Poole's Pins

It has been a year since I moved back to Ohio from NYC. It is good to be back home, but I still miss the City. NYC was one of those places in the world that I had always wanted to live. And I had the privilege of living there for seven years.

I remember one trip into New York City: it was New Year's Eve 1987/1988. That night I stood for hours in the cold, in the midst of Times Square with over a million of my newest friends. I don't feel the need to do that again. But the City has a life of its own.

The apple pin I purchased at the Hard Rock Café in the City in January of 2016 when my karate sensei and her daughter were in town for a gymnastics meet in Manhattan. They stayed with us, and we went to the Hard Rock for dinner one night.

The second pin is an anniversary pin for the Statue of Liberty (I believe). It was actually given to me when I was an intern at St. Paul – Waldo. I don't remember who gave it to me as a gift when I left, but I enjoy it still. Living on Staten Island allowed us to take the ferry into Manhattan, which passes Lady Liberty in both directions.





Our group met on December 11<sup>th</sup> for food and fellowship. Thanks to Teri Turner for helping lead us in Christmas Carols and thanks to Paul Burnside for playing the piano to accompany us. On December 16<sup>th</sup> our LGBT & Allies group hosted the reception for the Child Care Christmas Program. We had a full parlor of Child Care families and served well over 300 cookies and several gallons of punch.

#### 2023 Schedule

#### \*\*\*Schedule Change\*\*\*

First Sunday Each Month At 6PM

<b>Jan 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Feb 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>

These LGBT and Allies Fellowship get-togethers are a potluck format, so please bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages (iced tea, lemonade, water & coffee) as well as table service will be provided.

Questions: email at [LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com](mailto:LGBT.Emanuel@gmail.com), calling or texting 740-262-2655

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## Communication and Evangelism

Another busy month.

- Emanuel was a part of the Marion Church Tour and in my opinion, it was a success. Our team reached out and many people in the congregation stepped up to help organize, setup, host, tear down, prepare snacks, and play music.
- We prepared flyers and favors for our Thanks and Giving guests. Some of our attendees from the LGBTQ meeting and some church members helped make favors.

### Marion Church Tour

We, again, participated in the Marion Church Tour on the evening of December 9<sup>th</sup>. There were had so many hands involved to make this event wonderful. There was a group that organized, a group that made refreshment, host/hostesses, greeters, musicians (organ, bells and recorders), and floaters to answer questions. Our youngest also participated. The childcare children made a beautiful poster, which is still the in the Gathering Space to look at, and the Sunday School students made candy cane favors for our guest to take home. Sixty-three guests came through our doors, were greeted, and made to feel at home. Some of the guest said our tour was the best! The Communication and Evangelism Team want to thank everyone who helped to make this event great. There are so many people, it would be hard to list everyone. Because of your kindness and smiling faces, God's presence surely had to be with us that night!



## Looking Back with Alicia Mayes

As I was looking through old bulletins, I came across an insert from a bulletin from September 28, 1952. The title on the insert reads, "Greatest Bible News in 341 Years". The insert was telling that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is the newest translation. It was announced as the New, Easier to Read version of the bible September 30, 1952. It came in 3 editions, genuine leather, cloth, and a two volume, the Old and the New Testament. The cloth edition was \$6.00, leather \$10.00 and the 2-volume set was \$7.50.

This was published by Wartburg Press; the name was changed to 1517 Media in 2016. The name was inspired by the year the Lutheran Reformation began and carries the tagline, "Always Reforming." It is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In my research of Wartburg Press, now named 1517 Media, I found there are 3 arms of 1517 Media, (1) Augsburg Fortress, (2) Fortress Press, and (3) Sparkhouse Publishing. The "Parent Company" of 1517 Media is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**1517 Media**

Augsburg Fortress  
Fortress Press  
Sparkhouse

Augsburg Fortress, publishes resources for use by Lutheran congregations including music, books, and on-line services. Fortress Press publishes trade books, textbooks, monographs, and popular titles on theology. Sparkhouse publishes religious education curriculum.

In my research I also found Wartburg Lutheran College in Waverly, Iowa. It is a private, non-profit liberal arts college of the ELCA. All students admitted to the college get a minimum \$30,000 scholarship per year. The most popular majors are business administration, biology, psychology, elementary education, and exercise science. There are 1444 students in the college for the 2022-2023 school year. Wartburg College is ranked among the top tier of liberal arts colleges. There is also a campus called Wartburg West in Denver, Colorado.

I never know when I start researching a story what I will find. I just thought this was very interesting and thought you would too.

Happy New Year, Alicia

### Thanks & Giving

**A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Thanks & Giving. Our numbers of people eating with us in the dining room were down. We served just over 150 people. We were blessed though, that some of the people who had signed up to help with welcoming/greeting just happened to be the founders of Luke 3:11 Ministries, better known as the peanut butter & jelly truck. They were able to take 200 hot meals out to the people they see on their routes, that very day. One story they told was delivering meals to 6 kids playing outside on an old mattress. Dodi Mawer and crew were also able to take left overs out to others who needed a meal. Over all, things went well and many people had Thanksgiving Dinner provided by Emanuel**



Welcome to the January Music Notes!



By the time you read this, the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be over, and a bit of “normalcy” will have returned to the lives of church musicians all over the world! Christmas is not over, however, so we can still enjoy favorite Christmas hymns and carols until the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. I hope your favorite was chosen at some point this season, as I worked hard to incorporate as many as possible into the services.

I spent a lot of time contemplating Joy this Christmas season. As I have transitioned from a part-time to a full-time basis this year, I have had the opportunity to witness just how much Joy is embodied by our church. Not just among ourselves, but in the Marion community. I certainly feel Joy from all of you, as we get to know each other better. I feel Joy from the staff, as we do the work of the church together. I feel Joy from Pastor Mike and Deacon Ann, as we make plans for worship. I feel Joy in the community outreach Emanuel performs throughout the year. Joy is with us at Emanuel.

One unexpected source of Joy was in the Christmas play presented by the inmates at the Marion Correctional Institute under the guidance of chaplain Blaire Smith. This year’s program was the first that Paula and I attended, and we were deeply moved by the Joy of the Spirit embodied within each of the inmates. On stage was Love and Hope, in the form of individuals who perhaps had not experienced much of either in their lives. For that short time, we were all moved by the same Spirit, and transported outside the prison walls, where there were no chains, no bonds, we were all free. We were united in the same Joy. I urge all of you to attend a future program at MCI. It will bring you Joy.

A final thought on Joy. Many of you have been concerned about why I am on the weekly prayer list. I don’t really talk about it very much, but some of you know that I became disabled a number of years ago, with a vestibular disorder. Simply, I lost my sense of balance, equilibrium, and general well-being, and with it many aspects of everyday living that are taken for granted. As every day is a struggle for me in many ways, your prayers each week are a comfort, and remind me that I am blessed. I am blessed that I can still be a musician, that I have supportive, loving family and friends, that I have a home at Emanuel, that I have a good life, despite my limitations. But most of all, I am filled with Joy.

I hope all of you will take a few minutes to look at and subscribe to my new blog, the Dizzy Fingers Blog ([www.dizzyfingersblog.com](http://www.dizzyfingersblog.com)). I have created this blog to relate my challenges and successes as a disabled musician, and hope to instill some Joy in others who may be experiencing what I have gone through. I look forward to hearing your feedback. And I hope it brings you some Joy.

I’ll leave you with a favorite song I learned as a child in Bible School, by Miriam Therese Winter.

I saw raindrops on the river,  
Joy is like the rain.  
Bit by bit the river grows,  
Till all at once it overflows.  
Joy is like the rain.

Until next time, Soli Deo Gloria!

Paul

I AM FILLED  
WITH  
Hope  
AND  
Joy.

Romans 15:13

## HEAVYMETAL



Hi (and high) from the rafters! It's the end of another year and the new one is fast approaching. "Out with the old and in with the new," a common phrase at this time, certain DOES NOT apply to our wonderful bell choir. Old for us is not a matter of age, but experience, and we have many total years of experience playing for the Lord.

This month's spotlight is on Jean Yake at Table #5. She is right in the middle of everything in the music and that's where she needs to be. Raised in Waldo, she met Dale in school there, and together they had three daughters. Favorite family gatherings were in Myrtle Beach, a highlight vacation spot where all can be together, including all three daughters, two sons-in-law, nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren!

Jean joined Emanuel in the 70's and has been a blessing to us in many ways. Her love of music showed in school band and chorus and continues to this day, not only in the various choirs at Emanuel, but also as a Queen volunteer at the Palace, and a 20+ year member of the Ohio Heartland Chorus (formerly known as the Sweet Adaline's).

Her bell ringing began under Marg Hite and continued through Tanyce Addison. After a brief hiatus, she returned in 2021. Other activities at Emanuel include assisting with funeral dinners and altar guild. In her spare time, she has served Marion at the Med Center Gift Shop as a Twig 7 member, enjoys card-making, sewing, and crafting.

"Should Auld Acquaintance be forgot?" Not in the Emanuel Bell Choir.

Now back to the rafters to enjoy Jean and the rest of the wonderful music found here at church!

Blessings to all and Happy New Year,  
Batina Belfry

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## Journey Through the Bible Together

Pastor Mike has started a Bible study on Sunday afternoons. We are taking time to read the entire Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, from cover to cover. It is interesting that the vast majority of Christians have not actually read the entire Bible once. This is the book that we confess to be the rule, source, guide, and norm of all that we think, say, and do. Maybe we should actually read it.

We began with Genesis and will take one to three weeks working through each book, depending on the discussion and conversation. Pastor Mike has notes and handouts to guide us through this journey. This has always been an enjoyable journey for Pastor Mike in all his congregations. We have about 20 people gathering for this study, but there is still more room for you to join us.

We meet on Sundays from 2p – 4p. We will meet most Sundays. You don't have to be at every single week to get benefit from the study. We will let everyone know where we are in the Bible from week to week. So, join us when you are able. We have just completed Deuteronomy, so you can still jump in at the beginning!

## Join in our Next Book Study!

Our Lenten book study will be by the same authors as the one we just finished. The book is “The Last Week – What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus’ Final Days in Jerusalem,” by Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan. We will continue to have a virtual option on Sunday nights at 6:30pm, and in-person options on Thursdays at 11:30am and 5:30pm. Virtual will begin Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>, and in-person will begin Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to pick up a copy of the book. Let Pastor Mike know if you would like the virtual link. Keep an eye out for more information.



Jim Creager celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thirza Shaw celebrates her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on January 9<sup>th</sup>

Let's remember Jim & Thirza with our cards and prayers!  
(Contact the church office for addresses)

## Notice of Annual Meeting

Our bylaws state that our **Annual Congregational Meeting** shall be held on the fourth Sunday in January. For 2023, **that will be Sunday, January 22**. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following our 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will be voting on the budget, the slate of officers, directors, designates, and boards.

In the event of a level 2 weather incident, the lack of a quorum, or if the service is cancelled for any reason, the meeting will be held the following Sunday.



**Reminder: All events at the church will be cancelled if Marion County is under a Level 2 Snow Emergency.**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 10:30 Worship  6pm LGBT	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> 8:30 Quilters  6pm Praise Team	<b>4</b> 9:30 Bible Study  6pm Adult & Children's Choir 7pm Bell Choir	<b>5</b> 7pm Worship	<b>6</b> 12pm Waldo Food Distribution	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00a.m. - Worship 9:15 - Worship 9:15 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 2pm Bible Study	<b>9</b> 5pm Hour of Prayer 6pm Spiritual Life	<b>10</b> 8:30 Quilters 5pm Finance Review 6pm Finance Bd. 6pm Praise Team	<b>11</b> 9:30 Bible Study  6pm Adult & Children's Choirs 7pm Bell Choir	<b>12</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Book Study 5:30 Book Study 7pm Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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