

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SOCIAL MEDIA ROUND UP

Highlighting posts from the past month



Here are "18 ways to be more United Methodist in 2018" - including "ride a horse"! www.umc.org/what-we-believe/18-ways-to-be-more-united-methodist-in-18



Freedom Mortgage shocked us all with their donation of 11,388.6 pounds of food to the food pantry! Thank You!



Students are wrapping up their Winter Retreat. Scripture is Mark 12: 28-34. How do you apply this scripture in your life?



Upcoming Events

- February 2 Parent Night Out**
6:00p-9:00p, Various Rooms
- February 4 Present Over Perfect Starts**
11:00am, Room 286
- February 10 UMM Meeting**
8:00am, Library
- February 11 Scout Sunday**
8:30am Traditional Worship
- February 14 Ash Wednesday Worship**
7:00pm, Sanctuary
- February 18 Spaghetti Lunch**
10:45a-12:30p, Fellowship Hall
- February 18 Lent Study Starts**
6:00 pm, Room TBD
- February 27 Book Club Meeting**
7:00 pm, Library

COMING IN MARCH

- March 2 Parent Night Out
- March 4 IHN guests arrive
- March 11 Celtic Sunday
- March 18 Blood Drive



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS
MAC AND CHEESE, RAMEN NOODLES,
NON REFRIGERATED PUDDINGS AND JELLOS, CEREAL

Donations may be dropped off in the pantry boxes located inside Doors 1 & 4 or at the Food Pantry on Wednesdays between 9:30am and 7:00pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

At this moment in time our Fishers United Methodist Church family stands at the edge. We are at the edge of the Lenten season as we seek to deepen our understanding of the Cross and our call to personal surrender and discipleship. We do this in order that we will be prepared to share in the joy of Resurrection. Some of us stand at other edges: edges of decision points as we face choices that will change the direction our lives will take. As a congregation we stand at the edge as we stand poised to begin new ministries which will build up the believers of our church to prepare us to be even more effective Christ followers. We stand at the edge as we seek to begin new ministries which reach out to those in our lives who do not yet know God's love through Christ. We stand at the edge as we have been seeking together a renewed vision of who God is calling us to be in very specific ways as we serve our community and the world: making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

At each of these "edges" there is uncertainty. What will it mean for me to draw closer to Christ this Lenten Season? What will I have to commit to give of myself? Where will the decisions I am facing -- for my family, my health, my business -- take me? How will my commitment to grow and be built up in Christ change my

relationships, my life, my responsibilities, my expectations? What will I be able to do as a part of new ministries to reach out to others I know and care about who don't really know God's love and forgiveness? What will this new vision of Fishers United Methodist Church's future mean for the community, for our church, for my family, and for me? At each of these "edges" can I/we do it? Do I/we dare? How can we know God is able and is here ready to lead, support, and guarantee our success?

It is an interesting fact of human nature that we rarely change unless we find it too uncomfortable to stay where and as we are or unless we get a gripping vision of something much greater than we are. At times, life forces us to change and grow. At other times opportunity irresistibly invites us to change and grow. But in all cases we feel the anxiety or fear of uncertainty - losing our grip on the old and familiar and stretching forward to embrace the new promise God holds for us as we reach for his waiting embrace in the unknown ahead. We need not apologize for our uncertainty; it's a part of how we are made. But neither should we allow our anxiety of uncertainty limit

us for even though we cannot know all that lies ahead God does know and is able and has even promised by His nature, by His call to us, to carry on Christ's ministry as His Church, and by His desire to meet every need of our lives and ministry. God stands ready to guarantee His promise and our future.

The French poet-philosopher, Guillaume Apollinaire wrote of a conversation between God and His people:

"Come to the edge."

"We can't. We are afraid."

"Come to the Edge."

"We can't. We will fall."

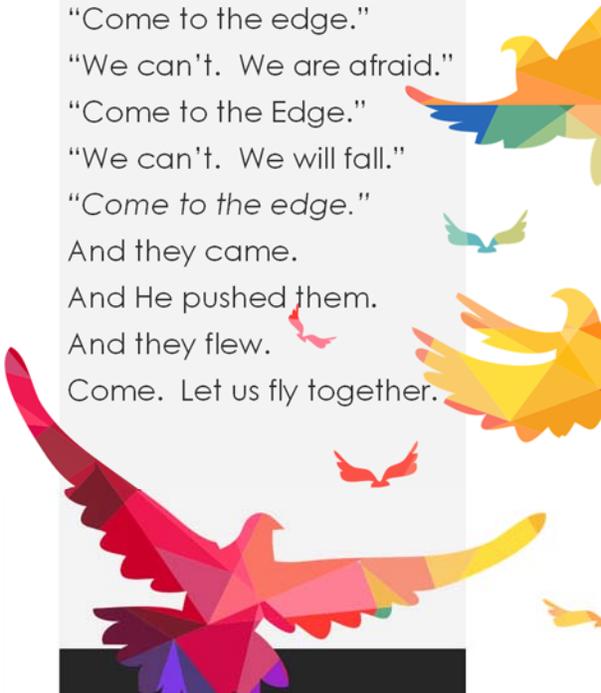
"Come to the edge."

And they came.

And He pushed them.

And they flew.

Come. Let us fly together.



**FOR THE ONLY
CAUSE THAT
MATTERS,**

Pastor Kevin

December 12, 2017

"I don't know what I would do without Prevail. It's the only safe place in my life right now. For one hour, I can let my guard down and be honest and be myself."

Dear Pastor McKinney:

Thank you for your extremely generous contribution of \$1,000.00 to Prevail!

Thanks to you and supporters like you, victims in your community are able to have a safe place where they can work on putting the pieces of their lives back together. This would not be possible without your support.

Your generosity has already made a positive difference to the countless families Prevail serves and will long be remembered in the lives you have touched. Please visit our website (www.prevailinc.org) and take a few minutes to see how your gift supports free life saving services to those in need.

Sincerely,

Susan

Susan Ferguson
Executive Director

Michelle

Michelle Corrao
Assistant Director

Many thanks for all your support!

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ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

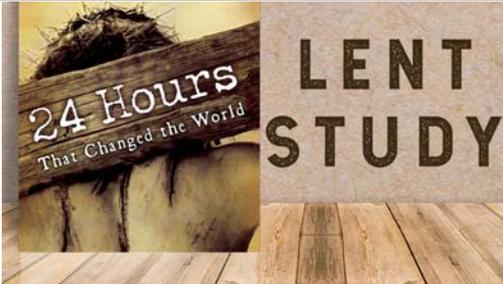


Starting Sunday, February 4, Kate Kendall will be leading a new 6-week study on Shauna Niequist's book, *Present Over Perfect*, during the 11:00 hour in Room 286. "Present Over Perfect is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more, all while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection." This class is open to all, especially those who don't currently have a Sunday School class.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jared's Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30-11am in Room 276) will be starting a new study during Lent called "Christ and the Arts." The Church has a long history with Art in its many forms. Using scriptures and the arts together can deepen and challenge our faith as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. All are welcome!

LENT STUDY



What a difference a day makes. You hear people say that phrase all the time, but it couldn't be more true than when talking about the last day of Jesus' life. No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth.

In his book *24 Hours that Changed the World*, author and pastor Adam Hamilton guides readers through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help readers experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a new way. Hamilton

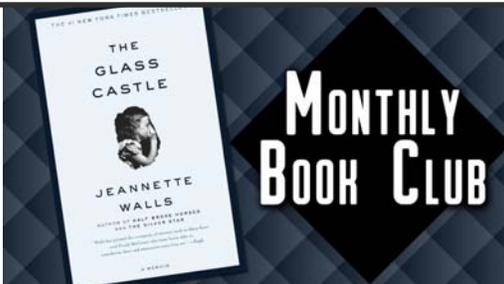
draws on insights from history, archaeology, geography, and the Bible and provides a deeper understanding of the most amazing day in history.

Led by Pastor Jill Buckner, this Lenten study will meet February 18 through March 25, from 6:00-7:30 pm. Sign Up to attend in Connection Central, childcare is available.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. We will be offering TWO classes - Wednesdays from 2-3:30pm and Thursdays from 6:30-8pm - starting March 7 and 8! Look for more information and how to register coming soon!

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join the Monthly Book Club in February as we read and discuss *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. *The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family. The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be

homeless even as their children prospered. *This is the book that inspired the movie.* If you are looking for a way to combine your love of reading and books with a small group atmosphere of fellowship, this is the place for you! The Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Library at 7pm. **This month we are meeting on February 27.** Questions? contact Kim Arnott at 797-8612 or kimarnott@mac.com.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Fire &
Water
student ministries

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

In January 33 teenagers and adults spent the long weekend on a spiritual retreat. They looked at the "most important commandment" (Mark 12:30) and what it actually means to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

They also ate together, worshipped together, played together (sometimes in the snow) and experienced God through a winter prayer walk. It was a great weekend of students getting to know Jesus and who they are in Jesus.

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Winter Retreat

FEBRUARY FOR FIRE & WATER STUDENT MINISTRIES

F.I.R.E. (JUNIOR HIGH)

February 4 Sunday School, Football Party @ 6:00 pm

February 7 Youth Alpha @ 7:00 pm

February 11 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

February 15 Third Thursday @ Hamilton Trace @ 3:15 pm

February 18 Sunday School

February 21 Youth Alpha @ 7:00 pm

February 25 Sunday School, Refinery, After Hours

February 28 Youth Alpha @ 7:00 pm

Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Refinery @ 6:00pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm

W.A.T.E.R (SENIOR HIGH)

February 4 Sunday School, Football Party @ 6:00 pm

February 7 Youth Alpha @ 7:00 pm,
"Who Is Jesus" Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

February 8 Supermarket Sweeps @ 3:30 pm

February 11 Sunday School, Drink Deep, After Hours

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Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Drink Deep @ 6 pm, After Hours @ 7:30 pm

Home Bible Studies take place throughout the week



SUMMER MISSION TRIPS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT FUMCFIREANDWATER.COM OR CAN BE PICKED UP ON THE DOCK IN THE WHARF.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Fishers UMC church members and past preschool/MDO participants are eligible to register for the 2018/2019 school year before the general public.

If you would like to register, please do so before February 7th by emailing Diane Renner at drenner@fishersumc.org or Jane Musser at jmusser@fishersumc.org or by calling the preschool office at 317-842-4052. Please include your child's name and date of birth.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spaghetti Lunch



EAT A GREAT MEAL, HELP A GREAT CAUSE

You are invited to a spaghetti lunch on Sunday, February 18, in the Fellowship Hall from 10:45am-12:30pm. This is a fundraiser meal that will help send the adult mission team to Shiprock, New Mexico this summer. There is no set price for the meal, rather just a free will donation will be taken.



JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

on February 14th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent; a time of personal introspection as we seek to draw closer to Christ and build our faith leading up to the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. You are invited to join us for Ash Wednesday service where worshipers receive the mark of discipleship in the form of palm ash placed on our foreheads as a sign of witness that we are disciples of Jesus Christ.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FIFTY PLUS MINISTRIES

Join Fifty Plus Older Adult Ministries on Thursday, February 8 at 11:30am in the Dining Room. Following devotions and lunch, local entertainer Nicole Bridgens will present The Songs of Romance Variety Show. For more information, please contact jenni debaun at the church office 317-849-1805 or at jdebaun@fishersumc.org.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The February program of the UMM will be Opioid 101, addressing the opioid epidemic in Hamilton County. All men of the congregation are invited to attend on Saturday, February 10th at 8:00am in the Library. Enjoy a hot breakfast while listening to speaker Jim Ginder, health education specialist for the Hamilton County Health Department. The program covers general basics of opioids and includes approaches and resources for assisting those trapped in this horrific disease



PARENTS, ENJOY A NIGHT OUT
on Friday February 2nd from 6:00pm-9:00pm! Drop off your infant-5th graders and they will play games, do crafts, watch a movie and eat a snack! There is no cost to this service, but a free will offering will be taken if you feel led to give. Pre-Register by visiting fishersumc.org/parentnightout. Mark your calendars for March 2nd, and May 4th for our other Parent Night Out evenings!



BINGO PRIZE COLLECTION DRIVE
Beginning Sunday February 18th, we will be collecting prizes for Bingo at Hamilton Trace Senior Living Community. Items include: *Full Size Hershey Bars (Dark, Regular, With Almonds), Full Size Snickers Bars, Any other full size Candy Bars, Individual packs of Cookies (Oreos, Chips Ahoy, Vanilla sandwich), Individual packs of Chips or popcorn (not microwave).* Look for more information and collection spots on February 18th in Connection Central!

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MODERN WORSHIP 11:00 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 am



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