



THE DISCIPLE VISITOR



Week of Compassion Special Offering and Guest Preacher

On February 18th and 25th we will collect a special offering for Week of Compassion. *Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Week of Compassion seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.*

This year's Week of Compassion offering theme is ***MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE!*** It's easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness, and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel that we are too small, too insignificant, to make a difference. We can feel trapped by hopelessness and fear that there is little we can do to truly make an impact. But there is hope! Better yet: we are that hope! For, as the Apostle Paul writes, "*by the power at work within us,*" God is able to "*accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine*" (Ephesians 3:20). Archbishop Desmond Tutu put it succinctly when he wrote, "*we are the agents of transformation that God uses to transfigure [God's] world.*" As Christians, we know that we are part of God's answer to the need in the world!

We are blessed to have the Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, Associate Director of Week of Compassion, join us for worship on Sunday, February 18th and offer the sermon.





stephen MINISTRY®

People ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

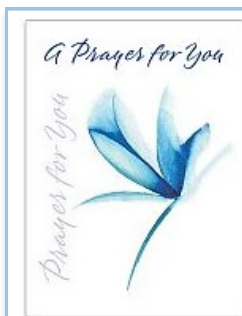
Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- ... *after* the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

Our congregation is blessed to have a wonderful group of Stephen Ministers available after... If you are in need let Reverend Laura know and she can connect you with a Caregiver.

—Linda Dempsey



PRAYER CARD MINISTRY

February 7th, 8am @ Panera in Medina

This prayer group is open to all, not just women. We meet on the first Wednesday morning of the month at Panera. Facilitated by Pastor Laura, we hold up in prayer and cards those of our fellowship who are facing times of stress, difficulty, and sadness. Cards are provided, bring your prayers and a pen.



February 14, 2018 - Joint Service @ 7pm
United Church of Christ
217 E Liberty St., Medina.



**Parables of Christ, Wednesdays during Lent
6pm for Dinner, 7pm for worship.**

February 21st, St Matthew Lutheran Church, 400 N. Broadway
February 28th - First Christian Church
March 7th- United Church of Christ, 217 E Liberty St
March 14th - Medina United Methodist, 4747 Foote Road
March 21st- Medina Presbyterian, 5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd

YOUTH GROUP CHILI SALE!

Sunday, February 4, 2018

\$10/container Mild, Medium and Hot types

Chilli will be available for purchase 9:15am until service starts and then AFTER service until it's gone. Containers are available to fill IN THE KITCHEN.



FCC BOOK CLUB - All Are Welcome!

The FCC Book Club is an interdenominational group meeting monthly on the first Thursday of the month, 4pm at the church (*unless otherwise noted*).



◆ **February 1**

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture In Crisis by J.D. Vance
(Meeting 4pm at Karen Baker's home: 5930 Bridle Court, Medina)

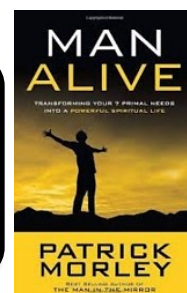
◆ **March 1**

Beneath a Scarlett Sky: a Novel by Mark Sullivan

◆ **April 5**

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

**The Annual Men's Retreat with the Wadsworth Disciples Men will be
February 3, 2018 from 9am to 3:30pm at
Mingo Pavilion – Summit Metro Parks
This year's gathering utilizes the book "Man Alive" by Patrick Morley.**





New Babies!

- Congrats to Stephanie and Joe Berger on the birth of their son, Joseph John
- Congrats to Dana Graham on the birth of her newest granddaughter, Jocelyn

Deaths

- Colin Neville, fiancé of Marcia Paladino's friend Peggy Hegbar.
- Pat Prather, friend of the Kaufmans
- Doris, grandmother of Hillary Fink
- Chris Kennedy, friend of Dave Baker
- Adaline Lillian Singleton, mother of Jim Singleton
- Donita Lou Dahl, step-mother of Heather Milks

Health Concerns / Surgery / Recovery

- Robert Norton
- John Stachler
- Delcie Pound
- Gerry, Neal Beck's former wife
- Kristi Yoss (Surgery)
- Elaine Brent (Surgery)
- Nicole Brigger, Ryan Marino's sister
- Kelly Jo Love (Hospital)
- Kathy (Surgery), sister of Billie VanDyck
- Brennan (Surgery), grandson of Billie VanDyck
- Tionte Alexander (ICU), friend of Krista Dolan (Hospital)
- Jill Towne (Recovery), Shelley Prandi's best friend
- Jeff Younger (Recovery), Marcia Paladino's neighbor

Cancer

- Amy, friend of Hillary Fink
- Jeff Younger, Marcia Paladino's neighbor
- Sherry Steingass, VanAuken's daughter's former co-worker

Shut-ins / Hospice

- Don & Doris Todd (Brookdale S)
- Jane Smalley (Brookdale S)
- Julie Bevacqua (Brookdale S)
- Lyla Calhoun (Concordia at Sumner)
- Tom George (home)
- Dottie Randall (home)
- Dorothy Sevougian (home)
- Nancy Cerny (home)
- Owen Norris, friend of the Van Aukens (Hospice)

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Health Concerns

- Donna Kordish, Baker's friend
- Steve Kerns, Bobbi Way's son
- Scott, Pearl Schwandt's son
- Kelly Jo Love, VanDyck's' friend
- Dale Hemphill, Vicki Grace's Uncle
- Lisa Raulston, Sandrock's daughter
- Judith Rainery, Debbie Krause's mom
- Mark Hurd, Brigitte Dade's brother
- Paul, Mike Prandi's brother-in-law
- Jim Lyon Sr, Ron Foster's brother-in-law
- Mackenzie McMahon, Evan Hollopeter's friend's daughter
- Joanna Confer, Norton's granddaughter
- Steve Shenk, Norma Watterman's nephew
- Pam Warner & husband Curt, Sandrock's cousin

Cancer

- Erin Sandmann
- Tino, the Downing's friend
- John, brother of Barbara Woodman
- Ron, Tom Dade's friend
- Susan Zito, Jennifer Burneson's aunt
- Tony, Dave Baker's friend
- Deb, Harold Kaufman's friend's wife
- Millie Gerak, Evan Hollopeter's friend
- Susan, Debbie Krause's sister
- John K., friend of the Dades
- Charlotte, acquaintance of Nicole Steigerwald
- Cheree Easton, Forrest Miller's daughter's mother
- Valerie, friend of Christine Walters and Marcia Paladino
- Rob Walter, Betty Sandrock's cousin's son
- Mike Minarczyk, relative of Jill (Brigitte Dade's daughter-in-law)

Military

- Bryce Carpenter
- Bill Stewart
- Sean Jaycox
- John Hinkel
- Aaron Mishler
- Corey Jansen
- Brandon (Bonnie Porter's grandson)
- Jacob Warren (Karen Harrington's nephew)
- Charles Crawford (Judy and Jack Swaddell's son-in-law)
- Emerson (Carl & Debbie Miller's son)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2nd Robin Kennedy
4th Jessica Beal
6th Karen Harrington
Toni Hollopeter
11th Allison Kotalac
12th Beck Kotalac
13th Delcie Pound
Dottie Randall

15th Sharon Alberts
Ken Guest
22nd Jenny Peacock
23rd Sheila Peo
26th Jane Smalley
27th Marcia Paladino

February Anniversaries

8th Rich and Kay Demchak
14th Mark and Bobbi Way
23rd Jack and Chris Mansor
28th Evan and Toni Hollopeter

WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULES for FEBRUARY 2018

February 4, 2018

GREETERS: Rich and Kay Demchak
ELDERS: Ron Foster, Tim Mosley
LITURGIST: Carol Miller * **ACOLYTE:** TBA
DEACONS: Scott & Debbie Reid, Doug & Barrie Whittington
SONG LEADER: TBA * **HOSPITAL VISITOR:** Bobbi Way
AUDIO/VISUAL: Rick Madzia
TRUSTEE: Doug Whittington

February 11, 2018

GREETERS: Dave and Marcia Jordan
ELDERS: Neal Beck, Kristi Yoss
LITURGIST: Debbi Miller * **ACOLYTE:** TBA
DEACONS: Meg Guest, Tanya Mosley, Ken Guest, Dave Jordan
SONG LEADER: TBA * **HOSPITAL VISITOR:** Susan Chaplin
AUDIO/VISUAL: Rick Madzia
TRUSTEE: Doug Whittington

February 18, 2018

GREETERS: Harold and Kay Kaufman
ELDERS: Rick Madzia, Brigitte Dade
LITURGIST: Betty Sandrock * **ACOLYTE:** TBA
DEACONS: Scott & Debbie Reid, Dave Baker, Sheila Peo
SONG LEADER: TBA * **HOSPITAL VISITOR:** Ron Foster
AUDIO/VISUAL: Ben Peacock
TRUSTEE: Doug Whittington

February 25, 2018

GREETERS: Rich and Jennifer Kotolac
ELDERS: Neal Beck, Tim Mosley
LITURGIST: Bobbi Way
ACOLYTE: TBA
DEACONS: Karen Baker, Leslie Baird, Steve & Pat Neal
SONG LEADER: TBA * **HOSPITAL VISITOR:** Evan Hollopeter
AUDIO/VISUAL: Ben Peacock
TRUSTEE: Doug Whittington

February Calendar

SUNDAYS

- **Adult Sunday School** 8:30am and 11am (Library) **Every Sunday**
- **Coffee Café** 9:15am **Every Sunday**
- **Sunday Worship Service** 9:45am **Every Sunday**
- **The Avenue** 3:00 p.m., **February 18**

MONDAYS

- **Preschool** 9am (Fellowship Hall) **Every Mon—Thurs**
- **Yoga class** 6:15pm (downstairs classroom) **Every Mon**
- **Stephen Ministry** 7pm (Library and the Wineskins Room) **February 5th and 19th**

TUESDAYS

- **Boy Scout Troop 507** 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall) **Every Tuesday**
- **Worship Meeting** 6:30pm (Wineskins Room) **February 13th**
- **FCC Board Meeting** 7pm(Library) **February 13th**
- **VBS Meeting** 7pm(Library) **February 20th**

WEDNESDAYS

- **Prayer Card Ministry** 8am (Panera—Medina) **February 7th**
- **HeartSpace** 12pm (Wineskins Rm mtg) 1pm (Wineskins Rm/Labyrinth Sacred Space) **February 14**
- **Battered Women's Shelter** donations due to the Salvation Army by 4pm, **February 14**
- **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** 7pm (Medina UCC) **February 14**
- **Bell Choir Practice** 6pm **Every Wednesday**
- **Choir Practice** 7pm **Every Wednesday**
- **Lenten Worship** 6pm Worship (Sanctuary) **Dinner** 7pm (Fellowship Hall) **February 28**

THURSDAYS

- **Women's AA** 5:30pm (Library) **Every Thursday**
- **Cub Scout** group 7pm (Fellowship Hall) **Every Thursday**
- **Book Club** 4pm (*See Article pg. 3) **February 1**

FRIDAYS

- **CLEAR**

SATURDAYS

- **AA** 8:30am (Library) **Every Saturday**

FROM THE MAILBAG...



Dear Friends,

Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! In 2017 roughly 19,674 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe and estimated 2,385 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the US) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year. Your congregation raised \$1,296.01 in 2017 through hosting this shed. We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. Thank you for all your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

Dear First Christian Church Family,

Thank you all very much for your calls, cards, notes, visits, cookies, poinsettia, and most of all, your prayers. Wishing everyone the most blessed and happiest of New Years.

Kaaren and Tom George

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful box of Christmas goodies. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Your thoughtfulness and kindness mean more than I can ever tell you.

Sincerely,

Dottie Randall

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Thank you for your generous donations to the Community Services Center throughout 2017: \$492.50 received January 2017, and kitchen appliances, pans, ovenware, glassware, and dishes from a rummage sale received in June 2017. The Community Services Center is honored and blessed to partner with local churches such as yours, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michelle LaMar, Director

Dear Christian Family,

Every one of you fill us with your songs of love and blessings. Your prayers and love have helped us thru Rob's long illness and we have missed you and not being able to enter God's house. We thank you for your cards, calls, and visits. Bless you.

Love,

Rob and Donna Norton



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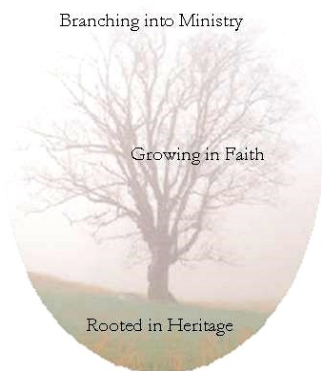


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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS FEBRUARY 2018

February 4, 2018

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11, 2018

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 18, 2018

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

February 25, 2018

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: TUESDAYS—February Newsletter Deadline: February 19, 2018