

Brook UMC Newsletter

March, 2020

PASTOR'S PEN

At Brook UMC, we are blessed to have members of our congregation involved in jail and prison ministries. These ministries keep us connected to those with whom Jesus is especially present (Matt. 25:36), and remind us that there is no place that is free from God's grace. This year our church participated in the Angel Tree program, which helps incarcerated men and women provide gifts for their children. Here is a letter from one of the men who we were able to serve this year:

Hello, I received your letter letting me know your church delivered the Christmas presents to my son through the Angel Tree Program. I cannot put into words how thankful I am, and I want to say, "Thank you all very much."

The holidays are the hardest times being in prison because we are away from our family, and we are not able to provide for our children and family. When my son received his Lego set, it was a special gift. He has a nice Lego collection, and it was a perfect gift.

Being in here, I deal with the guilt and shame of not being there for my children every day. I do have another son, but he lives with his mother. He also got presents from Angel Tree, but I don't know who provided them. The Angel Tree program is a wonderful program, and I can't say thanks enough and express how much it is appreciated.

I am a Christian and Jesus is my Lord and Savior, and I want to be able to take my sons to services with me. I have a great relationship with my children and I call them regularly and I write them every week. I am currently attending college while I am here through Holy Cross College, which is part of Notre Dame. I am working on my bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies.

I apologize for jumping from one topic to another, but I wanted to tell you a little about myself, and I mainly wanted to tell you all thanks for giving my son some presents that he can say are from Dad. It meant so much to him and to me. I will keep you all in my prayers. God bless.

"Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen." (From prisonweek.org)

- Pastor Matt

WORSHIP HELPERS

Liturgist

- 1—Janelle Harper
- 8—Steven Montemayer
- 15—Linda Vaughan
- 22—Laura Cooper
- 29—Stephanie Montemayer

Nursery Workers

- 1—Meagan Wirtz/Christina Dye
- 8—Carol Smith/Marilyn Ekstrom
- 15—Kittsen McCumber/Jessica Hoover
- 22—Beth Kindell/Analise Cooper
- 29—Jamie Medeiros/Dana Lawrence

Children's Church

- 1—Dana Lawrence/Camy King
- 8—Kelly Smith/Analise Cooper
- 15—Caitlin Beasley
- 22—Sarah Osowski
- 29—Kelly Smith

Ushers

Head Usher—Jerry Johnson

- 1—Seth Lawrence, Steve Smith, Jack Lawrence
- 8—Mike Haste, Hugh Larson, Gary Cooper
- 15—Rick Smith, Mike Osowski, Jr., Marshall Whaley
- 22—Mike Haste, Mike Harper, Kelly Wedding
- 29—Ann Larson, Bonnie Osowski, Judy Washburn

Coffee Fellowship

- 1—Rick & Carol Smith
- 8—Seth & Dana Lawrence
- 15—Jack & Peg Lawrence
- 22—Carol Whaley Family
- 29—Kerry & Kathy Stichnoth

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Becky Lyons
- 2—Sally Conn
- 3—Faye Gerts
- 4—Marvin Whaley
- 11—Lucille Smith's 100th Birthday!!
- 11—Miranda Thomas
- 14—Susan Johnson
- 15—Carol Whaley
- 18—Everhett Beasley
- 20—Steve Kindig
- 24—Steve Thomas
- 24—Camryn King
- 25—Candace Armstrong
- 25—Rick Gerts
- 26—Leah Cooper

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 4—Rick & Carol Smith
- 7—Jack & Vi Strain
- 12—Dick & Joyce Anteliff
- 13—Steve & Kelly Smith



Norm & Co Dinner
Sunday, March 15, 11:30-1:00

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Carrots/Green Beans
Salad Bar/Dessert Bar
Homemade Rolls
Soft-serve Ice Cream

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study	2 Dartball Tournament	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved 7am-1pm	4 5:30pm Administrative Council Meeting 6:30pm Choir Practice	5 8:30am Ladies' Bible Study 5pm Community Meal 5:45pm Hangout	6 Church Office Closed 8:30am Pack backpacks for SNES	7 8am-5pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
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29 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study	30	31	<p>South Newton's Spring Break is March 23-27. There will be no preschool this week.</p> <p>Mark your calendars for Easter Services coming up next month: April 9, 7pm—Maundy Thursday Service at First Christian Church April 10, 7pm—Good Friday Service at BUMC April 12, 6:30am—Sunrise Service at BUMC</p>			

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Those serving in the military: Josh Lyons, Jenilie & Terrill Luddley, Tonya Gusevik, Trevor Anderson-Cooper, Drew Weaver, Jeremiah Smith, Richard McCumber, Steve Ramirez, Brady Floyd

Those with health concerns: Joyce Scism, Paul Hartwell, Dawn Gerts, Pam Gahring, Helen Rasmussen, Terry McDaniel, Linda Burns, Carlin Kindig, Bri Clemans, Cathy Williamson, Melissa Abraham, Ardis Schwartz, Amy Lahey, Kathy Knakieicz, Daniel Brewer, Joyce Whaley, Debbie Vance, Ardis Lawrence, Virginia Thomas, Don Washburn, Leslie Presley, Craig DeLong, Becky Webster, Rusty Carlson, Todd Strain, Vi Strain, Donald Holt, Deenise Abrams, Brandi Danruther Carey, Mason Borrero, Tina Gazaway, Julie Carroll, Frank & Sharon VanVleet, Margot Wohrle, Mary Whaley, Tamma Childress, Sarah VonTobel, Donna Vance, Diana Elijah, Vivian Hibbs, Jason Stowers, Tom Kindell, Tom Richards, Monica Whaley, Linda Reiners, Amber Sprayberry, Nate Brown, Rick Smith, Lucille Smith, Caris Murphy, Bill Ridley, Nate McCauley, Steve Holtz, Rick Gerts, John Gahring, Barb Davis, Cheryl Merchant, Chuck Danruther, Dick Antcliff, Larry Lyons

Expressions of Sympathy: To the family of Mike Chapman

Those in the Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Joan Clark, Betty Myers, Esther Barten, Anna Arnadottar, Barb Mayhew, Artie Reges

Those serving as Missionaries: Ken & Debbie Vance, Kendra Enright, Meghan & Andrew Stoudt

Those in leadership: Our President, Our Governor, Bishop Julius Trimble, Our Local Government, Our Pastor

Our PENTA Cluster +1Churches: Raub UMC, Mt. Zion UMC, Brook UMC, Morocco UMC, Kentland Trinity UMC, Mt. Ayr UMC.