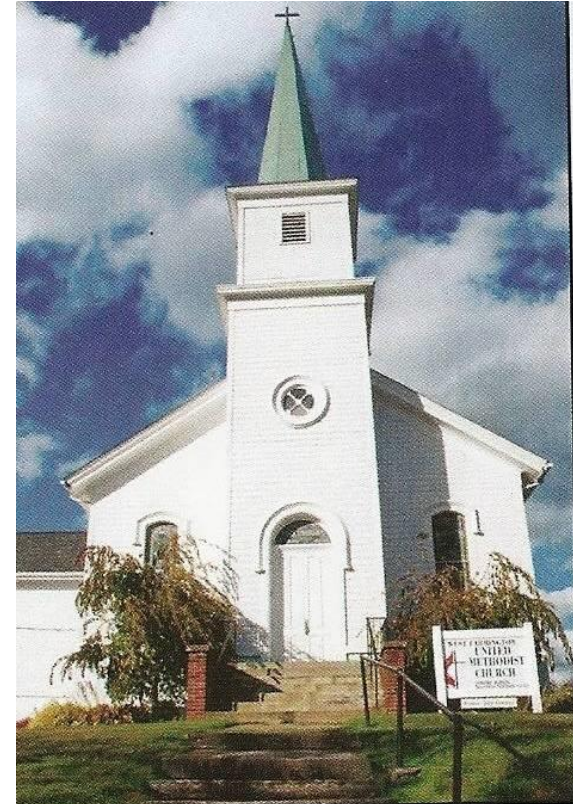


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THE COURIER – March 2018



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Pastor notes and calendar updates – Pastor Jim George

Editor – Georgene Svoboda

Every Saturday

SUMC Contemporary Service at 7:00pm
Very casual with snack time after.

Every Sunday

SUMC Worship 9:30 AM
SUMC Adult Sunday school at 10:30 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Children's Sunday school during the service
Nursery is available
Coffee downstairs before and after services

Thank you to all who have contributed to this newsletter! ~ Georgene



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 6 – Donna Edwards
March 7 – Caroljean Goddard
March 9 – Joan Hickox
March 12 – Kim Woolf
March 15 – Jack Burbach
March 27 – Shirley Cross
March 30 – Anne Gerlt
March 30 – Lloyd Adams

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 – Bob & Joan Hickox
March 16 – Ann & Howard Hillier
March 21 – Jim & Starr Spangler
March 25 – Jim & Elaine Freeman
March 31 – Elwyn & Florence Satterlee

Our Friends in Need of Prayer

Dinny Barnes * Tom Bedlion * Karen Boyles * Larry Brockway * Alexis Csehill * Joe Dorsey * Sylvia Duggers * Lisa Gerlt Ehas * Allen Frantz * Beth Giesy * Jackie Gingerich * LaRue Harshman * Theresa Helberg * Anne Hilditch * Tonia Hillier * Ed Hurdock * Emma Huth-Lafferty * Mouney Jarvis * Connie Mansfield Keller * Jim Klingenstein * Wanda Kover * Gregg List * Vicki Martin * Harry Moherman * Marian Morrison * Bruce and Hellen Parker * Clinton Pell * Bill Philbrick * Lockie Philbrick * Bill Pitkin * Tom & Debbie Pucak * Barb Reynolds * Mark Smith * Elise Sprong * Annie Stauffer * Ed Strock * Kevin St. Clair * Dave Sutliff * Bobbie Vandall * Carol Williams * Shirley Williams * Ray Young *

**Our Military and First Responders
Shooting Victims & Families (Not just Florida –
but everywhere)
Unspoken requests**

To put someone on the prayer list please let Pastor Jim know their name, status/condition and your name. Cards are in the pews.

You can also email any prayer requests to: jimgeorge@gmail.com Also, Please let Pastor Jim know any updates or names that can be removed. Or E-mail the church at WFchurchnews@gmail.com

Please Remember our Shut-Ins:

Ann Gerlt
Burton Health Care
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Burton, OH 44021

Courier Deadline

The deadline for submitting to the Courier and the Church Calendar will **always be the next to the last Sunday** of each month. Next deadline is **March 18**.

I will accept hand written articles, but prefer them to be sent to the E-mail address if possible. All information will be considered, however Church New will always be first.

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Mark Your Calendar – Upcoming Events

Every Week:

- Pastor's Bible Study – Tuesdays at 10:30 AM, Halfway Restaurant (Rts. 422 & 534) Southington
- Windsor House Nursing Home Ministry – Tuesdays at 10 AM – Champion
- Eggs – Tuesdays 9 AM (mixing) 1 PM (dipping) until March 20
- Contemporary Services – Saturdays 7 PM – Southington UMC
- Sunday Worship – 9:30 Southington * 11:00 AM – Farmington

March 12 –WFUMC Admin Board/Trustees meeting 7:30 PM

March 14 – BAMA Meeting – 9 AM * WFUMW Meeting – 10 AM, Senior Center

BAMA Lenten Services - See Schedule

March 29 – Holy Thursday Services WFUMC 7 PM

March 30 – Good Friday Services

- BAMA – Bristol UMC – 7 PM
- Southington Delightful Church – 7 PM

April 1 – Easter Sunrise Service – WFUMC – 7:30 AM.

April 1 – Easter Services – SUMC – 9:30 A.M. * WFUMC – 11:00 AM

Bristol Area Ministerial Assoc. (BAMA)

Lenten Services – 6 pm

Feb. 25 – Church of the Bretheren – Steve Garces
Mar. 4 – West Mecca Bible Methodist – Jody Baker
Mar. 11 – Mecca Community – Jim George
March 18 – North Bloomfield UMC – Jim Elkin
Mar. 30 (Good Friday) 7PM Bristol UMC – Paul Young

All services start at 6 pm except Good Friday. Fellowship time following the service.

UMW NEWS

By Carol Goddard

February's meeting date fell on Valentine's Day this year, so in January we decided to do something different. Forgoing a regular business meeting, we decided to "Share-the-Love" of Christ. Ads were placed in the newspaper, personal invitations were extended and we began preparation: so, on February 14, 2018 approximately 20 ladies from the area gathered in a beautifully decorated fellowship hall with memorability of Valentine's Day. President Elaine welcomed all to "Share-the-Love" with few instructions. Verona gave a lovely valentine reading continuing with the "share" theme and the benediction prayer. She then read a wonderful story about "The History of Valentine's Day". A man called Valentinus lived many, many years ago. He was of the Christian faith; when the leader of the country made an edict that all had to worship 12 gods---if anyone disobeyed, punishment was death. As Valentinus refused to do so, he was imprisoned. One of his jailers asked if his daughter, Julia, who had been blind from birth, could be brought in to see Valentinus. It was granted. Her fervent prayer was to "see". With prayers said and talking ensued, God did answer her prayer and sight spontaneously occurred: she was healed. Friendship between them was sealed. The evening before he was to be executed, he sent her a message which ended with "from Valentinus". He was executed on February 14, 220 AD. In remembrance, Julia planted an Almond tree at his grave site, a symbol of abiding love and friendship. This was the slow start and through the years the celebration grew and by the 17th century was well observed; continued growing into becoming a world-wide celebration.

Some events of note: 1.) Esther Howland was named mother of Valentine's Day. She started

sending small messages of love and friendship to celebrate this day around 1840, and the card industry has grown to presently over 1 billion cards are being exchanged each year; second only to Christmas. 2.) Samuel Cadbury also started boxed chocolates with heart shaped candies for Valentine's Day. 3.) Alexander Graham Bell applied for his telephone patent on Feb. 14, 1876.

We all then enjoyed a most delicious luncheon of soup (2 kinds), sandwiches (3 kinds), several hors d'oeuvres and a couple of desserts. After the meal Dorothy passed out materials, and we all decorated a white paper gift bag with a Valentine theme--all a little different, but heart-shaped and with an imprinted "saying". All who came signed their names on a piece of paper and it was folded and placed in a basket. At the end of the activities, names were drawn and a wide array of gifts were distributed. Gifts awarded to: Mary Cleer, Donna Edwards, Elaine Freeman, Renee' Stevens, Jean Heddleston, Darlene Schommer, Claudia York, Judy DeFabrizio, Alma Hochstetler and Sue Lobenthal.

Also "Valentine" types of fun puzzles were under each place setting so bags could be filled with gifts and puzzles as take-home favors--plus flavored heart candies.

Elaine reminded that all women were invited to come and join us for our meetings. Next meeting to be at the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone expressed their thanks and appreciation. It was a great event with delicious food, and a wonderful idea it was

WFUMC Administrative Board Meeting

The February Board Meeting was cancelled.

PEANUT BUTTER EGGS



It's that time of year again for our annual peanut butter egg making! We will once again be making at least 19,000 eggs. Every Tuesday starting at 9 am is mixing and forming. Starting at 1 pm it's dipping, trimming, patching and packing. Dippers should be there at 1 PM, packers at 2 PM.

MISSIONS

Noisy Collection

March 25– One Great Hour of Sharing

WFUMC Chimes Fund:

We've installed a New Chimes system (\$9,400). We still need \$2,000 in donations to cover this cost. If donating, please mark "Chimes" on your envelope or in the check memo. Thank you!

WEST FARMINGTON MEETINGS

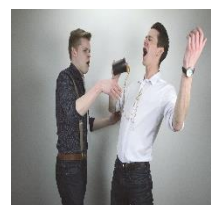
Township Trustee's Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Village Council	First Monday of each month at 7:00pm	Village Hall
Board of Public Affairs	Third Monday of each month 6:00pm	Village Hall
Zoning Commission	Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm	Village Hall

The Spill

Submitted by Wanda Kover



You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere! Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in you cup. Had there been

tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea!

The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others!

Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

More puzzles at:
biblewordgames.com

N	I	A	R	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	S	Y	D	H
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S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	S	A	D	V	L	A
I	P	E	U	B	S	L	M	A	W	R	T	O	C	C
K	E	E	R	T	U	D	E	R	E	H	T	A	G	J
N	D	O	P	N	N	R	K	D	R	E	S	S	E	D
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U	Y	E	N	R	U	O	J	C	D	A	O	I	S	H
G	I	N	I	O	B	A	D	I	A	H	B	R	L	A
M	O	C	K	E	D	G	T	R	E	N	C	H	G	E

ABRAHAM	HUNDRED
AHAB	ISAAC
BAAL	ISRAEL
BLOOD	JEZEBEL
BROOK	JOURNEY
BULLOCK	KINGDOM
BURNT	KISHON
CARMEL	KNIVES
CAVE	LEAPED
CHILDREN	LORD
CLOUD	MOCKED
CUT	OBADIAH
DRESSED	PROPHETS
ELJAH	RAIN
ESCAPE	SACRIFICE
FORSAKEN	SERVANT
FOUR	SPIRIT
GATHERED	TRENCH
GROVES	WATER
COMMANDMENTS	
ANSWERETH	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

_____ Psalm 9

<http://biblewordgames.com>

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Periodically The Courier will be featuring some of Farmington's Past residents. This month's piece will be on The Anthonys. Thanks to Ann Hillier for her input!

Dorothy & John Anthony

Contributed by Ann Hillier



Dorothy Sloan Anthony was born January 21, 1917, in Indiana, PA, the daughter of James Z. Sloan and Sara Monks Sloan. John Anthony was born May 1, 1915, a son of William and Estelle Anthony. They were married on June 7, 1934 at the Sloan homestead in Apollo, PA. Their attendants were Harriet Sloan

Sears and Richard Sloan who were Mrs. Anthony's sister and brother. John (Jigger) and Dorothy were blessed with three children, John Dennis Anthony, David Foster Anthony, and Diane Anthony Spiller. They also were the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Dorothy and John were both graduates of Farmington High School in the Class of 1934. Dorothy was a loyal member of the Farmington Alumni Association. She served as secretary of the organization for 10 years.

John retired in 1980 as office manager at Falls Welding and Manufacturing after 20 years of service and was an estimator for 15 years for various area construction contractors. Dorothy was employed for 30 years at the Tribune Chronicle in Warren, Ohio, where she was books editor and religion editor.

Dorothy was a member of the West Farmington United Methodist Church for 84 years, and John was also a member for 65 years. She served as the church historian for many years, and wrote numerous articles about the history of West Farmington. She was the Grand Marshall of the annual Farmington Festival in 1995. She wrote many historical articles for the festival programs each year. Dorothy was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Trumbull County Historical Society. John was a volunteer for the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years where he was a charter member and served for 12 years on the Farmington Board of Education. He was a life member and chancellor of Knights of Pythias Lodge 333, and served more than 50 years as its master of finance. John and Dorothy were both members of the Windjammer Club and Midwest Region Packard's International, of which Dorothy served on the executive board. She also did free-lance writing for historical and automotive magazines. They both enjoyed traveling, reading, vintage and classic cars, and genealogy. John passed away on December 13, 1993. Dorothy continued to live in their fine, large home on Main Street until the fall of 2008. She moved to Citrus Heights, California to reside with her daughter, Diane, and her son-in-law, Barry Spiller. Dorothy spent most of her time reading books from the local library, and every word of the local newspaper, The Sacramento Bee. However, she never felt that newspaper measured up to the Warren Tribune Chronicle. A lot of her time was spent walking around the block in the subdivision where she resided until the last year or so before her death. Dorothy passed away on February 27, 2013 at Diane and Barry's home after a brief illness. By her prior arrangements, her body was donated to the UC Davis School of Medicine. Dorothy and John will never be forgotten by their family and many friends in West Farmington and nearby towns.

Farmington Senior Center will be having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 17 from 4-6 PM. On the menu is Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Bread Pudding or Cake. **COST: BY DONATION** For reservations or questions call Starr: 330-889-2733

United Methodist leaders respond to #MeToo and #ChurchToo movement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 23, 2018

Over the recent weeks and months, and continuing on a seemingly daily basis, the media have been saturated with stories of persons coming forward with allegations of sexual misconduct perpetrated by individuals in positions of power and authority. The pervasiveness of the power imbalance is a part of every story being told. Responses have ranged from immediate termination of employment of the accused and bribery for silence to invitations for victims to feel shame.

The Council of Bishops together with the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women reaffirm the core beliefs found in The United Methodist Church's Social Principles which clearly state, "sexual harassment must be understood as an exploitation of a power relationship and interfering with the moral mission of the Church."

Further we recognize "sexual assault as wrong no matter the circumstances," and "among women and men, [we] reject the erroneous notion [that] one gender is superior to another." Further, our General Rules, founded by John Wesley direct us to do no harm and do good in every possible way at all times. The sin of sexual misconduct must be named by the Church at every level of ministry. Further, we must confront the environment of coarser public dialog and discourse that provides license and cover for sexual harassment, abuse and assault.

We acknowledge that the Church is also a place where sexual misconduct happens when persons in power positions choose to abuse their power. The stories are all too similar. Alleged victims are often reluctant to come forward fearing they will not be believed or they will experience retaliation and the decision to report will be held against them. Sexual misconduct is a symptom of a systemic problem within our Church and society where patriarchy flourishes.

The Church is a place for spiritual growth. Unfortunately, spiritual violence happens every time a person experiences sexual misconduct within the Church. Nothing excuses this behavior.

In November 2017, before the most recent flurry of stories came forward, the Council of Bishops affirmed, through its members, renewed commitment to addressing the systemic causes of sexual misconduct and abuse of power. Upon invitation, the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women provided two training sessions to the bishops during their recent meeting on topics of sustaining integrity in ministry and response to sexual misconduct.

The Council of Bishops is committed to leading The United Methodist Church in the prevention of sexual misconduct, to offering healing to the victims, and to finding paths for Christ's love to be shown to the perpetrator while maintaining standards of accountability.

The Council of Bishops joins with The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women to strongly encourage and support the reporting of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment allegations within the Church. Our denomination's website, www.umsexualethics.org offers information and a toll free, confidential number for support through the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

To the extent of our ability, we pledge to do the right thing in every complaint received, including listening well to hear the story and developing a response which holds persons accountable and offers healing for all affected.



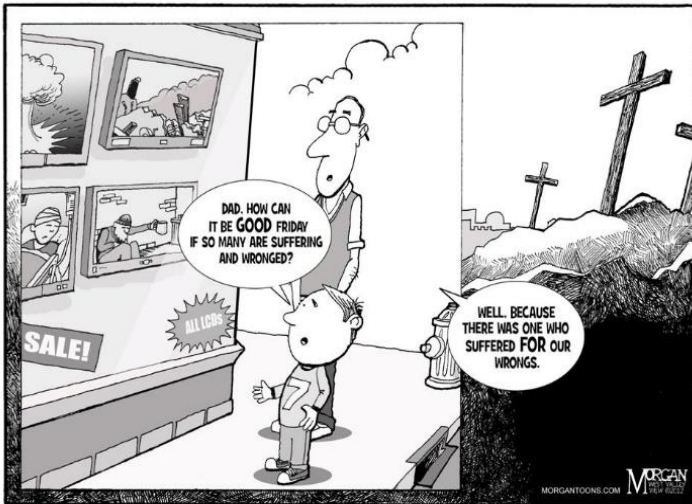
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West Farmington Senior Center

150 College St. * PHONE: 330-889-2733

Weight Watchers

Meeting at the senior center every Thursday

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Meeting starts at 5:30 PM

Breakfast

Breakfast every Monday, reasonably priced and open to all. 7:00 AM to noon

Book Club

Last Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM

Bristol Area Food Ministry (BAFM) Food Distribution Stats for 2017

BAFM food distributions occur on the last Tuesday of each month. Volunteers from the churches help pack the boxes and each month pick up the food boxes and bring them to the church for the families for pickup or delivered. Thank You very much Chuck & Sue Lobenthal! WFUMC is currently serving 12 families. Funding of BAFM is totally from the local churches and miscellaneous local donations. Demands upon the Food Ministry have dropped significantly over the past two years, but costs have also gone up. The only reason we can come up with is that there are fewer people associated to the churches and people don't know they can get assistance through the churches. WFUMC support is noted below. The Food Ministry also accepts food donations and a suggested list of items also follows. Whatever we can do to support this ministry is a blessing to our own community.

Suggest needed food items: Can vegetables, can fruit, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta, can soup, pkgs. of dry soup, peanut butter, jam/jelly, tuna fish, noodles, elbow macaroni, macaroni and cheese, and rice.

NOTE: they cannot accept "out of date" items as BAFM guidelines prohibit it.

2017 Donations:

N. Bristol Christian	\$2135.24
Bristol UMC	\$1692.12
Brethren	\$1400.00
Wildare UMC	\$1270.57
Johnston Fec. UMC	\$1250.00
Southington UMC	\$1200.00
W. Farmington UMC	\$ 604.00
W. Mecca UMC (1/2 yr.)	\$ 583.00
N. Bloomfield UMC	\$ 550.00
Individuals/Organizations	\$3662.35
Total Receipts	\$14,347.28

Families Served

In 2017: 863 families
 In 2016: 1,023 families
 In 2015: 1,071 families.

Total Expenditures \$14,806.39

We also participate with 2nd Harvest Food Ministry out of Youngstown as they bring food stuffs to the Mecca Community Church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We are currently assisting 8 families for this program. We are **in need of a Volunteer** to pick up these food boxes as Pastor Jim is currently handling pickup & deliveries. See Pastor Jim is you can help. Thanks!