



THE MESSENGER

WINDSOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BRANDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March & April 2011

Lent and Easter Worship

March 6: Last Sunday before Lent

March 9: Joint Ash Wednesday Service

1st Christian Church 7:00 p.m.

April 3: UMW Sunday

April 10: Rezound Bell Choir 4 p.m.

April 17: Palm Sunday Procession 10:40 a.m.

April 21: Joint Maundy Thursday Service

1st Christian Church 7:00 p.m.

Communion will be celebrated.

April 22: Joint Good Friday Service

Windsor UMC 7:00 p.m.

April 24: Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m.

Community Sunrise Service

1st Christian Church

NO 8:30 a.m. service WUMC

9:30 a.m. Egg Hunt

10:40 a.m.

Resurrection Celebration





Matt Miofsky is an innovative young pastor appointed to The Gathering UMC in St. Louis. One of the small groups he leads meets at a local Starbucks and is called, “Religion for Skeptics.” The secular location and group name give those attending permission to ask hard questions about the Christian faith. Participants discuss whether science and faith inevitably clash, the believability of some of the Biblical stories, and whether other religions are as good as Christianity.

In my opinion, these type questions, are best answered in conversation with others. So I invite you this Lenten season to a time of asking hard questions and practicing Spiritual Disciplines.

As we do this, I am confident that God will bless us in the use of our hearts and our minds. Let’s start with this question, **“If you could ask God one thing, what would it be?”** And let’s adopt the philosophy of poet Rainer Maria Rilke to **“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves.”**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leggy". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Lent is the season of forty days before Easter, excluding Sundays, that the church sets aside to be more intentional in developing a relationship with God by practicing Spiritual Disciplines. This year, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 9, and lasts until Easter, April 24.

OUR SYMPATHY

The Church family offers our love and sympathy to the family of Billy Lee Merritt who died on January 22.



FINANCIAL NEWS

2011 DISTRICT APPORTIONMENTS PAID

Your continued support has resulted in the church having paid our apportionments for all of 2011 to the Heartland South District. Thanks again for your generosity.

STATISTICS

Attendance in 2011 has averaged 92.

TRUSTEE NEWS

In addition to routine maintenance,

- New handrails have been installed on Main Street between the curb and sidewalk. Appreciative comments on their convenience and appearance have been received.
- The men's bathroom and the choir room have been repainted. Thank you to Dalton and Kathern Moore.
- The Wesley Fellowship room has been repainted, carpeted and redecorated. The cozy furniture and informal atmosphere have elicited many compliments. Much of the furniture was donated from the estate of Betty Gerratono.
- An additional breaker box was added in the kitchen to provide power for new outlets and other upgrades.
- The chair glide, donated by Phyllis Hunt, is now operating. This gift is a special help to those who have been unable to go to the basement because of physical limitations.
- A structural engineer has looked at the leaking ceiling. His report will be discussed at the Trustee meeting March 7.
- The outside storage shed will be installed soon.
- An unused piano in one of the children's Sunday School rooms has been donated to Windsor Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. It replaces the one in their dining area.

MARCH EVENTS



Friday, March 4

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Contributive Luncheon at Noon Prayer Service at 1 p.m. St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, 504 East Benton, Windsor. Program written by Chilean women, "How Many Loaves Have You?"



Saturday, March 5:

CRAFT GROUP START-UP

2 p.m.—4 p.m. Wesley Fellowship Room

If you like to knit, crochet, embroider, or sew, this group is for you. If you don't know how to do these things come anyway, they'd love to teach you. Their work will result in prayer shawls, lap robes, and many other items that provide needed comfort. Any items made and sold by the group will help fund mission projects.



Wednesday, March 9

ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Joint service at First Christian Church. Peggy and Rev. Myra Torrance will officiate.



Thursday, March 24

BLOODMOBILE FELLOWSHIP HALL

1-6 p.m.



Sunday March 27 or Sunday April 3 Butterfly Larvae Distribution

As part of the Lenten/Easter season, the children will be given larvae that will turn to butterflies by Easter. We will also have larvae at church to watch until they are released on Easter morning.

APRIL EVENTS



Sunday, April 3

UMW Sunday

The guest preacher is Priscilla Van Giesen. Her passion is assisting churches in developing, expanding, and strengthening their ministries of prayer, discipleship, spirituality and leadership.

Priscilla is a talented leader of retreats and seminars for both local church and conference events.



**Wednesday April 6 through Friday,
April 8 UMW Rummage Sale**

Wed. 8 a.m.– 8 p.m.

Thurs. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fri. 8 a.m.– 11 a.m.

Receiving items, sorting, and pricing in Fellowship Hall on Monday or Tuesday, April 4 or 5.



Sunday, April 10

Rezound Bell Choir Concert

4 p.m. Rezound is a fourteen member auditioned community handbell ensemble

located in the greater Kansas City area. Our Bell Choir decided to sponsor their visit after members heard them in Clinton last November. A reception will follow the concert.

<http://www.rezound.org/>



Saturday, April 16

Annual Chicken Dinner

4 p.m.—7 p.m.

Advance Tickets \$7.50 (\$8 at the door)

Children 10 and under \$4.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS APRIL 17-24



Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday

A traditional procession of the palms by the children will begin both services. The children will sing in the second service.



Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Maundy Thursday Service at First Christian Church

Also called Holy Thursday, this service commemorates the origin of the sacrament of Holy Communion when Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). The service will include Communion.



Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Windsor UMC

‘Tenebrae’ is a Latin word meaning shadows. The purpose of this service is to recreate the emotional aspects of Jesus’ death. The service ends in near total darkness and there is no benediction. Participants leave in silence.



Saturday, April 23

Easter Pancake Breakfast

7:30 a.m. —10:30 a.m. Prior to the annual parade, the church will serve this traditional breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Donations accepted. The church will have a float in the parade too. Details will be available soon.

EASTER SUNDAY



Sunday, April 24, 7:00 a.m.

Community Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at First Christian Church.

Preaching: Rev. Gene Ekstrand from the Assembly of God Church



Sunday, April 24 Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m.

Everyone welcome! Children will hunt eggs. Youth are asked to help and to hide eggs.



Sunday, April 24

10:40 a.m.

One Worship Service

Expect the Unexpected!

ALSO IN APRIL



Thursday, April 21: Samaritan Center Food Distribution

11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Beginning on the third Thursday of April the Windsor UMC will become a distribution site for the Henry County Samaritan Center. This six month trial will determine if the 92 families currently traveling to Clinton monthly to visit the Samaritan Center can be more effectively served by a local site. We are collaborating with other area churches to pick up the food in Clinton on Wednesday, distribute it to the clients Thursday, and return any unused items to Clinton on Friday.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



On February 13, sixteen youth and adults traveled to Grand Avenue Temple UMC in downtown Kansas City. They took 1317 items donated by Windsor members and friends for distribution to homeless persons living in the area. In addition to worshipping with the “sojourners”, the group served 220 noon meals.

A partial list of the items donated included: 6 blankets, 10 winter coats, 63 men’s shirts or sweaters, and 40 pair of slacks or sweats. Women’s garments included: 146 shirts or sweatshirts, and 52 pair of slacks or sweats. A large quantity of children’s clothing was also given. Both genders will use the 81 pairs of socks, 15 toothbrushes, 16 laundry packets, 57 packages of lip balm, motel size lotion (55) and hand soap (122). A complete of donated items list is posted on the bulletin board.

Grand Avenue’s worship team was asked to lead a service at Windsor UMC. They will join us May 15 at the 10:40 a.m. service. Two weeks afterward, May 29, Windsor is scheduled to visit them again and serve the noon meal.



A reception was held for member Andy Schimek, husband of church secretary Jennifer, on February 27. Andy will be deploying soon for Afghanistan. When his mailing address is available we will publish it so church members can remain in contact with Andy.



4th—Jr. High Sunday School Class

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAYS OF CARING GOAL MET

The challenge to collect **500 cans of food for the Windsor Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry has been met.** The group collected over 450 items; money was donated that will purchase at least 50 more. The food will be dedicated in worship March 6. During Sunday School the group will deliver the items to First Christian Church where the pantry is housed. The most recent total for the national effort was \$8,753,346 worth of food generated by 10,790 groups.



The Windsor Varsity Boys Basketball Team continues to rack up points, each of which is worth \$.25 for Nothing But Nets. To date they have

scored more than 1600 points which will purchase 40 insecticide treated bed nets. These nets will save 160 lives, most of them African children by protecting them from being bitten by malaria infested mosquitoes.



The after Courtwarming breakfast February 25 served between 55 and 60 youth. They gathered in Fellowship Hall for scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, pancakes, fruit, pastries, and drinks. The bad weather kept attendance down so the church enjoyed leftovers after the 8:30 a.m. service on February 27. Thanks to all who donated and to those who cooked and served.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 - Sarah Goosen

7 - Sally Armstrong

10 - Glynn Morse

11 - Adrienne Albert

17 - Alice Armstrong

19 - Ronald Rhodes

23 - Roberta Berube

24 - Barry Varner

29 - Mary Lou Toft

30 - Teddy Houts

2 - Jane Ann Varner

9 - Patrick Rogers

10 - Peggy Sue Mountain

11 - Nancy Marlow

17 - Reid Varner

20 - Donna Sample

23 - Danielle Craig

29 - Amanda Kline

30 - Macy Fosnow

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

10 - Elmo McClung

15 - Beverly Hinton

19 - Savannah Stiles

23 - Donald Hill

26 - Stacy Brennan

29 - Kyle Houts

10 - Megan Rice

17 - Clara Krough

21 - Teresa Rice

26 - Brie Bohon

28 - Glenn Varner

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Charles & Clarice North

24 - Larry & Jesse Crain



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Douglas & Betty Paxton

12 - Hank & Melanie Johnson

26 - Mark & Amy Moser

28 - David & Karen Neufeld

MARCH USHERS

Jeff Hunt

Ron Rhodes

APRIL USHERS

Bill Marlow

Mark Rogers

Bob Hinton

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Two scholarships are available to High School Seniors who are active members of Windsor UMC and plan to attend college after graduation. A \$500 scholarship will be given in honor of Evelyn Barnet Sloan and Beulah Sloan McCoy and a \$250 scholarship will be awarded in honor of Henry and Anna Salonen. **Applications are available in the church office and due by April 30.** Recipients will be honored in church on Mother's Day, May 8.



If you are considering membership at Windsor United Methodist, the first step is to attend Coffee with the Pastor where you'll learn more about the church, get to know the pastor and staff, and review expectations regarding membership. Our first two Coffees will be after the second service on Sunday, March 20 and April 3.



If you are interested in the sacrament of Baptism, speak with the pastor at any time. You can phone or stop by the office.

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