

March 2, 2008

Welcome to Worship and Praise

4th Sunday in Lent

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*Items on the left margin are for 9:00 a.m. Items on the right margin are for 11:00 a.m.
Items that extend all the way across the page are for both services.*

THE PEOPLE GATHER

A CALL TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

MUSIC AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

“The Great Physician” – John Stockton

Acolytes

RAISING OUR VOICES IN THANKS AND PRAISE - Please stand if you are able

♪ Let It Rise (ppt)

♪ UMH 57 O For a Thousand Tongues

♪ Great Is the Lord FWS 2022

♪ My Tribute UMH 99

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (please sign the friendship pads)

HEARING AND EXPERIENCING THE GOOD NEWS

♪ UMH 454 Open My Eyes (seated)

WE PRAY TOGETHER (in unison)

Leader: Let us gather together all whose lives would proclaim God’s glory.

PEOPLE: WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD’S PRESENCE AND POWER.

Leader: We surrender before God all that we are and do.

PEOPLE: WITH COURAGE, WE WILL SHARE GOD’S PRESENCE WITH THOSE AROUND US.

Leader: Then let us gather in song and praise for all the world to hear!

ALL: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD.

(in unison)

Lord, so often we fail to pray. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we did not seek your will; or for the times we had so little faith, we would not pray; or for the times we were even afraid to come before you. Open our spiritual eyes, Lord, that we might again know your glory and that the world might see through our lives, the wonders of your mercy. In Christ we pray. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BIBLE. John 9:1-41

“Jesus encounters a man born blind”

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Josh Brown & Hannah Bainum Rising Tides
“When I get Where I’m Going ”
by Brad Paisley and Dolly Parton

◆ Following the Ministry of Music, children age four through grade three are invited to go to Children’s Church, upstairs in Room #201.

THE MESSAGE “OPEN THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS”

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

♪ (seated) UMH 367 He Touched Me ♪ (seated) Glorify Thy Name FWS 2016

THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

Your regular giving fulfills the mission and ministry of our church by –

- Providing materials and facilities for Sunday School and small groups;
- Supporting training for lay speakers and lay pastors all across the country..

We give our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

♪ Offertory “Be Thou My Vision” Gilbert M. Martin The Prayer of Dedication
based on the traditional Irish tune

♪ "Praise God..." (Please stand if you are able) UMH 95 ♪ Offertory
The Prayer of Dedication

♪ UMH 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
(tune: Beecher #384)

♪ How Great Is Our God (ppt)

*Please stand, if you are able (Acolytes)
At the close of this service there is a time for those who have special prayer needs. You are invited to come to the front pew or to the kneeling step during this closing song. The pastor will meet you there.*

A BLESSING (in unison)

Now may God, who has made the world and filled it with beauty, give us eyes to see the mysteries and miracles around us, and make our hearts rejoice this day and every day. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

♪ SINGING OUR BLESSING . . . Through It All UMH 507

MUSIC TO ENERGIZE US AS WE GO TO REFLECT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

“Spirituoso” Alessandro Scarlatti

**Schedule of Activities for the
Week of March 2nd, 2008 – March 9th**

TODAY 2nd: 4th Sunday in Lent (One Great Hour of Sharing)

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel: Video Series: Yeshua-Exploring the Jewish roots of Jesus
- 6:00 p.m. Intro. to the New Testament Bible Study (Jim & Tracy Taylor's 4143 Dela Palma Rd. phone 724-3368)
- 6:30 p.m. NO Sing-a-Long Gang
- 7:00 p.m. NO Handbell Practice
- 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. CrossRoads Drama group presents "AND SO THEY HAD NONE" a mystery dinner theater event in Fellowship Hall. The meal is going to be fabulous, your choice of Chicken Scampi or Roast Beef. John and Lisa Houchin are going to be running the kitchen. The youth are really coming along with the mystery sketch. The cost is \$15 for adult and \$10 for students. Babysitting can be available if you let us know – we can have youth manning the nursery. Proceeds are going to benefit the Mission trip to serve a displaced Haitian population in Nassau.

MONDAY 3rd: 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack # 84 (2nd Grade) meeting in Room #205

7:00 p.m. Women's Christian Fellowship Group (See item #1)

TUESDAY 4th: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 6th Grade After School Group (Bring money for snack)

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #84 (3rd Grade) meeting in Room #205

WEDNESDAY 5th: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

- 2:30 p.m. Quilting Mission Group meeting at Williamsburg High School

- 3:30 p.m. Tutoring in Fellowship Hall

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Tigers (4th Grade) meeting in Room #205

THURSDAY 6th: Last day for bulletin information to be turned into the office for this week

- 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. 5th Grade After School Group (Bring \$3.00 for an after school snack)

- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Juniors Troop #1802 meeting in Room #205

- 3:30 p.m. Tutoring in Fellowship Hall

- 6:00 p.m. CrossRoads Student Ministries hosting MRDD Bingo in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 8th: 9:00 a.m. Basket Class in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

TBA - Rising Tides Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 9th: 5th Sunday in Lent (Daylight Saving Time begins)

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CrossRoads Revolution- We're still on track for these pumped up God experiences. Join us as we continue to look at what it means to think of others before yourself.
- 6:30 p.m. Sing-a-Long Gang
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

(1) WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP: The theme of the evening will be "Scrapbooking." Kim Jeffers will give attendees ideas and suggestions for creating a small "Brag Book of Blessings" to carry in a purse. Bring 8-10 photos that are special, and that you don't mind cutting to fit the space on each page. Plan to attend and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship!

(2) OLDER ADULTS & FRIENDS: On Tuesday March 11, 6:00 p.m. We would like to invite the Older Adults and Friends to a get together in the Fellowship Hall. We will join together for an evening of food and fellowship. With your help and great cooking we're planning a soup, sandwich and dessert dinner. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex Sunday, March 2nd to sign up your specialty in cooking. Please sign-up what you would like to bring on this sheet. We will also be discussing and finalizing plans for a trip to Hillsboro to see the Easter Passion Play. Surprisingly that will be the last of March. We will also be planning some fun things to do this summer. Hoping to see you at both events!

(3) RUMMAGE SALE: The Williamsburg United Methodist Women will have a rummage sale on Saturday, April 5 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you have anything to donate, we are accepting clothing, toys, small appliances, and household items.

(4) NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH AT 10:00 a.m.: Join us in room #208 upstairs for this new Bible Study called the "Life and Ministry of the Messiah". We will learn about how Jesus' life and ministry were lived out in places like Masada, Chorazin and the Mount of Beatitudes. We will also learn what Jesus' message from 2000 years ago means for us today. For additional information call Jim or Tracy Taylor at 724-3368.

(5) HELP NEEDED: The Emergency Mission is in need of a few volunteers who could help with getting food in Batavia once a month. Please call Evalou Jones at 724-3381 or 505-1775

(6) EMERGENCY MISSION: The Mission is in need of cleaning supplies & dish soap. Please place items donated in basket outside the Pastor's office.

(7) LAST REMINDER: Life Line Screening will be Monday, March 10. The pink sheet in narthex has complete information needed to sign up.

(8) MINISTRY UPDATE – FEBRUARY 24, 2008

Christian Education Classes and Groups	88	Average YTD 91
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service	74 + 93 = 167	Average YTD 181
Received Last week for the Budget: \$3,784.00		
Received last week for other purposes: \$		
Budget Goal Year to Date: \$39,720.00		
Received for the Budget YTD: \$32,720.00		
Budget Expenses YTD: \$ 47,093.32		

CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY NOTES:

Friday March 14th – Sunday March 16th we will travel to Muncie, Indiana for ACQUIRE THE FIRE. Check out www.acquirethefire.com for all of the information. Cost will be \$125.00 for everything including meals.

Sunday March 16th 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Movie Night! Come to the youth room for some good food and a good flick!

Sunday, March 23rd 7:00 a.m. EASTER BREAKFAST AND SUNRISE SERVICE

www.williamsburgumc.com

Week of March 2nd



WE JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.

James 5:16

PRAYER FOCUS:

Chris & Ellie Preston
Bob & Jackie Reynolds

Rob Reed
Floyd & Janis Reynolds

Join us as we pray our way through the membership of the congregation. Some week, it will be you.

CURRENT CONCERNS:

For **Bert Matthis** is recuperating at home

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM LAST SUNDAY'S PRAYER CARDS:

For **Ray Tussey** submitted by Phyllis Scott

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM ONLINE SOURCES:

For **Tom Brown** (Munch Brown's Father) submitted by Missi & Munch Brown

ON GOING CONCERNS LONG TERM:

Kitty Arwine	Shirley Smith (Mary Ann Lefker's Mother)	
Dick Forney	Drew (Great Nephew of Marge McCollum)	
Gene Wilson	Mary Vaughan	David White
Marian Truske	Jerry Burger	Ed Wright
Betty Lykins	Hazel Cox	Jessie Abrams
Mollie Dreher (Herb & Sandy Rowan's daughter)	Darlene Weisbrod (Dorothy Lewis' sister)	
Mike Proud (Kim Jeffers' and Cassie Lefker's Dad)	Chris Hall (Rita Abrams' son)	
Thelma Jeffers (Tim's mother)		

NURSING HOMES AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS:

Verna Burger - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Wanda Merkle – Batavia Nursing & Convalescent Inn
Mary Bare – The Arbors of Milford
Eleanor Piffer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
Sam Maham – Villa Georgetown Nursing Home
Lloyd Frodge (Don Frodge's Father) - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Wayne Roundy (Carolee Grehan's Father) Otterbein Home

RETIREMENT CENTERS:

May Marshall - Eastgate Village
Geneva Carter (Dave Carter's Mother) - Eastgate Village
Fred Dyer (Jim Dyer's Father) – Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

A1C Patrick Fender	patch_fender@yahoo.com	
AMN Stephen Jordan	Brian Cramer	Paul Wabnitz
Ryan Frazee USAF	1Lt. David McCollum	Jacob Kidd
Zach Cluxton	Zachary Albasin	SR Jacob Albasin
Lt. Col. David Parr	Lt. Col. Liza Parr	Isaac Meese
Bryan Carmean USAF	John Stone	Christopher Palmer
Michael Frischhertz	Jason Pollard	Ben Zsabo
NC, USN Craig L. Duncan	Jeff Brown	Bob Fee
SSgt. Mark Gatch	Shannon Bibbee	Brandon Reid
Nick Richards USAF		

Pray for our service men and women as they leave the military to go back to civilian life.

WE WILL HAVE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR EASTER

If you want to place a flower on the altar at Easter in memory or in honor of a loved one, the Basket and Treasures Flower & Gift Shop will deliver them for you. If you bring one in, you must give the church office the information needed for the bulletin and put the name on the plant of the person who is to receive it.

The selection and prices of the flowers from the flower shop is as follows:

6" Hyacinth, Tulip or Daffodil	\$ 10.00
6" Easter Lily (1 stem)	12.00
8" Easter Lily (2 stems)	25.00
6" Mum, Cyclamen, or Kalanchoe,	12.00
6" Hydrangea	24.00
Three 4" plants or three violets in a basket	15.00

To order from Baskets and Treasures Flower & Gift Shop, call 724-9700. Your selection of flowers will be greater if your order is placed soon!

Holy Land 2009

Have you always wanted to visit the Holy Land? Or have you been and can't wait to go again? In February 2009 you will have your chance to visit this special place. Join us for 10 days in the Holy Land and visit places like Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and the Mt. of Beatitudes. What a wonderful way to strengthen and increase your faith! This trip will make the Bible come alive. An informational meeting will be held in March so watch for a future announcement. For further information before March contact Jim or Tracy Taylor at 724-3368.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2010

Mark your calendars for the Oberammergau Passion Play being held in 2010. We are planning a trip to see this famous Passion Play in July 2010. This is an 8 day trip to include visits to Munich and Dachau, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Italy and the Brenner Pass and of course a full day at the Passion Play. There will also be an opportunity to experience other areas of Europe with a pre or post trip extension. An informational meeting will be held soon so watch for further information. If you would like to talk with someone before the meeting please contact Pat Louiso at 724-7920 or Tracy Taylor at 724-3368