

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • MARCH 2019

# *The Herald*

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.

# Messiah

What does it mean to be a  
follower of the Messiah?

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

What does it mean to follow the Messiah? You may recall that a couple of years ago, we looked at the texts of Handel's *Messiah* during Advent. Part I of *Messiah* deals with the predictions of and birth of the Messiah. Parts II and III cover the predictions of the Messiah's betrayal, death, and resurrection. We might discover some new things together (for instance, *Hallelujah* isn't associated with the Christmas portion, but is located at the end of Part II). I hope you'll find the journey through the texts both interesting and helpful to your faith walk.

There are some things going on during this month that can also help you explore *Messiah*. Members of our congregation have written devotionals based on the Biblical texts Handel used to compose Parts II and III of *Messiah*. Printed copies of the devotionals will be available by Sunday, March 3, and you can read along each day. The daily devotion will also be sent via e-mail and posted to social media.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 6. Otterbein UMC will host our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 pm. Prepare yourself to observe a holy Lent by receiving the ashes from last year's palm branches. Also, if you've not already committed, you can sign up to participate in our Lenten study, "Five Means of Grace." We'll be meeting on Sundays from 4:30-5:30 pm in Asbury Hall. The cost of materials is \$10; those who previously signed up will have materials available to pick up in the narthex on March 3. If you did not register early, we'll still be able to order you materials on March 4, and will do our best to provide you with a copy of the printed material before the first class on March 10.

I wish you all a holy Lent, as we consider what it means to be in relationship with the Messiah.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jay Regan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Pastor Jay

## *Just One*

Our March “Just One” item for the NOW Program is deodorant. We’ll happily receive both women’s and men’s stick deodorant (no sprays, please). You can place your donations in the box marked “Just One” outside the church office.

## *Ash Wednesday*

For Ash Wednesday on March 6, we are partnering with Otterbein UMC. It will be held at 6:00 pm in their sanctuary. Come join us as we begin the season of Lent.

## *Worship Arts Day*

March 16th, 9:00 am-12:00 p.m.  
It's time to get creative at Worship Arts Day! Many hands are needed to join in the making of sanctuary decor. Several projects are being planned for the morning that will make our worship space more vibrant. No specialized talent required! Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office if you plan to attend.

## *FCA*

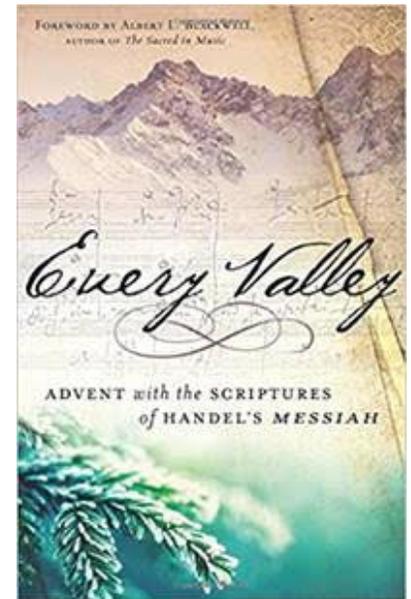
Robinson FUMC will once again be hosting a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm. We need your help! There is a sign up in the welcome center for food, setting up, and taking down.

## *New in the Church Library*

- Robert Quick

The church library is offering *Every Valley: Advent with the Scriptures of Handel's Messiah* to supplement Rev. Jay's Lenten sermon series on parts 2 and 3 of Handel's *Messiah*. Amazon describes this book: "Forty reflections journey in order through the oratorio, taking the reader deeper into less-often studied texts like Malachi 3:3 and bringing new light to oft-recited passages like Luke 2:9-14. Each reflection offers the libretto from *Messiah*, the same passage in NRSV, and a brief commentary on the text, written by a respected scholar or pastor."

It will be available at the welcome center, first come, first served. When done, please return to the desk in the library.



*One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato, Four*  
**Care News from Stephen Ministries**

- Janelle Oxford

Our Stephen Ministry folks invite everyone to join them for a yummy potato bar with all the fixings and desserts for the March Second Wednesday! Mark your calendar for March 13 and plan to join us for a night of good food and fun fellowship! There will be a free will donation taken as we continue to work to raise funds to send our Stephen Leaders to their training in Orlando coming up in June.

Stephen Leaders will attend a week-long training that will help them prepare to run a fruitful Stephen Ministry with integrity as well as learn how to train our Stephen Ministers. The training costs include hotel, training, and most meals for the week. All Stephen Ministers will then go through 50 hours of training that Stephen Leaders will provide before Stephen Ministers will be commissioned. Stephen Ministry funds will also be used to purchase resources that will be used with Care Receivers. Currently, we have begun sending grief books to those within our church family and beyond. Stephen Ministry thanks Pastor Jay for his personal donation and the outreach committee for their support in purchasing a total of 35 sets of grief books to get us started. If any of you have questions or would like to learn more, please see Pastor Jay, Janelle Oxford, Marcia Schmidlin, or Linda Null. 1 John 3:18 reminds us, "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." We thank you for continued prayers and hope to see you all at Second Wednesday on March 13!



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## *Chip In*

*On Sunday, February 24, Pam Cooper gave a presentation on how to give to the church online.  
In case you missed it, here is the information you need!*

Chip-In is a product created by the company, Beyond. <https://www.getbeyond.com/chip-in>

There are two sides to our Chip-In technology -- "Donate" and "Buy". We propose using Chip-In to create a simple donation page which can be used across all channels -- on our website, in newsletters, on Facebook, or by texting -- to allow donors to use their credit or debit cards to give to the church. This same link also can be set up to sell tickets to special events, or collect donations of designated gifts, such as Youth, Missions, Capital Campaign, etc. Additionally, we provide "virtual terminal" credentials which allows the church office to take a credit card donation or payment over the phone.

The "Buy" side of Chip-In creates a new revenue stream when members purchase from our network of merchants who give back to the community. This technology includes a mobile app the donor downloads to their smart phone. The supporter would select First UMC as their favorite charity, then securely link their credit or debit card and use that card to buy from businesses. This program is just launching in our area, but it will be a great way to buy local while raising money for our mission. Here's a link to an explanatory video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmnfgsXUwbQ>. You can find the app in your phone's app store by searching for "Beyond Chip-In".

There is no cost to sign up for the program or any of the special features. The only cost is for processing the actual donation payment. Our fee is a flat 2.25% + \$0.10/transaction, with no other monthly charges. Additionally, we prompt the donor to cover to cost of processing, which they frequently do.

## *March Birthdays*

- 3/1 Pat McMillan  
3/4 Allison McGahey,  
Stephanie Correll, Patty Lycan  
3/5 Joe Cooper  
3/7 Susan Rodgers  
3/8 Beth Johnson  
3/10 Marcia Schmidlin,  
Chad Veenstra, Edy Treadway  
3/11 Bernice Kibler, Sandy Roberson,  
Christopher Dhom  
3/12 Lane Utterback  
3/13 Bill Damron  
3/15 Thelma Gifford  
3/19 Dorothy Fasig  
3/22 Jonathon Murray  
3/23 David Correll, Joann Stram  
3/25 Nathan Devonshire, Barbara Bell  
3/29 Nina Davis; Greg Daugherty  
3/30 Mark Correll, Tammy Jones,  
Luke Anderson

## *March Anniversaries*

- 3/15 Jeff & Sherri Murrell  
3/23 Charles & Nancy Young

## *Prayer Requests*

John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl and Helen Blanton; Michael Brady; Patty Steele; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Jennifer Newlin; Jennifer Null; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Ray Dotson; Bev Arrington Campbell; Margie Moore McNamara; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; John Poland; Joan Fulling; Nancy Young; Tim Roth; Fred White; Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Nelda Dotson; Kim Collins; Bill Hubbard; Ashley Griffith; Claudette Mejean; Ava Seaney; Demmie Long; Jaycie Hoagland; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough; Tonja Bradford; Charley Clark; Sheltyn James Henry; Coleen Roach; Layton Roy; Susan Rodgers; Norris Adams; Rick Pritchard; Dana Bishop; Carl Tarwater; Helen Larrabee; Diane Crampton; Jim Barnett; Family of Mark Stone; Family of Kenny McBride; Chris Blair

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| <p>3<br/> <b>8:00 am</b><br/>                     Glory Handbell Rehearsal<br/> <b>9:00 am</b><br/>                     Worship<br/> <b>10:00 am</b><br/>                     Sunday School<br/> <b>10:00 am</b><br/>                     Confirmation Class<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Evening Worship</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5<br/> <b>10:30 am</b><br/>                     MATS<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Jesus and the Gospels</p> | <p>6<br/> <b>6:30 am</b><br/>                     Refresh Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/> <b>3:00 pm</b><br/>                     Kids' Club<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Ash Wednesday Service at Otterbein UMC<br/> <b>7:30 pm</b><br/>                     FCA Huddle Meeting</p> | <p>7<br/> <b>9:30 am</b><br/>                     Jesus and the Gospels<br/> <b>4:00 pm</b><br/>                     NOW Bagging<br/> <b>5:30 pm</b><br/>                     Couples Small Group<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Jail Ministry<br/> <b>6:30 pm</b><br/>                     Glory Handbell Rehearsal</p> | <p>8<br/> <b>4:00 pm</b><br/>                     Confirmation Retreat Departs</p> | <p>9</p> |
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| <p>10<br/> <b>8: &amp; 11 am</b><br/>                     Chancel Choir Rehearsal<br/> <b>9:00 am</b><br/>                     Worship<br/> <b>10:00 am</b><br/>                     Sunday School<br/> <b>2:30 pm</b><br/>                     Heritage Health Service<br/> <b>4:30 pm</b><br/>                     Lenten Bible Study<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Evening Worship</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12<br/> <b>10:30 am</b><br/>                     MATS<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Jesus and the Gospels</p> | <p>13<br/> <b>6:30 am</b><br/>                     Refresh Breakfast &amp; Bible Study<br/> <b>3:00 pm</b><br/>                     Kids' Club<br/> <b>5:30 pm</b><br/>                     Second Wednesday Dinner<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Stephen Ministry Meeting</p> | <p>14<br/> <b>9:30 am</b><br/>                     Jesus and the Gospels<br/> <b>4:00 pm</b><br/>                     NOW Bagging<br/> <b>5:30 pm</b><br/>                     Couples Small Group<br/> <b>6:00 pm</b><br/>                     Jail Ministry<br/> <b>6:30 pm</b><br/>                     Glory Handbell Rehearsal</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16<br/> <b>9:00 am</b><br/>                     Worship Arts Day</p> |
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