

THE HOWARD HERALD

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February 2018

First off, my family and I want to say a big “Thank You” to the whole congregation for your Christmas gift! It was very much appreciated and very



generous- especially in light of the much greater blessing I enjoy every single day, of being the pastor of such a wonderful congregation! As I've said many times, I have to resist the urge to brag about you guys when I'm around other pastors!

Secondly, another big “Thank You” for all of your support of those less fortunate during December! The weekly Noisy Buckets for Interfaith Human Services raised \$282 and the non-perishable food donations for the Faith Centre Food Bank brought in a huge pile of food! (Thanks to Patti Long for delivering it all to the food bank!)

And, looking forward, we've got some interesting events coming up:

-On **Sunday, February 4th**, at 11:30AM in our Fellowship Hall, we'll be having a free light lunch, followed by a talk about **Opioid Addiction** by Rev. Clyde Mighells of Howard's Lighthouse Reformed Church. This tragedy is sweeping our nation, ruining lives, as the news shows us more and more every day. Now is the time to learn about this problem and local resources, so we can be prepared to help our families, friends, and neighbors if and when needed. Please come, and invite your friends and neighbors to this important meeting!

-**Wednesday, February 14th** is Valentine's Day—and also **Ash Wednesday**—the start to Lent (the lead up to Easter on April 1st). At 7:00 PM in the sanctuary we'll have quiet, meditative service to begin the season.

^-**Thursday, February 15th**, from 11AM to 1PM in our Fellowship Hall, will be our February **Soup Sale**. Cost is \$6.00 for lunch or quarts of soup. Pre-orders for quarts of soup should be made by Sunday prior to luncheon. Contact Patti Long at 814-625-2182. Proceeds from soup sales are designated to local missions in the area. Invite a friend, come for lunch and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship while supporting a worthy cause!

Prayer Needs

Lisa Bechtol	Sharyn Leach	Ryan Dodds	Frank & Verna King
Linda Butler	Ruth Graffius	Terry Yarrison	Paul & Delores Mills
Nancy Confer	Tony Miele	Bruce Bryerton	Melvin & Shirley Lucas
Deb Gardner	Aaron Wilson	Shirley Caskey	Harold & Stella Spicer
Dot Gardner	Joey Rozycki	Luella Bowser	Tom & Tosha Packer
Bill Miller	Rick Styers	Rochelle Spicer	Mary Virginia Stolz
Sue Dyke	Shirley Bittner	Georgette Nuss	Donna Rathmell
Jack Allar	Michael Keller	Andrew Strouse	Charlie Duncan
Amy Rose	Laura Tement	Bobby DeArment	Kylene DeFrate
Lois Nyman	Howard Hatton	Vickie & Skye	Lyle Long
Bill Snyder	Brenda Buckle	Myrtle Heverly	Bill Scheuchenzuber
Ryan Confer	Becky Masorti	Nate Long	

Our Military Friends and Family

Peter DeFrate	Logan Thompson	Lauren Reed	Robert Dunlap
Tim Tressler	Benjamin Hunter	Kylie Masters	Gage Barnard
			Troy Confer

Home Communion- If you or someone you know would like communion served in their home, please let me know. We can arrange a time, and I have a simple service we can do together. -Pastor Craig



We have decided to discontinue the practice of mailing the church newsletters to local Post Office mailboxes. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available in the library area; and, Wanda will continue to have the newsletters posted to the church's website (<http://howardum.org>). Church family members that do not live in the Howard area will continue to receive their copy via the US Mail.



Show Support for those fighting Cancer! Please pray and wear pink on Tuesdays to show support for all of our loved ones who are fighting Cancer. Let's turn the whole town PINK!! Please remember Barb, Sharyn, Kane and others who have been attacked by this horrific disease. Let's show them how much we love them by supporting them in this small way.



Card & Flower Ministry

If you know of someone connected with our church who is ill, hospitalized, or experienced a death in the family, Howard UMC would like to send them a card. Please contact **Joy Oakley (814-383-2265)** with the name and address of the person to receive the card. You may also contact Joy via her email address: bmverkson@embarqmail.com. Your assistance in helping the church let others know we are thinking of them is appreciated!



FEBRUARY SOUP SALE!!

The Howard United Methodist church will be hosting a Soup Sale Luncheon on **Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

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SUPPORT THE SOUP SALE LUNCHEON



There are so many different ways for everyone to help make this mission a success...set-up, prepping food, setting and clearing tables, clean up...many, many ways! Sign-up sheets are located in the library area:

- 1) Providing desserts, prepping on Wednesday, and working Thursday
- 2) Pre-orders for quarts of soup

For questions, please contact Connie Beck at 814-625-2231 or Patti Long at 814-625-2182.



Chair Massage: Seth Woodring offers Chair Massages at Howard UMC on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30. Come and relax with some hands on care. Five to twenty-minute slots are available for \$1 per minute.

Nursery Volunteers


Date	Volunteer	Volunteer
2/4	Deb Simoncek	Helen Meyer
2/11	Rhonda Ternent	Fay Watson
2/18	Patti Long	Wanda Nyman
2/25	Joy Oakley	Sydney Sayers
3/4	Brenda Shaw	Wendy Hanna-Rose

Nursery Available: We are pleased to offer a staffed nursery for children, which is available following the children's sermon through the end of the worship service.

Nursery Guidelines:

- The nursery is for children through kindergarten age.
- Background checks for our nursery volunteers are processed through the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- Please escort children to the nursery and come for them following the worship service.
- If a child becomes upset for longer than a few minutes, we will contact a parent/family member during the service. (Sometimes there is an adjustment period for children; we want this to be a positive experience for her/him.)
- Children who are not feeling well or are exhibiting visible signs of not feeling well should not be brought to the nursery.

We are pleased to make this opportunity available. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery or have suggestions regarding this ministry, please contact the church office.

	FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS		MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
	Stem, Charles	2-February	Phillips, Martina	1-March
	Neff, Ken	6- February	Mills, Paul	1-March
	Reed, Olivia	7- February	Bauman, Ray	3-March
	Heverly, Carla	8- February	Spicer, Stella	6-March
	Watson, Fay	10- February	Simoncek, Deb	6-March
	DeArment, Taylor	12- February	Beck, Lester	7-March
	Neff, Beulah	12- February	Graffius, Ruth	9-March
	Stem, Fay	14- February	Miele, Tony	13-March
	Diane Gates	19-February	Gardner, Emily	15-March
	Zivanovic, Erin	23- February	Confer, Lanfen	17-March
	Gates, Cory	23-February	Confer, Tammie	18-March
	McWilliams, Glenn Jr	23- February	Burris, Bob	21-March
	Simoncek, Mia	24- February	Sayers, Syd	23-March
	Etters, Barb	26- February	Leach, Sharyn	24-March
Reed, Emily Shay	27- February	Dyke, Kaiden	29-March	
Shay, Deb	28- February	DeArment, Trudy	30-March	
	FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES		MARCH ANNIVERSARY	
	Paul and Delores Mills	7-February	Ken and Rhonda Neff	30-March