

THE COMMUNICATOR

March 08, 2026

COMMUNITY IS A GREAT PLACE
TO BELONG DURING LENT.



MARCH 8, 2026

**Sunday, March 08, 2026
9:00 am Service**

**Prelude – Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley - Dr. Kim
Acolyte: Fynlee Griffin**

**Welcome/Announcements
*How Firm a Foundation – UMH 529 vs. 1,2,5***

Greeting – Alice Chester

**Call to Worship – Dave Stevens
Psalter 815**

Psalm 22 – Dave Stevens

God Is So Good – FWS 2056 vs. 1 & 3

Children’s Message – Kara Rettkowski

Abide With Me – Victory Ringers

John 15: 1-11 – Dave Stevens

**“Lectio Divina” – Rev. Marie Smith
Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
*There’s Something About That Name – UMH 171***

Offering

Offertory: Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee – Dr. Kim

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow – UMH 95

Trust and Obey – UMH 467 vs. all

Benediction

Postlude – Rise Again - Dr. Kim

**Sunday, March 08, 2026
10:30 am Service**

Welcome – Levi Graf

***Firm Foundation (He Won't)
Trust In You
How Great Is Our God***

Announcements

Offering

**Psalm 22
John 15: 1-11**

“Lectio Divina” – Rev. Marie Smith

Lighting of Candles

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Benediction

Prayer List for Mar. 05, 2026

Doug Sweazy	Emma
Melissa Matz	Eddie Aslinger
Jo Shappard	Carrie Purk
Larry Bond	Debbie Shoemaker
Dale Cline	Gene Grace
	Linda
	Marianne Wood

**Ball Family – Passing of Jay Ball
Gabriel Family – Passing of Doug Gabriel
Minor Family – Passing of Jim Minor
White Family – Passing of Tina White**

Altar flowers are in celebration of Irelynd Welch's birthday from the Southward Family.

White rose on the altar is in memory of Donna Ruck.



Membership Class

Please join Pastor Marie **this Sunday for a Membership Class on March 8th at 2pm** if you would like to know more about the United Methodist Church or our Church. We will be having people join the church Palm Sunday March 29th at both services. If you are interested in baptism or renewing your baptism please let Pastor Marie know.

Pizza with the Pastor

Also, if you would like to get to know more about the church or Pastor Marie, NOT a membership class, join Pastor Marie **this Sunday, March 8th at 12:30 for 'Pizza with the Pastor'**. Children and families are welcome. This is a 30-60 minute informal get-to-know Pastor Marie and an overview of the church. We would love for you to stay after service and join us for this informal gathering.



Thank you for your kind gift on my retirement as recording secretary on Council. We will enjoy our Columbus dinner. Barb Tootle

Dear Church,

We will be holding a special charge conference meeting on **Tues., Mar.10 at 7:30 pm.** regarding William Levi Graf and his calling to be a pastor in The United Methodist Church. This is one of the steps in this process. Church Council will vote on moving forward based on the recommendation from the Staff Parish Relations Committee. We invite you to come to this meeting.

Blessings,

Pastor Marie Smith

Lenten Lunches

February 25- Community UMC
March 4- Trinity Lutheran Church
March 11- Good Shepherd UMC
March 18- St. Joseph's Catholic Church
March 25- Circleville Presbyterian Church

Join the Pickaway Ministerial Association
as we journey to the Cross of Jesus.

12:10 worship

12:35 lunch



This year the Lenten Luncheon donations will be given to Blessings In A Backpack. Here's information about this non-profit organization that helps supply food to children over the weekend when they aren't in school.



Blessings in a Backpack is a National 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides weekend food supplement support for kids all over the United States! Our program here in Pickaway -Amanda is almost five years old and currently serves over 400 children in six schools/organizations throughout the region.

We are excited to have you join us in serving our local kids!

Our program currently serves children in Circleville School District, Logan Elm School District, Amanda Clearcreek Primary, Pickaway County Headstart, PASS (Pathways for Alternative Student Success) and New Hope Christian School. This school year alone we will provide over 15000 hunger free weekends for local school children and teens.

For additional information or to get involved, please email pickawayblessings@gmail.com.



EVENTS SCHEDULE 2026

MARCH

SUN
03/01

**SNOWTUBING AT BUBLY PARK
1230PM-830 PM**

SAT
03/15

YOUTH GROUP 6PM-8PM

FRI
03/27

**YOUTH LOCK IN AT YMCA/CHURCH 5PM
CHECK IN**

SAT
03/28

YOUTH LOCK IN PARENT PICK UP AT 9AM



Gerald & Betty Wolford 04/08

Harold & Ann Cullum 04/16



Debbie Scherer 04/02
 Elena Sweazy 04/03
 Katie Cline 04/05
 William McNeilly 04/08
 Hazel Harness 04/15
 Greg Bigam 04/16
 Robert Chester 04/18
 Chyler Welch 04/19
 Dale Cline 04/20

Frances Thatcher 04/20
 James Sutton 04/20
 Michael Cline 04/20
 Rebecca Curtis 04/21
 Luke Farthing 04/21
 Harriet Barthelmas 04/22
 Diane Sutton 04/25
 Leona Barney 04/28
 Alice Payne 04/29