

news

ZOE Director

BARBARA MATSANGA

Sunday, March 8, both worship services

As director of ZOE, Barbara is a visionary and focused mature lady who is highly committed to human rights work, especially children's rights. She has over 25 years of experience in working with vulnerable children and communities. She is a versatile team player with excellent project management, communications and inter-personal skills. Nothing brings her more satisfaction than seeing a life transforming and fully exploiting the inert God-given potential.

Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear from Barbara as she comes to us to share about our beloved ZOE mission. •

Holy Week & Easter



Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday
9:30 am and 11:00 am



Thursday, April 9, Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm, Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes



Friday, April 10, Good Friday, 7:00 pm



Sunday, April 12, Easter
6:40 am – Sunrise
7:30 am – Breakfast
9:30 am – Contemporary
11:00 am – Traditional •

Women of Faith

Jane Carle has been leading a women's devotion twice a month on Sundays. It is open to any women! No homework! Just come as you are. Bring a friend. It is an encouraging and uplifting time together.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, usually at 4:30pm. We have taken a few field trips to coffee shops at a different hour, so watch for that too! Come fill up your tank of love to overflowing with us! •

Thanks to Meal Preparers

Many thanks to those who prepared and/or delivered evening meals to Project Hope for the Homeless in 2019. The following stepped up, some multiple times, to prepare and/or deliver the evening meals for 50 persons to 25 Freedom Road, Painesville Township:

Marie Grmek
Bob Lacey
Sandy and Eric Hanson
Carol and Herb Matthews
Ann Horvath and the youth
Julia and Charlie Palmer
Ann and Mike Horvath
Bob Studer
Krissy and John Klouda
Kelly and Tom Szakal
Thank you, one and all! •

Celebrating Our Membership!

Congratulations to the following members of our congregation who will reach milestone years of membership this month!

Celebrating 60 years

Art Malecek
Jean Malecek
Jean Shimrock
Lillian Tezak

Celebrating 49 years

Bobby Flanagan

Celebrating 28 years

Linda Apicella
Katrinka Morgan

Celebrating 10 years

Hannah Harris
Tracy Schwartz

Congratulations, and thanks for your continuing service to the Lord through WHUMC! •

Shepherd's Care Ministry

Do you ever wonder where a church member or friend is that you have not seen at worship for a long time? We have many people who are members of WHUMC or faithful friends who have attended WHUMC for a long time who now live with family members or reside in care facilities. Some of these friends may live alone and are unable to drive or get here to worship.

A new ministry has been started at WHUMC called Shepherd's Care Ministry. This new group is headed by Cynthia Pitts and Janice Freitag.

Shepherd's Care is a visitation ministry. Cynthia and Janice go together to visit those who are not able to join us at worship or church activities. They may offer them Communion or a Blessing, a Prayer Shawl or an Upper Room Devotional. They offer them friendship, compassion and Christ's love.

Shepherd's Care is looking for other members to help them in this important mission. As the Bible says, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37). If you are interested in joining Cynthia and Janice in this important ministry please contact the church office at whumc_office@att.net or 440-585-9462, or Laura Tradowsky at ltrad46@gmail.com or 440-477-7479. •

ZOE Empowers News

Please welcome Barbara Matsanga the director for ZOE Zimbabwe who will be visiting us Sunday March 8th at both services. Stay after or come early to visit with her during our fellowship time between services.

Babara Matsanga has a BS in Politics and Administration, Masters in Business Administration, Diploma in Personnel Management and a Masters in Peace, Leadership and Conflict Resolution. She has 25 years experience in working with vulnerable children and communities. Since 2009 she is the Director for Sumu-

kai Child Protection Programme which is a ZOE partner in Zimbabwe implementing the ZOE Empowers Program. Barbara is an active board member for several organizations which has developed her expertise in dealing with a variety of stakeholders that include the business sector, government, politicians, regional and international development partners, which make her an excellent campaigner and advocator for children's rights. Barbara is a member of St Peter's United Methodist Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

WHUMC is currently supporting 3 ZOE Empowers groups in Zimbabwe for a total of 89 family units totally 296 individuals. Each of these groups is supported in a 3 year program to transform them from dependence to entrepreneurs who can function to support their family units and break the cycle of poverty. All of this is accomplished through your contributions to ZOE and the miracle of supporting these 3 groups for only 8,000 dollars per group per year!

Please join me as we meet this extraordinary women who is doing God's work in Zimbabwe. •

Did You Know...

RICK POLBURN

Did you know that the ancient sages of Judaism, the religion of Jesus, believed that in some cases it is permissible to tell a white lie for the sake of peace? In fact, it is required if it is to save a life. For example, if a murderer comes to your door asking if his intended victim is inside, it is required to say "No" in order to save the life of that intended victim. The sages came to this conclusion based on two stories. When God relayed to Abraham Sarah's reaction to the news that they were going to have a child, God omitted telling Abraham that Sarah referred to him as "old", thereby eliminating any dissension between husband and wife. The other example is when, after Jacob's death, Joseph's brothers told him that Jacob gave them a message asking Joseph to forgive

his brothers for anything they may have done. There is no evidence that Jacob ever sent that message. Their fabrication served to preserve peace in the family. In the time of Jesus one of his heroes was more than likely a sage named Hillel who was asked if it was permissible to tell a bride that she was beautiful even though she might not be. Hillel's answer was, "To the groom she is beautiful." On a larger scale, many of the world's greatest wars and strife have been caused by the belief that someone has the absolute truth. We would be better off realizing how elusive truth really is. We often see from only one perspective, often clouded by emotion. Our understanding of truth is partial, fragmentary, and incomplete. No one can fully understand God and therefore cannot fully understand His Absolute Truth. We would be far better off if we were to strive for peace among those made in His image.

New Administrative Assistant

To my new family at WHUMC. ...my name is Judy Pietrzak-Dort, but I will be using Judy Dort, to make it easier for everyone! I come to your church with 11 years of Administrative Assistant experience in a Methodist church office setting, I have been trained as a Stephen Minister Leader and have had the opportunity to facilitate a number of classes and retreats.

I am married to my husband, Bill Dort and have two married adult sons and four grandchildren, 2 girls and 2 boys. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to serve you here and look forward to meeting all of you. •

Kids 4Christ

Kids Quest

The kids are really enjoying Kids Quest more since we made the classes a little smaller!

Teachers needed, 8 teachers each Sunday

Preschool—3rd will be in fellowship hall and 4th—5th will be in youth room A for

9:30 and at 11am in youth room C. This requires a minimum of 8 teachers each week. Here is the link if you are interested in teaching or being a helper. If you need a background check, you can contact the church office to get that set up. (every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month.)

Pk–3rd: Mar: Last Supper. Apr: He is Risen.

4–5th: Mar: What is the Point? Apr: Salvation, The Great Escape.

March Signup: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4eafac29a1fc1-march

Kid's Choir

Pastor Max would like to give the kids more opportunities to participate in worship. One way is to have them sing the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning in March. Kid's Choir is for all kids from the nursery (age 3) to 5th graders. It would be really great to have every one participate especially at practices at 10:30 on Sundays. The little ones look up to the older ones and to have them all singing together to our sweet Lord would be amazing!

Alison Colonna, Desiree P., Magdalene and Dave B. are our leaders!

Kids Choir starts @ 10:30am! every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. We are going to start singing at both services the 3rd Sunday of the month, beginning in March. Easter Sunday will be a day we sing as well. Please help us encourage your child come to practice.

Child Info Sheet

If you haven't filled this out or it has been awhile, please fill this form out so we have current info on your child(ren).

Child Info Sheet: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WhHr4NMWA9CVB6s5KWmRBUmj6Mkpwg-mJ7egQgaSxpo/viewform?edit_requested=true

Kid's Moments

Each service Pastor Max will give the picnic basket to one family. You take it home and put anything in it (except a live or expired animal) and he will make up a children's message from the contents. Whichever service you receive the basket is the one you come back to the next week with the basket. If you cannot make it and you have the basket, it can be brought in before Sunday morning.

Upcoming Dates

Easter Egg Hunt, April 12th 10:30am between services in fellowship hall *up to 3rd grade*.

4-5th graders will have a special Easter event we are working on! *More details to come.* •

Adult Small Groups Opportunities

Child care during any small group opportunity is always available upon request. Please contact the study leader if care is needed in order for you to attend.

Sundays, 9:30 am in the Library

Led by Patty Dorsey, Lectionary Bible Study: looking at the verses

that Pastor Max will be preaching on each week. This is open format; attend when you are able to participate.

Sundays, 2nd and 4th of the month, "Women of Faith"

Led by Jane Carle. Most weeks they meet at 4:30pm in the church Library, however watch the bulletin and announcements for changes.

Sundays, March 1 – May 3 (skipping April 12), 5:30–7pm.

Financial Peace University. Led by Dana Flemming and Ben Howes. Sign up at the Information and Activities Table.

Mondays, 10:00–11:30am in the Library

Led by Anne Horvath, Circle of Friends. A time for women of all ages to meet for devotion, prayer, and support. Attend when you are able.

Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30am in the Library

Led by Patty Dorsey, beginning February 18 this class will be studying Active Faith by Paul W. Chilcote. New members always welcome!

Wednesdays, 10:00–11:30am in the Library

Led by Patty Dorsey, beginning February 26, this class will be studying the book of Revelation. New members always welcome!

Wednesdays, March 4 – April 15, 6:30pm

Take the Flag led by Pastor Max. Sign up at the Information and Activities Table.

Thursdays 10:00am–12:00pm in the Library

Led by Dr. Laura Tradowsky, weekly Spiritual Formation/Bible Study. This group is currently studying Following Jesus by Henri Nouwen. They will switch to Active Faith by Paul W. Chilcote on February 27.

Saturdays 8:00–9:30 am in the Library.

Led by Dr. John Borgert, Men's Bible Study. All men welcome! •

Web Musings

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities? And no dropped calls! •