



Our Mission: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

March, 2023 Rev. Darlene Robinson, Pastor

### Pastor's Front Page Message

Lent 2023 is here! Special thanks to Pastor Gary Frost for being our guest minister at our Ash Wednesday service. I was not sure how the after care for my son would go since his surgery so I tried to plan ahead and called Pastor Frost to help if needed. He was needed. So once again thanks to him and of course all others who helped with, participated, came out or joined us online. Scott Hughes, an Elder in the UMC states that, "Lent is, after all, as he notes, a move from "penance to penitence to repentance." He continues by stating that, "Lent offers us a season of intentional spiritual practices (giving something up, being more disciplined with spiritual disciplines, etc.) that places us in a position for the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of idolatry as well as provide fertile ground for growth in the fruit of the Spirit." The Holy Spirit is indeed working in our world and we are grateful for that!

[Experiencing God by Henry & Richard Blackaby and Claude King](#) is a series that many have studied and put into practice. I believe at one time, this series was taught here at Wildare UMC. A writer from [min-tools.com](#) states that, "... the one idea that keeps coming back to me the most is: "Watch to see where God is working and join Him." Blackaby and King used John 5:17, 19-20 as the Scriptural basis for this concept. The idea is that because God is always working, we just have to discern where and join Him. *In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." (Jn. 5:17) Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed."* (Jn. 5:19-20)

Well, depending upon who you are listening to, etc.....God seems to be working visibly in the world at Asbury University with a spiritual awakening revival this past month or so and with a new movie coming out entitled, *Jesus Revolution*. The powerful true story of how revival, rock and roll, and young hippies on fire for Jesus changed the course of America in the 1960s and 1970s is hitting theaters in February. The "*Jesus Revolution*" [film](#) tells the story of a young Greg Laurie who is searching for truth in all the wrong places until he meets a hippie street preacher named Lonnie Frisbee, played by "The Chosen's" Jonathan Roumie. Together, they, along with Pastor Chuck Smith played by Kelsey Grammer, open the doors of a Southern California church to an unexpected revival and a newfound love for Jesus that leads to a spiritual awakening.

As we move into Lent, let us see how we can join and/or continue to join God in His work in the world. Here are some questions for reflection from Rev. Hughes. **Reflection Questions:** As a disciple of Jesus Christ, what are some simple steps you can take to be open to the Holy Spirit's movement in your life? How are young people currently being formed in their faith in your church? How do you think they would react if they found themselves in a revival? How might spiritual practices (routine chapel services, prayer, Bible study, etc.) set the table and increase the odds for a revival like this to happen? What spiritual practices might you partake in this coming Lent to prepare you for a fresh experience of God's love shed abroad in your life? Have a blessed month! March is also Women's History Month.

Be Encouraged in Jesus!

*Pastor Darlene Robinson*

**Children's Message**-Children of all ages Sunday morning during the 11:00 service. (The children will be released to Junior Church following the singing.)

**Sunday School-Ages 4-11**  
Sunday mornings in the Connector @ 10:10-10:50.

**Youth Group-Ages 11-17**  
Sunday from 4:00-6:00

Join us for lots of fun with basketball, Minute-to-Win it games, escape rooms and more.

### Youth Group Help

We still need someone to help out with our Youth. There should always be 2 adults at every youth event to be in compliance with child safety regulations. We need at least one more person to step up. Wednesday nights 6-7:30 & Sunday nights 4-6:00. Please let Barb know if you are interested.

Email-Wildarebw@gmail.com

### Coming Soon: VBS 2023

We are in need of a VBS Director. Please let Barb know if you are interested. If we can't get help, this fantastic week WILL NOT happen!!

### Wildare Boardgame Night

Friday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.  
Refreshments and snacks available

Come enjoy a night of wholesome fun with friends and family. Board games ranging from children to adults will be available to learn and play. Child care may be provided determined by availability.

**GAME NIGHT**

### ATTENTION TEACHERS:

*I've been thinking about starting up a Tutoring/homework help night here at Wildare. Students could come one night a week to get help with their school-work. Please let me know if you are interested in being a part of this. I need at least one more teacher to make it a possibility.  
Thank you, Barb*

### Jr. Church Schedule 4 years-Grade 5 for March:

#### 11:00 a.m.

5 Lynda  
12 Abby  
19 Shana  
26 Bev

### Confirmation Classes

Any youth needing to go through confirmation classes please let Pastor Darlene know as soon as possible.

**Dribbles Basketball Games:** 3/4 (1-8pm), 3/10 (6-9pm), 3/11 (5-8:30pm), 3/25 (9-3:00pm)



**STEM/Bible Story Night**-2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Wednesday Evenings @ 6:00-8:00



### Release Time Ministry

The School Ministries of Trumbull County (A Released Time Bible Program) will begin on March 16, 2023 in the Champion Schools. Students in grades 5th through 8th will be released to attend Bible classes with their parent's permission on Thursdays from 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. If you have a student in the Champion Schools and would like to participate or join the team contact Mike Jones at 330-246-0805 or [coachmikejones44@gmail.com](mailto:coachmikejones44@gmail.com)

### Food Pantry/Give Away

Thanks so much for all who helped serve over 144 families in February

#### Stats:

Total Families Served - 144  
NEW Families Served - 5  
Families without Children - 98  
Families with Children - 46  
**Total Individuals served - 385**  
Children (birth-17) - 92  
Adults (18-59) - 172  
Seniors (60+) - 121

Our next giveaway will be March 4 at 10am. **Packing bags with non-perishables will be done on Friday, March 3 @ 4:00.** We will continue to serve our community the first Saturday of the month. **If you want to help, simply show up the morning of the giveaway a little early and we will assign you to a team.**

### **Wildare Walkers**

Meet Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays in the Family Life Center @ 8:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The next prayer breakfast will be on Sunday, March 19 at 7:00am in the FLC

**Wednesday evening Bible Study** is held at 6:30 p.m. in the connector. Join us!

### **Please Pray For:**

Shirley M., Dave P., Virginia W., Missy, Casey, Judy F., Judy S., Jennifer, Jackie M., Eleanor, Leo P., Winnie (2 yr old with Leukemia), Eryn - 2 yr old, Jill, Rose Ann, Lee, John C., Karen, Steve, Tim, Pat R., Niki, Jim B., Joan, Kathy & Bob, Dixie, Rick P, Jim, Dave & Linda, Karen's cousin, Pastor Renee, Ukraine, forgiveness, Sandi K., Baby Gwen, Gail, sister of Cathy S., Transition Team, Art E., Jay H., Pete L., Jim W., Terri Kay, Lynn, Sharon, David, Wildare UMC, Dawn liver transplant, Alan, Barb W, Rick O., Ed, Cathy, Donna, Roberta, Dave D., Sharon D., Marvin S., Debbie, Trudi, Family of Theresa who passed away, Family of Marty who passed away



Deadline to get information in to Hope for April-Wings/newsletter is Tuesday, March 21

### **Tithes and Offerings**

Thanks again for your support financially to Wildare! Your stewardship helps us grow our ministries and reach more people for the Kingdom! You may mail any offerings to: Wildare UMC 7211 North Park Ave. Cortland, OH 44410 or give online and in person during worship.

### **Recording Our Faithfulness for the month of February (three Sundays):**

Average Sunday School Attendance: 18  
Average Worship Attendance: 81  
Average of Tithes & Offerings: \$4219.00  
Weekly budgeted amount needed: \$5478.00  
Giving YTD \$29,911.00

### **Fellowship Opportunities**

Anyone interested in planning and/or participating in some monthly fellowship opportunities, please let Pastor Darlene know. Thanks!

### **Administrative Board Meeting**

Thursday, March 16 @ 6:00 pm in person in the connector. If you are interested in attending by zoom, contact Pastor Darlene and a link will be emailed to you.

*Please note that all chairs and ministry leaders are asked to attend and share about their ministries. If unable to attend, please send a report that can be shared.*

### **Married Couples - Let's get together!**

Focus on the family has a series entitled: Reconnected. This is a 7 part series that will help you and your spouse to rekindle passion, reawaken intimacy and reconnect to the one to whom you said "I Do". (If you sign-up, this doesn't mean that you are having marriage problems!) (Child care may be made available.) Please let Pastor Darlene know if you or someone else may be interested in this or another series so we can set up a time to meet.

### **Kairos Prison Ministry**

Interested in the Kairos Prison Ministry, contact Dean Kappas or Phil Armstrong.

### **Eucharist Ministry**

This is a ministry that will take communion to those who are homebound or still covid-careful. Receiving communion is one of the most important worship events in the life of our homebound and we want to make it available to them upon request if they feel safe with someone coming into their home, Training lay members to serve communion elements after they have been consecrated during worship makes this possible. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please sign-up at the Welcome Center on the clipboard.

### **Come Visit Us Online at Our Church Website**

[www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com](http://www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com)  
Information about upcoming ministry, download our church phone app, online giving, our weekly sermons on video and more! AND, at our FaceBook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/>  
Also, on Twitter, YouTube and Instagram

### Shepherding Ministry

We would like to start a ministry called Shepherding. It is a program of caring and concern. The overall goal is for every member and constituent to have a shepherd that will contact you to check on you periodically. Christ is the Good Shepherd. He continues to shepherd His flock. He accomplishes this ministry through the lives of those who compose His spiritual body. The purpose of the Shepherding Ministry is to improve the level of care of our congregation by the utilization of lay persons as caring shepherds. The desired result of the program is that all members of the congregation will feel they are vital parts of our church. If anyone is interested in being a part of this ministry as a Shepherd that will just for right now call a few people to check up on them monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly. Training will be provided. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center on the clipboard.

Leaders needed to be facilitators for the Financial Peace Christian series with video teaching with Dave Ramsey.

Transition meetings are every Monday evening @6:00 p.m.  
All are welcome to attend

**Men's Tuesday Bible Study**  
meets @ 8:00am  
Tuesdays

### Spring Food Drive

The Champion Pride Council Food Drive will run from March 1st to April 1st. Several locations in Champion will be drop off/collection sites including Wildare. Please let Pastor Darlene know if you are able to help with this spring food drive.



### March Mission of the Month

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

### Stewardship Ministry

Looking for volunteers who are interested in promoting tithing through either the Financial Peace ministry or another Stewardship ministry. Please see Pastor Darlene if interested as soon as possible. Thanks!

### Thanks Becky!!

Thanks to Becky for her hard work and dedication while being the assistant treasurer and filling in for Pete while he was away.



Remember to set your clocks ahead on Saturday evening, March 11th before you go to bed!!

**Our year end local church report will be due soon. All Sunday school and small group leaders are asked to send in their average attendance. Ministry and Mission leaders are asked to turn in the number of people who work within their ministries.**

Wesley Heritage Tour 5/2/23-5/10/23  
www.EO.travel 800-247-0017 Host: Szakacs

### Dates to Remember in March

### March is Women's History Month

3/19 - UMCOR Sunday  
(United Methodist Committee On Relief)

### Dates to Remember in April

4/2 - Palm Sunday  
4/6 - Maundy/Holy Thursday  
4/7 - Good Friday  
4/9 - Easter  
4/29 - Spring District Conference  
Mayfield UMC.

### Thank You

A great big thanks to all of you! You are so very nice! Thank you so much for hosting Night to Shine. Everything was beautiful! The entire evening was great fun!  
Crystal and Mom

To Wildare UM Church,

Just wanted to say THANK YOU so very much! Thanks to ALL the volunteers and church members that help to make your food giveaways happen. You are ALL appreciated beyond measure! The food I get from you helps me from month to month. Many people like me are struggling but never envisioned being in a place like this — “needing assistance”. So thank you all so very much! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!! Sincerely, Elaine

### Easter Flowers

If you would like to help decorate the altars for Easter in either the Sanctuary or the Family Life Center, please bring an Easter flower (lily, tulip, daffodil etc.) to share by Thursday, April 6th & you can take it home with you after worship on Easter Sunday!



### Easter Egg Hunt

For children ages 2-11

Saturday, April 1 @ 1:00pm

This is an outdoor event, so dress for the weather!

### We need your help:

Donations of individually wrapped candy that fits in plastic eggs

There will be a box for candy donations in the connector

To make monetary donations, place an envelope in the offering plate marked “Easter Egg Hunt”

There will be a sign-up sheet at the welcome center in the connector to donate bikes for each age group.



### Sundays in Lent

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2 **COMBINED** 10:30am service

BAMA Community Service April 2 TBD

### Maundy/Holy Thursday

April 6

### Good Friday

April 7



### Easter Celebration

We would love to see you at our Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 9. You are invited to our sunrise service at 7:30am in the sanctuary as well as our 9am & 11am Easter services! We will also be on Facebook live that morning to accommodate everyone who desires to celebrate Christ's resurrection with us!



Easter breakfast will follow the Sunrise service at 8:00am in the FLC. Call the office or email the church wildarehl@gmail.com to let us know if you will be attending so we can make enough food!



## ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH:

- 4 Leo and Carol Pierce
- 11 Kirk and Jackie Makar
- 20 Mark and Rebecca Kaiser

## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH:

- 1 Christina Haycox
- 2 Terry Parry, Susan Lewis  
Cooper Downey, Maddy Way,  
Luke Miller, Kathryn Miller
- 4 Robert Armstrong
- 5 Todd Shafer, Jim Waldman,  
Miranda Gerchak, Dave Mahan
- 7 Frank Kuligowski, Pat Seger
- 12 Ryland (Cash) Whiting
- 14 Genevieve Fonce,  
Gavin Sloan
- 15 Matthias Muresan  
Ian Granados, Brayden Price
- 16 Pastor Jody Baker
- 18 Jim Price Jr, Lisa Nalbach
- 21 Brandon Haycox, Katie Ross
- 22 Janet Guenzi
- 23 Shirley Muresan, Bob Yale  
Barb Waldman
- 24 Charles Rood, Doug Way
- 26 Debi Milani, Jim Ross
- 28 Mary Jo Rasmussen, James Lowry
- 29 Michelle Murray, Michelle Steffey
- 30 Phil Armstrong

### Join us on Facebook to watch sermons live

(on Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/> AND in person)

**February Sermons below, see what you missed or watch them again on Facebook/YouTube/Twitter/Instagram**

2/5/23 - We Are Still The Ones; Matthew 5:13-16

2/12/23 - God's Valentine's Gifts; Psalm 119:1-8

2/19/23 - Uphill Climbs; Matthew 17:1-9

2/26/23 - "Not available at time of printing".



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Sunday School Class  
For Adult & Children at 10:10 am  
Morning Worship at  
9:00 am (Traditional - Sanctuary) &  
11:00 am (Contemporary - FLC)

**Come as you are!!**

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