

**HORSEHEADS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER**  
**WORKING TOGETHER WITH ALL TO CONNECT GOD'S LOVE**

**Pastor corner**

**Much is happening in our church!** In the midst of the activities and special services, we seek the Lord our God to help us in times of trouble and to give us hope in our day. How close do you feel the Lord? Now is the time to draw near to God and God has promised to draw near to us. In addition to your spiritual growth, you can invite others into the spiritual life. Extra services and programs are mere vehicles by which people come to Christ and experience the unconditional love of God. Won't you come closer this month?

Join me for a very special commitment of our confirmands on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. During Holy week at the end of the month we will have a Maundy Thursday service, three Good Friday services and both a Sunrise and regular Easter services. The sunrise service will be brief and outdoors at our newly renovated Prayer Garden. Our regular service will be in sanctuary, and this is a great time to return to in-person worship if you have been away or online only.

Together we will grow closer to Christ our Savior and Lord.

In Him, *Pastor Jeff McDowell*

**Upcoming Church Events/Holy Week**  
**UPCOMING CALENDAR THROUGH MAY**

<b>February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*Soup to go. See flier on last page!</b>
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Communion/Confirmation & Children Sunday
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	UMCOR & Girl Scout Sunday
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday service @ 7 PM
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	ACTS Good Friday Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. program at 7:30 a.m.
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – Service at noon in the Chapel
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tenebrae service @ 7pm in Sanctuary
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday
	<b>Sunrise service @ 6:30 AM, 9:30 Worship Service &amp; coffee hour to follow.</b>
April 26 <sup>th</sup> -May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rummage Sale Begins Set-up.
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rummage Sale Days. 1 <sup>st</sup> from 5-8, 2 <sup>nd</sup> from 9-3 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> from 9-noon.

**UMCOR Sunday March 10, 2024:** This UM Special Sunday underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs. This allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response efforts directly to communities in need. Please consider a gift to help UMCOR continue this mission. Thank you in advance for your support, ~ Missions committee

**Outreach News:**

*Did you know?* 2024 rolls stacked would be 675 feet (taller than the Washington Monument or the Space Needle in Seattle WA, twice as tall as the Statue of Liberty. The leaning Tower of Pisa is 186'.

As of Monday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, **2060** rolls of TP were collected and delivered to the Food Pantry, exceeding the goal of 2024 rolls. Additionally, money was also donated which will be used when the Pantry reaches out for more TP, which happened last December. We are grateful for the congregation once again. Thank you one and all.

In May, we will be collecting clothing for the Veterans at the Bath VA once again. Two of the items requested are sweatshirts and sweatpants (med. to 2X). Soon these items may be on sale as spring clothing will take their places on the store shelves. Several stores that might have sales are Ollies, Hesslesons, Sams, the different Dollar Stores, etc. Check the ads and save.



**Church Library: Media Musings:** Faith Still Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner brings us 19 stories that show us how important prayer is. It's not a wish list that treats God like Santa Claus. Falkner shows us that it is hoped to put into action and a vital spiritual action that is needed in a world gone awry. Historical accounts of miracles tell us about the power of God throughout the years. It is an easy read, and it also contains several prayers if the reader wants to use them. God heals through prayer! Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray worked together in writing The First Ladies. They each contributed to the history of the friendship between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. Eleanor and Mary both became active in trying to influence Franklin Delano, Eleanor's husband, when he became president. Like today there was much rivalry between Republicans and Democrats. This is history with a personal touch. You will see how much two women accomplished when it became necessary to make changes for both women and the country. You will also understand how much they cared. Hope Mayhew

### **"There's Room for You"**

**Nothing to do in February? Faith Builders invites you to the following events:** Here's your chance to meet new people, learn a new exercise or just plain have fun. For more information contact Louise @ 607-739-1954.

### **Please come and join us anytime!**

- ✓ **Monday:** February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1-2pm begins our "First Ever" Book Club. Book to be discussed is "Little Liar" by Mitch Albom.
- ✓ **Wednesdays:** TaijiFit Experience DVD with David Dorian Ross. No experience needed.
- ✓ **Fridays:** Not playing with a full deck (Card games) – Bring your lunch, drinks will be provided.

(Monday & Wednesday meeting in Wesley Room. Friday meeting in Large Conference Room). We need more Euchre Players! If you do not know how to play, we would love to teach you!

**The February Bridge is in the Narthex now.** Take the Lent Quiz. How well do you know Lent? Test your knowledge with this United Methodist Lent Quiz. After you take the quiz, you can see all the answers and learn more about Lent and the season before Easter. Find a copy of the bridge in the Narthex on the information table. Or click this link: <https://www.unyumc.org/about/the-bridge> to take the quiz and learn more of what Lent is to the United Methodist Church

**Thank you to all of you for the prayers, thoughts, and cards, they are very appreciated. My dad's passing is sad, but the care of the church family helps to get through it. God bless you. Ande Tubbs**

### **Newsletter/Parish Visitor Cindy Ellis**

Gee, I think we have had March winds for most of the last few months!! We certainly have had a strange winter (Climate Change). It has been a tough time for many in our church. We think of Ginny Miller, whose house was flooded because of broken water pipes. We pray for Dennis Tubbs who had a heart attack and Charlie Ellis who is recuperating from heart issues. Others with health concerns are Kevin Carichner, Peg Peary, Don Sommers, Larry Madison, Joe Thresher. We keep them in our prayers for better days. We also keep “our Friends at home” in prayer and remembrance with cards, phone calls: Carol Erway (and son Terry), Bev Ring, Millie Mansfield, Tom Peck, Letha Padgett, Gladys Kucher, Phyllis Naegely, Bob Weiss, Cynthia Stansfield, Dick Davies, Sue Carpenter, Bonnie Flashphaler, Josie Knapp. With the sunny skies, cold air, we know that God is changing the weather daily and soon spring will be upon us. Thank you God as we continue through Lent until the promise of Easter and rebirth. Amen

### **United Women in Faith –“Sisterhood in Grace” Circle Meeting:**

- ❖ Wednesday, March 20, Noon – in Large Conference Room
- ❖ Hostesses: Mary Daniels and Linda Scheck.
- ❖ Program: Call to Prayer & Self Denial/Karen Peterson
- ❖ ALL women are invited – bring a sandwich – beverages and dessert provided.
- ❖ Call Cindy Ellis for further information: 607-739-5185

Mountain View District UWF Communion/Brunch will be:

Saturday, March 23, at Bath UMC. 10:00am. Reservations needed. Call Cindy Ellis  
If you want to attend. (607)739-5185.

PS: The Spring Rummage Sale will be: May 1,2,3.



### **Monthly Church Meetings**

- **Church on Sundays** from 9:30-10:30
  - **Sunday School** from 10:45-11:45
- **Trustees:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm, Room 11
- **Worship Team:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 1pm, SCR
- **Church Council:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7pm. LCR
- **United Women in Faith:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, Noon, LCR
  - **Missions:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 2:00pm, SCR
- **Staff parish:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm, LCR
  - **Outreach:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 6:30pm, SCR
  - **Choir:** Saturdays, 3:00pm, Choir Room
- **Finance/Stewardship/Christian Education/Living Endowment:** These meetings will be announced when having.

**The Church Library** is open all week if you would like to check out a book or to just come in, sit down and read.

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Soup to Go 2/25/24

Corn chowder  
and

French Onion



