

*Arlington UMC*

3770 McKelvey Rd  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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## *Arlington United Methodist Church Newsletter*

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# *March 2023*

## *Lenten Study*

Our Lenten study book this year is written by Cynthia M. Campbell and is titled "Meeting Jesus at the table". Meeting times for this study will include:

**Sunday mornings** beginning **February 26th** - The Forum class, taught by Dave Shuey in Wesley Hall and the Conversations with the Bible class with Keith Morgan/Steve Metzner teaching in the Conference Room. Classes are also available on **Tuesday mornings at 9:30** beginning on **February 28th** with Loretta Brandon in the Conference Room and **Tuesday evenings** online only at **6:30pm** with Pastor Daniel, also starting **February 28th**. See Loretta to sign up!



## **Newsletter Deadline**

Articles must be received by 10:00 pm on  
Saturday, March 18th, 2023.

*Newsletter will be available on March 25th.*

## **2023 Stewardship**

**86 Pledges totaling \$361,545.50**

## *2023 Offering Envelopes*

If you would like to use offering envelopes, please contact Rose Albrecht at 314-517-1245, or by email at [rtalbrecht73@yahoo.com](mailto:rtalbrecht73@yahoo.com), and I will be happy to mail you a booklet of envelopes. These offering envelopes are set up to use during the worship service or easily mail directly to the church. I really appreciate everyone using offering envelopes. It makes posting much more efficient. Thanks!

Greetings Church,

Last week the season of Lent began. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and here at Arlington that meant that we had a special service at 7:00 pm where we sang songs, prayed, read scripture, and received the imposition of the ashes - which is the mark of the cross in ash on the forehead or hand. Personally, I did not grow up in a faith community that celebrated Ash Wednesday, or truly any kind of formalized lenten experience. It was not until I was in my 20s that I first experienced an Ash Wednesday service and began to experience the rhythms of the season of Lent. Since that time, I have grown to love this season of preparation and focus. It is my hope that you will participate with us here at Arlington however you are able. We have options for weekly bible studies both in person and online, we have Sunday worship with communion at 10:00 am in person or online, we have a community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary where you can add your prayers, we have several opportunities to connect online throughout the week, and several upcoming mission opportunities. (If you want to celebrate with the larger community - this is St. Louis - Friday fish fries are real, wonderful, and available just about everywhere.)

Every year we invite people to participate in Lent. Here is the invitation we read on Ash Wednesday. I offer it now to you:

*Dear siblings in Christ:*

*The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.*

*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.*

Peace,

*Rev. Daniel Shanks*

I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.

### By Our Prayers

Kristen Tegerdine, Jackie Knapp, Sylvia Moore, The Jennings family, Kathleen Conant, Ken Fredericksons

Arlington Members who need our continued prayers: Sylvia Moore, Donna Sims, Jackie Price, Chris Gaston, Lyn Bell, Lenette Bolnick, Beth Usher

Friends and Family of Arlington Members who need our continued prayers: Dorothy Murray, Diedre Liddell, Ricky Chauvin, Blake Jones, Cheryl Wanger, Adam Hughes, Gina Kerr, Pat Yotter, Bridget Bianchi, Norman Saxer, Caleb Provost, Isaac Moore, Sarah Mehegan, Rob Boswell, Donny Mays, Susan Fine, Peggy McCarthy, Earl Barney, Steve Johnston, Steve Potter, Ross Folmar

Please remember our shut-in members: David Albert, Tony Brocato, Jim & Mary Bruton, Pat Bryant, Dixie Greer, Sheila Hall, Marshall Hankins, Norma Harrenstein, Harold Hearing, Rich Heitmann, June Jordan, Rosemary Maxey, Pete Pieper, Lucy Throgmorton

Please remember church family members in the military: Aaron Merseal, Michael Oechsner, Tim Schaefer, Sebastian Schnellbacher, Brooks Woodhill

### By Our Presence

*At this time, only in-person attendance is recorded.*

January 29– 93

February 5– 96

February 12– 81

February 19– 89

### By Our Gifts

*Budgeted amount needed each week:*  
**\$8,822.00**

Jan 29- **\$14,993.01**

Feb 5- **\$8,829.62**

Feb 12- **\$7,040.66**

Feb 19- **\$12,654.62**

### *Monthly Missions*

In February, we collected over 130 pairs of socks for the Veteran's Administration! In March, we're collecting items for Easter gift bags for Lifecare Center of Bridgeton.

### **Arlington Church Staff**

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# March Birthdays!

- March 1- Molly Linhardt  
Don Conant
- March 3- Rachel Crivello
- March 4- Bill Rinesmith
- March 5- Ron Tegerdine
- March 8- Maggie Brandon
- March 11- Barry Smith
- March 12- Harold Hearing
- March 13- Cheryl Charboneau
- March 21- Walter Martin  
Marshall Crutcher
- March 22- Larry Whitener  
Jerry Oeschner
- March 23- Caren Moore
- March 25- Jo Puett  
Sydney Kissel
- March 26- Jim Beckerle
- March 27- Brennan Hehner
- March 29- Michelle Smith  
John Ridley
- March 31- Elizabeth Joel  
Omolola Ogunmola

If we've missed your birthday, let us know! Please contact the Church Office to update your information.

# March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB) 1:00p Anita Allison Circ. 6:00p Bells Reh (MR) 6:30p Wed Connect (On) 7:00p Choir Reh (MR)	2 10:00a Prayer Shawl (Con) 6:30p Troop 525 (Gym)	3 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB)	4
5 9:00a Sunday School (Var.) 10:00a Worship (On/Sanc)	6 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA 5:30p Chair Yoga (Gym) 6:30p Brass Reh (MR) 6:30p Craft Night (Conf)	7 9:30a Lent Study (Conf) 6:00p Soccer (Gym) 6:30p Lent Study (On) 7:00p Al-Anon/Alateen (FHB, 151)	8 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB) 6:00p Bells Reh (MR) 6:30p Wed Connect (On) 7:00p Choir Reh (MR)	9 10:00a Prayer Shawl (Con) 6:30p Troop 525 (Gym) 6:30p Leadership Board (Conf)	10 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB)	11 9:00 All Church Work Day (Var.)
12 9:00a Sunday School (Var.) 10:00a Worship (On/Sanc) 11:15a Youth Group (YR)	13 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA 5:30p Yoga (Gym) 6:30p Brass Reh (MR)	14 9:30a Lent Study (Conf) 6:30p Lent Study (On) 7:00p Al-Anon/Alateen (FHB, 151)	15 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB) 6:00p Bells Reh (MR) 6:30p Wed Connect (On) 7:00p Choir Reh (MR)	16 10:00a Prayer Shawl (Con) 1:00p 6:30p Troop 525 (Gym)	17 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB)	18
19 9:00a Sunday School (Var.) 10:00a Worship (On/Sanc) 11:15a Youth Group (YR) 11:15a UW in Faith (FHB)	20 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA 5:30p Yoga (Gym) 6:30p Brass Reh (MR) 6:30p Shay Blackwell (Conf)	21 9:30a Lent Study (Conf) 6:30p Lent Study (On) 7:00p Al-Anon/Alateen (FHB, 151)	22 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB) 6:00p Bells Reh (MR) 6:30p Wed Connect (On) 7:00p Choir Reh (MR)	23 10:00a Prayer Shawl (Con) 6:30p Troop 525 (Gym)	24 9:00a HHH (Gym) 12:00p NA (FHB) 6:00p Game Night (FH)	25
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## Way to Go, Prayer Buddies!

Thanks to so many of you that remembered their prayer buddy on Valentine's Day! Adults and kids alike were thrilled! Remember that notes can be dropped off in our prayer buddy basket in Great Hall any time you want. If you would like to be a part of our Prayer Buddy program, just talk to Loretta!



## Youth News: March

Last month we ate sweet potato pie, talked about MLK, played "this or that", and discussed how hard it is to talk to each other unless it's face to face. If you like games, food, and Jesus then Youth Group is the place for you! Join us **after church at 11:15** if you are in 6th grade through 12 grades! Here is our upcoming schedule:

March 5: Loretta's vacation, no meeting

March 12: "What time is it anyway?"

March 19: Spring Break, no meeting

March 26: "Waffle Day"

## Yoga Starts Something New

You may know about our yoga class in the gym every Monday at 5:30pm. Here's what's new! Starting in March, every first Monday of the month will be "chair yoga" where no floor work happens. So if you have trouble getting up off the floor but would like to work on your stretching and flexibility, come and join us! Every session is just \$5 and we meet for an hour. Join the yoga fun!



## Hello United Women in Faith,

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, March 19 at 11:15 am** in Fellowship Hall B. We will be putting together the Easter Bags for Lifecare residents and staff. The items that are needed for this project are: 152 bags, small lotion, small stuffed animal, small combs, ChapSticks, small Kleenex packets and candy. There is a box by the Mission Board for the items to be placed. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sue Daniel, President  
314-322-8194

## SHP Report

Thank you for hosting and helping build 30 beds in February! Construction classes at Summit and Eureka High Schools also built 60 beds for our chapter. We delivered 17 beds in February, and March is shaping up for many more. Give me a call at 314-225-5926 if you would like to help us deliver beds. It's a very rewarding experience! Many thanks to the Youth Group for cutting the webbing for all our slats. That saves us a lot of time during the builds.

Steve McLean

[steve.mclean@shpbeds.org](mailto:steve.mclean@shpbeds.org)



## Save the Date for Game Night

Join us in Fellowship B on **March 24th from 6:00 -8:00 pm** for a family game night. Bring snacks to share and your favorite games to play. Invite a friend to join the fun.

## Anita Allison Meets

The March meeting of the Anita Allison Circle is **March 1st** at Linda Small's house. The meeting will be from **1:00-3:00 pm**. Bring the book *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* to discuss.

*Just so you know, Loretta Brandon will be on vacation from **Monday, February 27th to Monday, March 6th**. If you need anything during this time, please respect Loretta's vacation and contact another staff member. We'll all be happy to help! Thank you for your cooperation.*

## 2022 Giving Statements

The 2022 Year End Giving Statements have been emailed to everyone in our congregation who has an email address on file. A link in the email will allow you to access your statement. If you would prefer a hard copy or have other questions, please contact Rose Albrecht by phone at 314-517-1245 or by email at [rtalbrecht73@yahoo.com](mailto:rtalbrecht73@yahoo.com).

If we do not have an email address for you on file, then your statement was mailed to your address on file.

Thank you for your generous financial support of Arlington UMC!