

# THE JACKSONVILLE GOSPEL



## March 2017

### Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## "Foundations"

As a teenager I helped my father build the footer for our new family room out of cinder blocks and mortar. When I began, I knew nothing about it. But as I listened to and worked alongside my Dad, I learned about the rough texture and hefty weight of the blocks; I learned the use of a bubble level and plumb line. I learned the right mixture of sand, gravel, cement, and water, and the scraping of hoe against wheelbarrow to mix it. I learned how the mix becomes a mess if you don't hose it thoroughly from the barrow when done. I learned troweling and pointing and tapping and grunting and carrying and curing, and finally, approving the work. And after all this, I learned to cover most of that work up with dirt, so the building could be built. We could not see the foundation but we knew that there would be no building standing without it. How is your faith foundation? Your church foundation? Do you need to do some foundational work before attempting great works for Christ?

*1 Corinthians 3:10, 11, RSV says: "According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."*

### **Life Foundations:**

Faith in Jesus Christ and his forgiveness.

Grace that goes before us and grace that leads us all along the way.

Trinitarian God, Spirit - filled living, Body of Christ church life.

**Then the building can be built.**

### **Church Foundations:**

Responsibility to share our faith.

Accountability in speaking, sending and spending.

Commitment to learning and growing in our faith through study, training, and using all the means of grace.

**Then the building can be built.**



Ref. Jeff McDowell, District Superintendent, Finger Lakes District

## Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and  
hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.  
By the good works, You inspire, help me to discipline my body  
and to be renewed in spirit.  
Without You I can do nothing.  
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right  
and to be eager in doing Your will.  
Teach me to find new life through penance.  
Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.  
God of love, bring me back to You.  
Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works.  
May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to  
Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.  
Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life  
and make me one with You in love and prayer.  
Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.  
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.  
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.  
Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;  
let me walk more readily in Your ways.  
Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.  
Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from  
my old life of sin to the new life of grace.  
Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.  
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

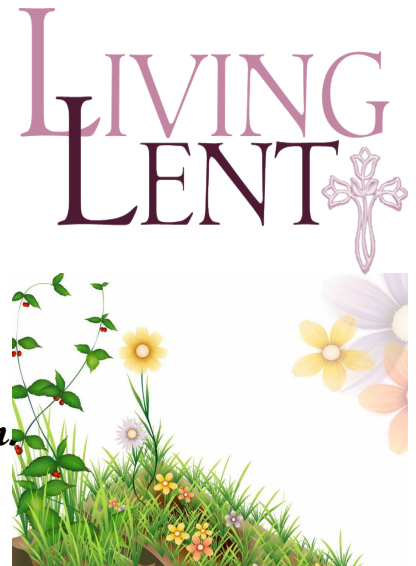
**Amen**

Collected by the Church in the 21st Century Center, Boston College

*Lent Study Group:*

*Details are still being worked out, but the Lent study will*

*be "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton.*



## CHURCH CALENDAR

March 1, Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 am  
March 2, UMW Luncheon Meeting 10:30 am  
March 7, Trustees 7 pm  
March 8, Woman's Circle JCUMC 7 pm  
March 11, Spaghetti Supper 4 pm  
March 12, Rev McDowell to deliver the message.  
March 14, Church Council 7 pm  
March 22 SPRC 6:30 pm



## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR MARCH

*Cleaning supplies (dish detergent, laundry detergent, bars of soap)*

Emily Virkler  
Jeff Harris  
Vic and Bonnie Lewis  
Marion Miller  
Janice Williamson  
Elaine Cline  
Shardlows' granddaughter

## Prayer Cares



Lynn's sisters -  
Dorla and Beth  
Lynn's cousin's daughters  
Ed Snyder  
Morgan Swanhart  
Devon Whitaker  
Dave White  
Gurdon Brewster

## \* Summer Camping 2017 \*

Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) is excited to announce that registration is now open for its 2017 Summer Camp & Retreat programs. Program details are available online and brochures were mailed this week to past participants and campers as well as all Upper New York Annual Conference churches. [Click here](#) to learn more.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2, Martha McGraw  
March 3, Sarah Brainard  
March 5, Laura Butterfield  
March 22, Amy Leach Moe  
March 26, Alice Linton  
March 29, Mickey Martin



# WANTED

MEN AND WOMEN  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# HELP NEEDED

FUNDRAISING  
CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY  
OUTREACH COMMITTEE  
ADVERTISING  
LEADER OF VACATION BIBLE  
CAMP STARTING 2018



# REWARD PRICELESS

A Great Big Thank You from Mickey and Jeff!

We would like to bring you up to date on what is going on at our house. Jeff has finished his chemo and radiation treatments. Waiting for his next MRI to see what the treatment did. That will be real soon so we should know more.

Want to tell you how much we appreciate all your help (I couldn't have done it without you.) Thank you for the many, many rides to doctor's appointments, treatment appointments, church, UMW, and everything else. All the delicious food brought to our home, the cards, the calls and visits. Words can't express how we feel.

Much Love,  
Mickey and Jeff

*Thank  
you* 

***The United Methodist Women*** group is quite active. There are usually 12 to 15 women in attendance every month.

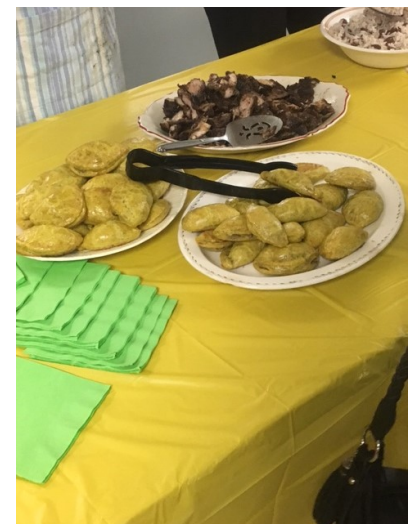
*We have many activities plus a delicious dish-to-pass lunch. May we will have a breakfast with area churches. June we will have a Mystery Trip. July and August we do not meet, but start up in September again. We have much fun, talk, and eating.*

*We usually have a program, but if not we solve the world's problems and chat and get to know each other better. Come join us.*

### **Spaghetti Supper**

Come to the Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 4 o'clock until gone. The meal includes spaghetti smothered with homemade sauce, fresh Caesar salad, Italian bread, applesauce and assorted homemade desserts. Gluten free and vegetarian options are offered. Adult dinners are \$10.00, senior dinners (62 plus) are \$8.00 and \$5.00 for children under 12 years old.

**Pictures from Brad and Lori Lewis visit on  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> sharing their Jamaican mission work**



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## NEWS FROM THE ATTIC THRIFT SHOP

The Attic crew would like to send out a great big thank you to Libby Foust for all her work at the Attic. The old boys and girls bathrooms have been demolished and a large storage area created. It is a perfect area to store clothing and household donations.

Work has been going on for over awhile hanging and boxing assorted clothing and sorting books. Our tables are looking bare and awaiting new contributions. If Sundays aren't convenient, feel free to contact either Nancy Housworth or Rachel Boyer to make other arrangements.

