



The John Wesley Journal

*John Wesley United Methodist Church, directed by prayer and the Holy Spirit,
shall be a worshipping, caring group of believers who makes
and equips disciples for serving Jesus in the community and beyond.*

March 2023

Hello JWUMC Family,

The entire month of March falls within the season of Lent this year. That means that our colors will remain purple on the altar at the front of the sanctuary, and our spiritual posture will remain that of reflection and repentance.

Two devotionals were sent out electronically on Ash Wednesday via email, and are available in print in our narthex for the season of Lent.

The first is called *Bless the Lent we Actually Have* by Kate Bowler, and is a daily devotion. It dives deep into the harder and darker parts of our faith journeys. This devotion also makes use of all types of resources; some pages contain QR codes that will take you to a song, a small video clip, or a small podcast clip. If you need assistance in accessing these, please do not hesitate to email or call me. I am glad to assist you in this matter.

The other devotional is called *This Is My Body* by Illustrated Ministry, and is a weekly devotion. It is family friendly. This devotion is the one that is similar to the sermon series we will be following throughout Lent. The stories in it come from Christ's time here on earth, when he had an earthly body like ours. The devotions invite us to consider our whole selves - body and soul - when we think about our faith.

You are welcome to do both devotionals or choose the one that most fits your faith journey at this point. And, if you haven't begun yet, it is okay to start today. My family and I do devotions in the evening and often pull from many different devotionals - based on the need and understanding of each family member.

My hope and prayer is that you are using the season of Lent to grow closer to God. If I can assist you in any way, I would be happy to help.

I love being your pastor!

Rev. Bethany Douty
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Our Prayer List

Please continue to pray for ALL our Military Personnel and First Responders

- Martha Capelouto
- Annabelle Pafford
- Sophie Harris
- Sue Walker
- Mary Peters
- John Govans
- Michael Chrisawn
- Harriette Bradrick
- Sylvia Owens
- Lawrence Heitmeyer
- Valma Berry
- Randy Thomason
- Judy Parris
- Frances McClellan-Godfrey
- Sheran Rivers
- Clara Runyan
- Sara Ann Harkey
- Ann Horn
- Ted and Ann Cox
- Dale Dieterich
- Steve Kauffman
- Admin Assistant candidates
- Shaun Lammert suffered a heart attack
- Angie Williams sister Melanie and mother JoAnn
- Family of Paul Hall who died recently
- Recovery from oral surgery for Jean Horn
- Praise for Frances McClellan-Godfrey who loves John Wesley, especially our music!
- For Jorge's family to arrive safely in the United States.
- For Wayne Todd's healing from eye surgery.
- A friend struggling with carpal tunnel and heart issues
- Praise for successful surgery for Susan Huff, Pat Lanfear's friend.
- For Dayl Davis, Pearl Wood's sister. Dayl's numbers must be higher to begin next round of chemotherapy.
- Will Pettway, recovery from surgery this week. More surgery on March 7th.
- Debbie Brown is grateful for her church family
- Praise that daughter's biopsy results were negative.

Apportionment Update

JWUMC sends a little over \$2,100 of the money in our offering plates to the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church as part of something that we call apportionments. Apportionments are the funds used by the local and global United Methodist Church to do ministry around the world. Each month we will highlight one of the funds our apportionments support. John Wesley has paid 100% of our apportionments since 2015, and we are on track to do so again this year. It is our joy to send these funds each month!

March's Apportionment Highlight: Ministerial Education

John Wesley will contribute \$1,224 toward Ministerial Education this year through our apportionments. This apportionment provides support for the 13 United Methodist seminaries and helps keep tuition costs down. The Ministerial Education fund supports continuing education courses for clergy and diaconal ministers currently serving congregations, as well as courses for training local pastors. The fund sponsors regional and national events where people can explore God's call to ministry. And this money is used to train and support Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry members in their work of approving and evaluating leaders who serve the church. Thank you for supporting this mission with your offering!



1st	5th
Kelly Dixon	Kelly Hirai
3rd	Riley Hirai
Pat Lanfear	Chip Jordan
4th	
Lucy Baer	15th
Valerie Cox	Lynn Hudson
Tony C. Ichite Sr.	
Tony E. Ichite Jr.	

What's Next in March

- * **Book Club at Noon** Mondays. For more information contact Barb W (850) 566-4690.
- * **Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. - see Angelyn H. for more information.
- * **Roblox** Group meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. A Virtual Small Group. See Xander or Pastor Bethany for more information.
- * **Line Dancing** Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Murrow Hall. Contact Ed and Mei Frayer for information.
- * **Second Harvest Food Bank** Drop off non-perishable donations before church on Sundays.

APRIL

Palm Sunday, April 2

Easter Sunday, April 9

We Love Worshipping With You In Person or Online Sundays at 10:00 a. m.

Visit us online at www.johnwesleyumc.com

Worship online on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/JWUMCWorship/live/>

If you are unable to join us at 10 a. m, the link below allows you to watch when you are able:

<https://www.facebook.com/JWUMCWorship/videos/>

Missions and United Women in Faith

UMCOR International Disaster Relief

You have the opportunity through John Wesley Church to give to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Just write a check or place cash in an envelope marked UMCOR IDR/Turkey and put it in the offering plate. Or give online at <http://johnwesleyumc.com/donate/> and select "UMCOR" from the drop-down. Consider giving just the amount of a dinner out to support these people in desperate need. UMCOR has released initial solidarity grants to longstanding partner, International Blue Crescent (IBC) and Forum for Development Culture and Dialogue (working in Syria) to help provide tents, heaters, blankets, warm clothes, ready-to-eat meals and first aid kits to those who have been displaced. IBC has offices in Turkey. And know that in Dec. 2022 John Wesley Church sent a \$740 undesignated gift to UMCOR from the Alternative Christmas Market.

United Women in Faith of John Wesley will host the **District Day Apart Spiritual Growth on March 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Help is needed with breakfast snacks and lunch. Contact Cindy at 850-224-5857. Registration is \$15, which includes lunch and crafting. Rev. Beth Demme is our guest speaker. The theme is Moving Forward in Faith with Spiritual Growth and Soul Care. All women are invited to this special sisterhood event.

Joy Circle will meet on March 28 at the new home of Janet Dennis at 6:30 p.m. to hear about legislation impacting children in Florida. March 28 is **Children's Day** at the Capitol courtyard. On March 26 at 2 p.m. there is a gathering at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church to pray and hear about the important issues affecting children.

UNDIE SUNDAY will be March 26. Please bring children's underwear and shorts for boys and girls for Hartsfield Elementary School that day. There will be a basket in the foyer/narthex.

LENT is a season during which we are called to daily meditations. In addition to special Lenten devotionals described on page 1, there are a variety of resources for daily devotions, online and in print. One that our church always makes available to you is the **Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide "where the world meets to pray,"** also available online at www.UpperRoom.org. Pick up a free monthly copy in the church narthex. You can also order a print subscription for home delivery or view online. Rev. Danny Morris, our founding pastor, worked at the Upper Room for many years. Some of our members consider these daily devotions a lifelong habit. Lent is a good time to start a new habit of daily devotionals!

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Join the FUN in sorting and pricing items for the **Annual for Missions Garage Sale at John Wesley UMC March 6-10** from 10am-7pm. Then be there to help it all get recycled to new homes. **3/11&12 and on the 13th as we give away to refugees.** *Sign up in the Narthex* or call Cindy at 850/224-5857. Please invite your friends and family to donate and buy. Flyers are available to post in public areas. Funds raised support local mission work and our mission partners in Angola and Japan. The Team voted our current priority is prayers and help as the Hirai family sponsors a refugee family from our sister church in Cuba to join their father in the US.



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But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And on His law [His precepts and teachings] he [habitually] meditates day and night.
Psalm 1:2 [Amplified Bible]

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The primary distribution method for *The Journal* is via email. If an email address of a member, friend or neighbor is not on our list and they would like to be included, please email the church office (secretary@johnwesleyumc.com) or call (850) 877-1738.

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