



The Herald

GOOD SAMARITAN
United Methodist Church



February 2025

Important Dates

February

Every Sunday

9AM Sunday School

10AM worship service

**1st Sun. of every month—
communion is served at
worship service—**

***Feb. 4th-Trustees 7PM**

***Feb. 9th-Souper bowl
Sunday-soup served &
February birthdays**

***Feb. 21st-UMW Meet 6PM**

***Feb, 25th-Church
Council/Finance Meet
6:30PM**

***March 5th-Ash Wednesday**

***Note no meeting for
Worship Team in
February**

***March 16th—Worship
Team Meeting after
Worship service**

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From the Pastor

If you are forgetful like me, I am sure you appreciate a reminder that February 14th is Valentines Day. But in our culture, we tend to focus on the romantic aspect of love this month, often equating it with a feeling. But love, at least from the Christian perspective is much more than that. Love is our driving force and made known in action.

February is a time when we honor both St. Valentine's Day and Black History Month, two celebrations that highlight love in action. St. Valentine was martyred because he refused to stop evangelizing. The love he found in Jesus Christ spurred him to proclaim his faith regardless of the consequences. St. Valentine's Day reminds us of the sacrificial and enduring love that reflects God's heart.

At the same time, Black History Month calls us to remember and celebrate the legacy of resilience, hope, and love demonstrated by countless individuals throughout history. Black history is a testament to the power of love in the face of adversity—a love that stands for justice, equality, and the inherent worth of every person created in the image of God. Figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and many others exemplified love in action, advocating for a world where love conquers hate and unity overcomes division.

This month, we encourage you to reflect on how you can share God's love in your own unique way. Perhaps it's through volunteering your time, sending an encouraging note, or simply being present with someone who needs a listening ear.

As we journey together, may we always remember the words of Jesus in John 13:34-35: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

May God's love fill your hearts and overflow into the lives of those around you. And may this month inspire us to love deeper, act justly, and walk humbly with our Lord.

With Love,
Pastor Singh

Welcome the Strangers Among Us

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . ." (Matt. 25:35)

There are many images in scripture for the life of faith: the body of Christ (I Cor. 12), the household of God (I Peter), and the vine (John 15). While John Wesley taught that our life of faith entails personal holiness, he also helped us understand that our life together is one of social holiness. A pastoral letter from the United Methodist Council of Bishops, "**Beloved Community: An Antidote to Extremism**" (Sept. 19, 2024), reminds us that love of God inevitably leads to love of neighbor. It is that love that causes me to seek your prayers and faithfulness.

While I support the legitimate efforts of law enforcement to protect the safety and security of our communities, I also support ordinances and statutes that protect the rights of immigrants in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Paragraph 163 of The 2020/2024 Book of Discipline says that "we affirm that every form of government stands under God's judgment and must therefore be held accountable for protecting the innocent, guaranteeing basic freedoms and liberties, protecting the natural world, and establishing just, equitable, and sustainable economies."

Insofar as the scripture calls us more than 35 times to love the stranger, I call us to stand with non-violent migrants, immigrants, and refugees in this country, who live in the shadows of society in a state of perpetual fear. I prayerfully ask us to reject the measure of mass deportations and consider families that include citizens and noncitizens, parents, and children, who must not be separated from each other. A recent Council of Bishops letter, "**Addressing the Plight of Migrants, Immigrants, and Refugees**" (Dec. 18, 2024), states that "they are our neighbors, our friends, and members and pastors of our churches."

I reject the needless provocation of Chicago as a stated ground zero for a mass deportation effort. I call on federal and state governments to work out bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform that will solve our issues and provide healing for the nation.

At other times in our history, whether it be the Trail of Tears, the Japanese detention centers, or the legacy of slavery, when the United States government has moved or restricted a mass of people, a tragic loss of life and generational cycles of harm result. The tool of mass deportation is not necessary and is abhorrent to followers of a nonviolent Jesus.

Once again, please pray for the migrants, immigrants, and refugees among us and welcome them with the fullness of Christian love, remembering that as we welcome these our brothers and sisters, we welcome Jesus our Lord.

Thank you.

Peace,

Daniel W. Schwerin, Bishop
Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Episcopal Area
The United Methodist Church

FUN EVENT AND FELLOWSHIP TIME!!!! Celebrating our February birthdays and Souper Bowl Sunday

Please join us on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 9th after worship service for a bowl of soup.

All donations collected will go to The Night Ministry.

The Night Ministry is a Chicago-based organization whose mission is to provide human connection, housing support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty



If you would like to bring a soup to share just let us know.



tacklehunger.org

February 9th-
join us for
cake and soup
-after worship
service

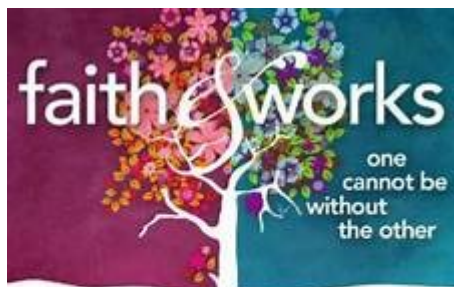


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2	Jen McCaleb
4	Debbie Snowden
7	Karen Jeschke
9	Ninfa Reinoso
17	Brittany (Fiduccia)Gersh
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19	Guy Schlagel
20	Sharon Luikaart
23	Karen Coffinbargar
23	Matthew Delawder
23	Nathaniel Shauf
25	Max Canady
26	Christina Daniello

ways to make a
Donation go to our
Website:
www.goodsamaritanumc.com
Click on tab for
donations



1. Zelle with our church email. goodsamaritanumc@sbcglobal.net
2. mail them in.
3. offering plate



February meetings.

You are invited to all. If you have questions call the church at 630-543-3725.

*Trustees Tuesday Feb. 4th at 7PM

*UMW-United Women in Faith meet

Wednesday, Feb. 12th- 6PM supper 7PM

meeting. All women invited. Please call the

church for location. We would love to have

you join us.-you do not have to be a member

to join us.

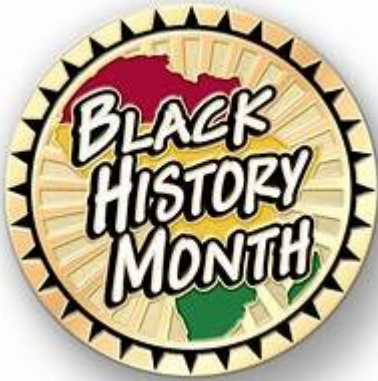
*Church Council/ Finance Feb. 25th at

6:30PM

*Worship Team meeting-no meeting for

February. Next meeting March 16th after

worship service



This year marks the 155th anniversary of The Fifteenth Amendment 1870. This gave black people the right to vote after the Civil War. It's because of **Martin Luther King** and the efforts of his supporters America came to understand the power of non-violent protest. ... The Voting Rights Act protects African Americans' right to vote.



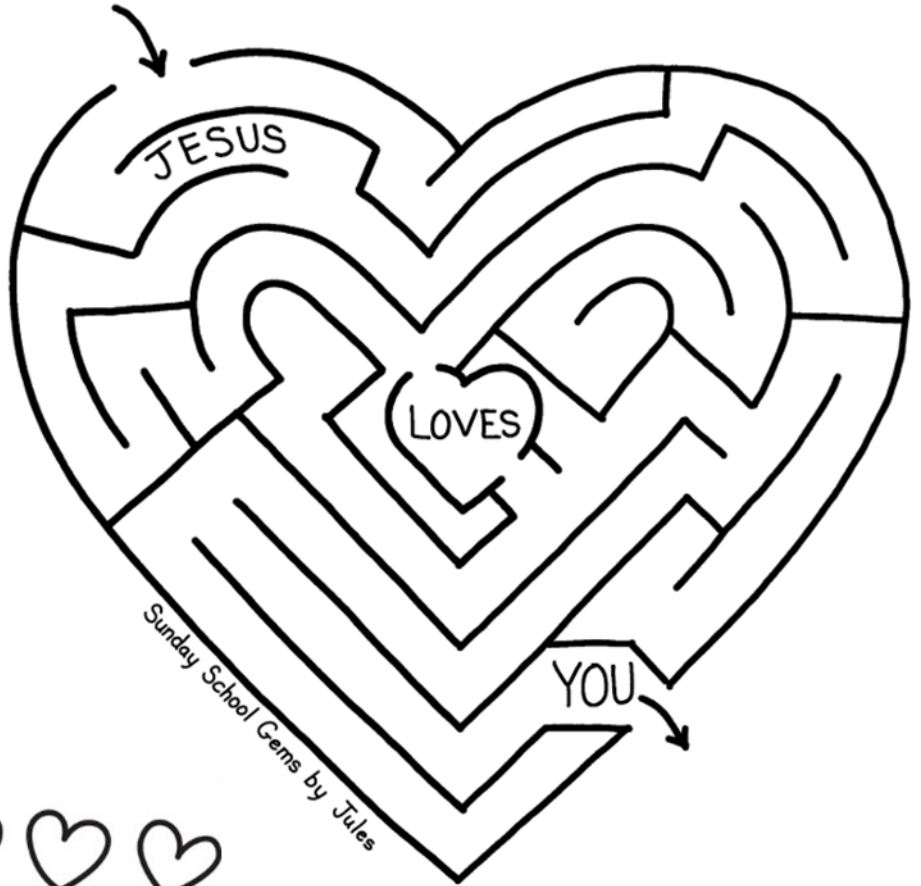
Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1919-April 4, 1968)



Kid's Corner

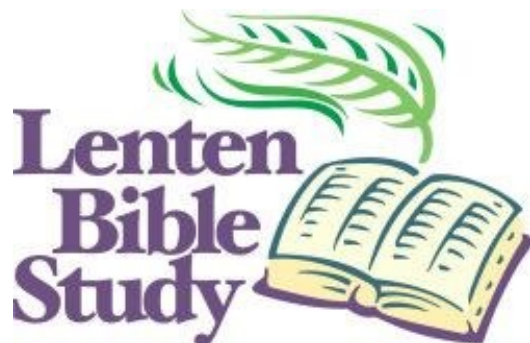
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-John 13:34



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LOVES
ME**

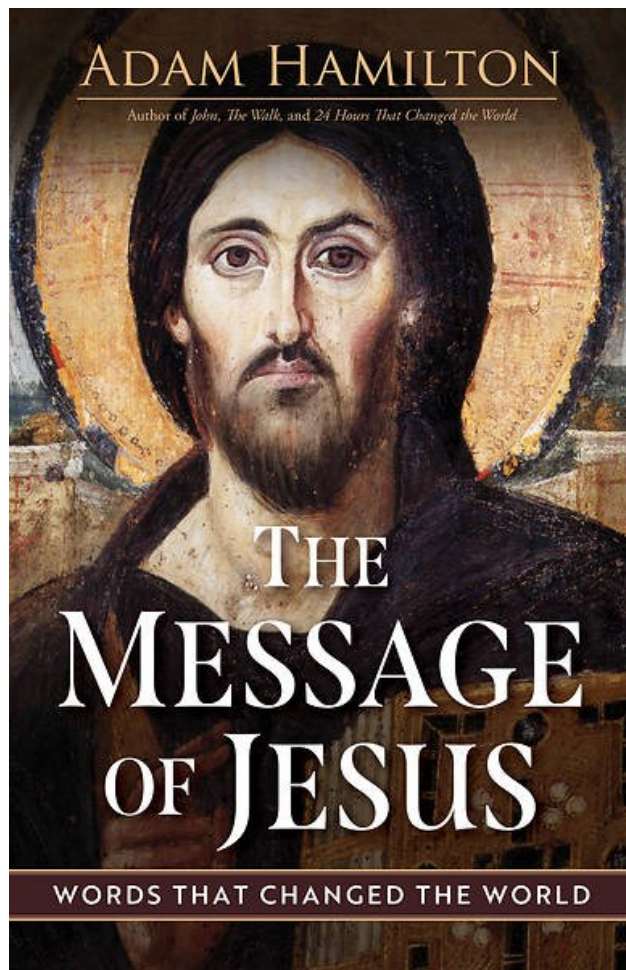
Please join us every Sunday at 9:00 am in the classrooms downstairs for Sunday School!



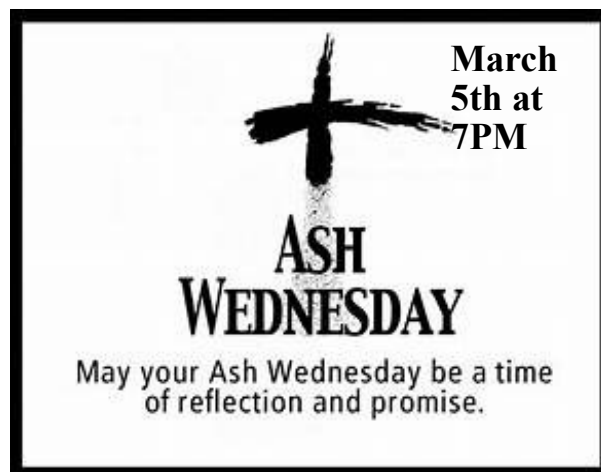
All Are Welcome-Lent Bible Studies–
 Thursday mornings at 10:30AM-in person. Begins on March 6th by Adam Hamilton / The Message of Jesus- Words That Changed the World– There will also be an online bible study. If you are interested please let us know. Begins on Monday at 7PM on March 10th– We can hold an in person evening bible study if we have enough interest-it would begin on March 12th at 6:30 or 7PM. You may order your books (suggestions) from Cokesbury.com, Amazon.com , Thrift-books.com ,Christian book.com or any where

Why do we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday? The festival celebrates the revelation of the eternal glory of the Second Person of the Trinity, which was normally veiled during Christ's life on earth. According to tradition, the event took place on Mount Tabor.

**March 2nd
 10AM**



***Lent begins
 on Ash Wednesday***



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Worship Service on line

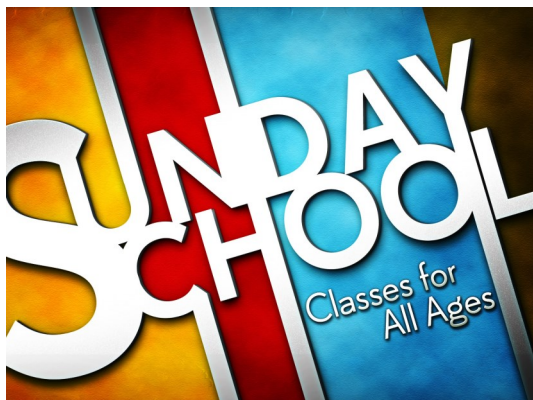
“Facebook Live” Sundays 10AM

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Love God · Connect with Others · Serve the World

- Church every Sunday 10AM in person and on Facebook live
- Sunday School Classes for all ages every Sunday at 9AM



February
23rd—game
day for youth of
all ages after
service

