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Willoughby 
UNITED-METHODIST-CHURCH

March 2019

Dates to Remember March

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| March | 2 | 9:30 Food Pantry |
| March | 3 | Communion
Confirmation Class
Youth Group |
| March | 5 | Frontline Rehearsal |
| March | 6 | 1:00 Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 Ash Wednesday Service |
| March | 7 | 7:00 Church Council |
| March | 8 | 9:30 Food Pantry |
| March | 9 | 6:00 McKinley Distribution
9:30-2:30 Women's
Retreat |
| March | 10 | 6:00 Youth Group
4:00 Bishop's Reception
4:30 Confirmation Class |
| March | 14 | 7:00 Trustee meeting
7:00 Walking Through
Grief class begins |
| March | 15 | 6:30-8:30 Burroughs Club
Broadcaster Articles Due |
| March | 19 | 6:00 McKinley Distribution |
| March | 21 | 9:30-11:30 Mom's Group |
| March | 23 | 9:00 RFKC Training |
| March | 28 | 12:00 R & R
7-9 Staff Parish Relations |
| March | 30 | 9-10:30 McKinley
Distribution |
| March | 31 | Winter Jam |



this changes
EVERYTHING.

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FROM THE PASTOR

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Lent: The period of 40 days prior to Easter, beginning with Ash Wednesday. It was originally a time to prepare candidates for baptism and became a period of penitence for those who have been baptized.

Penitence: ("to repent") The condition of being sorrowful and remorseful for sins one has committed.

Have you considered what to give up for Lent this year? Having these definitions in front of us may change our mind in making that decision. Not to point fingers, but who hasn't heard of someone giving up chocolate for Lent? Is giving up chocolate for 40 days really going to bring us into a closer relationship with God? Does God really care that we are willing to stop our indulgences for 40 days only to revert to our previous ways once the Easter Bunny delivers all those chocolate goodies on the day that He is risen? My guess is that God truly desires more.

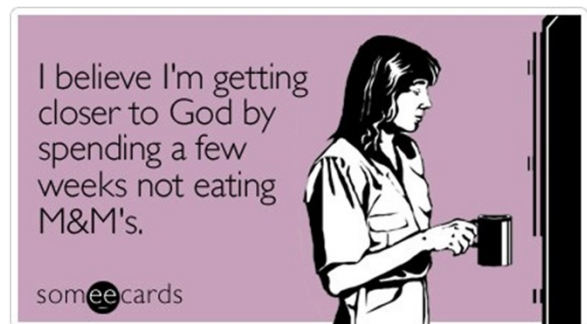
Imagine what your Lenten journey would look like if you started each day asking God to reveal to you, how your sin interferes with His plan for your life. Better yet, just ask God to reveal a sin that you are blind to, an injustice that you have participated in, a careless act that has caused another to hurt, or even a missed opportunity to love another. As the images come rushing to mind, challenge God to give you the ability to accept, the humble heart to be remorseful, the conviction to want to change and the strength to follow through.

My guess is, a Lenten journey like the one I describe, would bring even the mightiest tower of a person to their knees. Lent isn't about giving something up so that we can feel better about ourselves. Lent is about realizing that God gave up everything for us. I mean really, what could we possibly give up for such a short period of time that would even compare to the priceless gift we have received in Jesus the Christ? Nothing compares to the greatness, mercy and glory given to us by the spilled blood of our Lord and Savior.

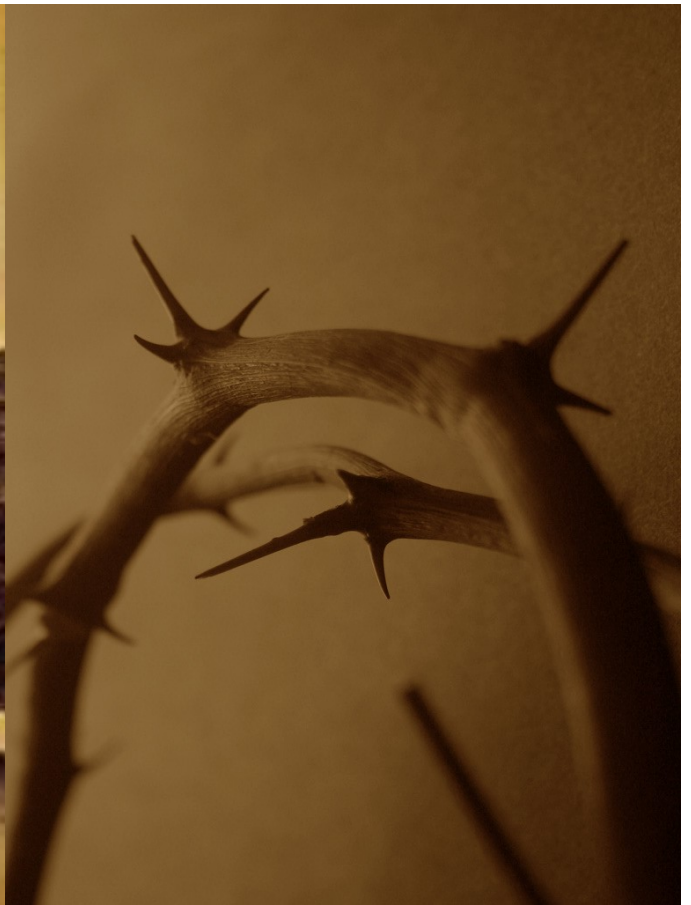
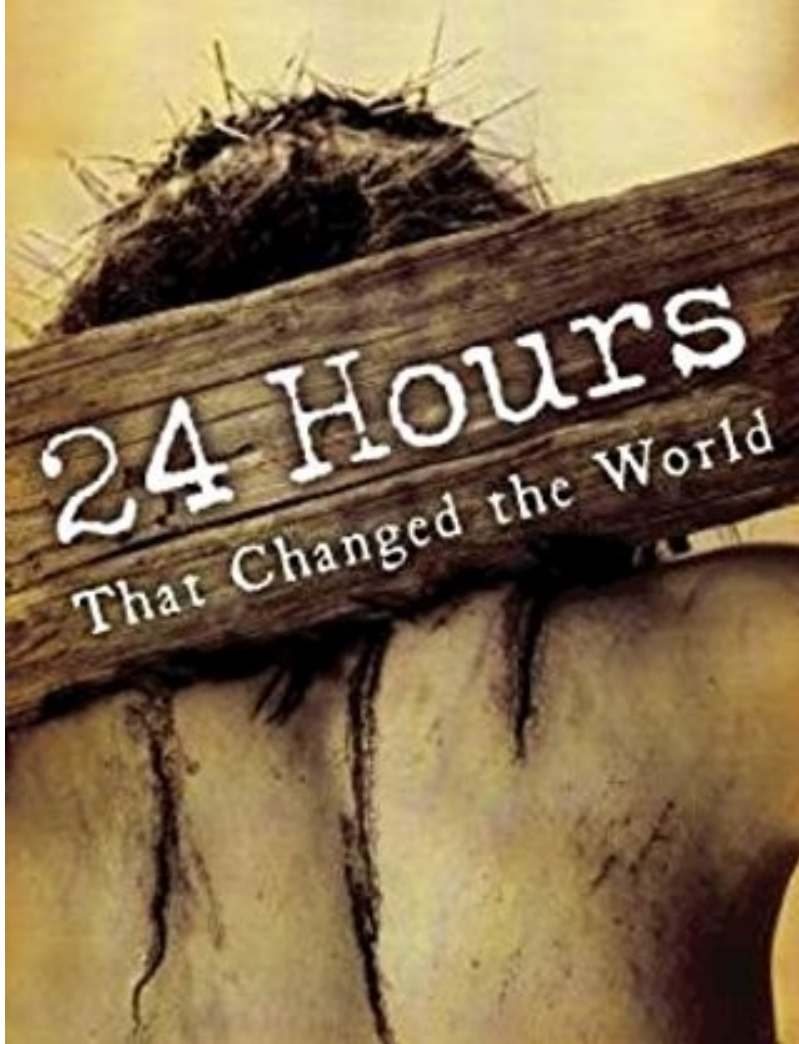
If I were to be completely honest, I would find myself more than remorseful for the thoughts, acts, misdeeds and sins in my life. To think that my choices caused the stripes that He took. My disobedience helped pierce His hands. My hardened heart caused a thorny crown to be pushed into His blood- and sweat-matted scalp. The mere thought of my own selfishness makes me nauseated, regretful, remorseful. The more I think about it the more it drives me to the floor, begging for mercy, pleading for forgiveness, desiring a chance to live a transformed life.

May your journey to the Cross this year cultivate a heart that desires more than a temporary turning away from chocolate. May you choose instead to turn toward a lasting, more Christ-like way of living. Consider the cost of freedom that you have in Christ. Challenge yourself before the throne of the everlasting God. Commit to a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God.

His,
Pastor Christopher



ADAM HAMILTON



SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

March 10 The Last Supper

March 17 The Garden of Gethsemane

March 24 Condemned by Righteous

March 31 Jesus, Barrabas and Pilate

April 7 The Torture and Humiliation

April 14 Palm Sunday—

The Crucifixion

April 21 Easter—Christ the Victor



Who's Who at WUMC **By Pastor Hazel**

Janet Whitehorn

This month I want to highlight one of our long-time members and the organist at the 8:00AM service. Janet Whitehorn, who has been a member of WUMC since 1987, has been in the Methodist Church all of her 80 years of life. She tells me that she is blessed because the church allows her opportunities to use her “3T’s” (Time, Talents, and Tithe) to demonstrate God’s love for us and her love for God.

Since her mother was an organist and concert piano teacher, it is no wonder that Janet played piano and organ for the three churches that she has belonged to over the years. She went to a small Christian College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where she got an undergraduate degree in French and then her Master’s

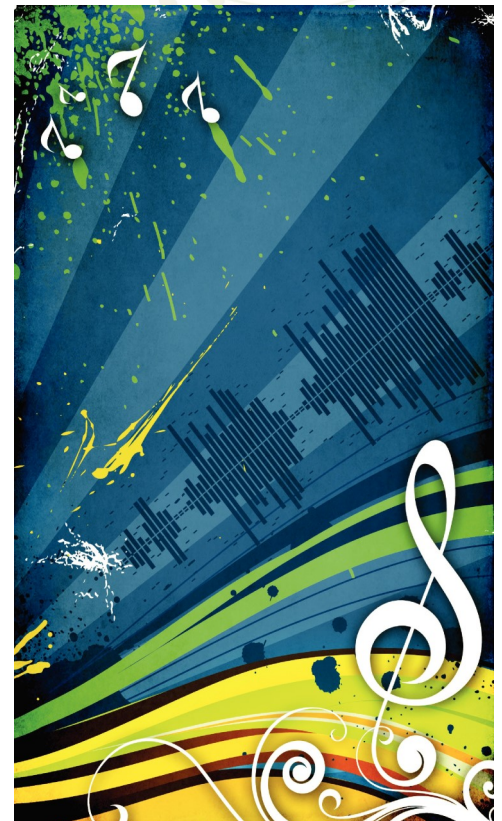
Degree at Case Western Reserve. She decided she wanted to learn more, so she picked up an accreditation in Spanish at Lake Erie College. She taught languages in high school for 34 years. She can still count and spell in both languages. She says she can’t break the habit after over 70 years of French!

Janet has been widowed three times. She has four adult children. Two of them live locally and two live in Florida. You have probably prayed for her daughter June, who has rheumatoid arthritis. Now she uses her teacher skills to volunteer in the Church Office, proofreading for the pastor, administrative assistant or wherever she is needed. If you come to the church on a Thursday, you will probably hear her cheery voice when you ring the bell, or see her answering the phone, folding bulletins or in some way contributing to the work of the church. (If you are interested in helping out there, Lu would be very happy to have you volunteer on Wednesdays!!)

Janet said, “The Lord has blessed me over and over again in all sorts of ways. I can’t begin to count them all, but I am trying to thank the Lord

for all that He has done for me.

I certainly don’t deserve all of you but it has been a wonderful life that I’ve had here at WUMC with all of the wonderful people whose lives have reminded me how much I have. So my final words are, “Merci, Gracias, Danke (German heritage) and Que Dieu vous benisse (God Bless You in French)!



Missions & Social Concerns news:

Spring is just around the corner, and with that comes many activities! The Food Pantry is requesting beef stew, paper products and bags of noodles.

Lent begins with Good Friday on March 6 and ends on Easter (April 21). We collect items for Birthright Lake County through Lent. Items of greater need are:

- diapers newborn & size 6
- new & gently-used boy & girl clothing & pajamas
- newborn & sizes 2, 4, 5
- baby wash
- new 8 oz plastic bottles
- gently-worn baby & toddler shoes
- new newborn & toddler socks
- child toothbrushes

The 3/10/19 Mission Moment will discuss Royal Kids Camp.

The Noisy Collection on 3/31/19 will be sent to the Unfinished Church: Fisenge UMC in Zambia, Africa, where our missionaries Ken & Debbie Vance serve.

We appreciate your support of these projects. Have a blessed month!



Father,

May they clearly know
Your will and achieve the
height and depth of spir-
itual wisdom and under-
standing.

May their lives be a cred-
it to You, Lord; and what's more, may they continue
to delight You by doing every good work and grow-
ing in the true knowledge that comes from being
close to You.

Strengthen them with Your infinite power, accord-
ing to Your glorious might, so that they will have
everything they need to hold on and endure hard-
ship patiently and joyfully.

Thank You, Father, as You have made us eligible
to receive our portion of the inheritance given to all
those set apart by the light. You have rescued us
from dark powers and brought us safely into the
kingdom of Your Son, whom You love and in
whom we are redeemed and forgiven of our sins.

(Taken from Colossians 1:9-14 The Voice)



Save the Date!

The Adult Mission Team will be holding
their annual Plant & Flower Sale on
Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Pre-orders will be accepted beginning in
mid-April -- more information to follow!



Adult **MISSION** **TRIP** **Info**



Would you like to be the hands and feet of Jesus for someone in need? Join our Adult Mission Team this summer when they travel to Christian Appalachian Project!

This year's dates are July 21-26. Anyone ages 14 and up are welcome, no special skills required. Watch the bulletin and announcements for their fundraiser (Malley Chocolates) and their next organizational meeting. Contact Lisa Lewins at 216-346-9036 for more information.

What is Tenebrae?

By Pastor Hazel



Service of Darkness

Tenebrae [Ten-eh-bray]. This is a Latin word referring to darkness. We will recall and symbolize the growing darkness of the events of Good Friday.

This service will be one of the most beautiful and memorable services you have ever experienced! There will be twelve candles that will be progressively extinguished as the story of the events of the week before the crucifixion is told by several participants.

The narration will be interspersed with the themes expressed in song by the choir, bell choir, instrumentalists, soloists, etc.

The joy of **Easter** morning will impact you in an incredible way after you have experienced the solemnity of a **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**.

THIS IS ONE SERVICE YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!!

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19 @ 7:00 pm

Disciple Fast Track Bible Study



What is Disciple Fast Track? *Disciple Fast Track*, an adaptation of the original, bestselling *Disciple Bible Study*, provides a viable option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement over time with the entire biblical text. *Fast Track* groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings, which last approximately 75 minutes.

At WUMC, we will start with a 12 week Bible Study on the **Old Testament**.

When: First 12 week session will begin Sunday, March 17, 2019 through mid June.

**New Testament study will be offered in the Fall of 2019.*

Where: Room 101

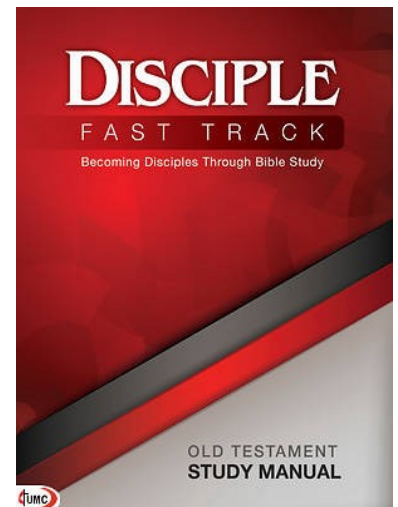
Time: 9:00 am to 10:15 am

Who: Anyone who desires a better comprehensive understanding of the Old Testament.

Leaders: Lisa Richards and Mike Fair

A Study Manual is required. Fee is \$16.

Call the church office at 440-942-9068 to register.





Transplant House of Cleveland. 2/7/19 delivery

Cari Radel, Pat Norris, Brenda Kubiak and Deanne Lentz, Operations Manager
Your support is so appreciated by those who use the gifts while staying at the Transplant House!

CHILI COOK-OFF FUN

By Sarah and Ashley Chase

Sunday, February 17, many of our fellow neighbors came together to enjoy the Annual Chili Cook Off. With fifteen different chili entries and complementary items such as corn bread and nachos, everyone was guaranteed to go home with a full stomach! All of the chilies were extremely tasty, and best of all, made with love. Congratulations to Melissa Cork, who won the competition with her white chicken chili and took home the winning trophy. In the end, the Annual Chili Cook Off was a great time to catch up with friends while enjoying a nice hot lunch. Make sure to start perfecting your chili recipe for next year's cook off, because the competition is tough! (See more photos of the Chili Cook-Off on our Facebook page - [Facebook.com/wilbyumc](https://www.facebook.com/wilbyumc).)

Winners: 1st Place - Melissa Cork
2nd Place - Sarah
3rd Place - Pastor Christopher



Women's Winter Retreat

A day retreat –
reviving a heart for prayer...

Saturday, March 9, 2019

9:00 – 2:30pm – continental breakfast and lunch included

At Willoughby UMC, 15 Public Sq., Willoughby

\$10 per person. Registration ends March 6.

Please register at the welcome center on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Contact Lisa Richards for further info. (440)773-4300

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Walking Through Grief™ Tools For Finding Hope Along The Grief Journey

Our next 10 week “Walking Through Grief” class will begin on Thursday, March 14th, 7-9 pm in Room 3/4. Our goal is to be the “arms of Jesus” to people who are grieving the death of a loved one & give them much needed tools, support, encouragement & hope in their grief journeys. Over 150 people have come through this program since it was started in 2014, & we’re so glad to be holding this group here at WUMC now!

This class is open to anyone in the community, so if you know of someone who might need this type of important grief support, please pass this info along. All materials are provided FREE of charge, there is no cost to attend. For more info or to register please contact group facilitator Cathy Schneithorst via cell 440-477-2010 or email cathyapicello@marykay.com



Walking Through Grief is a support group for people grieving the death of someone close. The Walking Through Grief series offers hope and help while providing information and practical tools to those navigating the grief journey.

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10 Week Class begins:
Thurs, March 14, 2019, 7-9 pm
Room 3 & 4
For more info or to register:
Cathy Schneithorst 440-477-2010



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The Prayer of St. Patrick

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of the fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftmess of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,

God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and a near,
Alone or in multitude.

Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me,

I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.

Anonymous





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*Distributions for residents of Willoughby, Willoughby Hills,
Eastlake, Willowick, Lakeline, Timberlake and Wickliffe
Please bring photo ID & utility bill every visit*

*MCOC is a 501(c)3 Tax-exempt organization; Donations accepted
Volunteer opportunities available*



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◀◀◀◀ AVAILABLE AT TAXABLES DISTRIBUTIONS ▶▶▶▶

⇒ Taxable/Personal Care Items
⇒ Clothing
⇒ Linens & Household Goods
⇒ Pet Food & Supplies



⇒ Meet Jesus – for Kids
⇒ Prayer/Chapel
⇒ Hot Meals
⇒ Coats, hats, gloves & boots
⇒ Shoes

847 families made 3,414 visits during Taxables Distributions in 2018; One visit per family permitted each month
In 2018, MCOC gave away 18,468 rolls of toilet paper, 2,690 rolls of paper towels, 2,006 bottles of dishwashing liquid

◀◀◀◀ AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ▶▶▶▶



⇒ Durable Medical Goods
Wheelchairs, walkers/rollators, raised toilet seats, canes and shower chairs are available depending on donations received.



⇒ Baby Supplies
Clothes, diapers, wipes, baby furniture & strollers as available depending on donations received.

◀◀◀◀ CHOICE FOOD PANTRY ▶▶▶▶

Guests may select items from what is donated and/or purchased from the Cleveland Food Bank.
Number of items to select is based on family size; Families may visit once every 30 days.

In 2018, 854 families visited the pantry 2,498 times; MCOC distributed 65,581 pounds of food

◀◀◀◀ FEED THE BODY, FEED THE SOUL MEALS ▶▶▶▶

On the second, fourth and fifth Mondays of the month, a brief message and time of prayer leads into a time of food & fellowship, beginning at 5:30pm. All are welcome.



◀◀◀◀ PROGRAMS & SERVICES ▶▶▶▶

⇒ Voting Willoughby wards 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A and 2C
⇒ AA Men's Insight Group
Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Enter by North door

⇒ Ohio Guidestone Opportunities First
216-403-1719

⇒ GED Classes provided by ABLE 440-358-8027
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30am-noon

⇒ ShadeTree Community Church - 440-497-0251
Sundays at 10:45am; Youth group Thursdays at 6pm

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT FURNITURE

The Lake-Geauga Furniture Bank 440-255-3051
<http://lakegeaugafurniturebank.org/> can pick up furniture donations
for a \$10 fee.

Also, Habitat for Humanity's Restore in Eastlake 440-226-3212
<https://www.habitat.org/restores> offers free pickup.

Taxable Distribution hours

Saturday, March 9 9:00-10:30 am
Tuesday, March 19 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 30 9:00-10:30 am

Food Pantry hours:

Mondays: 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Wednesdays: Noon-2:30 pm
Thursdays: Noon-2:30 pm

Feed the Body--Feed the Soul Meal

Monday, March 11 5:30 - 6 pm
Monday, March 25 5:30 - 6 pm

Greatest Current Donation Needs

TAXABLES:

Paper Towels,
Toilet Paper (double rolls),
Laundry detergent (32 loads/64 oz size)
Dishwashing soap

PET FOOD:

Dry cat food

HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

Children's clothes of all sizes
(larger than 2T)
Bed sheets, towels, small appliances

Donation & Building

Administration Hours

Mon-Wed: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
(No Thursday hours)
Saturdays: 9:00—11:30 am

Please note that the McKinley
Community Outreach Center does NOT
pick up furniture donations.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM - Heritage Service
 9:00 AM - Fellowship
 9:15 AM - Sunday School
 10:15 AM - Fellowship
 10:30 AM - Multigenerational Service/
 Kingdom Kids

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Have you missed a Sunday? Want to hear a sermon again? Sermons are now available on our web site - www.WilloughbyUMC.com, click on Media, then on Sermons.