



# NEWS from the Corner



First United Methodist Church—600 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214

Online at: [fumc-clarion.org](http://fumc-clarion.org)

March 2025 Edition

## Worship Services

Sunday mornings  
8:30 and 11:00am

## Sunday School

9:45am  
Classes for all ages

## Live Stream

Both services streamed  
live on YouTube



## Pastor Jodie's Jottings . . .

The month of March has always seemed to me to be a month of transition as we seemingly slowly move from winter into spring. This year, March also begins our transition into the season of Lent. Too often Lent seems long and drawn out and in the midst of that and the busyness of our lives, Lent loses its meaning.

I do believe that you will only get out of Lent (in a spiritual sense) what you put in to it. I encourage you to be more fully present as you observe Lent this year. It's my hope and prayer that the following plans here at First UMC will help you to do that.

We will observe the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, March 5, with our Ash Wednesday service held in the sanctuary starting at 12 noon. We will conclude by 12:45pm in order to allow anyone who works to be able to worship during the lunch hour.

Additionally, you will be receiving by email a daily devotion throughout the season. If you do not receive the devotion, please speak to Darren in the office.

March 30 is Celebration Sunday and will be the presentation of the choir's Cantata at our 9:30am service. Following the service, the Fellowship Committee will host a "Winter Picnic" in the Dining Room.

We will have a Seder Meal and Maundy Thursday worship service on April 17. We will again sponsor a Cross Walk through Clarion on Good Friday, April 18; with a worship service at 7:00pm. Our Easter celebration will begin at 8:30 with a continental breakfast/fellowship time followed by our resurrection celebration worship at 9:30am.

As you can see, the plans and preparations are in place—all we need is your participation! Watch for more details, but mark your calendars today!

Lenten Blessings & Prayers,

Pastor Jodie Smith

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### CONSIDER GIVING TO THE MEMORIAL FUND

When a loved one dies, keeping his or her memory alive is a way of honoring his or her life and finding comfort in your own life as a survivor. Consider contributing a gift to your church's Memorial Fund as a tribute to someone you loved or have known.

## Memorials January 17, 2025 - February 15, 2025

### In memory of Eileen Heasley

Given by Dianne Brosius (Memorial Fund)  
Given by Kathy Gathers (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)  
Given by Janice Hartle (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)  
Given by Mary Jo Ford (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)  
Given by Susan Best (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)  
Given by Phyllis Polliard (Memorial Fund)  
Given by Carol Morrison (Memorial Fund)  
Given by Richard and Cheryl Douthit (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)

### In memory of Thomas Siegel

Given by Mary Jo Ford (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)  
Given by Sandra Foster, Pat Long, Janet Cox, Shawnee O'Hara, Suellen Gourley, Phyllis Morrow, Phyllis Buckley, Jean Freeborn (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)

### In memory of Lorna O'Conner

Given by Mary Brooks (Mary McKissick Brooks Organ Fund)



Our deepest sympathies go out to Sarah Siegel and the family and friends of **Thomas Siegel**. Thomas passed from this life on January 28.



Our deepest sympathies go out to Valerie Stitt and the family and friends of **Carl Stitt**. Carl passed from this life on February 12.

Please call the church office for an address if you wish to send your prayers and cards.

I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to all the members and friends of Clarion First United Methodist Church, who shared in the reception and the presentation of Broadway Methodist Style for my retirement on January 25. The cards and gifts I received were overwhelming, and a simple thank you seems to be inadequate, but your thoughts were so appreciated.

To the people who shared their time and talents during the performance, I give a heartfelt BRAVO. You will never know enough praise for you all agreeing to change the date, so I could join you at the event. And lastly, to the Choir and to Mary Brooks, working with you over the past twenty-five years has been one of the absolute joys of my life.

With the love of Christ, I humbly say thank you again,  
Randy Bowser

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To everyone who supported the American Cancer Society by purchasing daffodils and tulips this year, THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! Our church raised \$635!

The spring meeting of the **Butler-Franklin District United Women in Faith** will be held on **Saturday, April 26** at the Grace United Methodist Ministry in New Castle, PA. The theme for the day is "Reflections on Ruth" and Rev. Bill Lavelle will be our host pastor. We will meet the real Ruth through Cami Schaubroeck, an exciting storyteller. We will also focus on the Ruth M. Smith Center and gather items needed for their ministry.

The day begins with registration at 9:00am and ends with lunch. Cost for the day is \$10. For more information, please see Mary Brooks, Mary Jo Ford, or Molly Greenawalt.

**The Ruth Circle** will hopefully meet on **Monday, March 17, at 6:30pm**. We've missed our January and February meetings due to frigid weather. Any woman of the church is welcome to join us to learn of the mission work of the United Women in Faith and to share in fun and interesting discussions.

The logo for 'UnSEEN' features a stylized white outline of a person's head and shoulders inside a white 'U' shape, followed by the word 'SEEN' in large, bold, white capital letters.

**KEYSTONE**  
FAMILY ALLIANCE

**2025 Fundraiser & Awareness Event**

**March 22**

**@ 5pm**



**Zion Church**  
**114 Zion Road**  
**Clarion, PA 16214**

*Dear friends of Daily Bread,*

Recently, there has been a debate about what we should call a “homeless” person. Many argue that we should say something like “a person experiencing homelessness” because it emphasizes the person that is being described instead of a singular aspect of their identity. Personally, because of the rich biblical meaning of the word shelter, I simply like the phrase *an unsheltered person*.

The Prophet Isaiah wrote: “*For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a **shelter** from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, like heat in a dry place.*”

Hands down, the world can be ruthless toward unsheltered men and women; they have been dehumanized and robbed of human dignity. Many are unsheltered because they lack the emotional maturity to function in life because their very own families of birth have been ruthless.

At Daily Bread, it is different. We do provide physical shelter from the storms of life that include food, clothing, and the basic necessities to survive, but we provide so much more.

- I am thinking of a young man whose cancer has metastasized into his lungs. He was scared to death. Without family, we were the first people he told. By God’s providence that day, two of our volunteers were cancer survivors, and they ministered to him in a powerful way offering hope and peace
- I am thinking of an older man with a severe anxiety disorder who has squatted in an abandoned building for years. Every time he comes to Daily Bread, he is burdened with new anxieties. We help him reframe his catastrophic thinking within the context of faith. Throughout the years, faith was born and he is growing in his faith and his anxiety is lessened.
- I am thinking of an 84-year-old man whose son died suddenly from a heart attack. He was left without a place to live and the support he needed to help him with his medical conditions. One of our volunteers helped him with complicated low- income housing applications, and he is now living in a safe place with the care he needs.
- I am thinking of a kind and undocumented, illegal immigrant who would not say a word to us for months. You could see the fear and hesitancy in his eyes. Through the help of a Spanish speaking volunteer and social worker, he is now receiving guidance to a pathway to life in a new place.

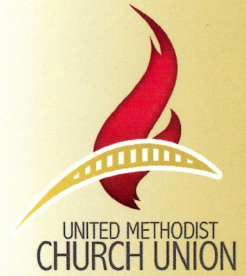
Men and women are finding rest in the **shelter** of the Almighty at Daily Bread and we are asking you once again to continue your amazing, faithful support of this ministry.

- Come on down to Daily Bread and love up on our men and women.
- If your church or group is not providing meals, consider providing a meal.
- Make a donation. \$900.00 would cover one month’s rent at our new location. \$400.00 would provide a meal for 150 people. \$500.00 would cover a month’s supplies. \$300.00 will cover a fried chicken dinner, which our men and women love. \$200.00 will cover the cost of one month’s coffee service.

In my younger years, I asked the Lord if I could just love up on folks in my senior years. He has given me my heart’s desire. It has been my joy to partner with 22 participating churches and organizations and over 300 volunteers annually. This past week, a city social worker told me that he sends new unsheltered men and women that he meets on the streets to our place first because he knows that they will be loved upon love and shown grace beyond measure! Thank you for your support!

*Bob Maravalli*

Bob Maravalli, Director of Daily Bread



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### **Olmsted Manor Spring Retreat Save the Dates May 13-15 (Tuesday-Thursday)**

Join Pastor Jodie for a three-day retreat that offers spiritual growth, fellowship, and rejuvenation amid Olmsted's scenic surroundings. Walk the beautifully landscaped grounds and enjoy the restful comfort of the Retreat Center.

**The registration deadline is April 1.**

The total cost for two nights with brunch and dinner:

Single room + tax and meals \$150 per person

Double room + tax and meals \$130 per person

Scholarships are available to help cover the cost—please see Pastor Jodie for more information.

### **FRANKLIN DISTRICT/FUMC POTATO PROJECT**

Each year we are given an opportunity to receive potatoes through the generosity of the Society of St. Andrew. Farmers donate potatoes, volunteers (gleaners) gather them, donors provide funds for transportation, and feeding agencies distribute the potatoes. On March 7, the Franklin District will receive a semi-truck load of gleaned potatoes. We will once again support this effort by sharing the costs of transportation. In addition, we will be picking up eight 50lb bags of potatoes and distribute them on **March 19** at the Love Cupboard Food Pantry. You can support this great mission with a financial gift and/or be part of the sorting and bagging of smaller bags of potatoes on **March 19** at **1:30pm**.

### **Love Cupboard Food Pantry**

The donation item for the month of **March** is **LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP**.

Please place your donations in the wooden box located in the Gathering Area.

**Please Note: Perishable items are now available.** Distribution occurs on the **3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm**.



### **Feeding Those in Need**

Each month we plan and organize our Love Cupboard Food Pantry to feed those in need. This mission is very well received by our neighbors who struggle to make ends meet. We partner with Second Harvest Northwest Food Bank out of Erie. In this last year they joined partnership with "Feeding America" organization and the benefits that their donation power brings to the food distribution system. Additionally, we are benefiting by being able to get state-of-the-art computer technology with additional computer equipment and programming. In February we initiated our new check-in process by implementing a Loyalty program where each neighbor visiting has their own card that is scanned, improving the efficiency of this process. This new intake program allows monthly statistic reports to be automatically produced. In July when each neighbor renews their registration for the upcoming year, significant time will be saved.

Information on the system gets verified and then the neighbor provides a signature on an iPad; off they go for their shopping experience for another twelve months.

As always, we welcome your participation in this mission ministry to our community and surrounding areas. Just call the church office for information and an opportunity to receive a real reward of helping our friends in need.

**Ten Questions to Ask Yourself as We Begin the Season of Lent**

1. When I wake up on Easter Sunday morning, how will I be different?
2. Is there a habit or sin in my life that repeatedly gets in the way of loving God with my whole heart or loving my neighbor as myself? How do I address that habit over the next 40 days?
3. Is there anyone in my life from whom I need to ask forgiveness or pursue reconciliation?
4. What practical steps can I take to carve out time for daily devotions and prayer?
5. What spiritual discipline do I need to improve upon or want to try?
6. What are some things in my life that I tell myself I need but I don't?
7. Why am I giving up this particular thing?  
How does giving it up draw me closer to God and prepare me for Easter?
8. What am going to tell myself when self-denial gets hard?
9. Is it necessary/helpful for me to share the nature of my fast with others or should I keep it private?
10. What do the ashes mean to me this year?

**Four Fasts to Consider**

1. Choose to make water your only beverage for 40 days.
2. Give up eating out for 40 days and donate the money you save to the food pantry.
3. Do a 40-day purge of all your excess stuff and donate the best of it to Goodwill or a local thrift store that benefits your neighbors.
4. Unplug—TV, Facebook, Twitter, Netflix, etc. Perhaps the single best way to carve out some extra time for prayer.

Dear Friends,

Do you wonder if your church can do more to support mental health? Is it frustrating when someone comes to you with a mental health need, but you have no idea how to help? Are you feeling stuck, overwhelmed, depleted, and exhausted when it comes to addressing mental health issues in your church?

On **Thursday, April 3, from 9:00am - 3:30pm**, Zion Church in Clarion is excited to host the second **Church Mental Health Summit**. This year's summit will feature live local speakers who will discuss various topics related to how churches can address mental health issues.

The Church Mental Health Summit is designed for pastors, church leaders, and anyone in your church who connects with someone who suffers from mental health issues. We would love to see you and some people from your church.

Here is the link with all the information:

[www.churchmentalhealthsummit.com/clarioncounty](http://www.churchmentalhealthsummit.com/clarioncounty).

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 814-226-6660.



**July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Trip includes: "NOAH" Live on Stage at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA.

Time to explore and lunch on your own at the "Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market."

Dinner at "Miller's Smorgasbord Restaurant"

Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation

**Cost of Trip: \$288 per person**

Pickup location: First United Methodist Church of Clarion, 600 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214. Time of departure will be approx. 6:00 a.m. Arrival back at the church will be approx. 11:30 p.m. Rest stop and breakfast on your own enroute to Lancaster.

A minimum deposit of \$100 per person to reserve your spot is due no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Payments may be given to Darren Mackenzie at the church. Forms of payment accepted: Cash or Check (made payable to: First United Methodist of Clarion). Contact information for Darren Mackenzie is 814-226-6660 or email him at: [churchoffice@fumc-clarion.org](mailto:churchoffice@fumc-clarion.org).

Final payment is due no later than June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

If you have any further questions, you may also contact Vicki Miller at Shaffer Evergreen Rentals Bus Trips (814) 229-0400 or email [vicmiller21@yahoo.com](mailto:vicmiller21@yahoo.com).

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January's weather was somewhat challenging in terms of offerings. We entered the current year in a strong financial position. We look forward to improved weather ahead.

The 2024 giving statements are being distributed by hand as much as possible in order to save on postage. Please call the church office if you have not received yours.

Many defined contribution retirement plans, such as IRAs offered by employers, offer a tax benefit for direct donations to qualified charities, such as our church. If you opt to have your plan sent directly to the church, you will not have to pay federal income tax on the distribution amount. Please contact your plan provider for the details. It is important to follow the steps correctly.



### **The GBHEM Scholarship Portal Is Now Open**

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) scholarship application portal is open for United Methodist students seeking scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study at colleges, universities, and seminaries in the United States. Potential scholarships awarded range from \$500 to \$1,200, on average.

In 2024, GBHEM awarded more than 2,100 scholarships, valued at nearly \$3.7 million, to undergraduate and graduate students at 509 U.S. schools. This financial aid helped students of all backgrounds pursue their dreams and education to serve as the next generation of leaders.

The Scholarships Office administers more than 70 scholarship programs with one general application. Students may submit one application per year, which will be screened for the appropriate scholarship program.

Scholarship programs are divided into three categories:

- General Scholarships
- HBCU Scholarships
- Ministry as a Career Scholarships

Please visit [gbhem.org/scholarships](https://gbhem.org/scholarships) to apply. The deadline to complete the application is **Monday, March 31, 2025**. Email [umscholar@gbhem.org](mailto:umscholar@gbhem.org) for more information.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Starting Time</b>	<b>Ending Time</b>
2 Mar	Regular Meeting	Youth Room at Church	6:30pm	8:00pm
9 Mar	Regular Meeting	Youth Room at Church	6:30pm	8:00pm
12 Mar	Breakfast	County Seat	6:45am	7:45am
16 Mar	Youth Group Dinner	Applebee's	5:30pm	7:30pm
<b>MARCH 16 - JUMONVILLE MONEY DUE \$100</b>				
23 Mar	Regular Meeting	Youth Room at Church	6:30pm	8:00pm
29 Mar	Laser Tag and Dinner	Family Bowlaway Center in Butler, PA	3:00pm	8:30pm
30 Mar	Regular Meeting	Youth Room at Church	6:30pm	8:00pm



## **News from the Corner - March 2025**

The **Youth Group Winter Retreat** is scheduled for **Thursday, April 10** through **Sunday, April 13**. The commitment fee of \$100 is due on **Sunday, March 16** at our regular Youth Group meeting. If you have any questions on the retreat, please email [youthdirector@clarion-fumc.org](mailto:youthdirector@clarion-fumc.org).

The Youth Group will once again be participating in our annual **Wreaths Across America** fundraising campaign. Order forms are available in the church office. You can also use the QR Code that will take you directly to our page and you can donate online. Watch for more information over the coming months. Let's remember every veteran this December as we place wreaths on their graves to thank them for their service and the sacrifices they have made for our country. Cost is \$17.00 per wreath and the Youth Group receives \$5 for every wreath sold. Let's make this year our biggest year ever!!



Save the date for our Annual Youth Group **Work Camp—Sunday, June 22** through **Thursday, June 26**. We welcome all church members to join us for an uplifting week. Please contact Howard Rhoades or Shelly Rhoades if you are interested. Commitment fee of \$125 is due by **Sunday, May 18**.

### **Karen G. Luderer Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Karen Luderer lived her life as a devout Christian. Throughout her life, Karen epitomized the values of Christianity. She always looked past someone's indiscretions and valued the person. Karen spent years helping the less fortunate. Whether it was her prison ministry, 4th Avenue Adventure ministry, or any of the many committees in which she partook, she was always willing to listen, counsel, and help. She never sought the spotlight. In fact, she went out of her way to avoid it. Helping others was her reward. In this light, the family of Karen Luderer established the Karen G. Luderer Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2018.

#### **Criteria**

- ◆ A high school GPA of 2.50
- ◆ SAT score of 800 or an ACT score of 16
- ◆ A member of the United Methodist Church, an active member of the Youth Group of the United Methodist Church, or a former member of the Youth Group
- ◆ Traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply

#### **Selection Process**

Interested people will give a short presentation (PowerPoint or other presentation form) to the Selection Committee. In the spirit of Karen, the Selection Committee wants to learn of the person beyond a résumé. The presentation should provide the committee with sufficient information to get to know the person. Topics may include, but are not limited to: any hardships/challenges in life, the role of religion in their life, specific experiences of volunteer work, specific experiences of Youth Group/work camps, and/or any life experiences that will provide insight into the person.

The scholarship will not just focus on grades and accomplishments, but the person as a whole. The presentation should be about 10 minutes and no more than 20 minutes. An interview will follow the presentation.

#### **Award**

Recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the recipient's institution. The scholarship is renewable for a maximum of 4 years, as long as the student maintains a GPA of 2.50. Every year in May, students will be required to present a copy of their grades to the committee prior to disbursement.

#### **Application**

An application form can be picked up at the First United Methodist Church Office, 600 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214 or may be requested via email at [churchoffice@fumc-clarion.org](mailto:churchoffice@fumc-clarion.org).

#### **Deadline**

**All applications must be received by April 6, 2025.** Selected applicants will be invited to provide the presentation/interview, occurring on a date to be determined—usually a Saturday in May. Interviews will be held in the Youth Room starting at 9:00am. The applicant will be notified by text or email. If for some reason an applicant is unavailable on this date, the committee will allow a Skype/Zoom presentation as long as the applicant meets all of the guidelines listed above.

**Sunday March 2, 2025**

- 9:45am Grades 6-12 - Cook & Eat Toast Bowls (Kitchen)  
 11:00am Children's Chimes Practice  
 6:30pm Youth Group Regular Meeting

**Monday March 3, 2025**

- 10:00am Bible Study: "Simon Peter" (Room 102)  
 5:30pm Kiwanis (Room 102)

**Tuesday March 4, 2025****Shrove Tuesday**

- 4:00pm Girl Scouts (Dining Room & Kitchen)  
 6:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 Recruitment Meeting (Sanctuary)  
 6:30pm Christian Education Meeting (Room 102)

**Wednesday March 5, 2025****Ash Wednesday**

- 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)  
 6:30pm Bible Study: "Simon Peter" (Room 102)

**Saturday March 8, 2025**

- 10:30am Ruth Schurr Visitation (Gathering Area)  
 11:30am Ruth Schurr Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

**Sunday March 9, 2025**

- 11:00am Library Time (K - 5th grade)  
 6:30pm Youth Group Regular Meeting

**Monday March 10, 2025**

- 8:30am Second Harvest Delivery  
 9:30am Senior Food Box Pickup

**Tuesday March 11, 2025**

- 6:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 Recruitment Meeting (Sanctuary)  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 51 (Dining Room)  
 6:30pm Trustees Meeting (Room 102)

**Wednesday March 12, 2025**

- 6:45am Youth Group Breakfast (County Seat)  
 8:00am Daily Bread (Pittsburgh)  
 10:00am DAR Luncheon & Meeting (Dining Room)  
 5:00pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (Stephen Ministry Room)

**Thursday March 13, 2025**

- 12:00pm United Women in Faith - Naomi Circle (Room 102)  
 2:00pm Clarion Civic Group (Room 102)

**Sunday**

- 8:30am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)  
 9:45am Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00am Contemporary Service (Sanctuary, YouTube)

**Monday**

- 5:30pm Adult Bell Choir Practice (Balcony)  
 6:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 51 (Various Rooms)

**Saturday March 15, 2025**

- 11:00am Richard Elliott Memorial Service (Sanctuary)  
 3:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 51 (Dining Room, Kitchen, Sanctuary)

**Sunday March 16, 2025**

- 11:00am Kids2Kids (K - 5th grade)  
 5:30pm Youth Dinner (Applebee's)

**Monday March 17, 2025****St. Patrick's Day**

- 5:30pm Kiwanis (Room 102)  
 6:30pm United Women in Faith - Ruth Circle (Conference Room - 2nd Floor)

**Tuesday March 18, 2025**

- 4:00pm Girl Scouts (Dining Room/Kitchen)  
 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Room 102)

**Wednesday March 19, 2025**

- 3:00pm Love Cupboard Food Pantry

**Sunday March 23, 2025****Winter Picnic Registration Deadline**

- 11:00am Arts and Crafts (K - 5th grade)  
 6:30pm Youth Group Regular Meeting

**Monday March 24, 2025**

- 8:30am Women's Fellowship Breakfast (Perkins Restaurant)  
 11:30am Fellowship Meeting (Room 102)

**Wednesday March 26, 2025**

- 5:00pm Stephen Ministers Meeting (Stephen Ministry Room)

**Saturday March 29, 2025**

- 3:00pm Youth Group Laser Tag and Dinner (Family Bowlaway Fun Center)

**Sunday March 30, 2025****Campership Sunday**

- 9:30am Celebration Sunday Easter Cantata (Sanctuary, YouTube)  
 10:30am Winter Picnic (Dining Room)  
 6:30pm Youth Group Regular Meeting

**Regular and Weekly Meetings****Wednesday**

- 8:00am Journey for Men (Room 102)  
 1:15pm Recovery 'n Motion (Room 205)

**Thursday**

- 6:00pm The Messengers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 51 (Various Rooms)  
 6:15pm NA Setup (Room 102)  
 6:30pm NA Group (Room 102)  
 6:45pm Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Friday**

- 9:00am Sit 'n Stitch (Room 102)

*All dates are subject to change. Please check the website for current schedule.*

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**March 1**  
Dylan Fox  
Donna Fulmer

**March 2**  
Nancy Dolby

**March 3**  
Neva Beichner  
Charles Uber  
Mary Weyer

**March 4**  
Logan Gabler  
Anna Shpakoff  
Barbara Smith  
Curtis Stiles  
Cory Theiss

**March 5**  
Christy Valimont  
Quinten Graham  
Kimberly Leith  
Marilyn McGuire  
Brian Stanford

**March 6**  
Amy Snyder

**March 7**  
Tyler Beck  
Mandy Curry

**March 8**  
Brooke Bailey  
Sue Johnson  
Landon Leith

**March 9**  
Cindy Carroll  
Rev. John Harnish  
Julie Mackenzie  
Rebecca Miller  
Janice Murphy

**March 10**  
Lisa Bashline  
Robert Elliott  
Karen Frazier

**March 11**  
Reecie Boyles  
Myrna Kuehn

**March 12**  
Doris Jean Boddorf  
Lou Ann Steiner

**March 13**  
Jenny Guzikowski  
Ted Howard III

**March 14**  
Kayla Wayland

**March 16**  
Henry Baldwin IV  
Richard Douthit

**March 17**  
Everleigh Haibach

**March 18**  
Gage Hunt

**March 19**  
Sydni Luderer  
Penny Schaffer  
Jenessa Tolejko  
Isaiah Trice

**March 21**  
Shawna Kuriger

**March 22**  
Susan Best  
Frederick Foster

**March 24**  
Kendra Craddock  
Vivian Estes

**March 25**  
Lila Gourley  
James Hollingsworth  
Kari Kinney

**March 26**  
Brady Jewell  
Jeffrey Rudesyle  
Alaina Stanford

**March 27**  
Vic Amoroso

**March 28**  
Melissa Pappas

**March 29**  
Rev Edd Myers

**March 30**  
David Hauser

**March 31**  
Ethan Acey  
Eric Funk Sr.  
Ruthie Niederriter

### **The 2025 Plan for the Caring Tree Is Complete**

Last year our church launched the Caring Tree Program to help our community and regional neighbors meet a variety of needs. Every month donations were collected for a different organization.

In November, the Missions Committee selected the first six organizations (January – June). At the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting an additional six organizations were selected for the second half of the year (July – December).

Here is the complete 2025 list:

- ◆ **January** - The Shelter Task Force
- ◆ **February** - The Ruth M. Smith Center
- ◆ **March** - The Mission Barn (hygiene kits)
- ◆ **April** - SAFE
- ◆ **May** - Next Step
- ◆ **June** - The Clarion Kindness Project (Diaper Bank)
- ◆ **July** - Erie United Methodist Alliance (school supplies)
- ◆ **August** - Clarion Cancer Center
- ◆ **September** - C-L Backpack Program
- ◆ **October** - Daily Bread
- ◆ **November** - Pennies From Heaven
- ◆ **December** - Clarion & C-L School Nurses

The Missions Committee will keep you posted on the outcomes of these collections throughout the year.



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### PLEASE NOTE "MAILER" SCHEDULE

**Upcoming Mailers:** Items for the **April/May newsletter** need to be submitted by **Saturday, March 15**.  
Thank you!

**To submit information:** If you would like to submit information for the mailer, please contact the church office at 814-226-6660 or by email to [churchoffice@fumc-clarion.org](mailto:churchoffice@fumc-clarion.org).

### Acolytes and Liturgists

If you would like to be an acolyte at our 8:30 or 11:00 worship service or a liturgist at our 8:30 service, notify the church office with a date and time.

Come check out **Sit 'n Stitch** on **Friday mornings** from 9:00 to 11:00am in room 102. It's a fun fellowship time to work on your own crafting project or work on a requested project. Anybody is welcome to join.

The **Adult Bell Choir** is looking for a few more ringers to join in on making a joyful noise unto the Lord. If you would like to ring or learn how to ring, please contact the church office or see one of the ringers. We meet **Monday evenings** from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the bell room behind the balcony.



**HOSPITALIZED?** If you or a family member is going to be placed in the hospital, or have upcoming surgery, please notify the church office so that the church and pastor may come and minister to you. You may call the church office at 226-6660.