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**Our Mission**

*Making disciples  
of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation  
of the world.*

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**Youth Director**  
Natalie Johnson

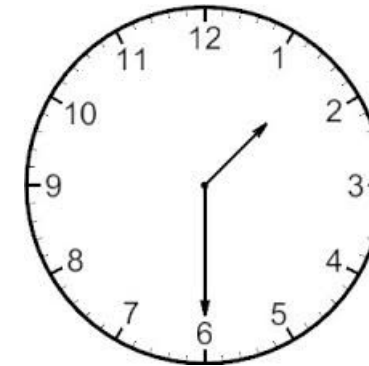
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# The Connection



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NEWSLETTER



## Daylight Savings Time is Coming!

On March 11th we will spring forward again. Failure to wait until then to change your clocks will result in confusion as one would be out of step with the rest of the town. Equally confusing would be to wait until March 29th. There is a time to wait and a time to act in order to find life working out well.

Habakkuk 2:3 tells us “there is a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie, If it seems to tarry, wait for it: It will surely come, it will not delay.” As Christ leads us on the path of redemption there are appointed times in our lives for us to respond to His Grace. Discerning whether the time is now to act, or wait means either we are in the flow of goodness or not. Trying to make decisions too soon or avoid facing the reality that now is the time is a dance that can only be learned as we walk daily with Jesus.

For Churches also there are seasons of dreaming, waiting, and acting that bring Christ’s blessing. This month please pray for our church as we move toward Easter that we can recognize the moment and/or stillness needed in our many ministries.

See you in Church!

Jim

# Kids' Construction Zone

## God at Work

Wednesdays

For Kids 5 yrs—5th grade

Snack Supper: 5:00pm—5:30 pm \$2.00

(Adults invited too: \$3.00)

**Construction Time: 5:30pm to 6:30 pm**

**Learn About Jesus New Mission Project**

**Building  
Disciples**

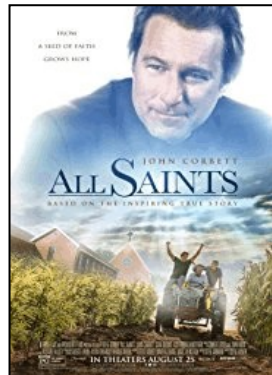


New  
Menu

### Movie Night

Sunday March 11 6:00 pm

ALL SAINTS is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all. When a group of Burmese refugees join the congregation, the pastor of a failing Anglican church attempts to aid them by planting crops and enlisting the help of the community.



### S.M.I.L.E. News Senior Ministry Is Life Enhancing

Our S.M.I.L.E. group for senior citizens will be meeting for a potluck lunch on Thursday, March 8 at noon at the church. Please bring your favorite dish and come and SMILE with us!

*Janie Hensley*

### Free Community Breakfast

Come and help with our **Free Community Breakfast on Saturday, March 31.** Cooks arrive at **8:00 a.m.** The Breakfast is served from **9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

### BRIDAL SHOWER

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Misty Long in the gathering area at FUMC.

Saturday, March 17, from 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Come and Go.

Hosted by Amber Ganster

## Prayer List

### New & Short Term Requests\*

- The Family of Joyce Brant
- The mother of Rebecah Haverlah has cancer.
- Wyna Grippando
- Don Smithson
- Marilyn Madsen
- Karen Lovell
- Barbara Kleager
- Shauna Rothermel

### On-Going Needs

Margaret Bane	Corey Byford
Bea Anderson	Tom Mitchell
Faye Norlander	Erleen Long
Jaime Wright	Don Bickel
Jo Cristel	Max Nimmo
Yvonne Green	Joy Vann
Ruthann Gacey	Leslie Stump
Freda Roberts	

### Our Service People

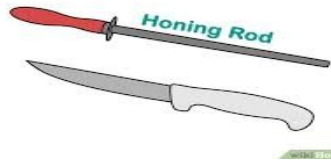
Jeremy Rogers, MD	Caleb Ganster, OK
Nathan Ganster, TX	Richard Lopez, FL
Earl Plumlee, Philippines	Greg Luttrell, NC
Jonathan Ganster, AZ	Canaan Harrison, Germany
Tim Hintz, MO	Jessica McMillian, MD

Pearce Linker, AK

Brett Sandum, Italy  
Matt Walkingstick, WA  
Hobbs Stroud, KY

**Pray for continued Wisdom in our building program.**

\*Names on this list will remain for three weeks. Call Anne Botorff, (918) 775-2072, to start the Prayer Chain. If you want to add a name to this list, please call the church office at 918-775-2538.



## United Methodist Men's News

Dear Brothers,

A report from the men's ministry meeting. We discussed electing officers and a men's garage sale. We will decide on those things next month.

The very first thing that Reverend Jim said to me when I asked about men's ministry was iron sharpens iron. I thought about this and I put my blade on the table next to my steel and nothing happened. I tried to figure out what wasn't working. I picked them up and started putting them together. My knife was sharp in just a few seconds. Action was the missing piece. I ask you men to join me in action. We have an immediate need for prayer for our brothers in Journey and Elim Churches. They are combining the two churches. I personally have dear friends in both churches. Men that I consider mentors in my walk with Christ. I ask that this combined prayer be our action for the month. I pray that everyone has a great week!

Your brother,  
Jason

### March Sermon Topics;

3/11-Gen. 12:1-4 Blessed to be a Blessing

3/18-Mk 10:46-52 Unseen People

3/25-Luke 19:37-40 A Time of Praise

### Children's News

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is going! We need "filled" eggs for the Hunt on Easter Morning. Please bring to church by March 28.

## Ministry Calendar

### Sundays

Connect Band Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

### Mondays

Covenant Group at 1:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesdays

Wesleyan Way Share Group in the Parlor from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### Wednesdays

Snack Supper from 5:00—5:30 p.m.

Kids' Construction Zone from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Youth meet from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Wesleyan Way Share Group from 6 to 7pm.

Choir Rehearsal from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Thursdays

Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

### Saturdays

Alcoholics Anonymous at 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, March 8

SMILE potluck lunch at noon.

### Sunday, March 11

Set Clocks-Forward

Movie Night at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 17

Bridal Shower for Amber Long from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

### Sunday, March 25

Men's Breakfast at 7:45 a.m.

### Wednesday March 28

Building and Finance Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 31

Free Community Breakfast from 9-10:30 a.m.

## March Birthdays

1	Marynelle Kiger
	Kaden Warner
	Don Burris
	Matthew Blair
	Cheryl Mills
6	Greg Asbill
7	Don Bickel
	Donna Hollifield
11	Cale Wilson
20	David Gean
21	Ethan Asbill
25	Amber Long Ganster
28	Ruthann Gacey

## March Anniversaries

13	Jack & Jana Wright
17	Craig & Pat Heflebower
31	Gilbert & Reba Green

Visit our website to get more information about upcoming events: [www.sallisawfumc.org](http://www.sallisawfumc.org)

### Building Update

Thanks to all of you who have given faithfully. We are moving ahead in our building program and need your prayers; and where possible continued giving. No gift is too small as when each of us does what we can Jesus blesses and the whole moves forward. We are committed to building debt free and will continue as we are able. The next building committee meets March 28 at 6pm and will include the Finance Committee as well. This is an open meeting so all are welcome.

#### Breakdown of Completion Costs

Phase one:

Finish Exterior Walls	\$ 8,500	Fully Funded
Frame all Interior Walls	\$53,000	Fully Funded
Acoustical Ceiling	\$16,000	Fully Funded
Interior Doors, Frames Etc.	\$16,850	Fully Funded
Cross and Flame	\$ 3,500	Fully Funded

Items still to come in order of priority:

Painting Room	\$36,925	Within approx. 60 days
Floor Covering	\$22,522	
Blinds/Accessories	\$ 6,000	
Choir Room plumbing and Fixtures	\$22,500	

Other Estimated Costs not currently under contract:

A/V Sound	\$99,000
New Chairs	\$12,000
Choir risers/Staging	\$15,000



### The Wesleyan Way Group Meetings

Tuesdays @ 2 pm      Wednesdays @ 6pm

In our groups we'll share together what we've been learning from our weekly readings and praying for each other and our church. Pick a group that works for your time schedule. Child care is available on Wednesdays and Sunday School classes for children and youth on Sundays.



Hi all!! The youth finished our Sunday School video series on Genesis. The video really brought a lot of things we have taken for granted about our earth and showed us how only God could have made them possible. On Wednesday nights we have enjoyed playing team building games, talking about school, keeping our faith in difficult situations, promises Jesus made, and testimonies. More fun to come in March. Looking forward to warmer weather and youth outings.

Don't forget, Sunday School is at 9:00 am, March 11th the youth are responsible for greeting and ushering. Please be at church by 9:40. On Wednesdays, the Youth serve dinner @ 5 and meet from 5:30-6:30. Youth in grades 6-12 come join us!!!  
Natalie Johnson

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

**A new short term Sunday School Class is forming. Watch for more information.**