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Sunday Worship Service: 9:45am

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8:30am-2:30pm

8:30-1:30pm W, TH

Newsletter deadline:

20th of each month



2018



“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

With the start of the New Year, I decided to start a series of sermons with the beginning chapters of Genesis. It is really our story and so important to knowing who we are, to understanding our purpose, and most importantly, knowing the God who is our good Creator.

How wonderfully and how simply, the Bible declares the truth of creation. Although some details will follow in the first and second chapters of Genesis, verse one gives a declarative summary: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The Bible does not attempt to give a description of how, it instead declares, who. The who, God, is the most important fact that we can know.

I hope that you are finding helpful the messages that are unfolding. It is a blessing to me to prepare them and in so doing, to have a chance to think about God. We might use the word, “awesome,” to describe many things, but it is best used to describe our God. As we walk through those opening verses, we see the power and results of God speaking creation into being. We see how God is delighting in His daily creations. God prepares the earth and heavens, for God’s glory, but also God creates an environment that is especially suited for us, and a blessing to us. Even God’s resting on the seventh day is a blessing to us as God gives a pattern for our rest, and the opportunity to have time to reflect and to worship Him.

The Bible begins with God. It seems in much of life, we overlook this starting point. It is human nature to view things from our perspective. We evaluate the importance of things, at times, by their relevance to us. No pain or problem is as real as the one that we are experiencing. We often put great effort in resolving our own needs and problems. What might be different if we began with God? What if we considered the goodness of God, as a first consideration in our situation or problem? What if we began to think about what God can do?

John Wesley once wrote or said, “God created the heavens and the earth, and he didn’t half try!” God is BIG! Recently, I attended the Canal District training event and listened to the keynote speaker. She made a point that if we are going to do ministry in the 21st century, we need to start with God. Without God, we may despair that church attendance is shrinking, that financial resources are limited, or that a host of fears might be realized. Without starting with God, we may chase the program or process of the latest successful church, trying to duplicate what is being done, without ample consideration of the unique setting in which we are located.

If on the other hand, we might begin to think of God first, we would realize that we are not under-resourced. What God can do is far more than what we might expect. 2 Corinthians 9:8 tells us, “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” At another session that day, Pastor Russ Ham, told of a time of great disappointment, when due to a delayed flight, he missed a connecting flight that was to take him to Africa for important mission work. Left alone in the concourse of the airport, he stewed and wondered how God could have permitted such a thing. He began to ascend on an escalator with quite a steep pitch. He was alone in that spot, except for a very elderly couple were some escalator steps ahead of him. The woman who was out front, lost her balance, and toppled into her husband. Russ saw what was unfolding and was able to steady both of them and prevent a great injury or worst to them. He was able to be present, because God was up to some protective work for that couple. There was meaning and purpose that was wrapped up in that missed plane.

What might God be up to in us and among us? Let’s keep looking to God first. Let’s delight to be a part of God’s great plans. Let’s yield our plans to God’s great designs.

In Christian love,
Pastor Jeff

★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU!

To Pastor Jeff, Crusaders Class and all our friends at LUMC, Please accept our sincerest thanks for your prayers, concerns, cards, and loyal support over the past few months. Everyone has been so wonderful! Our faith and health have been renewed and we look forward to being back in Church in the Spring. We're going to be with our daughter, Cheryl, and her family in AZ for awhile.

"Each day comes bearing its gifts ~Untie the Ribbons"
Love in Christ,

Al & Rosalie Collier

◆ Thanks to all who rang the bells at Giant Eagle, on December 9th, for the Salvation Army. Lakemore did it again and collected \$1362.10 for the day.

◆ This was the highest total collected in Summit County for the day.

Blessings to all of you.



New Capital Improvement Project: The Administrative Council has approved the purchase of a new electronic LED church sign. Much of the funding of the purchase is in place. We invite you to give to this project to complete the funding of it. Please mark your gift, "church sign."



Lakemore Lions Club is collecting items to help the Battered Women's Shelter. During February they are collecting Lysol Disinfecting Wipes, liquid laundry soap, hand soap, and facial tissues. Bring your items to church and drop them in the box provided in the overflow area. Items should be here by Sunday, Feb. 25th.

We are hosting the Lenten Service Sunday, February 25th at 7pm. We will be providing light refreshments after the service. Any one willing to bring in refreshments there will be a sign up sheet in the overflow area. Help with set up and clean up is also appreciated.



February

- 2/4 Facial tissue
- 2/11 Toothpaste
- 2/18 Deodorant
- 2/25 Paper towels

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Services 9:45 Worship 11 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group				1 10 Bible Study 7 Believe Series	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 Communion	5	6 10 Young at Heart 6 TOPS	7 6 Spartan Trail 8 AA	8 10 Bible Study 7 Believe Series	9	10
11	12 5:30 Missional Outreach @ Farmer Boy 7 Lions Club	13 10 Young at Heart 6 TOPS 6:30 Hope United 7 Finance/Trustee 8 Admin Council	14 7 Ash Wed. Service 8 AA	15 10 Bible Study 7 Believe Series	16	17 4 Swiss Steak Dinner
18 7 pm Lenten Service Jerzee's Fund Raiser	19 Offices Closed 6 Shulamite Circle	20 10 Young at Heart 6 TOPS	21 8 AA	22 10 Bible Study 7 Believe Series	23	24
25 7 pm Lenten Service	26 7 Lions Club	27 10 Young at Heart 6 TOPS	28 6 Food Pantry 8 AA			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Eric & Margaret Kreider 16th
Jim & Mardi Gauer 18th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Judy Calderone	3
4 Connor Bates Ellen Decker	5 Ann Perkins	6	7 Sawyer Ballard Spencer Ballard	8	9 Enid Smith	10 James Porter
11	12	13 Charlotte Piercy Jack Simone Connie Wearley	14 Sue Atkinson Andrea Mellick Cathy Snoderly	15	16	17
18	19	20 Clyde Robinson	21	22 Mardi Gauer	23 Donna Barlow	24
25 Larry Barlow Kerry Duncan	26	27 Agnes Keirns	28 Emery Pitman			

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Youth Group

7th to 12th Grade

Sundays 6:30 Pm to 8:30 Pm

FEBRUARY 2018 EVENTS

Feb. 4th - 6:00 pm **Super Bowl Watch Party**

Feb. 9th - 5:00 pm **Winter Jam 2018**

Winter Jam is Christian music's largest annual tour and, this year, features popular artists such as Skillet, Kari Jobe, and Building 429. It takes place at the Wolstein Center in Cleveland. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. We will plan to leave the church around 5:00 pm. If you are interested in going, please see Andrew or Tracie for more information and needed permission slip.

Feb. 17th - 5:45 pm **Bowling and Pizza**

There will be NO youth group February 18th! Instead, youth group will meet at the church to help with cleanup following the Swiss steak dinner. After cleanup, we will grab some pizza and go bowling.

OTHER IMPORTANT YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

- February Scripture Focus: Mark 12:30-31 - What is Love?
- 2018 Youth Mission Trip is July 8th-14th in Camden, New York. This trip is a "hands-on" work experience for Senior and Junior High youth. Do you feel the calling to do the work of God? See Tracie for more details.

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LakemoreUMC Youth Group



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"LOVE IS IN THE AIR"



FEBRUARY 17, 2018

TIME: 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

VALENTINE DAY

SWISS STEAK DINNER

\$8.00 ADULTS \$4.00 CHILDREN (4-12)

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

MENU:

SWISS STEAK, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, COLE SLAW, APPLESAUCE, BREAD, HOMEMADE DESSERTS & BEVERAGE.

SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS WITH

YOUR FAMILY AND EVERYONE



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SOUP & Salad LUNCHEON



Youth Mission Trip
Soup & Salad Luncheon
Fundraiser
Sunday, March 4th
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Come join us after the morning worship service or Sunday School for lunch. For your donation you will enjoy delicious soups & salads. Donations benefit the Youth Mission Trip taking place July 8-14 in Camden, NY.

Aspire

Speaker & Comedian
ANITA BELLICO

Author & Speaker
BARB ROOSE

Worship with
MIA KOEHNE

One Evening - 3 hours -
Just for Women
full of laughter, learning
stories & music

**SATURDAY
APRIL 21, 2018**

**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
3400 WEYMOUTH RD
MEDINA OH 44256

6:00PM SHOW
\$30 for 6:00pm Show
\$50 for VIP Dinner

ADMISSION
\$25.00 General
\$30.00 Children
Group sales call

VIP ticket includes early entry for
preferred seating and Q&A session
with all the speakers and artists.

Purchase tickets at 480-812-1100 or online at
ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com

Ladies are you looking for a fun evening of laughter, learning, stories, & music? Join Tanya Hancock, Linda Pitman & Becky Viebranz at an Aspire Women's Event. Saturday, April 21st, 6:00pm at the Heartland Community Church in Medina. Tickets are \$20. Give money to any of the three ladies mentioned. Sign up sheet in the overflow area or call the office to reserve your spot.

If you have a real desire to attend but need help with the cost, please contact Linda Pitman 330-733-6531.

FINANCE NEWS

Happy 2018 from the Finance Committee!

Our committee is “charged with responsibility for developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the church council. It shall administer the funds received according to instructions from the church council” in accordance with the current Book of Discipline. To complete our mission, we rely on the generosity of each of you – our church family.

All of you stepped up to our financial challenges in a big way in 2017, as we were able to meet all our shared ministry goals and we even finished the year with a little extra! This cushion gives us the ability to continue the Lord’s work during the winter months when giving is lower. God is SO GOOD!! We really can’t say “thank you” enough to each person that continues to help us reach out to our community and spread the Good News. An especially important “thank you” goes out to the Shulamite Circle who donated funds for an entire shared ministry payment – over \$3,000!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

During this upcoming year, we ask that all of you would continue to give generously of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Pray especially for our committee and church that we would faithfully continue to preach the gospel and bring others to Christ! If you have any questions about finance, feel free to get in touch with Pastor Jeff, Ruth Rex, Treasurer, or Missy Reed, Finance Chair.

This past fall, Jeff Burdette challenged us to all take a look at how we spend our money and time. With Pastor Jeff’s help, we then looked at what the Bible says about being a cheerful giver. Our hope was that you would be able to look at how you use your resources, and see if it reflects the desires of your hearts. We shared some resources to help us spend our time and money in a way that reflects the desires of our hearts and God’s heart. We are asking you to pray about how you can commit to supporting God’s work through our church. Please use the included commitment card to make your commitment to our church and to God. We are hoping for financial, time, prayer, and/or talent commitments. Financial commitments will be used to evaluate how we can fund the work of the church. Time and talent commitments will be used in planning activities and service opportunities. Prayer is used in every step of everything we do. Our church family is most effective when we all work together with what God has blessed us with.

Thank you. -The Stewardship Team



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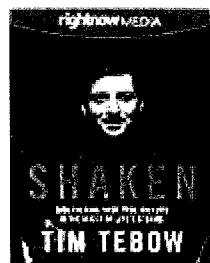
A customizable video Bible study library for every person

Lakemore United Methodist Church has a gift for you. FREE access to a huge, streaming, online, access-on-any-device library of over 10,000 videos for Bible study, leadership, kids, parenting, marriage, discipleship and more. It includes content for all ages and stages of life, and all of your family members are invited to set up their own accounts as well.

Submit your name and email address to the church office or sign-up in the foyer to receive your invite.

Becky, the church’s secretary, has used the program and will be happy to answer any questions.

You will receive an invite to rightnowmedia.org with a step by step process to join and receive these benefits. Great Bible studies for learning on your own or using in a group setting.



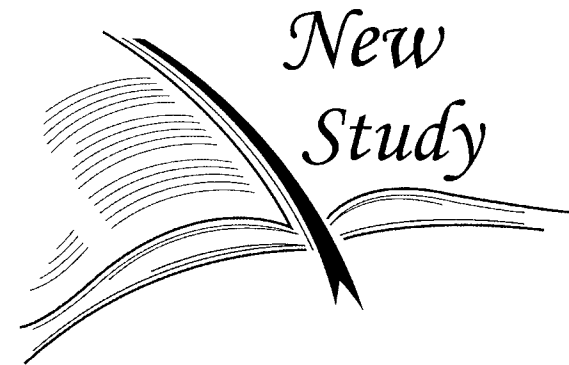
SHAKEN
Tim Tebow



THE BOOK OF JAMES
Francis Chan



New Study Opportunity



Recently, Pastor Jeff began a study on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The study features a book by Paul Little, entitled, “Know Why You Believe.” In this book, Mr. Little focuses on many of the questions that arise from people with sincere questions about the Christian faith. There is a chapter on Science and Christianity and one on the issue of pain and suffering in the world. It’s not too late to jump in.

The study is happening in the fellowship hall on the lower level. The cost for the book is \$10.

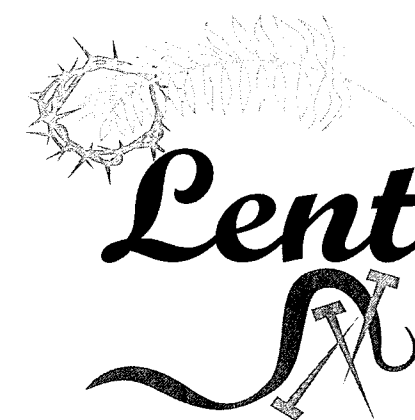
Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018 this year. Perhaps it is fitting that this day of love may be the occasion for us to express our love for God, by beginning a special journey with God. Ash Wednesday begins a period of roughly 40 days (minus Sundays) that will take us up to Easter Sunday.

You are invited to come to the church sanctuary for a special service at 7 p.m. The service will include communion and the imposition of ashes for those who wish.



Sunday Evening Lenten Services



Once again, we will join with a cluster of United Methodist Church on Lenten Sunday evenings, beginning Sunday, February 18, 2017. The services will take place at a different location each week. Be looking for a schedule of locations that will be published soon. Services will begin with a 30-minute hymn sing at 7 p.m. On most Sundays, the services will also include preaching, a featured choir, and special music selections.

These services provide an additional opportunity for a concentrated focus on life in and for Christ. The services will begin on Feb. 18, 2018 and go through March 25th.

New Sunday School Class Series

If you are interested in an additional time of Christian discipleship, learning, and fellowship on Sunday morning, maybe you will want to attend the Sunday School class held in the Choir Room across from the Church office. The class has begun a DVD study, called “Think Differently” by Pastor James MacDonald. The subtitle is, “Nothing Is Different until You Think Differently.” Pastor MacDonald has an engaging way to present Biblical truth with great passion and relevancy. The class is held after worship, at approximately 11:00 a.m. and concludes by noon. Come join in.

