



### March Scripture Readings

- 1 *Matthew 11:28*  
*Joel 2:12*  
*Psalms 67:7*  
*2Chronicles 15:2*  
*Colossians 3:2*
- 8 *1John 3:4*  
*Luke 6:27-28*  
*Isaiah 40:31*  
*Galatians 5:1*  
*Proverbs 12:25*
- 15 *Psalms 124:8*  
*1Corinthians 6:9-10*  
*Proverbs 22:6*  
*Romans 12:15*  
*Psalms 114:5:3*
- 22 *Job 6:14*  
*Psalms 34:14*  
*Matthew 6:3-4*  
*Proverbs 31:9*  
*Luke 6:45*
- 29 *Matthew 6:21*  
*Psalms 127:1*  
*Romans 12:12*  
*Lamentations 3:22-23*  
*Psalms 145:3*



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# The Connection

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**Millington United Methodist Church**

*Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known*



Join us at Millington United  
 Methodist Church for  
**2nd Saturday Game  
 Night**

Saturday, March 14th  
 6:30-9:30 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall  
 Bring a drink and snack to  
 share and come join the fun.



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- 1 Eric Trato  
 3 Sydney Olmstead  
 Marlene Pletcher  
 4 Adeline Dueweke  
 5 Emelia Dueweke  
 Kendra Bailey  
 6 Mike Moore  
 11 Cecil Yorke, Jr.  
 12 Don Alvord  
 Ernest Burns  
 Bill Bushaw  
 15 Charles Love  
 16 Dick Blackmer  
 17 Glara Grace Levis  
 Bryant Maurice Meier  
 20 Maddox Fabbro  
 24 Joan Scott  
 26 Katalina Dickson  
 27 Ashten LeVan  
 29 Candace Hartwick  
 Kathy Newcombe  
 30 Sabrina Edwards



Children seem to love photos of themselves. Take a picture of a kid, and they'll ask to see it. At least, our grandkids do. Maybe it gives them a sense of identity – "Look! That's me!"

As we age, that huge interest in ourselves gives way to something else – at least, it has for me. I find old photo albums fascinating. Even of people I don't really know! It seems *their* photos stir up memories for *me*. Why is that?

I think it's because of the inseparable nature of identity and relationship as we mature and discover the deeper truths of life.

As children, we long to become "someone." Pictures of "me" help me learn who I am. But, as maturing adults, we see that becoming someone – gaining an identity - isn't truly possible *except in relationship to others*. Now that's a powerful concept for people of faith!



We become the reassurance for a Charlie Brown when his mailbox is empty on Valentine's Day – or bring hope to a Harry Potter whose bedroom is a storage closet under the stairs. We provide the "selfies" the children need to establish a positive idea of "self." Then, as the years increase, we help them shape that identity with lasting values, understanding what it means to have an eternal purpose from the God of Creation, "Our Father, who art in heaven."



Deuteronomy 4:39-40 (NIV) *Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the LORD your God gives you for all time.*

☺ Pastor John



## Mission Notes for March

I want to thank everyone for saving medicine bottles over the past several years. These bottles are re-used by the Free Medical Clinic in Flint and they really appreciate receiving them to save them money. I really appreciate you removing all the labels and cleaning the glue off the bottles. I will be happy to share with anyone the technique that simplifies the process. My phone is 989-871-2242.

Next, concerning the Equal Exchange products; in addition to coffee and tea, we now have some cocoa products also. Purchasing these products really helps 3<sup>rd</sup> world farmers earn a better living.

We had our Mission Committee meeting last Monday evening and we have set our Missions budget for 2020 which is as follows:

### United Methodist Missions:

MICAP \$300  
 Dr. & Mrs. Manya \$500  
 Ganta Hospital \$400  
 Bishop Craig Children's Home \$800  
 Grace Children's Hospital (Haiti) \$900  
 Camp New Day \$500  
 UM Community Center (Flint) \$200  
 New Heart UMC (Saginaw) \$300  
 Red Bird Mission (Kentucky) \$500  
**Sub-Total \$4400**  
**Grand Total All Missions Budget \$8000**

### Independent Missions:

Peter and Kate Waliugembe \$1300  
 Tuscola Co. Homeless Coalition \$450  
 Good Samaritan Rescue Mission (Bay City) \$200  
 International Varsity-Steve Lambert \$800  
 MMA Local Food Bank \$200  
 Blue Water Youth for Christ \$200  
 Positive Alternatives \$300  
 Abused Women Shelter \$150

**Sub-Total \$3600**

The 2020 Missions Budget is unchanged from 2019.

Thanks,  
**Maury Chapin**  
 Mission Chairperson



## MILLINGTON U.M.C. 4TH THRU 8TH GRADE YOUTH SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH – 6:00-7:30 P.M. MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND– SWIM PARTY**



# Finance



# Moment

“Living Is All About Giving” is an article written by Bishop Michael J. Coyner. In the article He shared thoughts about why people give what they give. Some of the reasons for giving are:

- 1) Responding to a request for a specific need
- 2) Seeing a need and wanting to help
- 3) Enjoying the good feeling after we help

What we give could be any or all of the following:

- 1) Tithe or another monetary gift
- 2) Time
- 3) Expertise
- 4) Smiles

“You are welcome to give for almost any good reason. Whatever appeals to you is great, because ... any person of faith must be a giver. That’s the secret to living – it is all about giving.”

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 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21. This verse is so true when we examine our checkbook or credit card statement. God calls us to be generous as he has been generous to us. The things we treasure we tend to eagerly support. How does your support of the Lord's work measure with the other things you treasure?

## United Methodist Women

We have installed our 2020 officers. They are:

President: Jennie Brown

Vice President: Lois Boyd

Secretary: Dorothy Chapin

Treasurer: Esther Perkins

Nominations: Norma Coon

Kay Hemingway

Communications: Alice Hajek

Reading Program: Doris Webster

Our UMW group has placed the emphasis of our group on Missions. We support several missions locally as well as through the national group. A few of the local missions are: Millington Ministerial Alliance, Millington Needy Families, Dan Chapin and Youth for Christ, Prayer and Self Denial is a national mission.

If anyone would like to help us meet our commitment please put offerings in an envelope and label it UMW Missions.

We are pleased to honor Mary Garrett with our service pin. She has made at least 60 prayer quilts that have been given to our ill friends. She has in the past worked and donated to our annual bazaar. In her honor we have donated to missions through the UMW.

Dorothy Gasper has completed the 2019 reading program and is well on her way to complete the 2020 program. Way to go Dorothy!

For Valentine’s Day we packed 10-12 goody bags for our sweet special shut-ins.

We want to thank you all for your support, even the Super Star Men who helped with our fall brunch.

God bless you all, my special family.

President Jennie Brown



## *Upcoming Events and Information...*

MUMC 2nd Saturday Game Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend, a drink and a snack to share.

### **Blood Drive**

**Friday, March 6, 2020**

**1:00 to 6:45 pm**

For info or appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

(sponsor code: MillComm) or call 1-800-733-2767



“Learn to appreciate what you have before time makes you appreciate what you had.”

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### **Trustees**

#### **This Month's Meeting:**

Monday, March 9 - 7:30 pm

**Newsletter Folding will be  
Thursday, March 26th at 10 a.m.**

Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. We have earned almost \$200 by recycling items dropped off to the church. Below is a list of items that can be recycled. Please bring your items to the church office to be collected. Thank you!

#### What we recycle:

Inkjet cartridges, cell phone & accessories, GPS & radar detectors, calculators, eBook Readers, iPods/MP3 Players, Digital/Video Cameras, PDAs, iPads/Tablets, Video Game & Console



Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.

-Lewis Grizzard

# Sunday Service Volunteers for March

DATE	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Media	Sound	Children's Gathering 4 yrs.-5th Gr.	Coffee Hour
1		Lois Boyd	1-Sharon Trato	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound-</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Diana Slough	
8	1-Sharon Trato 2-Darla Gasper	Lois Boyd	1-Sharon Trato	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound-</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Sharon Trato	
15		Lois Boyd	1-Sharon Trato	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Destany LeVan	
22		Lois Boyd	1-Sharon Trato	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Darla Gasper	Darla Gasper Diana Slough
29		Lois Boyd	1-Sharon Trato	<b>Media</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Janine Britt	Darla Gasper Diana Slough






## SCRIP Gift Card Program

Birthdays and Anniversaries, or just to say Thank You...don't forget you can purchase or order your SCRIP Gift Cards from Barb in the church office. Proceeds from this program go to help support our Children's programs.

There are several cards available in the office and 100's you can order.

See Barb in the church office if you would like to purchase or order cards.

◀ February		March 2020					April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Men's 4th Day		<b>3</b> 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study	<b>4</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Choir 7—10 pm Ping Pong 7:15 pm PoP Band	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1-6:45 pm Blood Drive	<b>7</b> Set your clocks ahead tonight! "Spring forward"	
<b>8</b> <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Men's 4th Day 6—7:30 pm Youth <b>Happy Women's Day!</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30—7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:30 pm Trustee Mtg.	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study	<b>11</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 10 am—3pm Quilt Club 6:15 pm Choir 7—10 pm Ping Pong 7:15 pm PoP Band	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30-9:30pm 2nd Saturday Game Night	
<b>15</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Men's 4th Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study 	<b>18</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Choir 7—10 pm Ping Pong 7:15 pm PoP Band	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Men's 4th Day Youth Swim Party	<b>23</b> 5:30—7:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study	<b>25</b> 8 am Men's Bible Study 9m—3 pm Quilt Club Sleepover 6:15 pm Choir 7—10 pm Ping Pong 7:15 pm PoP Band	<b>26</b> 7am —4pm Quilt Club Sleepover	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 6 pm Men's 4th Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study					

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### **OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.**

**\*9:00 a.m. Worship \*10:00 a.m. Sunday School \*11:00 a.m. Worship**