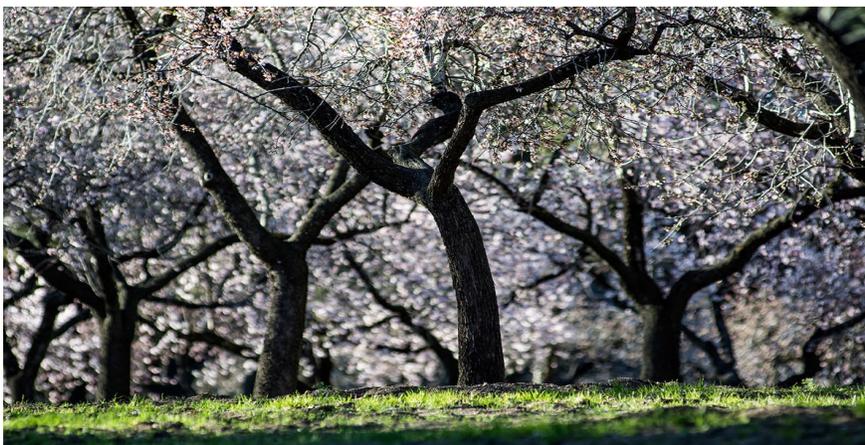


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Celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ

Teach the Many Definitions of Love

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1 John 4:8 tells us that “God is love.” We are called to mirror that love throughout creation and to love one another as Jesus Christ loved us (John 13:34-35). Human expressions of love vary and are sometimes complicated. How do you love? Let’s count the ways!

Record of Faithfulness

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Love is all around. But what “love” are we talking about? Most people know they experience different types of love, but they may not know the different definitions of love or how they can have all kinds of love in their daily lives.

Lent Schedule

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Our Community: Valentines Delivery

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We see love around us, but we usually don’t take the time to learn about love. The Greeks defined four types of love (storge, phileo, eros and agape) in ways that still apply today. C.S. Lewis explored the concepts in his book, *The Four Loves*.



What Can I Do To Help

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Storge - Storge is a family-type love. While storge love happens naturally among relatives, it also can happen when friends come together to form family-type relationships.

Global Community

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Some, including Lewis, describe familial love as the most natural and emotive. Yet, it also presents challenges because this type of love is expected or ready-made.

Scholarship

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Record of Faithfulness (through Jan. 31, 2017)

- Operating Budget: \$1,385,000
- Total Contributions: \$158,102
- Total Spent in pursuit of mission: \$109,109
- Total Indebtedness: \$439,842

The Fish Stew event cost the United Methodist Men \$1420.03. The UMM will absorb the cost and donate the full amount of contributions (\$4461.10) to UMCOR for NC Storm Relief.

Phileo - Friendship love comes when people have a bond, often through a common interest or activity. More than companionship, phileo love occurs when the connection is felt strongly.

Eros - Eros love can be explained better as “being in love” or “marital love.” Eros love occurs when two people have a deep emotional and passionate connection with one another.

Agape - The greatest of all loves, agape takes a charitable definition. People who experience or act with agape love show they care for people regardless of circumstance. This often is how we define God’s love for us, though God transcends a single definition.

How do we show love each day and not just on Valentine’s Day? Most would say that Valentine’s Day is about dinners, roses, chocolates and colorful valentines with the verbiage ‘Be Mine’ and ‘I love you.’ The commercialism of all holidays causes us to lose sight of the purpose of the holiday. Love takes many forms—taking care of your sick child, picking up a friend’s child so your friend can run some errands or experience peace, giving hugs to teammates after a buzzer beater shot that won the game, and using our resources to make shoeboxes or buy books for people that we have never met. As we go through the year, let us be creative and build on our ideas of how to show love to others and put the Greek definitions of love into a more visual presence at the church and amongst the congregation.

We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)



From *United Methodist Communications*

What is Lent?

Lent is the 40-day period that we, as Christians, abstain and do good works in preparation for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of reflection. It is also a time many individuals seek ways to deepen their spiritual relationships.

- Lent is the 40 days before Easter.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.
- Lent ends on Holy Thursday, which is also called Maundy Thursday where we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

Lent Schedule with Growth Opportunities

- March 1 –Ash Wednesday Service at 12 pm (Sanctuary) followed by soup and sandwich lunch in the Taft Christian Life Center Flex space.
- March 1 - Pancake Supper sponsored by Jarvis Student Ministries. The supper will be in the Taft Christian Life Center gym from 5:30-6:45.
- March 1 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.
- March 8 - April 5 - Wednesdays in Lent - a family-friendly dinner will be available from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. After dinner, spiritual growth opportunities (6:45 through 7:45 pm) will provide children, youth and adults with a time for fellowship and learning during the season of Lent.
- The adult spiritual growth opportunities will include: *The Disciples Path, Just Walk Across the Room, Bells, and Christian Caregiving.*
- April 9 - Palm Sunday. The new 2017 confirmands will also be recognized.
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm with communion.
- April 14 - Stations of the Cross from 3 to 6 pm. The Good Friday service will be at 7 pm.
- April 16 - Easter Sunday sunrise service at 6:30 am on the front lawn with refreshments after in the Hall of History. There will not be a 8:40 service. There will be flower crosses at both the 9 and 10:55 services.

Our Community: Valentines Delivery

Every year, the Church and Society Committee sponsors valentine trees. The books, that congregation members so generously gave, were delivered on Tuesday, February 14 to Lakeforest Elementary. The valentines trees are an opportunity to share God's love (agape love) and our love with the children.

On Valentine's Day we think of those
 Who make our lives worthwhile,
 Those gracious, friendly people who
 We think of with a smile.
 I am fortunate to know you,
 That's why I want to say,
 To rare and special people:
 Happy Valentine's Day.



What Can I do to Help

Meals on Wheels is looking for more volunteers from our church to ensure that this ministry continues. All volunteers must now attend a training session before delivering meals. There will be training offered every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Pitt Council on Aging on County Home Road. If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please call Tammy Ward at 347-1077 or Alice Daugherty at 258-7948.



Welcoming Ministry

Our Welcoming Ministry is still growing and gaining speed. Recent highlights include the large group meeting on January 23, where each team was represented. We heard the latest from the Invite Team, Welcome Team, Connect Team and Encourage and Empower Team. We are making progress in each area and are revving up to do even more in the weeks ahead. For example, the Connect Team, co-led by Beth Griffin and Betsy Allen, will host an Information Coffee for guests and prospective members on Sunday, February 26, during the Sunday School hour in the Taft Christian Life Center Flex Space. We look forward to meeting new people and getting to know those who have been coming to our services and want to know more about the wonderful things happening at Jarvis Memorial. In addition, the Connect Team will sponsor the upcoming Lenten Bible Study entitled *A Disciple's Path* on Wednesday nights. This study will help us know Jesus better through the spiritual practices of The United Methodist Church. Check out your bulletin and email blasts for further details.

Thank you to each one of you who makes up Jarvis Memorial for your help in creating such a welcoming, lively and faith-forming church for all!

Our Global Community: Pastor Liz in the Holy Land

What an eye-opening pilgrimage! My recent trip to the Holy Land brought many things to light, and I look forward to sharing these revelations (and many photos!) with you in the near future. I am delighted that I got to return to Israel and Palestine and build upon my first trip there last year. As you might imagine, there is so much to see and learn, much more than can be grasped in a single trip to this rich and important land.

One experience that stood out for me on this trip was meeting our United Methodist missionary, Reverend Kristen Brown, who serves in Bethlehem. Reverend Brown works with Israelis and Palestinians to help bring peaceful resolutions to age-old conflicts. She introduced us to the community of Wadi Foukin and its mayor. The mayor spoke to us about the realities of living in areas of struggle and tension. What stood out to me during our talk was an elderly, hunched over man who milled around the room. He waved to us, offered us chairs to sit in and then disappeared to another room. He returned with a large tray of refreshments for the weary, cold travelers. He stopped in front of each of us and offered us a small cup of coffee, steaming hot, along with a tasty cookie. All the while, this man smiled and nodded, and then made a second round in case someone wanted more food and drink. He also took our empty cups and disposed of them. He thanked us for coming to his village. This man showed gracious hospitality, even though he had never met us. As we left, I began to see what our tour guide Hani meant by these words, "In this country, hospitality is never refused." Thanks be to God for this loving reception that we, a band of pilgrims from another country, received in a foreign land!

Information Coffee



February 26 at 10 am
Taft Christian Life Center
Come learn more about all
of the exciting things
happening at Jarvis Memorial.

Sponsored by the
Connect Team

Congratulations to:

-Campbell Austin Fields who was born on December 14, 2016. Proud parents are Brian and Leslie Fields. Proud great grandparents are Bill and Esther Sherman.

-Charles "Charlie" Sheron Wooten who was born on February 3. Proud parents are Will and Erin Wooten and big brothers, Wade and Ben.

-Dillion Bass, son of Sammy and Desta Hudson, joined by baptism and profession of faith on January 29, 2017.

-Logan Davis Gough, son of Sean and Tracy Gough, who was born on May 9, 2016 and baptized on

The Congregation and Staff of Jarvis UMC wish to extend their sincerest sympathies to:

- Linda Clark and the entire Clark family upon the death of Linda's mother, Anna M. Haines, who passed away on February 10.
- The Holland family upon the death of Charity Holland who passed away on February 6.
- The Cooper family upon the death of Ronald Cooper who passed away on February 9.
- Emalynn Colardo, Catherine Colardo and their entire family upon the death of Bernie Colardo who passed away on February 11.



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Susan Likosar Scholarship

The Jarvis United Methodist Women, Susan Fair Likosar Scholarship, will be awarded in the spring of 2017. This scholarship will be made available to young women from Jarvis Memorial who are in their senior year of high school. Applications for this scholarship will be mailed individually to each young woman. You may also pick up an application in the church administrative office. In order for applications to be considered, completed applications must be delivered to Connie B. Moseley, Chairperson of the Jarvis UMW Susan Fair Likosar Scholarship committee, **NO later than April 10, 2017.**

Jarvis Older Youth (JOY) Club

The March meeting of the JOY Club will be held in the Douglas Flex Space in the Taft Christian Life Center on Monday, March 6 at 12:15 pm. A delicious luncheon will be served by Chef James Enos-Edu, and the program will be given by Lennie Furlough and Sammy Hudson. The program will have two parts, the development of our new youth program under the direction of Lennie, Sammy, and Rico Morales and a description of the program at The Refuge, where a number of our church activities have been held. If you want to come and are not called by someone from the contact committee, please call the church office by March 3 to put your name on the list of attenders.

Calendar Events

Feb. 24 5:15 pm	Greenville Shelter Meal TCLC Kitchen	Mar. 6 12:15 pm	JOY Club Lunch TCLC
Feb. 25	Last Weekend of Upward	Mar. 8 - Apr. 5	Lent Learning 5:15 - 6:30 pm Dinner (TCLC) 6:40 - 7:45 pm Classes for All
Feb. 27 5:15 pm	Upward Celebration TCLC Kitchen	Mar. 10-12	Confirmation Trip The Refuge
Feb. 28 7:00 pm	Admin. Council	Mar. 12	Daylight Savings Time "Turn clocks forward"
Mar. 1 5:30 - 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper Sanctuary	Newsletters Mailed March 16, April 20, May 25	
Mar. 4 11:00 am-1 pm	Church Tour Hall of History		
Mar. 5	Communion (All Services)		

Newsletter Submission

Would you like to submit an article in the newsletter on how God is working in your life OR has someone in the church been a blessing to you? If interested, email: jarvis.assist@gmail.com.