

February 1, 2012

**Hello Everyone,**

Here's an update on what's going on in the life of our church. Tomorrow the groundhog will look around for his shadow again, but it seems strange to ask him to predict the end of a winter that seems not to have come! Regardless of the weather, though, there will be a lot going on in the coming weeks at and through church. Read more below...

#### **TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

- **Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.** Tonight we are in week four of our series *My Heart – Christ's Home*. The scripture focus for tonight's study is John 2:1-11, and we will be visiting the "recreation room." Over six sessions are exploring various rooms in the "house" that is our heart and thinking about what it means for Christ to come and live there. Talk about home improvement! Christ can work real transformation in our lives. Come on Wednesdays and learn more about it!

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

- **Sunday Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.** This Sunday's sermon scripture is Mark 1:29-39. In the midst of an extremely hectic couple of days at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus goes off to a solitary place to pray. How does prayer help us to do God's work in the world? Maybe the answer seems obvious; maybe not. Let's think about it. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper.
- **Sunday School** The BASICS adult class meets in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m. All other classes meet following worship and fellowship time – around 10:45 a.m. There are classes for young children, junior and senior high, and another thriving class for adults. Get plugged into one and deepen your relationship with God and your brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **FEAST at Woodlawn School, Thursday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.**
- **Carry-in Dinner, Sunday, February 12 at noon.** Please plan to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship with our church family. This is also the last Sunday that our pianist, Cookie, will be with us, so we'll be celebrating her 8 years of ministry here, too!
- **Youth Ski Trip, Saturday, February 18.** We'll leave very early in the morning and head to Swiss Valley Ski Area in Michigan for the day. We'll return late on Saturday night.
- **Ash Wednesday Worship, Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.**
- **More Than Bread Wednesday Lenten Supper and Study Series, every Wednesday, February 29 – March 28, 6:00 p.m.** We'll begin with supper and then move to a time of interactive study and discussion. This year's study will be on the Lord's Prayer. All ages are encouraged to participate!

- **Ecumenical Women's Spring Mini Retreat, Saturday, March 10** at the Delphi United Methodist Church.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

- February 2: Adam Wheeldon
- February 6: Sharon Tolley

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Have a blessed week!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Ryan