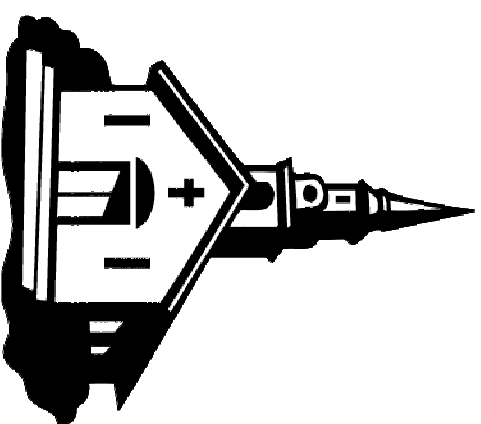


Wright's Word



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Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday

6:30 P.M. Saturday night

Sunday School 10:45 A.M.

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Our Mission @ Wright 's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

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Pastor Ponderings....

Lent begins March 1st with an Ash Wednesday service at Edwards this year and I'm proposing to think out of the box for this year's 40 days of fasting, repentance, and preparation for Easter. It's supposed to be a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians are encouraged to focus on our relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving themselves for others. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan. Here are 10 ideas I combed through on several internet sites that can re-focus our attention on the real meaning of Lent and the season of 40 days that should make a difference within ourselves that we can make a difference in the world. 1) Don't buy anything you don't need. – If you can live without you don't need it. Put the money you save in a jar to provide instant success for this sacrifice. Put money in a savings or make a special offering to your church for lent. 2) Throw away 40 things for 40 days – Just walk through your home and collect 40 things you can do without. Try donating these things you no longer use or want to a charitable organization. 3) 40 Days of Home Organization - It's like spring cleaning and de-cluttering that you don't have to do all in one day. Many times the task is so overwhelming we feel defeated before we start and it never happens. Form a plan and follow it. 4) No gossiping – None! If someone says something negative about another person, either say something nice or don't say anything at all. Social media and the internet, whether you use it or not, has driven our society into such a downward spiral of negativity, that we as Christians have to be the agents of change for good. That change in society cannot come from the world, because Jesus said in John 14, "The world does not know truth without God". It sort of goes along with #10. 5) No eating after dinner- This one is hard but when I think of how Jesus struggled when he was hungry and was tempted in the wilderness, I don't know the word hungry. I have recently found photos of different activities I was involved in in the last 10 years, and I was significantly thinner then. I have hung that photo on the wall above my desk in the office, right next to the kitchen. I pray that it helps me stick to this sacrifice. 6) Exercise daily- I used to walk everyday on purpose, twice a day when we had the dog. I began again twice this week on my home from taking Natalie to school and walked on the Arrowhead trail. Just 15 minutes and I realized that I need to do this. 7) Say 3 nice things to your spouse and kids every day – You may think this is easy, but try to say things that aren't the normal "Thanks" or "You look nice" or "Good Job". Try to do 3 out-of-the box things: "I love how you always help the kids" or "I love how you work hard on your homework, even when it is tough tonight. You are a hard worker". I know my kids need to hear these words and remember...your words become their inner voice. 8) Drop a card in the mail to say thank you- There are so many folks that I have needed to say thank you for all their care and consideration and yet again the list is so long you don't know where to start. Just Do it! 9) Replace 30 minutes of wasted time with 30 minutes of devotion/prayer time. Even right now as I write this article I could be immersed in Christian devotion/music instead of listening to 94.5 oldies on the garage radio. What could you replace in your daily routines that could fill you with more opportunities for spiritual devotion. 10) Do not complain – As soon as I turn on my computer or watch any news show negativity is the featured story everywhere! We often complain and whine about things, but we need to try to have a positive outlook on things. "Do everything without arguing or complaining..." Philippians 2:14

So...What will you be giving up this year for Lent? It's a great time to try to do something to better yourself, your spirit and your heart for 40 days.

Agape'

Pastor Richard

Would you like to submit an article?

It is encourage that each ministry team within the church submit an article. If your group is able to do so please submit by 12th of the month.

Email: wrightsumc@gmail.com

In person: Please drop off in office

Paper: Please drop of in the office



Worship Service

...his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. – John 4:24

Between Wrights and Edwards Chapel we offer three worship opportunities every weekend:

Sunday @ 9:30 AM – Family Worship at Wrights Children's church is available following the Children's message

Sunday @ 11 AM – Family Worship at Edwards chapel children's church is available following the Children's Message.

Saturday Night Faith Café is held 6:30 PM. Check calendar for selected dates.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

FINLEYVILLE INTERFAITH HAPPENINGS It's that time of year again ~ time for the Sunday evening Interfaith Lenten Services. Please plan on joining the local community for these wonderful times of worship and fellowship. Services begin at 7 with refreshments to follow.

Date	Location	Speaker
March 19	First Presbyterian	Rev. Alberta Hall
March 26	First Baptist	Pastor John Owen
April 2	Family Worship Center	Rev. Roberts
April 9	Mingo Presbyterian	Pastor Kevin Young



2017 Summer Camp information is now available. To find out more about what Jumonville offers for your child, please refer to their website @: www.jumonville.org. Form for registration can also be located on the website.

For active members, please have your \$50 non refundable payment checks made payable to Wrights. All payment and registration form to be given to Linda Metrovich. Forms can be printed

If sending more than 1 child per family an additional form will need to be filled out. See Linda with any questions. 724-348-4482 or email: metro13@comcast.net



Thank you

A huge thanks from Pastor Richard and family for the gift cards & card from the Wright's Church Family. For all the scarifies of your time, talent & energy to the church and the Village of Venetia is greatly appreciated



March

- 1 Bobby Schafer
- 8 Malina Ridgeway
- 9 Olivia Taylor
- 14 Michael Ridgeway
- 14 Marion Sphar
- 16 George Peterson
- 17 Greg Smaroff
- 17 Jesse Muntan
- 21 Matthew Blasch
- 22 Kenton Hummel
- 26 Darryl Jones
- 29 Donna Schwarz

Kids Korner

Robin's Egg Nest Treats

Items you will need:

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 package JET-PUFFED Marshmallows
- 4 cups JET-PUFFED Miniature Marshmallows
- 6 cups Kellogg's® Rice Krispies® cereal
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- JET-PUFFED Miniature Marshmallows
- Jelly beans
- Chocolate eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon water
- 2 to 4 drops green food coloring

1. In small bowl stir together water and green food coloring. Add coconut. Stir until coconut is tinted. Spread on baking sheet to dry.
2. In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
3. Add KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES cereal. Stir until well coated.
4. Divide warm mixture into sixteen 2 1/2-inch muffin-pan cups coated with cooking spray. Shape mixture into individual cups. Cool. Remove from pans.
5. Fill cooled nests with coconut, marshmallows, jelly beans or chocolate eggs. Best if



Greeter for March: *Stewart Diess*



Liturgist March: *Pam Mowry*



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE UMC at 7:30PM



**WRIGHTS ROCK-AND-ROLL
EASTER EVENT IS SATURDAY, April 15,**
from 10-12. Fun includes lunch, game and craft stations, egg hunt,
and Resurrection Egg celebration. Activities Include:

- Cross Toss Game
- Cross Walk game
- Tie Die Easter Cross craft
- Egg Dying
- Cookie Decorating
- Easter Basket making
- Butterfly Jellybean craft

Bring your children out for an afternoon of fun and discovery of the “egg-straordinary” truth of Easter!

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- Adult Fellowship Bible Study to start*
- Wed. March 8, 2017 Dinner @ 6p*
- Study Starts @ 6:30p-7:30p*
- Half Truths by Adam Hamilton*
- “Adult Fellowship Dinner/Bible Study*
- starts Wednesday March 8, 2017 Dinner @*
- 6PM “Half Truths” by Adam Hamilton.*
- “God Helps those who help themselves” &*
- other things the bible doesn’t say. Most of*
- us as Christians have things we believe,*
- and tell others, and even count on these*
- beliefs are questioned we become defensive*
- or irritated. We may even worry that of*
- the beliefs aren’t true. The rest of our faith*
- may crumble. Come & Explore the truth*
- and perhaps the half truth that we believe*
- the Bible says, but really doesn’t? As we*
- examine the half truths our faith in Christ*
- can be strengthen & affirmed. Sign up in*
- Narthex Sign up in Narthex*
- Bible Study will also be held @ Edwards*
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Sunrise Service at Mingo Park Observatory-
Sunday April, 16th at 7 AM. “Memories of the
Resurrection” drama/musical. Bring a lawn
chair and blanket. Breakfast to follow at shel-
ter. Bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet in
the Narthex. If you ’v e never been there at
Sunrise – It ’s AWESOME – Y ’all Come!



Wrights UMC Lent/Easter 2017

Half Truths

5 week study on what the Bible does and does not say

Thursday's @ Edward's March 8th – April 6th

9:30 – 10:30Am

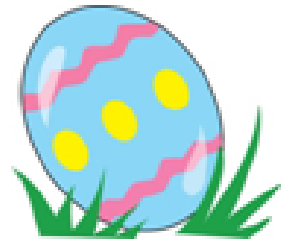
Wed @ Wrights' March 7th – April 5th

6:00 – 7:30PM

INTERFAITH LENTEN SERVICES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
12-Mar	Wrights UMC	Pastor Brent Furlong
19-Mar	First Presbyterian	Rev. Alberta Hall
26-Mar	First Baptist	Pastor John Owen
2-Apr	Family Worship Center	Rev. Richard Roberts
9-Apr	Mingo Presbyterian	Pastor Kevin Young

*Rock N Roll
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April
15th 10-12PM*

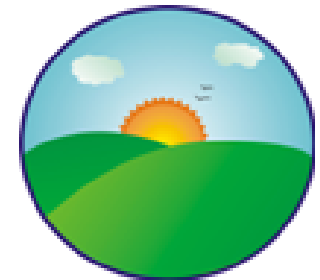


*Games, Crafts, Eggs
& Lunch*



**Edwards Chapel Holy Thursday
April 13th Seder Meal 7PM**

Easter Service 7AM
Mingo Park Observatory Hill
Drama/Music
"Memories of the Resurrection"
Breakfast in shelter to follow



Good Friday Drama

Wrights UMC 7:30PM

9:30AM WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30AM

Edwards Chapel

Spaghetti Dinner & Chinese Auction

Spring Fundraiser

April 29th 4-7PM



VILLAGE OF VENETIA

HERITAGE DAYS

MAY 20 & 21

CRAPTS, FOOD & HISTORY

