

February 2015

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From Pastor Nate:

As the Lenten season nears, we have been focusing on the vision of the church; both this church and the greater church. We have been looking at the personal freedoms God offers us through a relationship with Jesus Christ, and how these freedoms allow us and compel us to act out in ministry. For the next several weeks we will be shifting our attention on Christian relationships from personal to community. Specifically, we will consider what it means to be the church. To guide us through this time we will be loosely following the book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" by Bishop Robert Schnase, which highlights Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

I invite you in this time to prayerfully consider where God is leading you and this church, as we strive to have a loving and Spirit-filled impact on this community and the world!

The February Noisy Offering –Zimbabwe, Africa

Babyfold at Old Mutare Fairfield Children's Home

Goals & Objectives

- To respond to Jesus' call to care for the orphans and needy children.
- To expand the poultry project currently at 100 to about 1,000 birds to provide meat for the children and income through selling.
- To organize refresher courses for house parents.
- To install two tower lights at both ends of the home.
- To plant winter crops such as wheat and harvest the winter crops.
- To repair broken windows at the home and all the fittings/ceilings.
- To scout for career opportunities for our children in colleges or doing apprenticeship programs.
- To have clean water flowing into the homes 24 hours a day; currently we only have water 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening.
- To prepare hostel accommodation for children over 18 years still in need of care; this will allow them to complete skills training.
- To place our first college graduates into employment and career paths.
- To monitor and evaluate the success and challenges of running a children's home following our present patterns and systems of residential family homes system.
- To evaluate challenges and successes and recommendations on a way forward and the improvement of systems and approach to achieve maximum benefit to needy children.



February Home To-Do List: Warm Up, Clean Up

February is a hard, full month of winter, but it's also a month with light at the end of the tunnel. Daylight's advance makes itself known with that last bit of blue sky that loiters in the west at day's end. The days are getting longer, and spring is out there. It's next month, in fact. Just hang on until then. In the meantime, give your sweetie a Valentine's Day present by catching up on some deferred cleaning and maintenance. *Cleaning is one of the best things you can do during the winter.*

- 1. Dust Off:** Get the dust out from under and behind the refrigerator and the stove.
- 2. Swap Filters:** Change the furnace filter.
- 3. Clean Carpets:** Pre-treat stains then shampoo the carpets. Take two passes over high-traffic areas.
- 4. Get the Radiators:** Vacuum inside and under or the baseboard heaters.
- 5. Tune-up Your Vacuum:** Change a bagless vacuum's air filter; clear its air flow channels and wash out its canister.
- 6. Clean Vents:** Clean the range hood vent and filter.
- 7. Peel It Off:** To kill mildew, peel the bath mat from the tub, turn it upside down, pour some bleach into the tub and run some water. If there's mildew on the shower-curtain liner, put it in the tub as well.
- 8. Tackle Small Repairs:** Insulate the water heater and the hot-water pipe leaving it. Install door stops to prevent door-knob damage to drywall.

February 2015

Ash Wednesday Service at Hope Village at 3pm—everyone is invited!

*=more info in newsletter

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| <p>1 10am Worship Service & Communion</p> <p>*5pm Superbowl Party</p> | <p>2 Vonnie Everts' BD</p> <p>8pm AA</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Rich Hargreaves' BD</p> <p>David Huwer's BD</p> | <p>4 3pm Hope Village Svc.</p> <p>Jim & Evie Huwer's Anniv!</p> <p>Pete & Evie Peters' Anniv!</p> <p>7pm AA Women only</p> | <p>5</p> <p>11am Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> <p>10am AA Men only</p> <p>7pm AA all</p> |
| <p>8 10am Worship Service</p> <p>Potluck & SPRC meeting</p> <p>Dorothy Karker's BD</p> | <p>9 Shawn Clone's BD</p> <p>8pm AA</p> | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> <p>3pm Hope Village Svc.</p> <p>7pm AA Women only</p> | <p>12</p> <p>11am Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> <p>10am AA Men only</p> <p>7pm AA all</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>10am Worship Service</p> <p>Lorraine VerHage's BD</p> | <p>16 President's Day</p> <p>8pm AA</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18 Ash Wed.</p> <p>*3pm Ash Wed Svc @ Hope Vlg.</p> <p>7pm AA Women only</p> | <p>19</p> <p>11am Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p> <p>Bill Morrison's BD</p> <p>Hayden Thomas' BD</p> <p>*11-1pm CWU Lenten Luncheon</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> <p>10am AA Men only</p> <p>7pm AA all</p> |
| <p>22 1st Sun. of Lent</p> <p>10am Worship Service & Potluck (not brunch)</p> <p>*12pm Women's Fellowship Mtg.</p> | <p>23 Grace Reinhold's BD</p> <p>8pm AA</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Jason Hamstra's BD</p> | <p>25</p> <p>3pm Hope Village Svc.</p> <p>Jerri Bloxsom's BD</p> <p>7pm AA Women only</p> | <p>26</p> <p>11am Bible Study</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p> <p>*11-1pm CWU Lenten Luncheon</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> <p>10am AA Men only</p> <p>7pm AA all</p> |

**Church Women and Men
United Lenten Luncheons on
Thursdays 11:30-1 p.m. at The
Presbyterian Church, 701
Westminster Rd, TC:**

Feb. 19— Pastor Bill Meyers
Feb. 26— Rev. Gene Baughan
March 5 Pastor Jane Lippert
March 12 Pastor Carl Litchfield
March 19 Pastor Mike Simon
March 26 Pastor Tom John
A donation of \$3 goes to support local missions.



**Sunday, February 22nd 12PM
Women's Fellowship Meeting**

All women are welcome!
Help us plan this year's events!
We'll gather right after
brunch, have a short business
meeting, and get on with our
planning!
We'd LOVE your input!



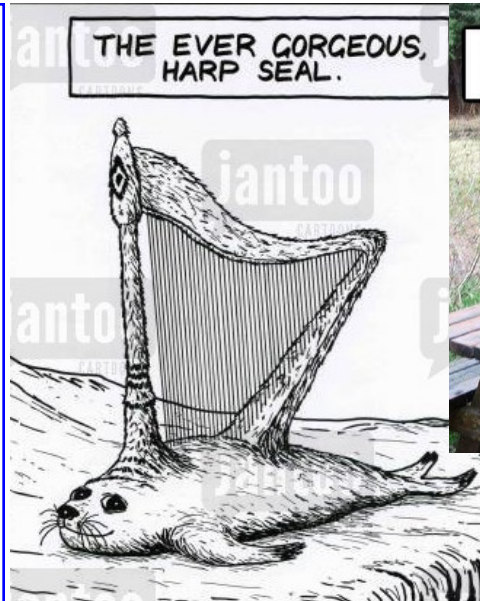
We are gathering mit-
tens, gloves, scarves, hats
(infant through adult
sizes); hand-made, pur-
chased or gently used for
organizations like the
Baby Pantry, TC Alterna-
tive High School, ACTS,
Women's Resource Cen-
ter, & more. This is an
ongoing mission through
March. The "tree" has
been abundantly
"budding"—such talent!
Thank you so much!

The chapel at Hope Village is completed! Come and visit! Williamsburg UMC contributed \$3,600 to purchase the cross for the chapel. Therefore, each of us has had a part in that chapel. It is a wonderful addition to Hope Village! And you're all invited to the Ash Wed. Svc. there, at 3pm on Feb. 18, 2015!



Tid-Bits to Know

- **ACTS (Acme Christian Thrift Store and Food Pantry)** is collecting Village Market Community Cash and Tom's Tomorrow Fund slips. Please place in basket in Sunshine Room. Thanks!
- **The Strawberry Social** is on June 20th. Please put it on your calendar! There will be many opportunities to help support our church---and it's a fun, fun time for all!!
- Pencil this in: **Family Hayride** on Sept. 13th after church---potluck that day at Walter's.
- **Valentines for area senior citizens!** Please purchase a box of Valentine cards and sign them, "Williamsburg United Methodist Church", and bring them back to church by Sunday, Feb. 2nd or 9th and they will be distributed to area retirement/assisted living/nursing homes!
- **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE BROUGHT IN HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES/MITTENS!** As winter continues, we will distribute! This has been a great mission and very much appreciated!



14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.



15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.



33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful.

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