



***“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2 (NRSVUE)***

Greetings Church!

As we begin the season of Lent, I want to invite you into these next weeks not as a burden, but as a gift. Lent is a time the church has set aside to slow down, pay attention, and make room for God to work in us again.

In the Wesleyan tradition, we believe that God’s grace is already at work in our lives, even before we recognize it. That grace meets us right where we are--tired, distracted, hopeful, hurting--and gently calls us toward deeper life. Lent helps us notice that grace more clearly. It gives us space to be honest with ourselves and with God, and to remember how much we need God’s mercy.

You’ll often hear Lent described as a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance. Those practices aren’t about trying harder or proving ourselves. Instead, they help clear away what gets in the way of love. As we pray, we listen. As we fast or simplify, we make room. As we repent, we turn back toward the God who never stops reaching for us. This is how God continues to shape us (what John Wesley called sanctifying grace) forming us little by little into people who love more fully.

Lent also reminds us that faith is never just personal. John Wesley talked about “social holiness,” meaning we grow in faith together and we live it out in the world. So this season invites us to care more intentionally for our neighbors, to notice suffering we might usually overlook, and to respond with compassion, generosity, and justice.

We don’t walk this season alone. Lent is something we do together--as a church, as the body of Christ. Even as worship becomes a bit quieter and more reflective, Sundays still point us toward hope. We know that repentance is not the end of the story. Resurrection is!!!

My hope for us this Lent is simple: that we would be open to God, to one another, and to the work of love God wants to do in and through us. May these weeks prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter and renew us for lives of faithful discipleship.

I’m grateful to walk this season with you.

Blessings,

Amy



**Parking Lot Fundraiser –  
100 Squares Toward \$20,000**

As many of you have probably noticed, our church parking lot needs refreshed. On behalf of the Finance Committee, we are excited to share a new fundraising project to have our parking lot resealed this spring.

The project will cost \$20,000, and we need everyone's help to make it happen. To reach our goal, we have created 100 squares at \$200 each, giving us a clear path to \$20,000.

We hope to raise the full amount by March 1<sup>st</sup> so we are ready to start this project as soon as the weather breaks in the spring.

Donations for a square can be made to the church with a note for "Parking Lot Fundraiser". You can also give online at [www.fumcclyde.org/give](http://www.fumcclyde.org/give).

We currently have 16 squares filled in to start us off! Thank you for your support and generosity.

Finance Committee



**Soup Cook-Off  
Sunday, February 1  
Noon**

**First United Methodist Church  
510 West Maple Street, Clyde**

Bring your favorite soup.  
Maybe you'll have an award-winning soup!  
Attendees will have the chance to vote for their favorite soup.  
If you don't want to bring a soup, how about crackers, bread, a side dish, or a dessert?  
There will be games and puzzles available for you to enjoy before and/or after lunch.

Please bring cans of soup or other items for donation to the Blessing Box.

The afternoon promises to be a good time for food and fellowship!

We hope you will join us!

**Valentine's Day  
DINNER**

**Saturday, February 14, 2026  
6:00 pm**

**First United Methodist Church  
510 West Maple Street, Clyde**

**Choice of entrée:**

**Ritzy Chicken or Roast Beef  
\$20.00**

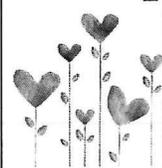
You don't need to "have a valentine" or "be a valentine" to attend. Come alone, bring a friend, or meet friends and family for a nice meal and an entertaining evening.

Tickets available after worship.

Sponsored by Sisters Study Group



# February 2026

| Sun   | Mon                                  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| <p>1</p> <p>Worship<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>Soup Cookoff<br/>Noon</p> <p>CGSYF<br/>6:30 pm</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Sisters<br/>6:30 pm</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>Trustees<br/>6:30 pm</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>Bells<br/>6:00 pm</p>  | <p>5</p>     | <p>6</p>  | <p>7</p>  |
| <p>8</p> <p>Worship<br/>9:00 am</p>   | <p>9</p> <p>Sisters<br/>6:30 pm</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>FANS<br/>9:00 am</p>   | <p>11</p> <p>Bells<br/>6:00 pm</p>   | <p>12</p>  | <p>13</p> <p>Set up for<br/>Valentine<br/>Dinner</p>                                  | <p>14</p> <p>Valentine<br/>Dinner<br/>6:00 pm</p> <p>Happy<br/>Valentines</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>Worship<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>CGSYF<br/>6:30 pm</p>                             | <p>16</p> <p>Sisters<br/>6:30 pm</p> | <p>17</p>   | <p>18</p> <p>Ash<br/>Wednesday<br/>Prayer<br/>Stations at<br/>GSUMC<br/>6:30 am-<br/>6:30 pm<br/>Bells<br/>6:00 pm</p> | <p>19</p>  | <p>20</p>   | <p>21</p>   |
| <p>22</p> <p>Worship<br/>9:00 am</p> <p>CGSYF<br/>6:30 pm</p>                             | <p>23</p> <p>Sisters<br/>6:30 pm</p> | <p>24</p>  | <p>25</p> <p>Lenten Lunch<br/>Noon</p> <p>Community<br/>Dinner<br/>5-6:00 pm<br/>Bells<br/>6:00 pm</p>                 | <p>26</p>  | <p>27</p>   | <p>28</p>   |
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# March 2026

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1<br>Worship<br>9:00 am<br><br>CGSYF<br>6:30 pm  | 2  | 3   | 4<br>Lenten Lunch<br>Noon<br><br>Bells<br>6:00 pm  | 5  | 6<br> | 7  |
| 8<br>Worship<br>9:00 am<br><br>CGSYF<br>6:30 pm  | 9<br>Worship<br>Committee<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Sisters<br>6:30 pm | 10<br>FANS 9:00 am<br>Red Cross<br>Noon-6 pm<br>Finance<br>6:00 pm<br>Church<br>Council<br>6:30 pm                    | 11<br>Lenten Lunch<br>Noon<br><br>Bells<br>6:00 pm   | 12   | 13   | 14<br>Lester Root<br>90 <sup>th</sup><br>Birthday Party<br>1:00-3:00 pm                    |
| 15<br>Worship<br>9:00 am<br><br>CGSYF<br>6:30 pm | 16   | 17<br>St. Patrick's<br>Day<br><br> | 18<br>Lenten Lunch<br>Noon<br><br>Bells<br>6:00 pm   | 19   | 20   | 21<br> |
| 22<br>Worship<br>9:00 am<br><br>CGSYF<br>6:30 pm | 23<br>Sisters<br>6:30 pm                                       | 24  | 25<br>Lenten Lunch<br>Noon<br><br>Community<br>Dinner<br>5-6:00 pm<br><br>Bells<br>6:00 pm | 26   | 27<br>Winter Jam<br>Concert for<br>CGSYF   | 28   |
| 29<br>Worship<br>9:00 am<br>Palm Sunday          | 30<br>Sisters<br>6:30 pm                                       | 31  |  |  |  |  |



The congregation is invited to join in celebration of Lester Root's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Saturday, March 14, 2026  
 1:00-3:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall  
 No gifts, please!

### Prayer Chain

The Congregational Care Committee has an active Prayer Chain. If you would like to be part of this ministry as a caller, please contact the church office 419-547-0734 or Barb Davis 937-243-4715.



### Prayer Cards

There are prayer cards available in the pews for you to write your prayer requests (joys and concerns) and given to an usher before the end of the first hymn/song to be prayed for during the prayer time. Or if you feel comfortable, you can always pray yourself out loud during the prayer time when it is indicated to do so.



### Lenten Craft Workshop

Make your own Resurrection Garden at our Lenten Craft Workshop.

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
 following Sunday School.

Join us for brunch and the craft project. All food and supplies will be furnished.

CLYDE GREEN  
 SPRINGS YOUTH  
 FELLOWSHIP



Students entering 6th - 12th grade!  
 Tuition  
 Fellowship  
 Bus  
 Food  
 Clyde First United Methodist Church  
 510 W. Maple St., Clyde



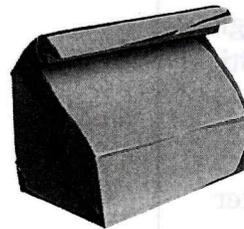
GSYF meets on Sundays from 6:30–8:00 pm at Clyde First and is open to anyone (no matter which school or church you attend or don't attend) in grades 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Amy to be added to the group's app.

**Feb. Dates: 1st, 15th, & 22nd**

**Mar. Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**

**Special Event: Winter Jam Concert in Cleveland - Friday, March 27th - details to follow!**

Keep up with all things related to the youth fellowship group by following Reach Out Ministries on Instagram and Facebook @reachoutministriescgs



### Lunchtime Bible Study with Pastor Amy

Mondays at noon

Clyde First Lounge

Bring your own lunch!

We will be finishing our Spiritual Gifts Study. On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will begin the Lenten study, *Finding Jesus in the Psalms* by Barb Roose.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### February Birthdays

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Janet Provenzale    | 02/01 |
| Hal Michaels        | 02/02 |
| Brooke Warner       | 02/02 |
| Lamar Baker         | 02/03 |
| John Meggitt        | 02/06 |
| Carolyn Smallets    | 02/08 |
| Todd Warner         | 02/08 |
| Jacob Gill          | 02/09 |
| Marissa Gill        | 02/09 |
| Carolyn Gray        | 02/20 |
| Meredith Greenslade | 02/20 |
| Lillian Greenslade  | 02/20 |
| Phyllis Fiser       | 02/23 |
| Clara Rinebold      | 02/26 |
| Angela Nasser       | 02/28 |

### March Birthdays

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Jocelyn Royster    | 03/01 |
| Dan Auxter         | 03/03 |
| Ann Berenbaum      | 03/09 |
| Derrick Stalnaker  | 03/10 |
| Hilda Howard       | 03/11 |
| Troy Bilbrey       | 03/12 |
| Lester Root        | 03/13 |
| Zachary Huston     | 03/14 |
| Janis Owens        | 03/14 |
| Ashley Kramer      | 03/16 |
| Pam Meggitt        | 03/17 |
| Ryan Stombaugh     | 03/17 |
| Austin Nasser      | 03/18 |
| Bob Michael        | 03/19 |
| Heather Arndt      | 03/21 |
| Christine Klickman | 03/21 |
| Melinda Meggitt    | 03/21 |
| Jim Greenslade     | 03/22 |
| Daniel McClanahan  | 03/22 |
| Megan Schlett      | 03/27 |
| Chase Arndt        | 03/30 |
| Dorothy Linn       | 03/31 |

### Anniversaries

#### March

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Ronald & Kimberly Hagemeyer | 03/10 |
| Dean & Sandra Scheerer      | 03/28 |
| Henry & Millie Harrison     | 03/29 |

### Readers

#### February

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| February 1  | Karen Auxter  |
| February 8  | Lester Root   |
| February 15 | Chad Cagle    |
| February 22 | Lenora Stiger |

#### March

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| March 1  | Karen Auxter  |
| March 8  | Leah Stines   |
| March 15 | Lester Root   |
| March 22 | Lenora Stiger |
| March 29 | Carolyn Gray  |

### Ushers

#### February

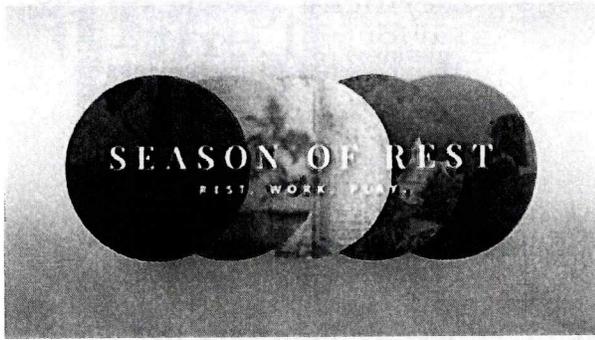
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| Janet Provenzale |
| Lenora Stiger    |

#### March

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|------------------------|
| Dennis and Joan Gable  |
| Tim and Melanie Taylor |

**New  
Member**

Are you interested in becoming a member of the church? If so, contact Pastor Amy. New member information sessions are in the works, but she needs to know who is interested to plan.



In this four-week series, we explore the profound importance of rest in our lives. We start with Elijah's experience of divine rest, learn how to find a healthy balance of rest, work, and play, understand the rhythm of rest modeled by God, and affirm that God has given everyone the gift of rest to be embraced.

**February 1<sup>st</sup> Wk 3: What Kind of Rest: The Science Behind Rest | Genesis 2:1-3**

There is a natural ebb and flow for our minds, bodies and spirits, modeled for us by God.

**February 8<sup>th</sup> Wk 4: The Gift of Rest | Leviticus 25:1-19**

Embracing the gift of rest allows us to be people of restoration, renewal, and wholeness. The Year of Jubilee teaches us about balance, equity, and kinship, celebrating that rest is a gift for all of God's creation.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Amy off for class**

**Lenora Stiger, Lay Servant**



**February 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday: The good news is... all are invited | Luke 14:15-24**  
Parable of the wedding banquet

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent: The good news is... so good it catches us by surprise | John 2:1-11 & Matthew 13:31-32**

Wedding at Cana & Parable of the mustard seed

**March 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent: The good news is... great love for God and neighbor | Luke 7:36-50 & Matthew 25:35-40**

Woman with the alabaster jar washes Jesus' feet & "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

**March 8<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent: The good news is... together, the impossible is possible | Mark 6:32-44 & Ephesians 3:20-21**

Feeding of the 5,000 & "By the power at work within us [God] is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine."



CHURCH COUNCIL  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 13, 2026

The Church Council of First United Methodist Church of Clyde met in regular session Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Chairman Roger Miller presiding. Others in attendance were Rev. Sue Chidley, Barb Davis, Dennis Gable, Carolyn Gray, Jim Greenslade, Nancy Greenslade, Pat Merritt, Pastor Amy Ochier, Linda Robinson, Lenora Stiger, and Madelynn Strayer.

Roger Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion was made by Dennis Gable and seconded by Jim Greenslade to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 11, 2025. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Linda Robinson reported a balance of \$18,290.76 in the Operating Fund as of December 31, 2025. Total in all funds was \$215,986.83, which is only approximately \$500 less than the balance at the end of 2024. No transfers have been made since September, 2025.

Finance: Madelynn Strayer noted that twenty squares of the 100 total have been sold for the parking lot project. It is hoped to have the money raised by March 1, 2026. She further noted that the computers are going to be updated to Windows 11. It is unknown at this time what the cost will be. An estimate will be obtained.

Christian Education: Pastor Amy reported that Sunday School for all ages is being held. CGSYF resumed in December, 2025. The Monday lunch study is focusing on spiritual gifts. The Lenten study will be *Finding Jesus in the Psalms*. The VBS theme for this summer is "Snowball Mountain Challenge", and Amber Keegan will again chair this.

Congregational Care: Barb Davis reported over 100 Christmas cards were sent out. Karen Coots and Stacy Cagle took gifts to the church shut-ins. The third annual Soup Cook-off will be held Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dan Auxter has joined the committee as a new member.

Sisters: Barb Davis noted that the Sisters study group decided to purchase a parking lot square. The group will be hosting a Valentine Dinner on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This is not just for couples. All are encouraged to attend. Tickets will be sold from January 26<sup>th</sup> through February 8<sup>th</sup>, at \$20 each. Entrée choices are Ritzy Chicken or roast beef.

History and Records: Carolyn Gray noted a date needs to be set for Heritage Sunday. Carolyn further noted that the donation part of tithe.ly is working and may be accessed through the church website.

Lay Delegate and Lay Leader: Lenora Stiger stated she will be attending a class on February 21, 2026.

Lay Leadership: Pastor Amy reported that District Superintendent Kelly Brown had approved having Church Council vote on our slate of officers for 2026. She noted that Rev. Sue Chidley will assume chairmanship of the Worship Committee, Beth Wilkerson will join the Missions Committee, and chairpersons are still needed for Christian Education and Missions. The Leadership Directory was unanimously approved as presented.

Pastor Amy presented the idea of going to a simplified accountability structure rather than the committee structure under which the church currently operates. There will be online programs on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:30 am and February 3<sup>rd</sup> explaining the way this works. It was decided anyone interested may watch at the church on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Missions: It was reported that there were plans to have this month's community dinner as a drive-thru only. After much discussion, it was decided the dinner will be dine-in or carryout. Pastor Amy will make sure that this is communicated and that any help that is needed will be gotten.

Trustees: Jim Greenslade had nothing to report.

Staff-Parish Relations: Dennis Gable noted that he expects the same officers will be in place for 2026.

Worship: Rev. Sue Chidley reported a new sanctuary Christmas tree is being purchased.

Delegate-at-large: Pat Merritt had nothing to report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Amy thanked all those who had helped in any way during her leave.

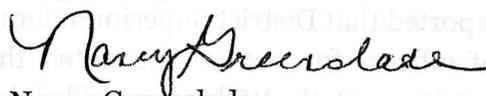
Pastor Amy noted that youth ministry trends are now toward inter-generational ministry. Gen Alpha (born since 2010) want connection and honest answers.

Pastor Amy has four classes this year. She will be off February 15<sup>th</sup>, and Lenora Stiger will preach. Camp Sunday (March 8<sup>th</sup>) the youth who went to camp last summer will share their experiences. Bishop Jung will be in the District on March 4<sup>th</sup> in Lexington for dinner, worship, and conversation. Clergy will meet with him at 9:00 am. Lay Servant Training is February 21<sup>st</sup> at Ashland. Pastor Amy will be teaching a class.

Pastor Amy's next sermon series will be "A Season of Rest" and then "Tell Me Something Good". Ash Wednesday will include prayer stations at Green Springs UMC from 6:30 am-6:30 pm. Lenten luncheons will be held at noon on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>. Maundy Thursday service will be in Fellowship Hall. Our church will host the community Good Friday service at noon.

There being no further business, motion was made by Lenora Stiger and seconded by Barb Davis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Greenslade



# CLYDE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

You are invited  
to join us on  
Wednesdays  
during Lent for  
lunch,  
fellowship, and  
reflection.

All Luncheons  
begin at noon  
and will be  
held at the First  
United  
Methodist  
Church in  
Clyde, 510 W.  
Maple St.  
(across from  
Millers).

February 25th

Message and Reflection on Matthew 4:1-11  
Presented by Deacon Jose Zamora (St. Mary's)  
Meal by St. Mary's Catholic Church

March 4th

Message and Reflection on John 3:1-17  
Presented by Pastor Rose Jones (First Presbyterian)  
Meal by First Presbyterian Church

March 11th

Message and Reflection on John 4:5-42  
Presented by (TBN by St. Paul's leadership)  
Meal by St. Paul Lutheran Church

March 18th

Message and Reflection on John 9:1-41  
Presented by Deacon Norbert Mayer (Lutheran)  
Meal by First United Methodist Church

March 25th

Message and Reflection on John 11:1-45  
Presented by Rev. Chuck Butcher (Clyde Christian)  
Meal by Clyde Christian Church

April 3rd (Good Friday Community Service)

Message and Reflection on Luke 22:47-53, 23:33-38, 44-46  
Presented by Pastor Amy Ochier  
(Clyde First & Green Springs UMCs)  
held in the Sanctuary of Clyde First United Methodist Church,  
510 W. Maple St.  
Service begins at noon (no lunch)