



SOUTH MUNDY NEWSLETTER 2020 FEBRUARY

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR - KEEP ON KEEPING ON

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Peter's beautiful passage teaches us a secret concerning how to make it through difficult times and situations. Here is my rendition of these verses: Think about everything Jesus went through and how He endured suffering in order to do God's will, and it will help you make it through your difficulties. Arm yourselves for battle; prepare yourselves for it by thinking as Jesus did... 'I will patiently suffer rather than fail to please God.' For if you suffer, having the mind of Christ toward it, you will no longer be living just to please yourself, doing whatever is easy and running from all that is hard. But you will be able to live for what God wills and not by your feelings and carnal thoughts."

There are difficulties that we go through in life, but we also experience joy of victory. Trials and tests will come, and God uses them to develop the potential He has put in you. Your part is to decide that you are never going to quit, no matter what, until you see the promises of God revealed in your life. There is one kind of person the devil can never defeat---one who is not a quitter. These are the words from "Closer to God Each Day" by Joyce Meyer.

I thought these words could minister to our spirit. Sometimes, we need to be encouraged not to quit when we get discouraged and want to throw in the towel. God's word provides us so many reasons to trust God in the midst of disappointing moments. No matter how disheartening the situation we face or the trying times we encounter, our trust and faith must not wane, but in fact be enhanced because of who loves us.

Just because life or circumstances doesn't go the way we so desire, we must always believe that God loves us so very much. Ultimately, God knows the beginning, middle and end of our days. So, our job as a Christian, means we must continue to serve God with joy, trust and complete dependence on our Creator and Lover of our souls. Joyce Meyer wrote these inspiring words for us to "Keep on Keeping on this Christian journey." I hope you enjoyed her devotional.

Staying Encouraged, Pastor Sutton

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Pastor's Office Hours

Home office - Mon. & Wed. (by appt) 11-2
South Mundy Office - Tues. & Thurs. 11-2

Church office hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-2

UPCOMING EVENTS

VALENTIN'ES DINNER

Saturday, February 15th
5:30 p.m. at the Hill Rd. Grille
Order off the menu - Sign-up sheet in the social hall

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 26th at 12:00 p.m. at Halsey UMC

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

6-week class on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. -11 a.m.
March 3rd - April 7th
"Six Hours One Friday" by Max Lucado
Please sign-up in the social hall by Feb. 9th

CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ADVENTURE - KENTUCKY

April 21-24, 2020

Combo ticket - (ages 18-59) - 79.95
(60+) - 69.95
(ages 11-17) - 44.95
(ages 10 & under) - free

Hotel rates - Best Western - \$100-\$150 + tax per night
Additional discounts may apply if 10+ rooms are booked.
Please sign-up on sheet if interested

GROUPS

ZONE 4 MEETING

Monday, February 17th - 6:30 p.m. at Halsey

MORNING PRAYER LINE

Tues, Wed and Thurs at 8:45 a.m. Call 515-739-1020 with access code - 495095. Join us and share in the power of prayer or contact Pastor Sutton and give her your prayer request.

WARRIOR WIDOW MINISTRY

Third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.
at South Mundy UMC. Next meeting - February 18th
If you have any questions, please call Maureen at 810-867-2158.

JOINT BIBLE STUDY

Spiritual Practices For Building a Life of Faith - Halsey Comm. Center
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

LADIES AIDE

No meeting in February - Resumes March 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

SERVING OTHERS

SOUP KITCHEN

Remember the FIRST Saturday of each month, South Mundy shares the love of Christ through serving at the South End Soup Kitchen, located in the Lincoln Park UMC on Fenton Road. The next date is February 2nd.



BLESSING BOX

The Blessing Box is being used! Please help us keep it stocked. There is a basket in the fellowship hall for donations. Any questions? Call Terri Youngs at 810-624-0179

Below are suggestions for donations:

Canned foods: soup, spaghetti, tuna, fruit, tomatoes, and vegetables

Packaged foods: mac-n-cheese, ramen noodles, rice-a-roni, applesauce cups, breakfast bars, instant breakfast, oatmeal instant packages, pop tarts

Paper products: Kleenex, toilet paper

Hygiene: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, feminine hygiene

Cleaning: Dish soap, hand and bar soap

School supplies: glue, pencils, erasers, lined paper, rulers



South Mundy Financial Corner December 2018

By Tom Watrous

The following financial status information is taken from the December 2018 South Mundy UMC Finance Committee Reports. The actual "Income and Expense by Month" summary report is prepared at the end of each month and is posted on the dining room bulletin board.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>December 2018 Amount</u>	<u>Difference From Previous Month</u>
Current Unrestricted Net Assets:	\$34,869	+ \$2,225
YTD Average Monthly Income:	\$6,850	+ \$264
Actual December Income:	\$9,755	+ \$2,791
YTD Average Monthly Expenses:	\$7,277	- \$4
Actual December Expenses:	\$7,223	- \$2,703



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- 6 - Alyssa Blimka, Delanie Prince
- 7 - Laretta Wilcox
- 9 - Arianna Ulrich
- 11 - Savannah Erler
- 14 - Mark Schmidt
- 15 - Jerry Wilcox
- 17 - Betty Cook, Michelle Stoutjesdyk
- 18 - Mark Johnston
- 20 - Emma Parks
- 23 - Noah Blimka
- 26 - Bill Steelman, Krystina Gonzalez
- 27 - Stella Dewar, Elaine Schmidt