

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

also available on the church website, [medfordumc.org](http://medfordumc.org)

### SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

**Worship:** 8:15 am = 45; 9:30 am = 207; 11:00 am = 123; Total = 375

**FLC Update:** \$ 695,090 / \$1,013,520 (69% of commitments)

**Amount Received Last Week:** \$2,148

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 am	Communion Service – Sanctuary
	9:15 am	Directory Photos in FLC Meeting Room
	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship – Family Life Center
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Service – Sanctuary
<b>Mon. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	12:15 pm	New Members' Class – Bowker Hall
	6:00 pm	Second Sunday Supper – Bowker Hall
	6:00 pm	Youth Fellowship – 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grades
	2:00 pm	Caring Team 2 – Room 104
	7:00 pm	N.A. – F203 (FLC Meeting Room)
	7:00 pm	Youth Planning Team – Annex
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts – B4/5
<b>Tue. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Busy Bees – Bowker Hall
	11:30 am	W.O.W. Communion Service & Luncheon – Sanctuary & Bowker Hall
	4:30 pm	Chime Choir – Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Mary/Martha Circle – Room 104
	6:45 pm	Celebration Ringers – Sanctuary
	6:45 pm	Cub Scouts – Room B4/5
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Bell Choir – Sanctuary
<b>Wed. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 pm	Wesley Choir – Choir Room
	7:00 am	Prayer, Ashes & Coffee – Narthex until 9:30; drop in
	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship – Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts – Room B4/5
	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship - Sanctuary
<b>Thu. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study – Room 104
	4:15 pm	Jr. Choir – Choir Room
	6:15 pm	Youth Bells - Sanctuary
	<u>7:00 pm</u>	Daniel Plan Study – Room 105/6
	7:15 pm	Youth Choir – Choir Room
<b>Sat. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	7:30 pm	Band Rehearsal – FLC
	8:30 pm	Garwood Choir – Choir Room
	8:00 am	MUMC Men's Bible study – Bowker Hall
<b>Sun. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 am	Communion Service – Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship – Family Life Center
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Traditional Service – Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Youth Fellowship – 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grades

LAST CHANCE - Picture Directory Photos:

TODAY from 9:15 am - 12:45 pm in the FLC upstairs Meeting Room

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & GIVE

**IHOC-INTERFAITH HOMELESS OUTREACH COUNCIL** is collecting shoe boxes filled with personal care items for distribution to homeless shelters. Items include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, lotion, razors, soaps, washcloths, socks, comb/brush and underwear. (Trial sizes are welcome.) Once you have filled your shoebox, put a rubber band around it and label it: Man, Woman, Child-(Boy or Girl). Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the narthex any time by Sunday, February 25. Thank you for your support! For more info, contact Chris Carl, [cmctrumpet10700@gmail.com](mailto:cmctrumpet10700@gmail.com); 856/404-1706.

**THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO ROANOKE, VA TO WORK WITH REACH:** Real Experiences Affecting CHange is scheduled for **June 30 - July 6, 2018**. Youth who are in 8th - 12th grade are invited to join us for this week long experience. Interested? Please contact Bethany Carl by email at [bethany@medfordumc.org](mailto:bethany@medfordumc.org).

**OUR ADULT CHOIRS** are now preparing music for Holy Week. If you are a singer who can't commit to a full year of choral participation, but would like to sing on Holy Thursday (March 29) and possibly Palm Sunday and Easter, please join us for the first 40 minutes of rehearsal on Tuesdays or Thursdays, beginning February 15 at 8:30 pm. Our stalwart choir members are always pleased to welcome new voices – even for a short time. Questions? Please contact Carol Reilly, 609/053-3805; [clrlly@aol.com](mailto:clrlly@aol.com).

**CALLING ALL FIRST GRADERS:** We invite all first grade singers to join our Jr. Choir practice next Thursday, Feb. 15 from 4:15-5:15 pm in the choir room. We will be learning music for Palm Sunday, Easter and the spring musical. New choristers will sing in worship on Sunday, March 18 at the 11:00 service and every Sunday thereafter. Participation in choir not only reinforces musical skills, but promotes spiritual growth and is lots of fun! For more information about our choral music opportunities, please speak to Carol Reilly or contact her at 609/953-3805; [clrlly@aol.com](mailto:clrlly@aol.com).

**SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER IS TONIGHT, February 11th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm.** These happen once a month when our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders can hang out with their friends while eating a meal. February's meal is homemade pizza! Yum!! You do not want to miss out. \$5 donations are requested to offset the cost of the meal. After the meal we'll have a quick activity and end with some games in the FLC gym. Drop off for this event will be in BOWKER HALL. For more info, contact Bethany Carl, [bethany@medfordumc.org](mailto:bethany@medfordumc.org).

## WORSHIP & SMALL GROUPS

**LENTEN STUDY:** During Lent in sermons and in small groups Pastors Joe and Kathleen will reflect on “The Bad Habits of Jesus” using a book by Leonard Sweet. Join us on Wednesday evenings Feb. 21 - March 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Thursday mornings Feb. 22 - March 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am. Register on the church website or the sign up sheet outside the sanctuary.

**MUMC BOOK CLUB NEWS:** The book club will gather at Barbara Jensen’s house on Saturday, February 24 at 9:30 am to discuss in In This Moment by Karen Kingsbury. If you like to read, but are nervous about the discussion aspect of the book club, we are very relaxed; hearing the different perspectives of the book is a fun and rewarding experience. If you want to join us, contact Patty Rosvold at pbrosvold179@verizon.net or Glenna Bishop at bishop.glenna@yahoo.com.

**BUSY BEES:** Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Bowker Hall; our theme is Show N’ Tell. Bring your favorite inspirational quotes and share why you picked them. Valentine’s Day is coming, so wear your favorite red. Our hostesses are Georgette Denlinger and Donna Crosier who promise tasty treats. Questions? Contact Donna Crosier, 609/744-6417.

**OUR NEXT W.O.W. COMMUNION SERVICE AND LUNCHEON** for our senior adults will be Tuesday, February 13. We will gather in the sanctuary at 11:30 am for a communion service led by our pastors; afterwards we will enjoy a delicious luncheon and fellowship in Bowker Hall. Please RSVP to Lisa in the church office; 609/654-8111; lisa@medfordumc.org.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING MEDFORD UMC?** The pastors will lead a new members’ class **TODAY** at 12:15 pm. In our two-hour class, we’ll get to know one another better, talk about the expectations of membership, learn about the United Methodist Church, and discuss ways you can get involved in the ministry of MUMC. Please see Pastor Joe or Pastor Kathleen for more info. Lunch & childcare available.

**THE THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** 10:00 am in Room 104. We use Upper Room's daily devotional DISCIPLINES. On February 15 we will dive into: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

**TODAY THE SARAH CIRCLE** will be distributing their chocolate-covered pretzels after each of our three services. Did YOU forget to pre-order yours? Good news! We made lots of extras! Just look for the crowd outside your favorite worship space to purchase these Valentine-ready

delicious delights. Remember that every bit of profit from these sales goes to support our mission project, the Hope Center in Latvia. Oh, and we have LOLLIPOPS, too. Yum!

**GET CONNECTED...** We recently upgraded the WiFi across the whole campus. Especially if you are a parent with a child in the nursery, you’ll want to connect, as cell reception is VERY poor inside the Family Life Center. Let us know if you find dead spots!

Network: MUMC Guest

Password: godsgrace

**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14:** Join us as we mark the start of Lent with worship and ashes on Ash Wednesday:

7:00-9:30 am – prayers, ashes & coffee in the narthex – drop in anytime

12:00 noon – a brief (30 min) service of scripture, prayer and ashes in the Sanctuary

7:30 pm – a service of ashes & Holy Communion in the sanctuary

**Why Ashes?** First, ashes are an ancient way to express sorrow & repentance. See Esther 4:1, Jonah 3:6 and Job 2:8.

Second, ashes symbolize our mortality. Lent is designed to move us through sorrow to a deeper understanding of God’s grace and the gift of life offered to us on Easter.

Third, you are free to worship without receiving ashes, get them on your hand instead of your forehead, or go home and wash your face. They represent an outward sign of our inward heart. If you’ve not attended Ash Wednesday worship before, come experience it this year!



**LENT WORSHIP SERIES - THE BAD HABITS OF JESUS** - based on the book by Leonard Sweet. We picture Jesus in soft light - a tame, gentle figure who never upset anyone. But if that's true, it's hard to explain how he ended up on a cross. This Lent, let's explore Jesus' revolutionary

edge. Let's give him back his power to transform us through radical love. Join us on Sundays at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00.

Feb 18 - Jesus Thought He Was God

Feb 25 - Jesus Procrastinated

Mar 4 - Jesus Appeared Wasteful

Mar 11 - Jesus Was Constantly Disappearing

Mar 18 - Jesus Told Stories That Made No Sense

Mar 25 - Jesus Was Dangerous