



Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:00 am

## February 2026

As we enter the season of Lent, we invite you into a journey rooted not in burden or bleakness—but in *good news*. Our theme this year, *Tell Me Something Good*, draws from the ancient rhythms of Lent as a season of preparation: a time when early followers preparing for baptism studied what really mattered about Jesus' life and ministry. What we find at the center of that life is not only challenge, but joy, love, mercy, and hope—the very things we long to see in the world today.

Lent was never meant to be a retreat from life; it was meant to be an invitation deeper *into* life—into the reality of God's expansive love. In this series we'll ask: What is truly good about the good news of Jesus? What does it look like when we live out that good news in our homes, our neighborhood, and our world? And how might the teachings of Jesus ground us, even when the headlines and hardships seem heavy?

The metaphor of *good news* in our graphic reminds us of Jesus' ministry as something alive and abundant—joyful *like fine wine*, growing like a mustard seed, smelling *like perfume poured in love*, feeding like bread shared with a crowd, and sounding *like laughter across a table*. This Lent, we'll explore how the good news is not only fulfilled in Easter joy, but lived out every day in acts of mercy, care for neighbors, and courage to hope.

Each week of the season highlights a different dimension of what it means to be anchored in God's goodness: from *surprise and joy to justice, mercy, and faithfulness*; from *care for the vulnerable to community where the impossible becomes possible*. We'll encounter these truths together through Scripture, worship, service, and daily reflection, seeking to recognize—and be—good news in the world around us.

*Tell Me Something Good* invites us into a hopeful transformation: that in Christ we find our roots, our courage, and a good news that *cannot be contained*. Let this season be one of deep grounding—where mercy meets action, community becomes kinship, and the glory of God's love is lived and shared.

Join us for worship, study, and reflection as we tell one another—and the world—something good this Lent.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Corrie

## Prayer Requests

Pam Barrett  
Randy Boyer  
Paula Davis  
Henry Durbin

Ellen Graham  
Tammye Green  
Ann Irwin  
Nell Kirkpatrick

Annette McGary  
Mary Meilcarek-Clark  
Mary Neitzke  
Robert Neitzke

Kathi Parker  
Keith Reynolds  
Harriett Silvey  
Lucille Thompson

## *Birthdays*

7<sup>th</sup> Mary Neitzke  
9<sup>th</sup> Robert Neitzke  
12<sup>th</sup> Allyson Robertson

13<sup>th</sup> Helen Jerles  
15<sup>th</sup> Dana Crowe  
16<sup>th</sup> John Holder

16<sup>th</sup> Kellie Jackson  
22<sup>nd</sup> Betty Meriwether

## *Liturgists & Acolytes*

Doyle Clark  
Sarah Clark  
Josh Waterhouse

Michael Bellamy  
Andrew Clark  
Rosie Clark

## *From Our Leadership*

### **From our Open Table Chair:**

Mapping Our Way Forward is the theme for our United Women in Faith for 2026

A good scripture for this theme is Proverbs 3:5-6 (NRSV). Trust in the lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

There is a lot of uncertainty in this world. We don't always know what will happen next, what we will need, or who we will be surrounded by. But in the midst of that uncertainty—for us, our churches, and all our communities—we can map our way forward into the unknown by holding on to God and our core values, letting them keep us grounded as we respond and flow with whatever we may encounter.

How do we find our way, map our plans, and hold on to that balance of grounding and flowing as we do it. I know there are many bible verses that can guide us on our way, so we need to read the Bible as a tool to help us on our way forward. What other tools can we use? I think listening, communicating with others, reading books, writing, traveling, teaching, and many others. We are never too old to stop learning.

Being people of hope who are convinced that the future can be better than the present and that we can be a part of it takes practice. It isn't just something that happens. We need to start by practicing gratitude for the good we see and training ourselves to see the seeds for better in the future we all share.

Margaret Fisher, Board Chair

# *Notes & Thoughts*

## **Ann's Closet Data for 2025:**

Joy Holder and Emily Bellamy from Ann's Closet would like to give to HUGE **THANK YOU** to everyone who found it in their hearts to donate this past year. We could not provide the food boxes or demonstrate Christ's love to our Clarksville neighbors in need without your continued support; we are humbled by your generosity and eternally grateful.

Number of families assisted ranging anywhere from one visit to monthly visits (12 in total): 47

Total people served 2025: 312

Donated food items (in pounds): 1443 (approximate weight)

Food items purchased with donated funds (in pounds): 493 (approximate weight)

TOTAL POUNDS OF DONATED FOOD 2025: 1936 (approximate weight)

## **Tabor Scholarship Information:**

The Taber Scholarship fund was established in the late 1990s in memory of Estelle Taber to honor her service to Christ and the pursuit of higher education. This scholarship embodies St. Bethlehem United Methodist Church's values of loving God and our neighbors, striving to embody the life of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual development and growth, and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

A \$500 award is available for first-time applicants. The Taber Scholarship can be renewed, and second awards are limited to \$250.

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Member of the St. Bethlehem United Methodist Church and/or demonstrated and documented involvement in a United Methodist Church or Wesley Foundation while attending an institution of higher learning
2. Acceptance letter or demonstrated proof of enrollment in a 4-year university, college, vocational, or technical school.
3. College student (undergraduate only), graduating high school senior, or seminary student affiliated with St. Bethlehem UMC.

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### **Deadline: April 15**



## Special Events

The Ladies of St. B are hosting their Annual  
*Pancake Dinner*



**SHROVE TUESDAY**  
February 17th, 4 to 6:30 pm

**Cost:**  
13 and Older \$7  
12 and Under \$5

What: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Market

When: May 2, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Please contact Margaret Fisher with any questions or to volunteer your time or any food items.

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Please contact Margaret Fisher or Tiffany Julian with any questions on this upcoming event.

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PRESENTS THEIR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

# SPRING MARKET



**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND**



10AM - 4PM | RAIN OR SHINE

2201 OLD RUSSELLVILLE PIKE  
CLARKSVILLE, TN 37040

Vendor Applications Can Be Found In The QR Code

# Upcoming Events

The St. B **Sewing Circle** meets on the second Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm at rotating attendee locations. If you have any questions or wish to join the Sewing Circle, please contact Nita Heilman. This month we'll meet on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Emily Bellamy's home.



**Ann's Closet** is requesting your assistance. For the month of February, we would like to focus on **spaghetti sauce and jelly**. Please consider picking up an extra bag, box, can or jar while you're at the grocery store. If each of us could grab just one extra item per week, Ann's Closet could keep the shelves stocked and continue to assist those who must choose between food and warm clothes this winter.

Ann's Closet will operate this month on: February 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FUEL** provides 72 under privileged children at St. Bethlehem Early Learning Center with food staples during the school year. We usually meet each Wednesday at 10:00 am during the school year. If you'd like to participate, please contact Nita Heilman.



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Ann Doris Circle Meeting:** February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am  
**Night Circle Meeting:** TBD

Join us for **BINGO** on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 am.

Our January BINGO event was cancelled due to the threat of snow and frigid temperatures however, we usually meet on the third Thursday morning of each month and afterwards continue our fellowship and fun with a group lunch. Come join us for BINGO this month for a fun time and white elephant gift exchange.

BINGO @ ST. B  
February 20th | 10:30 am

FEELING FRIENDLY	WE LAUGH	YOU WIN A PRIZE
SOMETIME SOMETHING BINGO	FREE SPACE	YOU SOLVE A PUZZLE
HAVE A SNACK	PLANS FOR LUNCH ARE MADE	YOU BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU

**Join us Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for Game Night:**

We have such a good time at Game Night that our numbers keep growing; we had 21 in attendance last month. Some of us play games, some of us sing Disney songs and some of us are happy to sit around and talk. Regardless of your preference, we'd love to have you join in on the fun as well!

Mark your calendars for upcoming Game Nights:

March 20<sup>th</sup>

June 19<sup>th</sup>

April 17<sup>th</sup>

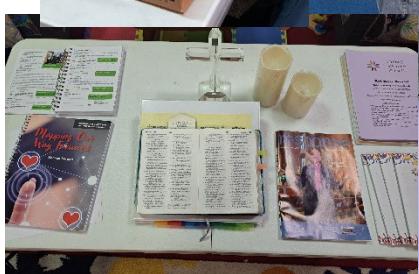
July 17<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

August 21<sup>st</sup>



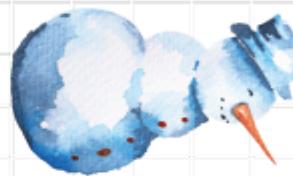
# *And this is what we've been doing...*



*And here's a blast from the past...*



# WINTER FUN



**ACROSS**

- 5. WINTERY SURFING
- 6. MOVING IMAGES
- 7. LENGTHS OF WARMING FABRIC
- 8. INTERPRETING SYMBOLS FOR MEANING
- 9. EXPOSING TO DRY HEAT FOR CONSUMPTION

**DOWN**

- 1. SNOWY FIGURE
- 2. CRAFT OF CREATING INTER-CONNECTED LOOPS
- 3. SOURCE OF WARMTH
- 4. DESIGNED TO SOLVE
- 7. MOVING ON FLAT RUNNERS

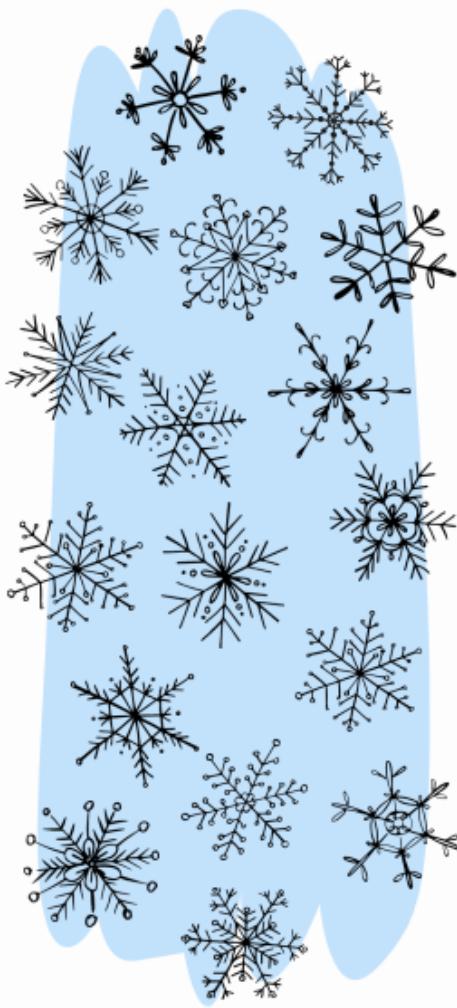
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# MISSING SNOWFLAKE

WHICH SNOWFLAKE IS MISSING FROM THE SECOND IMAGE?



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10am - Worship 1:30pm - PRAY Program	5pm - Piano Lessons 6pm - Choir Practice	6:30pm - Cub Scout 11am - Ann's Closet 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	10am - FUEL 7:30pm - N.A.	6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship 11:30am - Brittany's Baby 6pm - N.A.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10am - Worship 1:30pm - PRAY Program	5pm - Piano Lessons 6pm - Choir Practice	10:30am - UWF Anne 6:30pm - Cub Scout 7:30pm - N.A.	10am - FUEL 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship 6pm - N.A.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Scout Sunday	Office Closed for Holiday President's Day	4pm - Shrove Tuesday 6:30pm - Cub Scout	10am - FUEL 11am - Ann's Closet 6pm - Ash Wednesday 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	10:30am - BINGO 7:30pm - N.A.	6pm - Family Game Night 6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship 6pm - N.A.	Valentine's Day
10am - Worship 1:30pm - PRAY Program	5pm - Piano Lessons 6pm - Choir Practice					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10am - Worship 6pm - Choir Practice 6pm - Open Table Meeting	5pm - Piano Lessons 6pm - Choir Practice 6pm - Open Table Meeting	6:30pm - Cub Scout 6pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - N.A.	10am - FUEL 7:30pm - N.A.	6:30pm - Sea Scout Ship 10:30am - Cub Scout 4pm - N.A. Business 6pm - N.A.		

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