

VBS kids will be Rollin' Down the River on a Rolling River Rampage June 25-29. Join Romper, our river otter for the adventure this year.

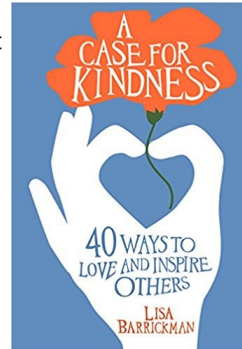
There is room for children who are PreK-5th grade. We need youth and adult volunteers and the spaces are beginning to fill so be sure to let Judy or Kelly Lynn know if you are planning to help this year. Childcare is available for infant and toddler children of volunteers. Our most immediate need is for a cook to prepare dinners Monday through Thursday evenings for children and volunteers.

If you want to help with decorations and aren't available the actual weeks of VBS, we have room for you too! Let us know how to help you connect!



YOU'RE INVITED TO BE PART OF OUR LENT KINDNESS ADVENTURE

- ◆ During Lent you are invited to be part of our church wide 40 day kindness initiative.
- ◆ We will have a sermon series and Lent study based on Lisa Barrickman's book, *A Case for Kindness 40 Ways to Love and Inspire Others*.
- ◆ Author, Lisa Barrickman, will present our morning message on Sunday, February 11, at 8:45 and 11:00 am.
- ◆ At 10:00 am she will speak to our Adult classes. All adults are invited!
- ◆ The book, *A Case for Kindness*, has forty readings, one for each day in Lent. They are available for \$10 at the desk in the Gathering Area.



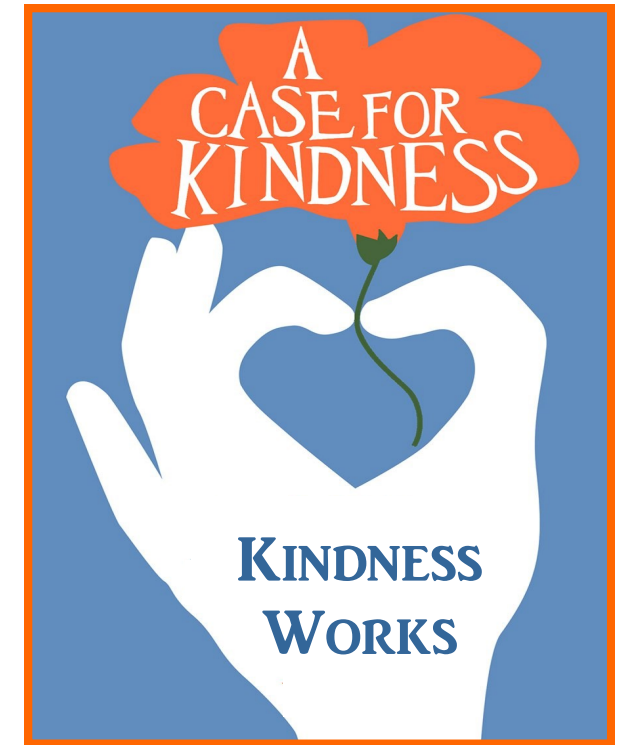
"I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."
William Penn

Check out Lisa's blog at lisabarrickman.com



**Our Vision—
Building A Spiritual Home
Where You are Family**

**Our Mission—
To be a Christian community that invites
everyone to know, love, and serve God**



We welcome Lisa Barrickman to our worship services today. She will speak about her book, *A Case for Kindness, 40 Ways to Love and Inspire Others*. Following the 8:45 service she will also speak to all interested adults in the sanctuary about the Kindness Initiative. This will be our theme for Lent. See the back cover for more info.

If you ordered Vegetable Beef or Spinach Tortellini Soup from United Methodist Women, you can pick it up in the Gathering Area today. There is still time to order Ham'n Bean and Chicken noodle (delivered 2/25). Cost is \$6/ pint. All monies go toward UMW mission projects!

Ash Wednesday— Feb. 14th. We will hold a simple fellowship meal followed by a service for the whole family with children's choirs singing. See back of the bulletin

CONFIRMATION RETREAT—Feb. 23-25 @ Pocono Plateau Camp. Open to ALL students grades 6-12, not just Confirmands & Mentors. REGISTER NOW! \$90 (scholarships available)

All Women are invited to attend the morning retreat sponsored by United Methodist Women on Sat., March 3. Breakfast at 8:30, program 9-12. Join us as Rev. Sara Davis Shappell leads us and encourages us to take "Time Away". No charge. Flyers with more information are on the round table in the Gathering Area.

Testimonies Needed in worship. Do you have a story of healing, change, or renewal in your life that would encourage the lives of others? Let Truman, Allen, or Molly Dee know. They will book you for a Sunday morning.

Welcome to our guests and members!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

- First time guests please come to the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area to receive a gift and a packet of material about our church.
- Children are always welcome in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available with trained attendants: Nursery for infants - 2 years is in room 104; Children ages 2-5 are invited to the "Splash Room" free play area on the second level following the Message for Growing Christians. The ushers can help you locate childcare rooms.
- Children's Bulletins and Pew Packs are available from the ushers.
- Prayer request cards can be found in the friendship folder. To request prayer for someone, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.
- Hearing assist devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one during the service.
- Enjoy coffee in the Gathering Area after worship. Proceeds go to the youth mission trip.

Ash Wednesday
February 14



- **6:00 pm** Soup and Salad Supper (Between dinner and the worship service, you are invited to begin the 40 Days of Kindness Adventure in the Gathering Area.)
- 6:20 pm Cherub and Junior Choirs rehearse for worship in Room 5
- 6:25 pm Chancel Choir rehearses for worship
- **6:45 pm** Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Communion

Weekly Calendar

<p>Sunday, February 11 8:45 AM - Worship-(S) Nursery (104), 2's-5's (Splash) Kid's Church 10:00 AM - Sunday School Nursery (104), 2-3 yrs.(1), 4 yrs.-Kind.(2), Grades 1-5 (4,5), Grade 6-12 (Pit) Adults (Sanctuary) 11:00 AM - Worship - (FC) Nursery (104), 2's-5's (Splash) 12:30 PM - El Buen Ushers Meeting 4:00 PM - El Buen Choir 4:30 PM - Sprouts 5:00 PM - Youth Choir 5:00 PM - El Buen New Beginnings 5:30 PM - Stephen Ministry Training 6:00 PM - El Buen Worship 6:15 PM - Youth Snack Supper 6:15 PM - Sprouts Club 7:00 PM - Web Dance</p> <p>Monday, February 12 10:00 AM - Sunshine Memory Cafe 2:00 PM - UMW Reading Program 7:00 PM - El Buen Women's Group 7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 13 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance 7:00 PM - El Buen Music Class 7:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00 PM - Leadership</p> <p>Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM - Simple Supper 6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study 6:45 PM - Ash Wednesday Service 6:45 PM - Disciple I 6:45 PM - Disciple III 7:30 PM - Chancel Choir 8:00 PM - El Buen Bible Study</p> <p>Thursday, February 15 12:00 PM - Disciple III 7:00 PM - Chess Club</p> <p>Friday, February 16 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM - El Buen Liturgical Dance</p> <p>Saturday, February 17 5:00 AM - El Buen Morning Prayer 8:30 AM - Good Works</p>
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A Stephen
Ministry
Congregation



Sunday, February 11, 2018 ~ 8:45 AM

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." - Mark Twain

"An individual can make a difference, but a team makes a miracle." –Coach Doug Pederson

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *More Love to Thee, O Christ* Doane/Pethel

♦Call to Worship

**Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?**

The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart.

What does the Lord require of us?

To act justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Lord, purify our hearts that we may be blameless and humble before you. We want to walk with you.

--From Psalm 15 and Micah 6:8

♦Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* no. 92

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder. Grab hold of us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and anger, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear His love and truth to the world. We pray in His name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Words of Assurance

♦Signs of Peace and Unity

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 36:5-10 no. 771 (musical response)

Affirmation of Faith (from UMCDiscipleship.org)

**We are God's.
We belong to The One who creates all things, in whose image all people are made.**

**We are Christ's.
He has loved us, healed us, called us and anointed us with his Spirit. We belong to his death and resurrection and ministry.**

**We are the Spirit's.
We belong to the church, the Body of Christ. God gives us the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life, and the gift of participating in the healing of the world by God's grace.**

As God's beloved, we devote ourselves to God and to God's will, wholly, joyfully and with the help of Christ. Amen.

Music *Sow What You'll Grow* Barbara Boertje
Junior Choir

*Sow what you'll grow! Don't just "go with the flow."
No! Ev'rybody knows you will grow what you sow,
so sow what you'll grow!*

*Right is right, wrong is wrong,
and we have to know the difference to get along.
But when the Spirit lives inside,
we have a friend and we have a guide
to do the right thing now!* inspired by Galatians 6:7-10

Passing of the Friendship Folders

Message for Growing Christians

Music *And Can It Be?* arr. Eric Nelson
Chancel Choir

*And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above,
so free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all! Immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me!*

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

*No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown of Christ my own.* Charles Wesley

Scripture 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will

supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

♦Hymn *The Gift of Love* no. 408

Message *Kindness Works*

Litany for Kindness

God, make us attuned to your compassion, to the kindness of your heart. Transform our hearts and minds so that in kindness

We weep with those who weep.

In kindness

We rejoice with those who rejoice.

So that in kindness

We listen to the stories of others.

In kindness

We regard them as more important than our own.

In kindness

We allow ourselves to see hidden broken hearts.

In kindness,

We perceive a greater story.

In kindness

We care for the orphan and the lonely.

In kindness

We care for the sick and the prisoner.

In kindness

We care for those whose lives are just beginning and those whose lives are at an end.

In kindness

We care for those in crisis and in need of refuge.

In kindness

We care for those disregarded, disempowered, and marginalized.

In kindness, we bring before you our silent prayer of intercession. Take our loved ones and those we lay before you and make their lives better, we pray, in the way that only you can... (*silent prayer*)

The precious kindness of Christ, which firmly corrects and firmly forgives; the precious kindness of Christ, which prevails over death, violence, and empire;

Guide our hearts and mouths and keep us in perfect peace. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer no. 895

Offering *I Need Thee* Lowry/Phillips

♦Offering Response no. 399, vs. 3

**Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

♦Offering Prayer

Holy God, every act of giving and every perfect gift is born of you and of your perfect and unchanging love.

In response to your love we offer our tithes and offerings. Use them — and us —to advance the gospel of peace. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

♦Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* no. 384

♦Benediction

May the memories of grace shared this hour be a delight and inspiration to us in the week to come.

**May the Most High increase kindness in us.
May the Sun of Heaven shine through us.
May the Winds of Love move us to compassion and service.**

May we go forth, God seeing through our eyes, God touching with our hands, God caring in our generosity. Amen.

♦Postlude *Let Me Be Thine Forever* arr. J.C. Bach

♦Please stand as you are able.
Bold text indicates congregational response.

The flowers on the Lord's Table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their grandson, Charles Montgomery Benson, in honor of what would have been his first birthday, February 13th, by Sally and Fred Bopp.

Worship Participants

Preaching: Lisa Barrickman
Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Truman Brooks
Rev. Molly Dee Rounsley
Reader: Tony Sims
Acolyte: Celia Rozea
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Chancel Choir and Junior Choir Director: Mike Muzzo
Junior Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Light
Organist: Steve Campitelli