



Maynard Messenger

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Love and Consequences

by Pastor Patricia

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A month or so ago, we lost Silas Barnett, one of our five beautiful children born in 2014. It is still a shock. Hundreds gathered to grieve and celebrate his young life. If ever a child was loved, it was Silas.

A week before, one of our neighbors was found in the Olentangy River, and later in January, we invited family and friends gathered in our church to grieve and honor him. The person who found him, learned about the service in the paper and came to the service. At the close of the gathering, she stood, and introduced herself. No one expected her there, and everyone was grateful she was. She told us of how she found him, entered into the silence of the river, and sang to him.

Love. It is such an easy word. One that this month is represented by hearts and roses and candy; things that can be bought. But of course, love cannot. It is deeper and broader and more mysterious than anything else. It is that intangible essence of life which gives it meaning, and reason to go on. It is what binds us together, and its ending breaks us apart. It is the essence of the Creator and the nature of God's gift to us in Jesus. In him we learn what Love means.

Paul, this one who was converted from hate to love said: Love bears all

things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love, unlike kingdoms and powers, never ends.

This year, Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday. A day when we begin the journey with Jesus to the cross. When we remember that we are mortal. That we "are dust and to dust we shall return." But, the promise is

that even when our bodies fail, even when they end, love doesn't end. The love in us, the love of God for us, the love of those we've lost to death, that love doesn't end. You who have lost beloved ones, you know this. It's still right there, with you. And the love that God has for us, for you, made known to us in Jesus, the Christ, is with us, it's right there. It won't come in a card, or with a box of chocolates, or at the movies.

It may come in a kind word, or an open door, or a friend's embrace, or a call to service, or a thoughtful gesture, or a sacrifice made, or a warm wind.

So, let us be open to Love this season, and see where it takes us, to whom it brings us, and be glad for life's tears and the joy, for life's solitude and companionship, for the gifts and the giving.

Peace,





Holiday Programs, Thank You, and Help Needed

Holiday Programs

NSI's holiday programs were a huge success! They distributed 313 Christmas food baskets to 1,051 individuals and provided almost 700 children with Christmas presents.

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas gifts. NSI had over 100 donors participate in this year's program!

Thank you also to everyone who donated food and/or money for Christmas baskets, and to all of their hardworking volunteers who helped serve our neighbors through the busy holiday season.

Volunteer! ...

... at Neighborhood Services Food Pantry on Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

NSI is in desperate need of volunteers for their regular pantry hours: Monday-Thursday with volunteer shifts 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. each day.

Volunteers perform a variety of duties, from stocking pantry shelves to checking neighbors in, walking with them through the pantry, loading cars, and clean-up at the end of the day.

Volunteers over 18 will need to sign a waiver on their first shift, and volunteers ages 14-17 will need to have a parent or guardian sign for them.

Sign up to volunteer: <https://mofb.volunteerhub.com/event/index/713363>

NSI January 2018 newsletter

How and Why We Give



As United Methodists in our worldwide connection, we do many things together that we could not do alone.

In 2016, Special Sunday offerings totaled more than \$4.77 million! From disaster relief and student scholarships to justice initiatives and supporting the poor

and disadvantaged, generosity is changing the world, offering hope and extending the love of Christ.

Thank you, Maynard, for your generous giving to the Special Sunday offerings and other giving needs asked of you each year.

Ash Wednesday Service



As in years past, we have attended a joint service with Summit on 16th UMC. This year will be no exception. So join us at 7 p.m. for Ash Wednesday Service

at Summit on February 14. Then on Maundy Thursday, Summit will join us here at Maynard for worship on that holy night.

Reconciling Ministries Network

Dear RC Contact,

As the called General Conference approaches, more and more voices from across The United Methodist Church express both hope for the church we love and fear of an uncertain future. Perspectives and suggested solutions vary greatly, shining a spotlight on our diversity.

We, the undersigned, reject fear and recommit ourselves to the path of love, justice, and hope, remembering that *“there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear”* (1 John 4:18) and that our faith gives us *“confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see”* (Heb 11:1).

As clergy and laity who celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, we publicly renew our commitment to a just and fully inclusive United Methodist Church — a global denomination that is welcoming of LGBTQ people in the life and leadership of the church.

We recommit ourselves to ongoing prayer, study, dialogue, relationship building, and advocacy and we continue our work for a church in which: people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are equally welcomed, loved, and celebrated, both in policy and practice all whom God calls to ordained ministry are nurtured, educated, ordained, and appointed based solely on their gifts and graces without regard for sexual orientation or gender identity laity called to serve are employed and dismissed based solely on their gifts and graces without regard for sexual

orientation or gender identity all people in loving, committed relationships who wish to be married are able

to enter into the covenant of marriage through a service of Christian worship held in their local United Methodist churches, surrounded by their church families, and officiated by their United Methodist pastors, without regard for sexual orientation or gender identity our resources are equally available for the care of all people without regard for sexual orientation or gender identity

We renew our commitment to: remain in intentional relationship with all willing to journey with us create and invest in opportunities through which we share and grow with United Methodists who hold differing beliefs and perspectives

We renew our commitment to: do no harm, do all the good we can, and love God as we continue to build a just and inclusive church.

You may have noticed that the top of this email was missing the familiar “Flashnet” heading. The information in these emails will remain as insightful and pertinent as ever, but they will be coming under a new name with a new look! This year we are launching many new ways to get involved in the movement, and we wanted a fresh, clean look to match!

Email from Reconciling Ministries Network 1/1/18



District Leadership Training Day—Mark Your Calendar



2018 CAN and CAS District Leadership Training Day

**Saturday, February 3, 2018,
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
at Powell UMC,
825 E. Olentangy St., Powell, OH**

This year we are offering
24 WORKSHOPS.

Who should attend?

Clergy, Church Staff, Trustees, Finance Committee Members, S/PPRC Members, Children's Ministry teams, Youth Leaders, Lay Leaders, Church Treasurers, Church Leadership, Visioning Teams, Usher Teams, Church Safety Committees, Worship Teams, Technology Teams, Visitation Teams, Stephen Ministers, Missions and Outreach Committees, anyone interested in Lay Servant Ministry, Health and Wellness Teams, and church laity. Did we forget anyone?? Invite them, too!

Workshops include:

Session 1: 9:15–10:45 a.m. — Trustees, Church Lifecycles, Church Safety, Finance, Making Prison and Jail Ministry Personal, Multimedia for the Regular Church, Pension and Health Insurance, S/PPRC, Safe Sanctuaries, End of Life Conversations, Grant Writing, and Youth Leaders

Session 2: 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — A Primer in Active Listening, Children's Ministry, Clergy Taxes, Community Ministries, Discipleship-making Pathways, Global Mission Partnerships, 'It Worked for Us' in a Rural Setting, Harnessing the Power of Social Media, Lay Servant Ministries, Leading through Prayer, the Opiate Epidemic, and Questions for the District Superintendent

Pre-registration is requested so that we can plan for adequate space and materials. Register at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faaac22a6fc1-2018>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Each week, check out news articles that are pertinent to those in the West Ohio Conference. Go to: newsnet@westohioumc.ccsend.com

Black History Month—Theme Announced by ASALH: African Americans in Time of War

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) (est. 1915) chose the 2018 theme for Black History Month of “African Americans in Times of War.” This theme commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and explores the meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath. The First World War was initially termed by many as “The Great War,” “The War to End All Wars,” and the war “to make the world safe for democracy.”

Those concepts provide a framework for focusing on the roles of African Americans in every American war, from the Revolutionary War Era to the present day “War against Terrorism.” Times of War also provides a basis for stories related to African American soldiers and sailors, veterans, and civilians. This is a theme filled with paradoxes of valor and defeat, of civil rights opportunities and setbacks, of struggles abroad and at home, of artistic creativity and repression, and of catastrophic loss of life and the righteous hope for peace.

African Americans faced issues which included opportunities for advancement and repression of opportunities during wartime; the struggle to integrate the military and experiences during segregation/ apartheid and successful integration; veterans experiences

once they returned home; the creation of African American Veteran of Foreign War posts; cultures and aesthetics of dissent; global/ international discourse; including impact and influence of the Pan African Congresses; the impact of migration and urban development; educational opportunities; health care development; the roles of civil rights and Black liberation organizations, including the Black Power movement and the Black Panther Party; the roles of African American businesses, women, religious institutions, and the Black press; in the struggle abroad and at home; the topographies and spaces of Black military struggle, resistance and rebellion; and how Black soldiers and/veterans are documented and memorialized within public and private spaces.

These diverse stories reveal war’s impact not only on men and women in uniform but on the larger African American community.

(Ed. Search Black History Month on the web for many stories and pictures.)

taken from ASALH website
<https://asalh.org/african-americans-in-times-of-war/>



Mark Your Calendar! Jazz Sunday!

Jazz Sunday at Indianola Presbyterian Church

Sunday February 11



Worship at 10:30 a.m.
featuring the IPC Chancel Choir

FREE Mardi Gras Concert at
2:00 p.m.

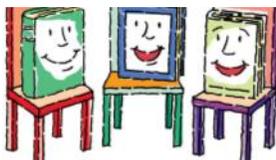
featuring
the High
Street
Stompers



Indianola Presbyterian Church
1970 Waldeck Ave
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www.indianolapres.org

Monetary donations accepted to assist
Neighborhood Services Inc.; We also welcome
donations of non-perishable food items, toilet
paper and disposable diapers .

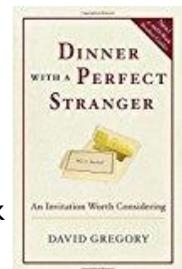
Maynard Avenue Small Group Book Study



**Small Group
BOOK
STUDY**

This year of reading and discussion of the Maynard Avenue Small Group Book Study kicks off with the reading of *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory. What would you do if Jesus invited you to dinner at a favorite restaurant? What would you ask?

Join us on February 15 at 7 p.m. for discussion and treats. Bring a treat to share if you'd like. Also bring a new book title for the group to read in March.



God Loves All People

Washington, D.C.: Bishop Bruce R. Ough, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, issued a statement today [Jan. 12, 2018] on behalf of the Council concerning remarks reported to have been made by President Donald Trump regarding immigrants. The statement follows:

We are appalled by the offensive, disgusting words attributed to President Donald Trump who is said to have referred to immigrants from African countries and Haiti, and the countries themselves, in an insulting and derogative manner. According to various media accounts, President Trump made the remarks during a White House discussion with lawmakers on immigration.

As reported, President Trump's words are not only offensive and harmful, they are racist.

We call upon all Christians, especially United Methodists, to condemn this characterization and further call for President Trump to apologize.

As United Methodists, we cherish our brothers and sisters from all parts of the world, and we believe that God loves all creation regardless of where they live or where they come from. As leaders of our global United Methodist Church, we are sickened by such uncouth language from the leader of a nation that was founded by immigrants and serves as a beacon to the world's "huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

Thousands of our clergy, laity and other highly skilled, productive citizens are from places President Trump has defamed with his

comments. The fact that he also insists the United States should consider more immigrants from Europe and Asia demonstrates the racist character of his comments. This is a direct contradiction of God's love for all people. Further, these comments on the eve of celebrating Martin Luther King Day belies Dr. King's witness and the United States' ongoing battle against racism.

We just celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, whose parents during his infancy, had to flee to Africa to escape from the wrath of King Herod. Millions of immigrants across the globe are running away from such despicable and life-threatening events. Hence, we have the Christian duty to be supportive of them as they flee political, cultural, and social dangers in their native homes.

We will not stand by and allow our brothers and sisters to be maligned in such a crude manner. We call on all United Methodists, all people of faith, and the political leadership of the United States to speak up and speak against such demeaning and racist comments.

Christ reminds us that it is by love that they will know that we are Christians. Let's demonstrate that love for all of God's people by saying no to racism; no to discrimination, and no to bigotry.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough
President – Council of Bishops

<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/united-methodist-bishops-condemn-president-trumps-offensive-remarks-against?>





History: Groundhog Day—February 2

Groundhog Day is a popular observance (not a U.S. holiday) in many parts of the United States. Although some states have adopted their own groundhogs, the official groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, lives at Gobbler's Knob near Punxsutawney, PA.

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the United States in the 1800s. The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob was made on February 2, 1887. It is said that Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog) was named after King Phillip. He was called Br'er Groundhog prior to being known as Phil.

Thousands of years ago when animism and nature worship were prevalent, people in the area of what is now Germany believed that

the badger had the power to predict the coming of spring. They watched the badger to know when to plant their crops. By the time the first German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania, there were not many badgers to be found so the groundhog was substituted for the badger.

Tradition has it that if the groundhog sees and is frightened by its shadow on February 2, it will return to its burrow, indicating that there will be six more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, then spring is on the way.

(Ed. Won't spring come in about six weeks? Um....)

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/groundhog-day>

History: Valentine's Day — February 14



The history of Valentine's Day — and the story of its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

This website speaks of three saints named Valentine or Valentinus but gave the history of only two of them. One helped couples marry in defiance of an order that young men should not marry. The other helped Christians escape from Roman prisons. Before this latter Valentine died, he sent a letter to

the jailer's daughter and signed it "From your Valentine." Still used today.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though they did not appear in writing until after 1400. The oldest known valentine is a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was in prison. It is believed that King Henry V hired a writer to compose a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

By the middle of the 18th century, friends and lovers

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History: Presidents' Day (Washington's Birthday) 2018

This year, Monday, February 19, marks the celebration of Presidents' Day (officially Washington's birthday). This federal holiday honored George Washington's birthday, the first President of the United States, on February 22, . It also honored the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12. Now, sometimes thought of as a celebration of all U.S. Presidents.

A little history of this day tells us the federal holiday commemorating Washington was established in 1879 for offices in Washington, D.C., only. Later in 1885 it expanded to the whole country.

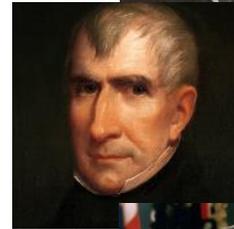
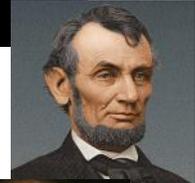
The Uniform Monday Holiday Act from 1968 changed the date to the third Monday in February effective 1971. The date falls

between February 15 and 21, thus never occurring on February 12 (Washington's birthday) or February 22 (Lincoln's birthday).

Four presidents were born in February. Do you know who they are? Do you know their birth dates? One was February 6 (just a hint) and he liked jelly beans!. What month(s) have most Presidents' birthdays? What month(s) have the least Presidents' birthdays.

https://www.calendar-12.com/holidays/presidents_day/2018

February 6, 1911—Ronald Reagan
 February 9, 1773 — William Henry Harrison
 October (June and October were tied with
 1 but Trump's birthday is June 14 so
 October wins)



History: Valentine's Day (cont'd)

exchanged small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. By 1900 printed cards replaced the written letters. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions when face to face was discouraged. Believe it or not, cheaper postage rates contributed to an increase in sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. But it was in the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the

Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons, and colorful pictures known as "scrap."

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

<http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day>



2018 Summer Camp Registration Is Now Open!



Registration for West Ohio's Summer Camp 2018 season is now open! Some camps do fill up, so it's always a good idea to get registered early to guarantee a spot on the week you want. Plus, by registering early, you can spread out the payments from now until June. The *Summer Camp Guide* is on the West Ohio

Conference website, or you can email them at camps@wocumc.org to have a copy mailed to you.

Their website also has pictures, videos, descriptions and online registration.

Hope to see your kids at camp this summer!

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Lead Like Jesus Encounter — March 9-10



Change your world! Lead Like Jesus imagines a world in which leaders serve rather than rule, give rather than take. We imagine leaders who produce results through service and sacrifice rather than through power and position.

Throughout the Lead Like Jesus Encounter you will explore effective and practical ways to live your faith at work, home and in all relationships. You will dig deep into scripture and examine the perfect and powerful leadership principles that Jesus modeled in every-day life.

Open to both men and women, this workshop is packed with 10 hours of action-oriented learning followed by weekly online E-lessons. Encounter is a highly interactive, participant-driven

leadership development workshop that exposes common leadership misconceptions and offers a practical model based on the greatest leader role model of all time, Jesus.

Friday, March 9, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 10, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost is \$80, which includes materials and meals

Held at Bellefontaine First UMC, 201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311

Contact Rev. Ben Shaeffer, rbshaeff@yahoo.com, with questions.

Register at: <https://www.westohioumc.org/equip/equipping-events/district/capitolareanorth/event/lead-jesus-encounter>

New Website URL

Still “in progress” but check out our new website thanks to Meaghan and Mickey, sister and a friend of Ashleigh’s!

www.maynardaveumc.org

Chili Cook-off, February 24

Just imagine it is a cold and wintery February evening; and as you open the door to your favorite place in the whole world (Maynard Avenue UMC), you smell the most delectable smells that could possibly be smelled and you hear shouts of laughter and joy happening somewhere down in the building.... You stop... "Could it be? I think it might..." You rush down the stairs to discover:

BRING THE HEAT CHILI COOKOFF AND GAME NIGHT is BACK!

That's right people! We are re-energizing, revising and reimagining Maynard Avenue's Famous Chili Cook-off!

Saturday, February 24
from 6 to 8 p.m.

Come and sample the most delicious chili that Maynard has to offer. With numerous different chili's to offer, it doesn't matter if you are a meat-eater, vegetarian, vegan (or vegan-ish) — we have the right chili for you!

Get a chance to sample every chili there — and vote on your favorite! To be able to sample — just bring one of the following items:

1 Can of Food (pull tab preferred) — Feel Free to clean out your pantry!

- 1 Pair of Gloves
- 1 Hat
- 1 Box of Hot Chocolate
- 2 cans of Vienna Sausages
- 1 Item = 2 samples *

*Benefitting Love One Another Ministry

We will have 3 categories — Best Meaty; Best Veggie; Best Overall! Each Category will offer a fabulous prize to the winner.

Buy a bowl of your Favorite Chili! Just \$5 for a bowl, bread and drink! What a great deal — for a delicious homemade bone-warming dinner! We also will be offering to-go containers for sell. For just \$3, you can pack up some scrumptious home-made chili for a quick lunch, delicious dinner, or an interesting breakfast (no judgment!).

This year, the event is being hosted by our Youth Group. This means that your favorite youngins will be around setting up/working the event/organizing the entries and prizes and helping clean up at the end of the day (I know... I know... They said they would!)

And don't forget.... Stay for the games... We will have tons of great games, Wii and Euchre team going... So after you have eaten your chili come and play with some old friends and some new friends and have a great night! Can't wait to see everyone there!

Who will win?? Will previous years' returning champions score another victory? Hmm... Danielle Davis, Connie Hammond, Diana Kubovcik, Maria Bernal, etc. — you up to the challenge?? Or will an unknown underdog pull themselves up from chili obscurity to become the 2018 champion? Who knows, but show up — eat well and help us decide who will take the winning spot!

by Lyndsey Johnston



2017 A Touch of the Holidays Craft Fair Update



Now that we have put away our Christmas trees, decorations and manger scenes, and before we jump into the next holiday, it is great to stop and remember the holiday season that we just seemed to fly by. And thinking about the holiday season, how we cannot stop to relish the amazing, event that was A TOUCH OF THE HOLIDAYS: Maynard Avenue's Sixth Annual Craft Fair. Saturday, December 9 will be a day to remember. It was a day of laughter and conversation between members, vendors, and the community; a day of hard work and connection; and a day filled with amazing sparkly holiday fun! (Of course, sparkly — right?!?!). With over 38 vendor tables, we had crafts, gifts and goodies for everyone. From homemade cakes and candy, to hand-crafted jewelry, household items, and more; there was so much to see and buy at this event.

This year, we had some new faces and familiar friends join us! With the great weather we enjoyed on the 9th, people were out and about, but the fans, family, and community who walked our halls, loved how warm and welcoming we were, you know *Maynard Style*. It was clear that the Maynard love that flows from our hearts, from our building, was present and accounted for by everyone. And that is all thanks to you! Yes, You!

Whether you shopped, helped set up, tear down, sold your wares, or just supported us with prayers, this day would not have been a success without you! When I think

of every person, who helped to transform our church and made A TOUCH OF THE HOLIDAYS such a welcoming vibrant holiday event, I am nearly overcome with gratitude! Thank you so much for everything that you did! Nothing was too small, and nothing went unnoticed. Special thank you to all the volunteers who decorated, moved tables/furniture, volunteered the day, tore down the day after, or was there with your amazing presence! Words cannot express how much appreciation I have for each and every one of you. Well, I guess four words can express it – I LOVE YOU ALL, SNUGGLEBUTTS!

So where do we go from here? We rest up, we buckle down, and we get ready for A TOUCH OF THE HOLIDAYS 2018! Look for announcements for planning meetings and more in the coming months. THANK YOU AGAIN for all your help. We could not have done this without YOU ALL!

p.s. – Don't think I forgot the answer to the #1 question on your mind – A TOUCH OF THE HOLIDAYS does not only make our presence known to our community and city, it also raises a lot of money for our church! After the bake sale, raffle, Holiday kitchen and vendor tables, we raised **\$1,500.00!** Regardless of the number, it was a great year so give yourself a pat on the back because it could not have been possible without you!

by Lyndsey Johnston

Part-Time Administrative Assistant Needed at NSI

NSI is currently seeking a part-time administrative assistant who will support the efforts of the executive director. The administrative assistant works 15-20 hours per week and performs a variety of office support duties, including answering phones, directing callers to community agencies, writing grants and required follow-up reporting, designing print materials, tracking and acknowledging donors,

managing social media, making regular website updates, representing NSI at community events, assisting with fundraising efforts, and organizing seasonal programming. This position does not include insurance benefits.

Resumes and cover letters, which should include hourly wage requirements, should be emailed to Martin Butler, Executive Director, at mbutler@neighborhoodservicesinc.org.



Neighborhood Services, Inc.

2017 Christmas Cookie Exchange Update

Oh the sights! The Sounds! The Smells of Christmas! What could possibly have been better? Why the taste of the Christmas, of course! And nothing tastes better than the cookies purchased at our third ever Holiday Cookie Exchange!

On December 17, we filled table after table with homemade (and semi-homemade), delicious holiday treats. After that amazing morning of music (Thank Bryan and the amazing Maynard Avenue Holiday Choir!), what more could one want than to fill one, two or ten festive containers of cookies. (Ok, maybe I bought ten but I gave them away as presents I swear ... some of them!)

Thank you to everyone who donated their baked goods, their time, and bought some boxes to share! With your help, we raised \$350 for Maynard Avenue! What a great way to raise money for a great cause — this community that we know and love! — and to eat some yummy items as well!

Don't worry, this was not the last cookie exchange that you will see! We will have more to come! There is nothing like a Groundhog Day Cookie Exchange, right?!?! Or how about a February 19 Cookie Exchange? Yes? No? Oh, well, still don't you worry, we will figure it out and the Cookie Exchange will be back, bigger and better than ever — just you wait! ☺

by Lyndsey Johnston



2018 Chinese New Year

New Year according to the Chinese calendar is February 16 this year, and it is the Year of the Dog. The Chinese New Year takes place on a different date each year as it is based on the lunar calendar, but usually falls between January 21 and February 20. Happy New Year!!!



February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Black History Month						
4 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 12—Martial Arts	5 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	6 12:30 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out 	7 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Choir 	8 7 p.m.— SoHud Block Watch meeting	9 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	10 10 a.m. — Donna B's and 12 p.m.—Bells 6 p.m.—Youth Group 
11 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 12—Martial Arts 2—Visit encampments	12 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	13 12:30 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out 	14 Ash Wed. / Valentine's Day 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Service at Summit on 16 th UMC NO Choir	15 7 p.m.— Maynard's Small Group Book Study 	16 Chinese New Year 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous 	17 10 a.m. — Donna B's 12 p.m.—Bells 
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