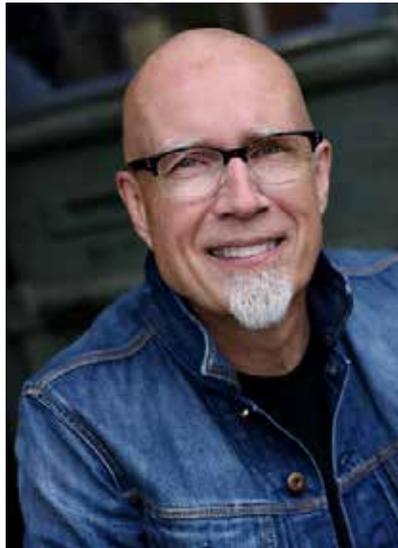


Heafner Mission, March 13 - 14 Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter Guest Speaker

In 1982, J. Harlan and Evangeline Heafner funded a trust to promote and endow “a series of spiritual enrichment services for all people, regardless of race, color, or creed...” and for the greater ecumenical community. Since its inception, many renowned and outstanding speakers have come to Lincoln County to share God’s word through the Heafner Mission. Some of the previous speakers include Dr. Fred Craddock, Dr. Leighton Ford, Rabbi Judith Schindler, and Dr. Tony Campolo.

This year, Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter will be the guest speaker for the Heafner Mission at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln. He is renowned for his passion to bring people and entities together to create positive and lasting transformation within communities, especially in caring for and assisting the least, the last, and the lost.

Dr. Slaughter is the pastor emeritus and global ambassador for Ginghamsburg Church in the greater Dayton, Ohio area and served for nearly four decades there as lead pastor, chief dreamer, and spiritual entrepreneur of ministry marketplace innovations. He is tireless in being a lead advocate for the children, women, and men of Darfur, Sudan, which was once named by the United Nations as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. He is



also the founder and chief strategist of Passionate Churches, LLC, which specializes in developing pastors, church staff and church lay leaders through coaching, training, consulting and facilitation services and is the author of numerous books, which includes: *Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus*, *Christmas is Not Your Birthday*, *Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus*, and *Made for a Miracle: From Your Ordinary to God’s Extraordinary*.

While here, Dr. Slaughter will also be leading many churches in the area in how to think innovatively and strategically in leading in the post-pandemic era, as well as speaking with some local government, business, and civic leaders as to the benefits of collaborative partnerships.

Ways We Serve

Greeters

- 6 Don & Linda Smith
- 13 Gayle & Jerry Park
- 20 Mike & Letha Owen
- 27 Phillip & Cheryl Cole

Acolytes

- 6 Karson Shrum
- 13 Tattyauna Peterson
- 20 Owen Krech
- 27 Brinkley Dedmond

Time (Mostly)

For Children

- 6 Robbie Combs
- 13 Mike Owen
- 20 Jan Duncan
- 27 Kathy Douglas

Pew Keepers

- 6 Ernie & Betty Parker
- 13 Betty Ann Oppelt
- 20 Sherry Reinhardt
- 27 Joe & Susan Wigley

Parking Valets

- 6 Steve Cain
- 13 Charlie King
- 20 Mike Owen
- 27 Paul Douglas

Sunday School Rovers

- 6 Beverly Beal
- 13 Cheryl Cole
- 20 Kathy Dedmond
- 27 Keith Dedmond

Altar Guild

- Amy Lockman



Celebrate March!

Birthdays

- 1 Trey Nantz III, & Carol Polhill
- 3 Bill Church
- 5 Jan Price
- 7 Bethany Demofonte
- 9 Libby Cline
- 10 Nancy Boulware
- 11 Courtney Sorrell
- 12 Linda Wolfe
- 14 Ken Marks
- 15 Debbie Cochrane & Randy Sorrell
- 16 Elizabeth Noles
- 18 Doug Ballard
- 19 Allison Thompson
- 20 Jewel Brawley & Billy Howell
- 22 Matthew Lowe
- 23 Sonny Abernethy Jr. & Jody Cronland
- 26 Susie Bradshaw, Lou Ann Cain, & Ernie Parker III
- 29 Brenda Ballard & Jason Blackwell
- 31 Becca Pomeroy & David Sibert

Anniversaries

- 26 Ron & Brenda Ballard
- 26 Bob & Lois Lineberger



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. - Mark 11:24

In your daily prayers, please pray for:

Jim Barkley (relative of Jody Cronland), Jennings Benfield, Benjamin Brown (Page Abernethy's brother), Lou Ann Cain, Barbara Chapman, Robbie Combs, Elvie Cranford, Lynn Harrison (Liz Strachan's sister), Ed Hatley, Lee & Lois May Hoehne (parents of Kathy Douglas), Kermit Honeycutt & Jonnie Honeycutt (Tim Roberts' in-laws), Monica Larousse (niece of Laurie Johnson), Family of Jim Lail, Pat Lawing, David Lowe, Randy Ramsey, Claudia Rose (mother of Susan Taylor), Liz Strachan

NURSING FACILITIES: Nancy Boulware (Abernethy Laurels), Carolyn Dellinger (Brian Center), Mary Heavner (Abernethy Laurels), Judy Komars (The Addison), Ken Marks (TerraBella Lake Norman), Mary Jean Rollins (Summit Place - Mooresville)

HOMEBOUND: Ron and Brenda Ballard, Elliott & Lou Beal, Winnon Cashion, Jo Huss, Donna Connor Morris, Queeta Ramseur, Mary Robinson, Verna Rufini, Shirley Smith

Easter Lilies

During the month of March, you are invited to place orders for Easter lilies to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. All orders must be placed to the church office by Monday, March 28th, as we will need to place the full order by April 4th. The cost for the lilies is \$25, which will be for a double stem lily. Please include payment when you place your order. An order form will be in the weekly worship bulletins beginning on March 6th.



Thank You!

To my First UMC Family – I wish to express my deepest gratitude to you for the prayers, texts, and other messages of encouragement sent to me during my recent surgery and recovery. They were all felt and greatly appreciated! I would also like to thank Kathy Valentine for coordinating church volunteers to be in the office while I was out. It was a great relief knowing that everything was well taken care of at the church so I could focus on recovery.

Again, many thanks for all your kindnesses! God's Peace to you all! – Robbie Combs

FUMC Notecards

If you have run out of our beautiful color FUMC notecards, we do have more in the church library. They are \$10 for a pack of 5 notecards. Place your cash or check (made out to FUMC UMW) in the brown envelope provided. Get them before they're gone!

Church Investment Reminder

Big "Thank You" to all who give so generously to make our church economically viable and thus able to achieve its mission in the community and world. All who can pledge a portion or all of their giving are encouraged to do so. Pledge request letters went out in mid-February and many have been returned. Completed pledges can be returned by mail, placed in the collection plate at Sunday services, or included in an

e-mail message to Letha Owen (lrowen520@gmail.com).

All pledges are confidential and are tracked only for the convenience of the donor. Again, a pledge is not mandatory for giving but helps to assure the consistency and reliability of our funding smooth sailing in uncertain times.

– Gordon Hubbell
Stewardship Chairman

Financial Snapshot

January 2022 YTD Revenue	\$19,477
January 2022 YTD Expense	\$25,058
January 2022 YTD	\$ (5581)

New Griefshare Class

A new session of our GriefShare class will begin on Monday, March 7th at 10 a.m. in the Philathea Class, located directly behind the sanctuary. The classes will again be led by Jane Finger and Joey Lockman.

Sunday School

During the next two months, the ROTATE class will be learning about the season of Lent, leading up to the Easter Event, and Christ's Resurrection and finishing up with stories and activities about Creation. We would love to have you be a part of our program by giving of yourself to lead either a story or lesson, or a fun activity. The weekly topics are listed below and we will provide resources and activities to help supplement the lesson. Please see Robbie if you are able to help any of these Sundays. It's a great way to provide a service to our children and to our church.



March:

6 – The lesson/craft for this week will be making Prayer Jars that the children can use, not just during Lent, but throughout the whole year.

13 – Jesus in the Wilderness – This activity includes a science activity

20 – The Story of the Prodigal Son – This story offers great examples of those who are lost, then being found
27 – The Baptism of Jesus

April:

3 – The Lord’s Supper

10 – Palm Sunday – The activity for this week will include each child making their own set of Resurrection Eggs that they can use with their families at home to tell the story of Christ’s death and resurrection

17 - EASTER SUNDAY - This week will start our lessons on Creation with a fun food activity

24 – Parable of the Sower – In conjunction with Earth Day (Apr 22), this weeks activity will related to planting/gardening

For any of these stories and topics, we will provide resources and activities to help supplement the lesson. Please see Robbie if you are able to help any of these Sundays.

Parish Nurse Note

People too often rely on medical information from questionable sources. I am convinced that much of the resistance to COVID-19 vaccines is based on unreliable information. Many treatments for serious illnesses have possible side effects which could leave you in worse condition than before treatment. One source I have much confidence in says, “One third of the 200 most popular articles on cancer on Facebook, Pinterest, Reddit, and Twitter had mistakes and misinformation a review found.” Many of these errors could prompt readers to put off treatment or try inappropriate remedies. To make it worse, expert healthcare providers may recommend different treatments. If you have a life-threatening illness, I suggest you always get a second opinion on treatment options. Studying several recognized medical sources and accounts of people who have had the same illness/condition as you may be helpful. Two “silent” illnesses are hypertension (high blood pressure) and diabetes. Have your BP and blood sugar checked on a regular basis. These are two conditions which can usually be successfully treated early and prevent many possible complications if treatment is delayed. Feel free to contact me if you have questions about your health.

–Betty

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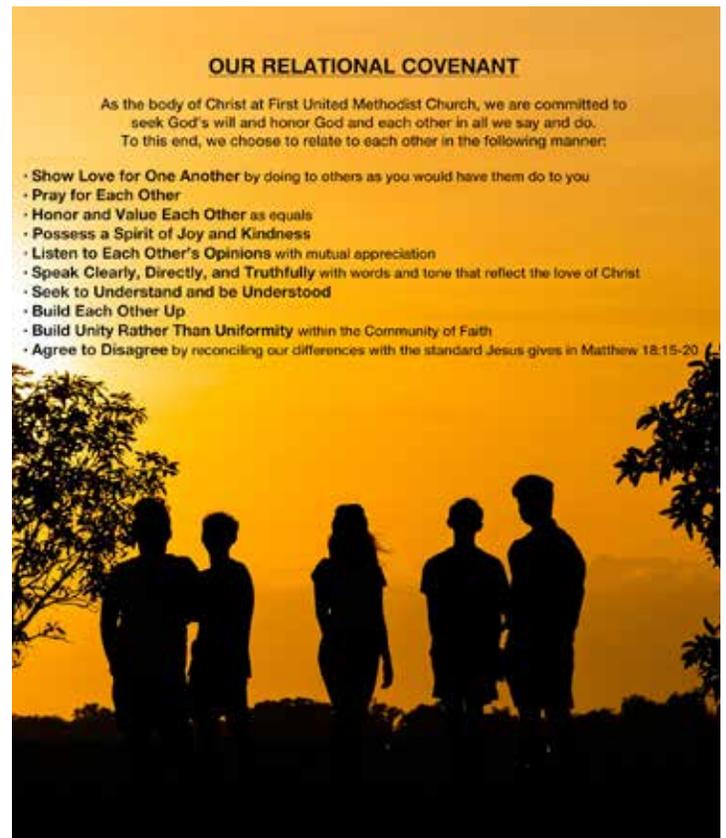
What: Heafner Mission

**Who: Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter,
Pastor Emeritus and
Global Ambassador of Gingham-
burg Church, Dayton, Ohio**

**Where: First United Methodist
Church, 201 East Main Street**

**When: Sunday, March 13, 11 a.m.
in the Sanctuary
Sunday, March 13, 6:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall**

**Nursery provided. Light refresh-
ments at the evening events.**



United Methodist Women Notes and News



Happy March to All!

The second executive board meeting of 1st UMC-L UMW was held February 6th. We continue to explore our role here at 1st UMC-L and are excited for some new adventures! Stay posted for updates!

As I was pondering my newsletter message to you all this weekend one thought continued to swirl around in my brain, “Again.....No Lenten lunches!”

How we have all missed this time of gathering, fellowship, and hearing “The Good News” from many of our fine local ministers. The women of our church have traditionally been very involved in making sure this was an amazing experience for our community. Over the last two now entering three years it has felt as though many of those wonderful ministries have come to a standstill.

This then lead my mind down another path (Paul will tell you he can see the wheels turning). Have we really not been able to serve? The resounding answer is NO! Even with all the restrictions The Ladies of 1st UMC-L have continued to serve in quiet and meaningful ways as did the early Christians who worshipped and served in secret and often at great risk.

So, what do you ask does this have to do with Lent? Well, down another thought path I went and this time it was my grandmother’s face I saw and voice I heard, “Kathryn Jennette, it is fine to “give up” but better yet to “give a little extra.” This Lenten season I challenge all the women of our church to “give a little extra” whether it be helping with one of the following (and certainly not all) ministries at 1st UMC-L: Hesus House meals, Amy’s House donations, UMCOR support, Backpack outreach, Christian Ministries (delivering LINC Meals, stocking shelves, serving at the soup kitchen), helping to spruce up our grounds for spring, greeting visitors or the most important PRAYING daily for our church, our community, our country and our world.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (and available virtually as requested). Please know that EVERY woman is invited to attend and share your valuable thoughts and ideas!

“O, Heavenly Father, give me a heart like the heart of Jesus, a heart more ready to serve than be served, a heart moved by compassion towards the weak and oppressed, a heart set upon the coming of your kingdom in the world of men and women.”

– John Baillie from *A Diary of Private Prayer*

Your sister in Christ,
Kathy Douglas, 1st UMC-L UMW President
kjdrumsw2008@yahoo.com, 704/339-7749

Helen Combs Circle

The Helen Combs Circle will meet Tuesday, March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW Reading Program

The UMW 5th Wednesday Book Club is in year three of our reading program. Many thanks to Gayle Park for getting this program started! In 2021 we read a total of 50 books most of which are in our church library. The public library is another source. If there are books on the list that you would like to read but cannot find, let me know so that we can order it. The UMW Reading Program lists are in the church library. You can also access them online at UMW Reading Program.

The program is really simple – asking that you only read 5 books a year. If you’re hesitant or think you don’t read enough or think that the books will be boring or self-help books, let me give you an easy way to dip your toe in the water! I have found several of the books in movie form! Start here: “Just Mercy”; “The Hate U Give”; “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind”. These novels and true stories are thought provoking or amazing or sometimes disturbing but worth the read! On March 30, we will get together to talk about books we’ve read so far. Come check us out.....March 30 – The Meeting Place – noon! Contact Carol King with any questions: csking0919@gmail.com or 704-477-6259.



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Events this coming month

Mar. 1 – Helen Combs Circle – 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Mar. 2 – Ash Wednesday Service – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Mar. 6 – Blood pressure checks 10:30 - 11 a.m. and following morning worship

Mar. 13 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Mar. 13 – United Methodist Women, 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Mar. 13 - Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter, 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Mar. 13 - Heafner Mission – Guest Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Mar. 14 - Heafner Mission – Guest Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Mar. 27 – United Methodist Men's Breakfast – 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Mar. 30 – UMW Reading Group, The Meating Place at noon.

•GriefShare meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the Philathea Classroom

•Wednesday Morning Prayer and Study Group meets at the home of Michelle Johnson, 105 Commonwealth. All are invited to attend