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Ann Stirling in memory of Jim Stirling
and David Stirling**

**"Becoming passionately
outward-focused for
Jesus Christ."**

Lent is upon us. It begins with Ash Wednesday, February 17. Typically I would be available in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday at various times during the day for imposition of ashes, however, current COVID restrictions recommend against such close physical contact. Nevertheless, this reminder of our mortality and our need to humble ourselves before God is important. In order to substitute for this physical sign, we wanted to offer another way to remember. On page 5 of this newsletter, you will find a cross that you can carry with you or place somewhere you will see daily throughout Lent as a token to acknowledge the transient nature of life. If you receive the mailed copy of the newsletter, the cross is on a piece of cloth that you can carry with you in your wallet or pocket. You may even consider pinning it to your clothing to wear throughout the forty days of Lent. If you receive the email version of the newsletter, you will need to print out page 5 and cut out the cross provided in the upper right-hand corner. If you wish to have a cloth cross instead, please stop by the office to pick one up. We have plenty to share.

During Advent, we designated Cross-Lines Rent & Utility Assistance as the recipient of our Advent & Christmas offering. By the end of the year, we had raised \$6000 for this program. The Outreach Committee met in January and decided to continue this good work and has raised up a challenge to match that figure through our Lenten & Easter offerings. More information about Cross-Lines various programs is included on page 4.

For the time being, at least through the month of February, we continue to offer worship online, but not in person. We are hopeful that by sometime in March, and certainly by Easter on April 4, we will at least be able to offer something out-of-doors on Sunday mornings. Much will depend on the weather and the hope and promise of an early spring. For now, we continue with our "Follow Me!" series, where we focus on Jesus' invitation to follow. It is the mission of the church to make disciples, even as we are being made disciples. It is an ongoing process to follow Jesus; a transformation that continues through every stage of our lives even in the 21st century. Our Lenten series, "Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise" begins Sunday, February 21 and continues until Easter. In this series, we consider that Lent doesn't have to be a somber time; but to be effective, it needs to be intense. It needs to be taken seriously and rigorously, and we can bring our full selves to the table. It is worth the strenuous effort, however, as we are enabled to embrace the fullness of the promise of Resurrection and live as disciples of Jesus Christ; disciples who make disciples. So, despite feeling as though we have been in a yearlong season of Lent, we need the season; we need the observance to open us to all God has in store for us. Rend your hearts, so together we can claim the promise.

So that's what we have in store for us this month. I pray that all remain well and healthy and that God continues to smile on us and bless our church and its congregation. Stay safe!

Blessings,

Pastor Kim

February Sermon Schedule

Follow Me!

February 7	She Began to Serve - Mark 1:29-39
February 14	But Only Jesus - Mark 9:2-9
LENT: Rend Your Hearts:	
February 21	This is the Sign - Genesis 9:8-17
February 28	Walk Before Me - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

MEN OF INTEGRITY

Meets at Noon on Thursday each week .

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Has been suspended until further notice

The weekly Sunday School class that meets in the library looks at current events and discusses how the Bible speaks to contemporary life. The lesson is still being emailed out on Thursday of each week and we gather at 10:00 on Sunday via Zoom to talk. If you would like to take part, especially during the current season, please contact Pastor Kim.

The Crusaders Class is an adult Sunday school class that meets in the room just off Fellowship Hall when we are in regular attendance. They participate in a number of different studies. During this time they stay connected by phone.

We also offer Sunday school classes for children and youth, and nursery care for the wee ones.

Come check out our Sunday school offerings when we reopen and find the class that fits you best!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Bible Study will plan to begin in March.

United Methodist Women

Fellowship Opportunities

New ladies are always welcome!

Ladies Quilting Group

Has been suspended until further notice

Friendship Circle

Has been suspended until further notice



Is planning to resume again in March, 2021.

Kids will enjoy games, a video and snacks.

If you would be interested in helping with the rotation please contact Jennifer Beard



Has been suspended until further notice

Young @ Heart Devotional

With Youth Pastor
Brandon Schmitz

Every Wednesday morning at
9:00 AM Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/wyandotteumc

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM	4 Outreach Committee 10:00 AM Men of Integrity Noon	5	6
7 Worship posted at 7:00 AM COMMUNION 11:30-12:30 In the West parking lot	8	9	10 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM	11 Men of Integrity Noon	12	13
14 Worship posted at 7:00 AM <i>happy</i> <i>Valentine's</i> <i>day</i>	15	16	17 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM Ash Wednesday	18 Men of Integrity Noon	19 Newsletter Deadline Noon	20
21 Worship posted at 7:00 AM Admin Board NOON	22	23	24 Young @ Heart Devotional w/ Brandon Schmitz 9:00 AM Mailing of the March Newsletter	25 Men of Integrity Noon	26	27
28 Worship posted at 7:00 AM						

Cross-Lines Community Outreach
736 Shawnee Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66105
913-281-3388

For more than 50 years Cross-Lines Community Outreach, supported by a network of businesses, churches and individuals, has provided a daily safety net of services for at-risk families, the elderly and individuals.

Cross-Lines clients include individuals, families, and seniors who are living in poverty. Many of their clients are working one or more jobs. Some have mental and physical conditions that prevent them from being able to work. Wyandotte UMC's objective is to help those in need of rent and utility assistance. Below are other programs available:

Diapers

Through generous donations from the community, Cross-Lines aims to provide a monthly supply of diapers to parents with babies under the age of three. We believe that diapers are essential for a happy, healthy baby and that every family deserves access to this basic need. In many cases, Cross-Lines is also able to provide parents with baby formula, wipes, and other related products.

Medicine Cabinet

Through Cross-Lines' partnership with Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet program, uninsured individuals can receive emergency medical services. Services provided by the medicine cabinet include 30-day supplies of prescription medications, emergency dental care, eye exams and glasses, and certain durable medical equipment items.

Laundry and Shower program

Cross-Lines offers emergency showers and laundry for those experiencing homelessness. Each morning, individuals are able to take a shower before breakfast and leave their soiled clothes to be washed by the next day. These services help restore dignity and hope to individuals needing it the most and are essential during our current public health crisis.

Clothing (Currently Unavailable)

Clean, fresh clothes are a necessity to stay healthy and warm and when looking for a job or going to school. Cross-Lines offers those in need with clothing vouchers honored at our Thrift Store. With a voucher, clients can shop for clothing for themselves and each member of their family. Whether it is a white shirt or boots for work or school clothes for their children, clients can choose exactly what clothing items are needed for their family.

Community Kitchen

We serve breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday, at the Don Bakely Community Annex located on the Cross-Lines campus at 646 S. 7th Street Trafficway. Due to COVID-19, all meals are served via a Plexiglas window on the west side of the building. We also provide sack lunches to individuals on their way to work and emergency shower and laundry services.

The Cross-Lines Community Kitchen offers a warm, fresh meal to anyone who needs it. During the summer, the kitchen serves a large number of children and families who need meals when school is not in session. We serve approximately 150 people for lunch every day.

Cross-Lines' goal is to provide fresh fruit and vegetables at each meal. The Cross-Lines Community Kitchen relies heavily on church groups, businesses, and organizations to help us prepare and serve meals.

Food Pantry

The Cross-Lines Food Pantry provides approximately three days of shelf-stable food, fresh produce, and frozen ground beef or turkey to families. The families we serve often struggle to put food on the table between paychecks or when an unexpected emergency arises.

Due to a rise in demand, this program currently serves Wyandotte County ONLY.

We strive to offer healthier options, including low-sodium canned vegetables and soup, whole wheat pasta, and low-sugar cereals.

The Food Pantry is supported by food and monetary donations from local businesses, churches, civic groups, and individuals. To learn more about coordinating your own food drive, check out our needs list and contact us to get started.

Senior Commodities

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a U.S.D.A food program for low-income seniors (ages 60+). We serve seniors in Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Johnson, Brown, Atchison, and Doniphan counties. Seniors in the program receive a box of shelf-stable food each month which may include items such as: beans, canned fruit, nonfat dry milk, and cereal.

In each box, seniors will also receive a monthly newsletter filled with health and nutrition information related to what food they received. CSFP relies on dedicated groups of volunteers to assemble and deliver the boxes to 1,300+ seniors living throughout the community.

This program is monitored by an institution that is an equal opportunity provider.

Contact Sarah Kaldenberg (Commodities & Garden Manager) to find out how to get signed up at 913-433-2270 (Extension 101) or sarahk@cross-lines.org.

Community Garden and Orchard

The Cross-Lines Community Garden and Orchard is located on a quarter acre lot in the heart of our campus. It includes eleven raised beds that are maintained and harvested by members of the community and over 21,000 square feet of ground plots. It is a Community Partner Garden in collaboration with Kansas City Community Gardens.

Each year, the garden harvests more than 2,000 pounds of produce. The produce is distributed through the Food Pantry and the Community Kitchen.

In 2013, Cross-Lines partnered with The Giving Grove to plant a fifteen-tree orchard which includes: Apples, Asian Pears, and European Pears.

The garden is essential to increasing access to healthy and nutritious foods in our community. Volunteer opportunities are available during the growing season.

SHARE

Come unwind in the middle of a hectic week. Come enjoy a time of coloring and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere.

This group is suspended until further notice. Please keep coloring at home and post your finished work on Facebook.

All are welcome and need not be a member of the church to join.

Preaching Schedule

February 7	Rev. Kim Dominic
February 14	Rev. Kim Dominic
February 21	Rev. Kim Dominic
February 28	Rev. Kim Dominic

Please Note:

ALL those who participate in meetings or gatherings at the church are **required** to wear a mask and only 2 people per table in the fellowship hall, please.

Thank You

Even though the building is currently closed, the work of the church continues. Please remember to mail in your tithes and offerings.

**Rev. Jerri Porter has a new address:
83 Cates Road
Newnan, GA 30263**

If you have an address update or correction, please let the office know by calling the office at:
913-788-5503 or emailing
admin@wyandotteumc.com .

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

****Cut this out and place in a spot you will see it every day of lent.****



Worship with us ONLINE at
www.wyandotteumc.com

or
[www.Facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos](https://www.facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos)

FOOD PANTY NEEDS:

Chili
Vegetables
Fruit
Cereal/ hot and cold
Ready to eat soup
Vienna Sausages
Spam
Ramen Noodles
Canned chicken

**Food Pantry is open 9am-Noon
Tuesday-Friday**

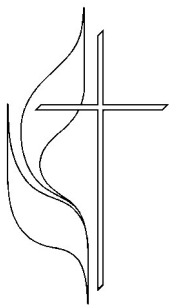
NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are sent by e-mail.

If you prefer a printed copy, please call or email the office and one will be sent to you.

Deadline for articles for the March Newsletter will be Friday, February 19, 2021.
(please send by email to
admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

NOTE
Mailing of the March Newsletter will be
Wednesday, February 24, 2021.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE

Please save your Best Choice labels and Box Tops for Education for UMW.

Labels go in the box on the shelf above the coat rack in Fellowship Hall or can be given to a UMW member.

Would you like to see your name on the front of The Wyandotte Visitor? Sponsor the newsletter for \$40 and you will be recognized as the sponsor of the month! Call the church for details.

Help Raise Funds for Church Maintenance Project

Maintaining the church building can be costly. Here's how you can help: Trustees sell gift cards to raise funds. A listing of the cards available for purchase is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/5- Molly Mae Burnett	2/18- Ernie Arnote
2/6- Justin Thomas	2/18- Nancy Bradbury
2/8- Ben Williams	2/19- <i>Rick & Dona Beard</i>
2/8- Michael Billion	2/20- Leta Billups
2/9- Pat Smith	2/20- Aerial Ibeagi
2/10- Renee Kimbrough	2/21- Anita Andrews
2/10- Chachi Mesa	2/23- Jill Mesa
2/13- Kay Manherz	2/25- Ryoko Mast
2/14- <i>Dennis & Sharon Roscher</i>	2/26- Sharon Roscher
2/15- Beth Eaton	2/26- Hazel Matlock
2/16- Nancy Mickiewicz	2/26- <i>Charles & Hazel Matlock</i>
2/16- Jaymee Roberson	2/28- Logan Zunick

If your birthday or anniversary is not shown on the listing that is printed each month, please call the church office so it can be added to our list.