

A New Women's Bible Study Class will begin on Sunday, March 29th at the Scottsburg UMC from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The materials used for this 9-session study will be "The Invisible War," by Chip Ingram. Breaks will be built into the schedule for Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend.

Some Christians believe strongly in the existence of demons and spiritual warfare. Others downplay or even ignore the idea. With such divergent views, how are Christians supposed to know the truth about demonic forces at work in this world? "*The Invisible War*" examines what every believer needs to know about Satan, demons, and spiritual warfare, offering a balanced look at this controversial subject. Drawing on Ephesians 6, this provocative book will help Christians understand what the Bible says about these threats and will show them how they can safeguard themselves and their families through prayer. "*The Invisible War*" offers a balanced look at what is going on in the spiritual realm and what believers can do to defend themselves.

If you would like to be a part of this bible study please call or email the church office to register by Sunday March 22nd. Each participant that registers in advance will receive a bible study workbook on the night of the first lesson. A donation of \$10 per participant to help with study material expenses will be appreciated but not required. When registering please include your name, cell phone number, & email address. Contact the SUMC church office by phone: 812-752-3545 or email: bmaloney.sumc@gmail.com.

Fellowship Dinner

March 15th * 4:30pm

Don Cooper's Famous Pancakes & Breakfast Foods

Sign up on the Nursery Window if you would like to attend!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: All ladies are invited to join us for United Methodist Women on Wednesday, March 11th at 10:00am. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church. All ages are welcome.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

◆ Education Committee

Sunday, March 8th @ 11:30am

◆ Finance Committee

Sunday, March 8th @ 11:30am

◆ Worship Committee

Sunday, March 15th @ 10:45am

PASTOR'S PAGE:

How do you feel about spring cleaning? Do you love it? Do you hate it? I know some people who love spring cleaning. After a long, cold winter that is spent inside, they see spring as an opportunity to be more active, take inventory, and begin cleaning up their households, yards, and anything else they can think of. They get things in order. Perhaps things have put off during the winter. They thought about cleaning this or taking care of that, but it was too cold, the weather was too bad, or they just wanted to stay inside. Well, welcome to "Spring Cleaning."

Not everyone enjoys this ritual though. There are some, who, for whatever reasons, have no desire to spring clean. There are other things they would rather do with their time. Perhaps, they don't see the need. Perhaps they look past any clutter that might have accumulated over the past year.

Which camp do you find yourself in? Or maybe, you love to spring clean, but your spouse doesn't see the need. Or maybe you don't like to spring clean, but you know it is something that has to be done. After a while, we do accumulate way too much stuff and have to start putting things in order. Or maybe it has been years since you really had a good cleaning and you now know it is time.

I find the season of Lent also gives us an opportunity for cleaning things up. Lent is a time we can take a spiritual inventory. It won't help with your yard or getting rid of things you don't need anymore, but it can make an amazing difference in your life just the same.

Of course, we can always choose to ignore this opportunity. We can choose to leave things as is and not take time to reflect on our lives and where God fits into them. However, if we do take the time, Lent can be a time of renewal. This month I want to encourage you to use this opportunity to reflect on your spiritual life. Use Lent for reflection. Where is God calling you? What is your purpose? Where does God fit into your daily days? Use Lent for Repentance. Maybe it is time to deal with issues such as anger, greed, envy, bitterness, forgiveness, grudges or broken relationships. Maybe there are things for which you need forgiveness and you know it is time to move in a different direction. Use Lent for renewal. It is hard telling what God has in store for you when you take the time to draw near to him in reflection and repentance. I find that it always leads to some type of renewal.

My prayer is that this season of Lent you might discover renewal in your life and through that renewal, you find transformation and abundant life.

Shalom,
Pastor Greg

CHURCH CALENDAR If you have events and or meetings planned at the church, please call Beth at the office, so we can get those on the master calendar.

Tax Time Tip for 2020

from the Stewardship and Finance Committee

You have probably already discovered, with the 2018 tax law changes, if you claim the standard deduction, you will no longer be able to itemize things like charitable donations.

So, If you are over age 70 1/2 you can lower your taxable income by giving to your church or a qualified charity directly from your IRA. This is called a “qualified charitable distribution.” (QCD)

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from an IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your “required minimum distribution” (RMD) for the year, up to \$100,000, and can also be excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. In this scenario, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

Why is this distinction important? If you take the RMD as income, instead of as a QCD, your RMD will count as taxable income.

For a QCD to count toward your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, which is generally December 31 each year.

Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to the qualified charity. This is accomplished by requesting your IRA custodian issue a check from your IRA **payable to the charity**. You can then request that the check be mailed to the charity, or forward the check to the charity yourself. This can be done as a onetime donation or you can have this sent directly to the charity on a monthly basis.

If you are 70½ or older, own an IRA, and give to your church or charity, QCDs may make sense for you; consult a tax advisor and your financial adviser regarding your specific situation.

Children’s Church Memory Verses

March

Matthew 22:39 – You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

LENTEN & EASTER EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE April 5th @ 9:30am

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL April 9 @ 6:00pm

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

April 10th @ 12:05 pm

Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church

4756 E. State Rd 356, Scottsburg

EASTER: APRIL 12th

Worship Service @ 9:30am

Scott County Clearinghouse:

NEEDS:

Spaghetti & Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Ramen Noodles, Laundry Detergent

Please bring your items and place in the box in the north entrance.

You may also give a monetary donation.