

# Ohltown UMC

# THE BRIDGE

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As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, I am reminded that this is a time of personal reflection and spiritual renewal. A time to consider pausing or giving up some things and perhaps take more time in our relationship with God, our neighbor, and ourselves. As Christians, we have a precedent and priority for prayer because it is a conversation with our Creator, Sustainer, and Lord of our Lives. Perhaps we all might consider making more time for prayer this season of Lent.

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# The Good News Is.....

## Ash Wednesday Feb. 18

"The Good News is...all are invited."  
The message will be based on Luke 14:15-24 and the parable of the great banquet and how all are invited to be with Jesus.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Feb. 22

"The Good News is...so good it catches us by surprise."  
John 2:1-11 will help us to understand that Jesus always surprises us with our understanding by turning things around.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 1

"The Good News is...great love for God and neighbor."  
The message will lead us through Luke 7:36-50 and how Jesus includes everyone in the offer of God's gracious forgiveness.



*What does the  
Good News  
mean to you?*

Wednesday, February 4 – Trustees Meeting at 6:00 PM  
 Friday/Saturday, February 6 & 7 – Youth Y Night  
 Sunday, February 8 – Fellowship Hall is in use  
 Tuesday, February 10 – Missions Meeting at 6:00 PM  
 Saturday, February 14 – Last Chili Sale of the Season at 10:00 AM  
 Sunday, February 15 – Pot Luck following worship  
 Monday, February 16 – Office is Closed in observance of President’s Day  
 Monday, February 16 – UWF at Noon  
 Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday – Open Sanctuary 6AM – 1 PM/Service at 1:00 PM

**Last Call . . . for Chili!!**

Ohltown UMC’s last Chili Sale for the season is Saturday, February 14 beginning at 10 AM. The cost is \$7 per quart. If you are making chili, please have it to the church on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 1PM. If you would like to help either pack the chili on Friday or help with the sale on Saturday, please contact Kevin Hood.



Dear Ohltown Family,  
 We want to extend a warm and heartfelt “thank you” to you all for the love, prayers, cards & gifts you blessed us with this Christmas season. This church is truly a light to our community and to us. We love you all!!  
*Pastor Jim & Laurie*

Dear Ohltown Family,  
 We want to thank you so very much for the Christmas gifts we received. You made our Christmas so very special. Thank you also for all the cards and prayers. We love all of you so very much.  
 Love, *Calvin & Pam*

Thank you very much for the Christmas gifts & cards. Thank you Pastor Jim, Chris & Robin for the wonderful time visiting.  
 Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year,  
*Patty Hayne*



**SUNDAY -- FEBRUARY 15**

Come down to the Fellowship Hall following worship and enjoy some good food & great fellowship. Bring a favorite casserole and/or dessert for everyone to enjoy. Drinks and place settings will be provided.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**  
**February 16 at Noon**  
**Bring a sack lunch**  
**Dessert & Beverage will be provided**  
*(as always – weather permitting)*

If you need a good broom or whisk broom, see Adria Hood, Marcy Sabol, or Joan Gearhart.  
 Brooms \$10.00 each  
 Whisk Brooms \$5.00 each

Upcoming Events  
 March 8 Daylight Savings Time begins!!  
 March 9 Ad Council Meeting at 6:30 PM  
 March 17 St. Patrick’s Day  
 March 21 Puzzle Palooza  
 March 29 Palm Sunday

# MISSIONS



January/February we are collecting items for **The Healthy Hearts and Paws Project (Animal Shelter) thru February 8.**

Items that are needed:

- Pedigree Dry Dog Food
- Canned Dog Food
- Milk Bones
- Soft Dog Treats
- Dog/Cat Toys
- Dog/Cat Treats
- Old Blankets
- Old Towels
- Laundry Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags
- Gift Cards for Gas, Pet Stores, etc.

Or you can go to their website and check out their Amazon Wish List [healthyheartspj.org](http://healthyheartspj.org)

Missions Meeting  
Tuesday  
February 10  
6:00 PM



With the cold outside, it might be a good time to start going through and saving your unwanted “stuff” for our Trash & Treasure Sale which will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure your items are clean, unbroken and in working condition. We cannot accept any clothes or shoes. Please hold onto your items until we let you know when you can bring them to the church, as the church cannot store them.

Let's Get Cleaning!!



- Fruit Cups
- Ramen Noodles
- Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- Pudding Cups
- Jello Cups
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Nutri Grain Bars
- Rice Krispy Treats
- Peanut Butter Cracker Packs
- Teddy Grams Packs
- Crackers & Cheese Snack Dips



- Manwich Cans
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- SpaghettiOs/Raviolis
- Mashed Potato Mix
- Stuffing Mix
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Tuna

# February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 JANUARY	26	27	28	29	30	31
1 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	2 	3	4 Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM	5 Bible Study 10:00 AM	6 Youth Y-Night	7 Youth Y-Night
8 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class Fellowship Hall in use	9	10 Missions Meeting 6:00 PM	11	12 Bible Study 10:00 AM	13	14 happy valentine's day Chili Sale 10 AM
15 Worship Service 9:30 AM Pot Luck Following worship	16 Office is Closed President's Day UWF - Noon	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY Open Sanctuary 6AM-1PM Service - 1PM	19 Bible Study 10:00 AM	20	21
22 Worship Service 9:30 AM Wesley Class	23	24	25	26 Bible Study 10:00 AM	27	28

**February Birthdays**

- 1 Elora Carlson
- 7 Andy Welch
- 12 Violetta Shofroth
- 14 John Gehring, Betty Ann Genetta
- 15 Silos Carlson, Diane Wylam
- 19 Seth Welch
- 22 Debra Bogniard
- 24 Don Welliver & Vicky Demagall

**February Liturgists**

- 1 Hannah Baird
- 8 Cheryl Emrich
- 15 Joyce Holesko-Motter
- 22 Becky Eckels

**February Greeters**

- 1 Becky Eckels/Janet Hood
- 8 Marcy Sabol/Joan Gearhart
- 15 Bob Bogner/Cheryl Emrich
- 22 Trudee Davis/Karen Kozicki

**February Junior Church Leaders**

- 1 Rhonda Harris/Dean Knipp
- 8 Robin Baldwin/Chris Sigley
- 15 Trudee Davis/Karen Kozicki
- 22 Cathy Mellott/Cindy Renner

**February Youth Sunday School Leaders**

- 1 Sandi Rich/Laurie Spatholt
- 8 Sandi Rich/Jenny Spencer-Cain
- 15 Sandi Rich/Becky Eckels
- 22 Sandi Rich/Sheila Spencer

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 28	56	\$1330
January 4	66	\$3472
January 11	56	\$2140



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