



**Neighbors
meeting Neighbors!**

March Newsletter



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Building – Caring – Sharing

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Vision Page

Our Vision:

- **Build relationships with our Neighbors!**
- **Help our Neighbors get to know their neighbors!**
 - **Listen to their stories!**
 - **Share our Story!
(the Good News)**

Our vision is to get to know our neighbors.

*This enables us to care for them, to be available to help them,
laugh with them.*

*It gives them the opportunity to see the light of Christ in our lives and
in our hearts!*



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Consider your New Year's Resolutions!

Think about:

- How can I love God more?
- Ways I can serve my neighbor more?
- How can I understand my faith better so I can share with someone else?

Spiritual Growth

- Respond to the Holy Spirit
 - Prayer
 - Obey God:
 - Love God
 - Love neighbor
 - Share the Good News!



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Current Topics



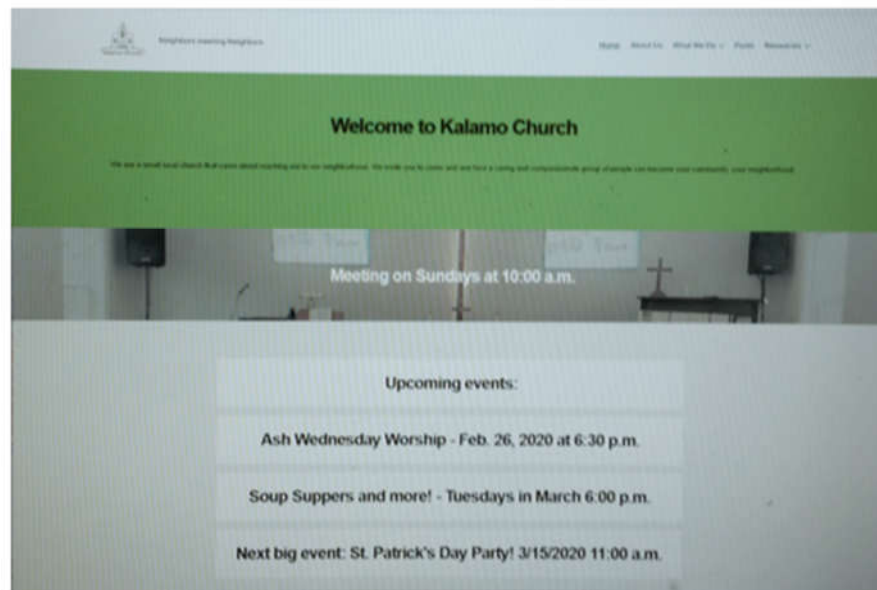
It's Gotta be Done!

We have a beautiful place of worship. A place that is the House of God and a place that we invite guests to come and be with us. Our house does need to be cleaned on a weekly basis. We have a few dedicated volunteers that are willing to contribute their time to keep our house looking good. Unfortunately, they are getting worn out. Please consider volunteering to clean or help clean the church just once per month. We have a written procedure, all necessary supplies and tools to be quick and efficient. There is a sign-up sheet at the back, make a note on your connection card or contact Penny Pierce (ppierce2005@sbcglobal.net) .



New Website – It's Alive!!

KalamaChurch.org!





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Missions

03/22/20 is UMCOR Sunday

We read or watch on the news and see communities overwhelmed by natural disaster. We hear about humanitarian crises arising from civil unrest and war. We know that famine and drought are caused by climate change and see in our own community signs of food insecurity. And, of course, when we are also in the midst of our own suffering, it is hard to see beyond our own needs to help someone else.

It can seem like too much. How could we possibly make a difference? How can our limited resources make a dent in the seemingly never-ending need of the world? We begin to shut out the reminders of suffering. We become blind. We willfully ignore the great needs of our siblings in Christ. But the reality is that as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Just as Jesus invited the disciples into the work saying, "We must do the works of him who sent me."

Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we can make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upended by storms, wars, climate change, and displacement. Through UMCOR, we see the impact of



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extravagant grace through the generosity of United Methodists.

UMCOR lives out signs of Christ's extravagant grace in the world by prayerfully working with communities that are overwhelmed by natural or man-made disasters. UMCOR builds on the strengths of what is already available in a community and actively involves the people affected in recovery efforts. One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own – and through our connection UMCOR has been doing this for 80 years.

By mobilizing trained volunteers who are already living in the community, purchasing emergency supplies and food from local merchants and channeling funds through trusted partners who are already on the ground, UMCOR is uniquely positioned to respond quickly after a disaster and to remain invested in rebuilding, even after these needs are no longer in the news. Recovery is a long-process for individuals and communities. UMCOR also works with communities to train leaders to address infrastructure concerns, climate change and environmental degradation.

The special offering received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also ensure adequate training for emergency response coordinators, construction volunteers, and case managers who assist victims of disasters, chain saw gangs and sheetrock installers.

Because we join our church's offerings with those of United



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Methodist congregations around the world, UMCOR remains strong in its day-to-day operations. When needs are immediate, UMCOR can respond quickly and efficiently with signs of extravagant grace and expert assistance. Let us continue to ministry together.

Have questions? Contact Jan Schuberg

Pass-through giving

- Passing charitable contributions to outside charities through church.
- Not intended to replace your regular giving to the church!
- Current Pass-throughs include Siren-Eaton and Crop Walk.
- I would like to do it for Heifer International.
- We could do this for other qualified charities.



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Why do pass-through giving?

- You could contribute directly to the charity, but:
- You would not need to write checks to individual charities.
- Write one check, give it to the church, then church sends to charities.
- The church gets “credit” for being giving generously to other worthy causes.
- Would reduce the amount of junk mail you receive.
- If you deduct contributions, you would have fewer charities to track.
- If you prefer doing your own donations, by all means continue to do so.





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Heifer International

- Most of you likely already are familiar with Heifer International (HI).
- In short, HI provides livestock and instruction to small farmers
- Donors choose which animal to give
- And donates the money to HI which provides the animal
- The strategy is to give people the means to provide for themselves
- Instead of just a hand out of food.
- So a gift to HI is a gift that keeps on giving.
- A catalog of giving options to HI is at the back of the sanctuary.

Don't forget to take your prayer card with you wherever you go



Kalamo Prayer Card

1 Thessalonians 5

*Comfort the discouraged. Help the weak.
Be patient with everyone...*

*Always pursue the good for each other and everyone else.
Rejoice always. Pray continually.*

Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good.



Prayer Suggestions for the Week

Sunday – Love of God

Monday – Peace

Tuesday – Love of Neighbor

Wednesday – Patience

Thursday – Goodness

Friday – Faithfulness

Saturday – Thanksgiving



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St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century. St Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries with people of Irish descent.

Saint Patrick is the patron **saint** of Ireland. He was a Christian missionary given credited with converting Ireland to Christianity in the AD 400s. ... His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat and he took on the name **Patrick** upon becoming a priest.

Why do we wear green on St Patrick's Day?

This **St. Patrick's Day** tradition was popularized by Irish immigrants in the United States, who believed that **wearing green** made them invisible to leprechauns—the classic fairy creatures who pinch anyone they could see.

The **"Wearing of the Green"** is an Irish street ballad lamenting the repression of supporters of the Irish Rebellion of 1798. It is to an old Irish air, and many versions of the lyric exist, the best-known being by Dion Boucicault. The song proclaims that "they are hanging men and women for the **wearing of the green**".

Many articles have been written in **Catholic** periodicals making claims for **Patrick** being a Roman **Catholic 'Saint**. ... Protestants increasingly are rejecting the '**Catholic**' claims on **Patrick** as he was a Christian from Britain, yet that does not make him a Protestant.



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Events

Praying over Prayer Cards
Weekly on Monday's @ 11:00

☐ This meeting occasionally changes time/day due to scheduling conflicts. Email pastor to verify time/day if you haven't seen Sunday's program.





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March 2nd

**Kalamo Township Meeting
7 p.m.**



Worship service at Flower House
Will be held @ 9:00 a.m.
Monday **March 2nd**



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**Starting March 3 through Mar 31,
Weekly on Tuesdays,
6:00 – 7:30pm**



And Study!!

March 4th

UMW-United Methodist Women-1st Wednesday

Available to all women who would like to develop friendships with other ladies. This group also does various service projects. They meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at the church at 11 am. Leader: Ruth Avery (269-763-3378).



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March 5th



Fun and games group

meet the first Thursday of every month. from 6 to 8. Available to all people who would like to develop friendships with others. Please come and enjoy fun conversation and games Leaders are Roy and Mary Weldon.





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March 10th

Siren Outreach

The Siren Shelter is the only shelter in Eaton County for both families, and women and children dealing with domestic violence. Available to all people who would like to serve others. (Will have to submit to background check.) We usually meet 9:00 on the 2nd Tuesday each month at Siren to help with whatever is needed. We are there from 9 am to noon. Leader: Ruth Avery (269-763-3378).



Sunday, March 15

11:00 a.m.

Kalamo Township Hall

Kalamo Neighborhood St.

Patrick's Day Block Party

*Free! Food! Fun!
Friends & Neighbors!*



Theme will be St. Patrick's Day and the contributions that Irish folks and family have made to our country.

No service or activities at church that day



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FOOD PANTRY

Anyone that wants to come and share in this mission are invited. Normally the 3rd Wednesday of the month and the preceding Tuesday. This month is: **March 17th and 18th**. Tuesdays usually start about 9:00 am. Wednesday is pick up day - please get there by no later than 8:45. This is a great mission for our church. Leader is Sandy Bukoski.





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Vision-Design Team



The Vision-Design team next meeting is at the Pastor's: **March 20th 11:00 a.m.**

- Growing in our prayer lives.
- Working on ideas for ministry.
- Discerning our mission.

All are invited, please RSVP.

March 23rd **Church Meetings** **Trifecta!!!**



- The Finance Team meeting @ 5:00:
review finances and explore vital financial stewardship.
- The Ad Council at 6:00:
Review and coordinating church activities
- The Trustees at 7:00:
discuss the needs and care of our church property.



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DO YOU HAVE **Concerns¶**
about falling? ¶






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BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS ¶

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. ¶

Who should attend?¶
Anyone with concerns about falls, who has fallen, has restricted activities because of a falling concern or interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength.¶
Limited enrollment: 12 people per workshop ¶

Upcoming Workshop¶
First Baptist Church¶
1110 Cochran Ave.¶
Charlotte¶
Meet in Room 101/Timothy Room¶
Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 3 – March 26, 2020¶
(meet March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26)¶
10:00 am – 12 noon¶

 Barry-Eaton District Health Department ¶  Tri-County ¶  MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

To register, call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465¶
Workshop is free of charge, but donations are accepted. ¶
Suggested donation is \$25 per person but it is not required to register. A healthy snack and booklet is provided.¶

For a full workshop schedule visit: <https://www.tcoa.org/classes/evidence-based-programs> ¶

Our Lenten schedule:

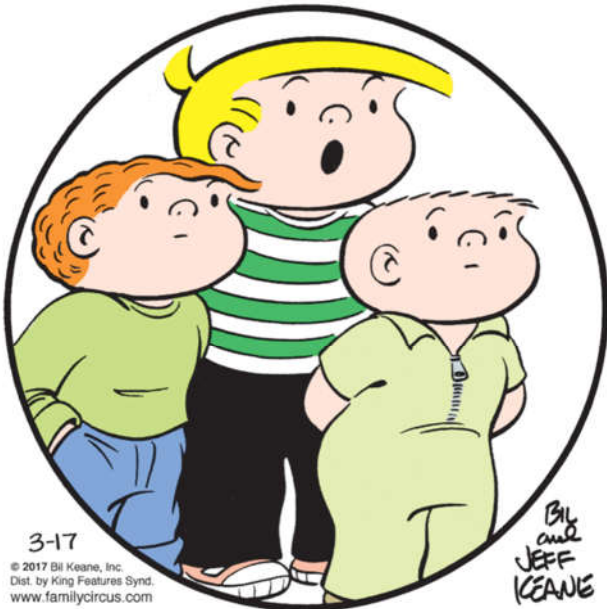
- **Soup Suppers**, Tuesdays, Mar 3-31 (5 wks),
Soup Suppers at 6:00 followed by our Lenten study.
- **Palm/Passion Sunday**, Apr. 5.
- **Holy Week**: Good Friday service, Apr 10, 6:00, symbolic meal/Holy Communion before the service.
- **Easter Sunday**, Apr. 12.



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A Little Humor



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“Why doesn’t St. Patrick bring us stuff on his day like Santa does?”

**Q What kind of spells do leprechauns use?
A Lucky Charms!**

**Q What do you get if you cross Christmas with St. Patrick’s Day?
A Saint-O’Clause!**



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Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"



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