

# The Bend *in the* THE ROAD

*Sometimes*

*we come to life's crossroads  
And we view what we think is the end.  
But God has a much wider vision  
And He knows it's only a bend—  
The road will go on and get smoother  
And after we've stopped for a rest,  
The path that lies hidden beyond us  
Is often the path that is best.  
So rest and relax and grow stronger,  
Let go and let God share your load  
And have faith in a brighter tomorrow.  
You've just come to*

*a bend in the road.*

*~ Helen Steiner Rice*

# Circuit Rider

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About this time last week (Friday, around 4) I was driving to Camp Asbury to spend a 4 day weekend with 17 or so beautiful adult ladies of various ages, and 11 teenage girls..... and one other guy, who was going home each night..... Most of you knew that I was going.... I had been talking about it for a while before going. But, on Friday to be completely honest..... As I was leaving, I was more than a little nervous. Even to my surprise there was a great sense of uncertainty..... Even fear. I was heading to the Camp for a girls Chrysalis weekend. I had been to most of the practices. I knew my talk. I had all of my "stuff" for my talk..... I knew my subject.... I was making pizza, explaining the how the parts fit together..... I could do that in my sleep..... But I sensed that this was going to be different..... And it was. And ever since I have been back people have asked me how it went..... And I have responded with how great it was..... and it was. I shared how beautiful it was to do ministry. How beautiful it was to share Jesus. How beautiful it was to pray for the speakers and cry with them..... to pray with the girls... and cry with them.... And in my talk, and in my weekend, all I had to do was Jesus' two commandments— love God, and love my neighbor..... and Wow..... I got to see the church being the church, as we cared for one another. At one time, after candlelight, you Emmaus people know what that is, I was praying for one young lady, and as I was finishing with her about 5 other young ladies came, sat on the floor surrounding her, caring for her, and loving her, allowing me to go and pray for another beautiful young lady.....

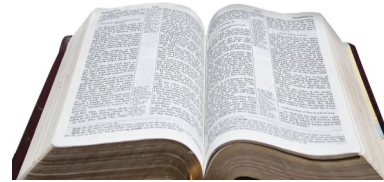
When I came home people asked me how my weekend was, and I said I didn't want to come back..... It was beautiful being about loving and in pure

ministry..... although it wouldn't have quite the same if I stayed....., because everybody else had to go home.... but I thought about my fear as I was driving there, and then, at the end, my desire to make the moment last.....

I have been told that is in part what Peter wanted to do when he wanted to build the 3 booths on the mount of Transfiguration..... let's make the moment last..... but then there is always a time to get back to the matter at hand, to get back to business. But we must not forget that which we have seen, that which we have learned. For me, it was to love those who need love, to cry with those who are crying..... And above all to share Jesus..... And, this, which was also taught this weekend, (which I knew, but they said it so well), the Bible is simply not an instruction book, a history book, or a rule book. It is a book of relationship.

A book of relationship with God..... And with one another..... That was the glory of this weekend, simply being with, and loving one another.

Peace,  
Jeff



### LENTEN STUDY:

#### “Made for a Miracle”

Did you know that when we hope for the impossible, it involves more than praying for God's transcendent power? There are two components to every miracle: divine action and human responsibility. Each of us has been given specific talents and abilities. For a real miracle to take place, God expects us to apply these talents and abilities—acting with God to perform divine work. By examining biblical examples of how to use your God-given gifts for God's glory, author and pastor Mike Slaughter helps you discover that you, too, were Made for a Miracle.

The six-session DVD features Mike Slaughter presenting to a group in his challenging and engaging style. The video segments are approximately 10–12 minutes each and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study for Lent and beyond..... *From the Media Center Catalog Description*

We will be gathering on Zoom for 6 Mondays beginning on March 7th. at 11:00am Rev. Jeff will be sending a Zoom link to those who have participated in the past, and if you would like to join this study let Jeff or Betty know so that you too can receive the link. Also, some books have been preordered from Christian Book Distributors, so let Jeff or Betty know if you are interested in one of them.

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00pm Trustees	2 9-5 Taize 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	3	4	5 8:30am Men's Group
6 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 Adult SS 9:30	7 10:00 Mission Meeting @ Beckers 11:00am Lenten Study	8 6:00pm Education	9 9-5 Taize 5:00pm Grange 6:00pm WOW	10	11	12
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27 Worship 8:15 & 10:45 Adult SS 9:30	28 11:00am Lenten Study	29	30 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	31	AA Meet On Sun & Tues. @ 7:00pm  Scouts Mon.&Wed. @ 7:00pm	Girl Scouts 2nd & 4th Tues.@4:30



Clifford Harpst "Celebration of Life" Fundraiser to benefit  
**FEED OUR VETS ASHTABULA**

Saturday, March 5th. At 12-4pm

Norman D Banquet Center 2720 West 19th. Ashtabula OH

Our goal this year is to raise \$9,600 pounds of food & supplies or both!

We will have lots of basket raffle prizes, a 50/50, sideboards and more

There will be food for purchase and a cash bar

You do not need to stay all day or be present to win.

For more information go to <https://feedourvets.org/ashtabula>

### **Hospice of the Western Reserve needs Volunteers**

For more information call 216-255-9090 or

email at [volunteering@hospicewr.org](mailto:volunteering@hospicewr.org)

or visit [hospicewr.org/volunteer](http://hospicewr.org/volunteer)

University Hospitals Conneaut & Geneva Medical Center

### **No-Cost Mammograms for Ashtabula and Eastern Lake Counties**

For more information call Paul at 440-593-0374

Coming up in April

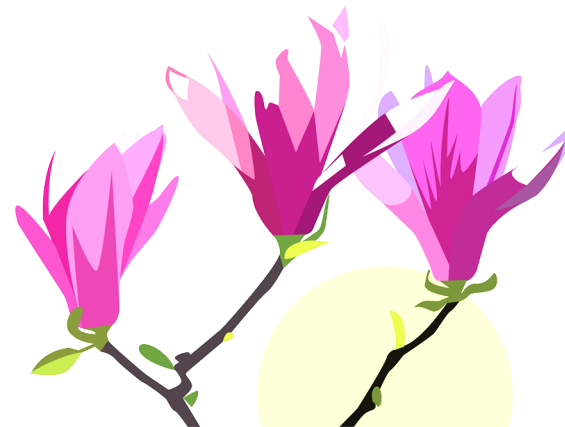
### **RAM**

Remote Area Medical Clinic is returning to Ashtabula County

April 1 & 2nd at Lakeside High School First come, First Served

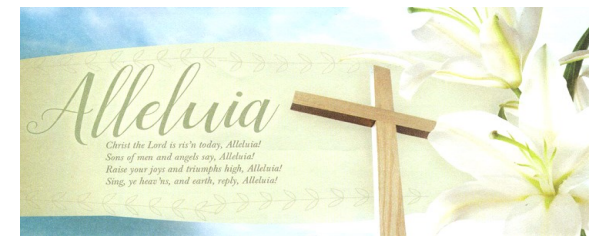
Free **medical, dental and vision care** at the RAM clinic

for more information go to [ramusa.org](http://ramusa.org) or call 865-579-1530



*Preparing for Easter*

**We are collecting a special offering for Lent and Easter. If you are moved to do so, and you are mailing it in, please send your Special offering to the Saybrook UMC 7900 Depot Rd. Ashtabula, OH 44004 Please write on the Memo Line for Lent or Easter donation. Thank you and God Bless you!**



We are continuing to confess our sins to God and Burn them on Sunrise Service here at the Church.

You can mail this in or email them if you like to [sumc4prayers@gmail.com](mailto:sumc4prayers@gmail.com).

Please just put your name on the paper and God knows what your praying about.

Rev. Jeff will pray over them before they are burnt. If you come into the church there will be a basket to put them on and they will be nailed to the cross.

Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Psalm 32:5 [New Living Translation](#)

Your Name.....(no one will look— it is between you and God)



*As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:*

## *Our Prayers*

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our College Students,  
Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich,  
Ethan & Ashley Batschelet, Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh,  
Don & Mary Clugh Family, River, Betty Hansen, Richard & Grace Arnold,  
Jim & Phyllis Wright, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt  
Brindley, Eva DeCamillo, Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson, Sarrah Brown,  
Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee, Keith Youngberg,  
Louise Ebetino, Ruth Falcione, Becky Reese, Karen Klimek, Barb Swiger,  
Karen May, Kelly Forren, Tom & Donna Orr, Monna O'Connor, Justin Nelson,  
Rick Arnold, Lisa Buck, Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Debbie Eckart,  
Gary & Debbie Munson, Jeff & Sue Nelson, Ron McIvaine, Charlene Hopkins,  
Mike Greenwood, Marilyn Wenner, Kathy Feiler, Ken Elliot,  
Dixie & Larry Leggett, Christy, Cheryl McLaren, Peggy & Steve Pekarski,  
Billy Hudson, Janice, Bob M, Jim, Jim Wayand, Joyce, Rich, Vicky, Sue  
Hogan, Robin Nagle, Lou Buck, Lloyd Richards, Jim Brown

*Those who have passed away*

The Family of Ron Slocum (Audrey Loudermilk's Father)

The Family of Gwen Taylor (Marilyn Wenner's Sister)

The Family of Peggy MacNaughton (Brian MacNaughton's Mother)

Please keep Roy Stiltner and Family in your prayers, Roy has lost several loved ones that have passed on, three in the last 4 weeks and one, 2 months ago.

Roy has lost 2 sister in laws—Brenda Westover, Midge Stiltner

2 brother in laws—Jr.McCoy, Victor Baker

## *Our Gifts*

*Stewardship Update*

*Year to Date 02/28/2022*

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$24,149.17</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b><u>\$-32,585.29</u></b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$-8,436.12</b>

## *Our Service*

**Worship Services on Sunday**

**8:15am or 10:45am**

Service can also be viewed online.

The link is on our Facebook page or we can email you the link.

Every Wednesday Evening at 6:00pm is our WOW Service

Ash Wednesday service will be on the 2nd at 6:00 in place of our WOW service

February 21, 2022

To our Saybrook United Methodist Church Family,

You and your family are invited to join our Church Men's Group for a family style dinner to be held in our church fellowship hall beginning at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

We encourage each and every one of you to attend as this will be a special occasion to join in fellowship and enjoy quality time together as we return to normal activities after these 2 long years of separation due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Our Church Men's Group has an excellent dinner planned for our Church Family. We will take care of every detail including a special dinner entrée, dessert, coffee and punch. We ask only that you bring yourself and your family. We will do the rest.

Should any of our Church Family need a ride we will have transportation available, as it is very important to us that you can attend.

There will be a sign-up sheet available at the table just outside the church sanctuary on Sunday, March 6 and March 13. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. Also, you can sign up by calling Lloyd Richard, 969-1428, Chuck Davis, 964-5997 or the Church office at 969-1562. Should anyone have comments or concerns please submit in writing and send to the church office by Monday, March 21st.

We look forward to all of our Church Family joining us for a very special, enjoyable evening.

God Bless each and every one of you,

Yours in Christ,

The Saybrook United Methodist Men's Group



Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. **Romans 12: 9-16**

We all know and appreciate how important our families are. Family is there for you when you are really in need, they laugh with you and cry with you, and stand with you through the good times and the bad. Family members are linked together with a strong and common bond.

That bond is not always genetic.

There is a spiritual bond among fellow believers, and together we make up a spiritual family. I am so very privileged to have a group of brothers and sisters in the Lord—and so are you.

Remember your spiritual family. It's far too easy to take them for granted. When times are good, we may feel that we don't need a relationship with the people at church. When times are bad, however, their thoughts, prayers, acts of kindness, and deeds of love are priceless. If you need help and support from your fellow believers—ask! We are all willing to be there for you. If you don't need any help and support at this time—someone needs you! Ask and look for anyone who needs encouragement and go out of your way to help them. We have all received so much from God. What a joy it is to be able to give a little back and help a brother or sister in the Lord. **A Christian family is priceless!**

**Prayer:**

Lord, thank-you for my brothers and sisters in Christ. May I be a blessing to them, and may they be a blessing to me. Amen.



## *and Our Witness*

By Kathy Feiler

Hi Everyone,

I am writing this to update you and thank you for all your support. I haven't been able to call because when I was diagnosed with Covid a few weeks ago It came with a terrible cough that didn't let me talk for more than a few seconds at a time.

First, I want to thank you and tell you how very grateful I am for all your cards, phone calls (even when I could only listen) and most of all your prayers. I felt I have always been a doer and receiving was something new, but I guess we are never too old to learn something new from God. Your gifts of compassion lifted me and when the nurses are amazed at my upbeat attitude, I always tell them it is through the prayers and love of my wonderful family. I have truly witnessed how people come together as the body of Christ and I am awed that during this time I am the recipient.

For many years I worked six days a week to be able to save money for retirement thinking that would be the answer. Another lesson I have learned is that no matter how much money one works for, nothing compares with the love that surrounds you and that is the

most valuable. I miss you all very much and look forward to getting together when this is over. I'm reminded of Hebrews 10:25 that tells us not to stop meeting together because we are God's church and continue to encourage one another as we share our faith and strengthen each other. Just in case you didn't know, you all have the great gift of sharing encouragement.

I have been blessed as I am going through chemo. So far so good. Some days I have a lot of energy and some days not so much. But lesson #2 is being patient when I feel good to not overdue. That lesson is a hard one for me, but then I remember that God, is in control not me. Food still tastes good even though now I am on a "healthy diet" instead of the fun food (pizza, doughnuts, cookies, McDonalds, no offense Sue) I enjoyed. I am still driving, but not very far (my sons are keeping me on a short leash) and I love them for their concern. A nurse takes my blood before each chemo treatment to check my "numbers". (I'm learning a lot). And the numbers are going in the right direction, so the doctor and nurses are happy about that. Again, I owe this to your prayers lifting me to the Lord.

I have not been asking questions about what comes next after chemo or how long chemo will last. I figure I trust the Lord and He already knows, He'll

let me know when it's time. I have found when I wash my hair I am starting to see more clumps in the drain than usual, but if that is the worst thing to deal with I'm OK.

My love to you all

Your Joyful Sister in Christ

Kathy Feiler



Daylight saving time will begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday March 13th.

**FOR SALE!!!**  
USED ROASTERS \$5.00 EACH  
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



The Membership Committee would like to **THANK** our church family for the support of the Valentine Boxes for our College students, Military and God Bless!

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A Big Thank You for the volunteers who have been helping out with the Food Distributions at the Plymouth UMC!

The hours are back to 2 Food Distributions a month. The Distribution is now the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, if there is a holiday that falls on Monday, the distribution will be on Tues.

In March it will be the 7th. and the 21st. The trucks arrive around 1:00pm—2:00pm. They need help sorting so if you can be there around that time that would be wonderful. The distribution begins around 3:30pm.

God Bless!



- 1 Sharyn Kovalesky
- 3 Angie Parks
- 8 Janet Renard
- 9 Michael Prickett
- 9 Kimberly Stoneman
- 13 Ethan Wright
- 16 Julie Eckart
- 22 Amy Richmond
- 22 Chris Stiltner
- 23 Karen Klimek
- 23 Kayleigh Loudermilk
- 24 Ashley Wright
- 28 Jim Fuller
- 29 Harold Miller



3 Dick & Grace Arnold



Love is *patient,*  
love is *kind.*  
It does not *envy,*  
it does not *boast,*  
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

**THIS IS THE DAY THAT  
THE LORD HAS MADE;  
LET US REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD IN IT.**

PSALM 118:24 ESV

