

GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2022

Pass It On

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on...*

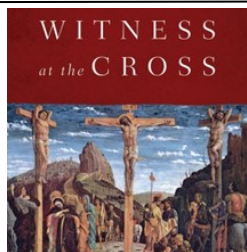
I have several favorite hymns/praise songs, and *Pass It On* is one of them. I first heard it when I served as a counselor at summer camp for children from Richmond area. Being a student at Baptist Seminary, I did not know at the time that the song was in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. Today, I always enjoy singing it whenever possible.

The composer, Kirt Kaiser (1934-2018), shares the background of how this song was written. He says, "On a Sunday night I was sitting in our den by the fireplace where there were remnants of a fire, and it occurred to me that it only takes a spark to get a fire going . . . and the rest came very quickly. My wife suggested that I should say something about shouting it from mountain tops, and that ended up in the third verse. It only took about 20 minutes to write the lyrics. Afterwards my wife and I went for a walk, letting the song ruminate in our minds (from *Discipleship Ministries' 'History of Hymns'*)."



Our love, kindness, and compassion are contagious. When someone shows you kindness, you too want to do the same for someone else. Kaiser reminds us that, it is the same for God's love – God first loved us, and God first filled our hearts with God's abundant grace. We just want to pass God's love to all the persons around us. In this way, this world would be filled with love, kindness, and peace, instead of selfishness, greed, hatred, and division.

In what ways may *YOU* be able to spread God's love to everyone in your daily life? May you always reflect God's love in all you say and do! Keiko



Coming in Lent 2022! JOINT ZOOM Bible Study ***Witnesses at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday***

By Amy-Jill Levine
Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm
More information is to come!



Also, **Lenten Sermon Series** based on the book ***The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught***

March 6 Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name...
March 13 Thy Will be Done on Earth, as is in Heaven...
March 20 Give us This Day Our Daily Bread...
March 27 Forgive us Our Debts, as We Forgive Our Debtors...
April 3 And Lead us, Not into Temptation...
April 10 (Palm/Passion Sunday)
For Thine is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory



Administrative Council—Sunday, February 20 at NOON



Confirmation 2022

For Greenwood-Market Street Charge, five Confirmands are in the Confirmation journey.

Please pray for their journey...

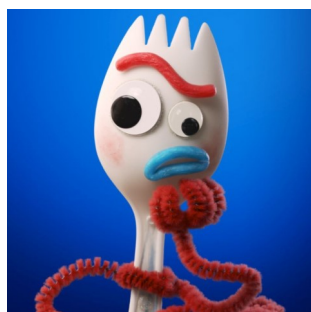
They will be confirmed on Easter Sunday!

(from left to right Bruce Harman, Caroline Sipe, Eli Mills, Cali DuVall, and Joshua Foster)



Happy February, Greenwood!

I was recently watching a series on Disney+ called *Forky Asks a Question*. This particular episode was entitled, “What is Love?” and the audience follows along as various toys try to explain the meaning of love to the clueless Forky and, inevitably, foolishness and shenanigans ensue. As I was watching, I started thinking about the true meaning of love myself. One of the best expressions of love is being Christ’s hands and feet in the world, and there is no better way to celebrate the month of love than to practice loving our neighbor. There are lots of opportunities to do this at Greenwood. You could—



- 1) Donate to the back pack ministry (items needed are on page 4)
- 2) Donate much needed items to or volunteer your time to CCAP
- 3) Bring in individual snacks for the WATTS daytime warming shelter housed at Market Street UMC
- 4) Send a card to or call one of the “shut in” members of our congregation
- 5) Bring in quarters for the Heifer Project

There are so many ways we can share Jesus’ love, and our love, with our community. I wish you all a happy and lovely February!

Hugs, Heather Littleton, Lay Leader



Congratulations to the Kinnaman Family for the new addition—Amaya, CJ, Parker and Logan (along with mom Erin, dad Danny, Juliana and Madeline)

Winchester/Harrisonburg Districts Training took place via Zoom on Sun, January 23.

I (Pastor) got to learn the basics of Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS)



Condolences to Alice Giles upon passing of her brother-in-law, Bobby Anderson. Please remember all the family in your prayers.



Let us Prayer for One Another...

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND

For the world in the face of COVID-19 (esp. Omicron Variant)

All those who are under medical care, recovering, and/or quarantined, Those who grieve

All Children & Families, Medical and Health Professionals

All who are serving others The peace in the world

Our friends and family at Greenwood:

Paul Haltzl Coleman Lauderback Paul Helsley Harold Anderson Larry Crane Gary Sibert Tasha Moomaw
Liam Starr Don & Monti Vanness Phyllis Tinsman Laura Jahnke Quick Family Carolyn York Carl &
Beth Stickley Joe Ganci Megan Eileen Davis Charlotte Mae Brasnan Dora Bell Lowe Daniel Schneide
Cindy Jones Amber Calvert Connie Tilley Barbara Kern Farrah M Susie & Larry Bell Susie Sencindiver
Gary & Brenda Linda Clem Patty Harper Kaiden Wright Shaw Family Richard Swisher & Family Robbie
Swartz Barbara Ritter Mossy Stemberger Nancy Orndorff Dan Roach Mable Carter George Martin
David Powers Harry Powers Anita & Jared Chambers Daniel Whitney Bonita White Carrie Eichelberger
Marion Clowser Beverley Soule Donna Belle Donna Kay Stemberger Steve Jones Kara Stemberger
Marshall Lorant Larry Braithwaite Ashlee Saxon Ed Lambert Brenna Taylor Phil & Carol Adams
Roger Stover Bob Saville Beverley McGraw Jace Anderson Margie Galderisi Jay Hepner
Family of Bobby Anderson Shirley Pierce Family Caitlyn Roy Charlie & Pat Dunn George Sonja Diane
Joanne Kimberley Linda B Dana Laurie Residents at Green Valley Greenwood UMC

Thank you for your Service! Servants at Greenwood 2022

Board of Trustees: Larry Edmonson (24, chair), Ed Lambert (22), Keith Trenary (22), Walt Cunningham (23), Kevin Alder (23), Jody Bursey (24), Pam Keeler 24)

Pastor/Parish Relations Committee: Tracie Sipe (23, chair), Ashley Plaughter (23), Judy Mills (24), Heather Littleton (lay leader)

PRG (Post-Covid Re-Entry Group): Peggy Plaughter, Ashley Plaughter, Ed Lambert, Tami Light, Walt Cunningham, Judy & Steve Mills, Conor Sipe

Streaming Team: Conor Sipe, Ashley Plaughter **Acolytes:** Eli Mills, Caroline Sipe, Cali DuVall

Children's Message: Steve Mills, Ashely Plaughter and Heather Littleton (puppet show)

Paraments & Sanctuary Decoration: Mary Lou Lantz, Kim Renner

Adult Sunday School: Walt Cunningham, Tami Light, Pam Keeler, Dan Cunningham

Children's Programs (Wiggling Worship): Peggy Plaughter, Ashley Plaughter, Heather Littleton, Judy Mills, Steve Mills, Tami Light, Kim Renner

CCAP Reps: Steve & Judy Mills

Backpack Ministry Volunteers: Carol Lambert, Edwina Miller, Diane Meadows, Ed Lambert, Margie Galderisi, Rodie Zubrack, Marcia Stickley, Mary Lou Lantz

Building Maintenance/Repairs: Ed Lambert, Larry Edmonson



Thoughts on Stewardship—February 2022

Giving & Retaining Income for Life



Did you know you can give to a charity while retaining income from the gift for the rest of your life? A charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust enables you to receive flexible or guaranteed income. Plus, there are significant tax advantages. You can make the gift now and receive several attractive benefits. Making a life-income gift, besides offering advantages, also provides the satisfaction of knowing you have helped your church in a significant way. The United Methodist Foundation that serves your conference can help you with these types of gifts. Visit www.naumf.org/locations to find contact information. Or contact your own personal adviser to learn more about why and how to do this.

Health Minute

Due to him being under the weather, there will be no *Health Minute* this month. It will be back in March! Feel better soon, and Happy Belated Birthday, Jeff!



It is NOT too late to join!

Bishop Lewis invites you to the 2022 Bible Challenge

Since 2017, Bishop Lewis has been inviting clergy and laity of the Virginia Conference to read the entire Bible.

Visit vaumc.org/2022BibleChallenge/ for info!



Pics from
January
slideshow



Please Continue to Support United Methodist Women's Backpack Ministry

We support families from Redbud Run Elementary School.

Ways you can help: Pray for the volunteers

Donate funds (check to "Greenwood UMW")

Donate Items: Individual mac & cheese

Individual Peanut Butter crackers

Individual fruit cups, applesauce

Individual cereal boxes & cereal bars

