

HANNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A home of belonging, growing in outreach and diversity to build community in Christ

Office Hours: 1-4 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday

Church Office: 797-5223

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Website: hannaumc.org



Worship Service, Children's Church, Hospitality Time

Sundays, Beginning at 9 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes

Sundays, 10:35 a.m.

Discipleship Classes (In Our Fellowship Hall)

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Ignite on Thursdays

Sparks (K-6th grade): 4 - 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Fuzes (7th-12th grade): 5 - 6 p.m., Youth Room

How Is It with Your Soul?

John Wesley began small group meetings with this question, and it is a very good question to ask ourselves and each other regularly. "How is it with your soul," is a quite different question than "how are you" isn't it? Both are important questions, but the first question is both deeper and more intimate. Asking "how are you" is a way that we show each other that we care about the other's well-being. It is a way to get to know each other better and to be involved in each other's lives – in other words, it is an essential part of maintaining our relationships with each other.

"How is it with your soul" is asking a deeper and, to be honest, a more threatening question. Why is it a threatening (but in a good way) question? I think that it is a threatening question because the honest answer can never be an unqualified "good." As strong and deep as our faith may be, there remains sin, doubt, enmity, prejudice, hurts, and shame in each one of us. "How is it with your soul" asks us to recognize these things within ourselves that we want to be rid of and then choose whether or not to share them with each other. That is threatening indeed!

Of course, there will also be much within our soul to give thanks to God for. We are all blessed in so many ways, but most of all by our relationship with Jesus and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. The well-loved hymn *It Is Well with My Soul* expresses this grateful faith so beautifully and poignantly. What makes the hymn beautiful is our recognition of the pain behind the confession that it is well with our soul. Our soul is well not because things are good and not because WE are good, but because God is good! Because of our sin, doubt, enmity, prejudice, hurts, and shame God has given us His love and grace, His only begotten Son, and His Spirit. God has shared his "soul" with our souls. God has overcome and triumphed over everything that threatens us in the question "how is it with your soul."

Our soul can be well even when we are not. Our soul can be well no matter what is happening in our lives. God doesn't fix every problem, but God is fixed with and within us. As we enter into the season of Lent, this will be our focus – God's gracious acts on our behalf because we all need His grace. Following the Methodist Wesleyan understanding of prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying grace our journey through Lent will lead us through God's call for our repentance, God's acts in Jesus to reconcile us to God and one another and then being gifted by God's Spirit to live and publicly proclaim our experience of the risen Christ. Because of Jesus, it is well with our souls.

Praise God!
Jim

Hanna Circle Soup Sale

The Hannah Circle will be selling Beef & Noodles on March 17. Cost is \$5.00 per quart.

Please fill out the insert in the bulletin to order your soup. Deadlines are the week before the soup sale.

Hannah Circle will donate \$100 to Hope Rescue from this Soup Sale.

Thank you for your support.

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The Midwest Crossroads Women's Emmaus Walk

will be held May 16-19.

If you are interested in a closer walk with Jesus, please contact Liz Serynek at 219-229-2312, to make arrangements to be included in this wonderful experience!

REMEMBER TO

*SPRING
FORWARD*



SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Special Services Not to Miss!!!

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6, 6 p.m.
Hanna UMC

Seder Service

March 13, 6:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

Cluster Good Friday Service

April 19, 6:30 p.m.
Hanna UMC

Easter Sunday Services

April 21, Hanna UMC
Sunrise Worship, 7:30 a.m.
Regular Worship, 9 a.m.



A Lenten/Easter Offering will be taken to support local, national, and worldwide missions.

Lenten/Easter offering envelopes will be available on both entry tables.

If you can't attend worship and would still like to contribute, please mail check to:

Hanna UMC
P.O. Box 2
Hanna IN 46340.

*Please specify that it is for the Lenten/Easter offering.

Thank you!



Our Deepest Sympathies
To the Family & Friends of:

Kenny McCarty

He passed away
January 30, 2019.

Marcella Creed

She passed away
February 4, 2019.

David Scarborough

He passed away
February 14, 2019.

Christian Summer Camp

Grades K - 13,
Family Camps Available

Go to beacamper.com,
contact the church office, or
see the camping magazines on
the church entry tables for
more information.

An Account of Your FAITHFULness

January 6 - February 24

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
01-06	80	\$2,390.00	\$54.00
01-13	60	1,554.00	40.00
01-20	66	1,660.00	45.00
01-27	46	1,807.00	10.00
02-03	79	1,921.00	95.00
02-10	74	2,859.00	70.00
02-17	77	1,740.00	35.00
02-24	74	1,801.00	40.00

Average offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$2,497.89

Donations for Refreshments for Fellowship Time: \$120.00

Donations to Multimedia Fund: \$15.00

Donations for New Playset: \$360.00

Donations to Ignite: \$5.00

Donations to Vacation Bible School: \$50.00



Congratulations to Jake & Jen Ruehl
on their new baby girl,
Emily Aspen Ruehl.

Emily was born on December 12, 2018,
weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Neil & Kelsey Bolakowski
on their new baby girl,
Vera Rose Bolakowski.

Vera was born on February 14, 2019,
weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 inches long.



Church Council

Jan. 21, 2019

Trustees

Grab bars were installed on the toilets. Magnetic door holders were installed in the Fellowship Hall bathrooms.

Hannah Circle

Nut sales have been good.

UM Men

Men will donate \$100 toward the new playground equipment.

Treasurer's Report

All tithes and benevolences were paid for 2018. The 2019 Budget was shown to Council, and has been approved by the Finance Committee.

Old Business

Jon Mack has been looking into the costs of replacing our projector.

Lent 2019
With All Your Heart
Worship Series

The overall theme for this Lenten Series is based on Joel 2:12 "Return to me with all your heart." Yet, we will approach our Lenten preparation from a variety of different perspectives and points along the Christian journey. During this season, new and longtime Christians alike hear the call to return to God with all their hearts as we enter a season historically characterized by much prayer and fasting. These works of discipline have always served as a means by which new converts prepare for baptism, which occurs as a part of the Easter Vigil.

As Methodists, we believe all this work is initiated by God, who invites us to come before Him with all our hearts. With the exception of Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter Day, there will be Old Testament and Epistle readings. These passages work hand in hand to articulate the distinct pathway that begins with God's call (Ash Wednesday and Lent 1) and continues through the process our own repentance (Lent 2 and 3), reconciliation with God and one another (Lent 4 and 5), and preparation to publicly proclaim our belief in the risen Christ (Palm/Passion and Easter). This is a season for us to revisit and renew our beginnings along the Christian journey of salvation.

March 6: Ash Wednesday

Sermon Title: *Return to Me*

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

March 10: First Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *God's Generous Heart*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10:8b-13

March 17: Second Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *Imitating*

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1

March 24: Third Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *Repenting*

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

March 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *Coming Together*

Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

April 7: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: *Making a New Thing*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14

April 14: Palm/Passion Sunday

Sermon Title: *Preparing*

Scripture: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40

April 21: Easter Day

Sermon Title: *Believing*

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

NOTE: If you are unable to serve, please find a sub at least a week ahead.

If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. Thank You!!

FOR MARCH

Ushers:

Sherm & Connie Lute,
Glenn & Rita Wallace,
Bill Garner & Olivia Marks,
Dave & Anna Jones,
Monte & Paula Clindaniel

Readers:

Elaine Shurte, Carol Heckman,
Craig Creutzburg, Denise Tabor,
Bonnie Guse

Fellowship Hosts:

Arlene Nelson, Marilyn Kellpsh,
Connie Lute (10),
Jeana Hull (17)

Hosts Needed: 24, 31

Nursery Ministry:

Brenda Bolakowski, Lorry Hagan,
Becky Rodman, Angie Swanson,
Marla Bolakowski

Children's Church:

Paula Clindaniel (3),
Denise Tabor (10),
Tracy Becker (17),
Kris & Anna Jones (24),
Heather Styborski (31)

Communion Steward

Luann Marks

FOR APRIL

Ushers:

Mike & Lorry Hagan,
Jon & Kathy Mack,
Ed Castle & Allen Garner,
Steve Fuller & Ashley Ekins

Readers:

Jodie Funkhouser,
Heather Styborski, Mike Hagan,
Paula Clindaniel

Fellowship Hosts:

Hosts Needed: 7, 14, 28

Nursery Ministry:

Liz Serynek, Carrie Cusick,
Luann Marks, Michelle Magley

Children's Church:

Denise Tabor (7),
Brenda Bolakowski (14),
Tracy Becker (21),
Kris & Anna Jones (28)

Communion Stewards

Needed



Items are received every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall, on the table next to the walkway.

Thank you for supporting the Hanna Food Pantry.

March

3 Toilet Paper

10 Dish Soap

17 Spaghetti

24 Spaghetti Sauce

31 Saltine Crackers

April

7 Toilet Paper

14 Paper Towels

21 Kleenex

28 Cereals

***Items may be purchased in bulk; Pantry will separate.**

PRAYER CHAIN

**PHONE CONCERNS TO
NANCY BURNS,
219-767-3332.**

**If Nancy doesn't answer,
leave a message,
and contact Judy Carter,
219-767-2625.**



**Any Information
for the**

**MAY - JUNE
NEWSLETTER**

**Please give to Denise
or Email to
hannaumc@frontier.com**

by April 23.

THANK YOU!!