

# THE SONBEAM

NEW MARTINSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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our Hearts  
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The New Martinsville  
United Methodist Church  
extends Christian love and  
sympathy to family &  
friends of Steven Light,  
Rolland "Rollie" Bohrer,  
and Lulu Bell Roberts for  
the recent loss of their  
loved ones.

## COME WORSHIP WITH US

### SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM - Contemporary  
Service

10:45 AM - Traditional  
Service

Communion Served  
1st Sunday of Each Month  
All Are Welcome To Share  
Christ's Table

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 Disciples  
10:00 Open Hearts  
4:00 Small Group

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 A.M.

### STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 A.M.  
In Multi-Purpose Room  
K - 5th Grade  
6th - 12th Grade

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kanode

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Dear Friends,

March marks the one full calendar month we will spend in Lent this year. Palm Sunday ends March's sabbaths and begins a Holy Week that will end in April. March might just be the most unpredictable month—successively volatile and peaceful; containing winter's last punches and holding spring's first gentle kisses. We learn to take whatever each day gives us this moody month, with gratitude to God that we are alive to experience all the wonder and all the bewilderment.

Hopefully by now we have all selected what we are either giving up or taking on for Lent. Hopefully by now we are also well-established in our Lenten devotions and spiritual practices. Remember all of those spiritual practices we talked about this fall in our Sacred Life sermon series and book!

Even if you haven't yet begun experiencing or practicing Lent yet this year, it is not too late! You still have over a month before Easter! Holy Week really culminates Lent anyway, so whatever we each have in place for self-giving, self-examination, Bible reading, contemplation, and prayer should surely be well set by then. In other words, you still have time, my friend!

Feel free to call on me for any advice or guidance for your Lenten journey! I am here for you always, dear friends!

I love sharing this life with you!

Love and peace in Christ,

Your pastor,

Jeff

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### LOCAL MISSIONS & LOVE GIFT:

NMUMC would like to express our sincere gratitude for your donation of soup and crackers and for your continued generosity throughout February. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us assist those in our community who need it most.

In February, total households served was 33, with a total of 92 individuals benefitting from the food received from the pantry. Of the 33, 9 were new registers. Each box has approximately \$150 in nonperishable and frozen meat (totaling \$4,950). We have several from NMUMC and others in the community filling the three blessing boxes around the community with grab and go type food such as peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, etc. (approximately \$1,000 in food items); continued to fill the Library box with Christian books/Bibles, which is located at the west end of our parking lot. In cooperation with Catholic Charities and Community Resources, we assisted eight individuals with gasoline (\$200) doctor appointment, thirteen families with utilities (\$3,123), four families with rent (\$670) six nights hotel (\$600).

Provided a family 3 cleaning and grooming supplies items. Provided a person 2 pairs of gloves. Provided a person a pair of gloves. Provided a family an electric heater. Provided a person a house door, vinyl siding, and a hot water heater. Provided 2 families 7 cleaning items and 4 grooming items. Provided 2 families 2 laundry baskets, coffee cups, cooking pot, a pair of shoes, a kitchen sieve, a pot holder, 3 pairs underwear, 2 pairs sweat pants, a crib quilt, 2 pairs of gloves, a sewing table/cabinet, and a snow sled.

Received 12 boxes of macaroni & cheese for Helping Hand contributions. Received a queen sheet set from a family. Received 6 hoodies, 4 boxes of saltines, 5 cans of soup, and 20 bars of soap from the Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 12 cans of soup, 8 pairs of gloves, 39 rolls of toilet paper and 56 bars of soap from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received a dog crate from a family. Received a box of crackers from Souper Bowl contributions. Received 3 pairs of gloves from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 1 coat, toboggans, 4 pairs of gloves, 2 packages of 8 bars of soap, a scarf, and a pair of children's pajamas from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 2 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 4 hoodies from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 5 pairs of gloves, 2 toboggan / gloves sets, and 7 toboggans from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 5 boxes of pop tarts, 28 boxes of macaroni & cheese, a box of shells & cheese, 2 packages of pancake mix, and 19 boxes of corn bread mix from Gifts of Grace and Helping Hand contributions. Received 3 boxes of crackers from Souper Bowl contributions. Received 2 pillow cases from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 5 packages of 4 forks and 5 packages of 4 spoons from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received seven 12 roll packages of toilet paper and a four 14 bar packages of bar soap from Gifts of Grace contributions.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

NMUMC is meeting our budget financial needs for 2026 and is meeting the needs for making our Church building loan payments. Our January 2026 income exceeded expenses by \$18,379.47. Our budget working balance is \$69,940.03.

The January 2026 Building Fund contributions exceeded loan payments and expenses by \$11,984.90. The building fund balance as of December 31, 2025, is \$57,311.12. The remaining balance of the Church loan, as of December 31, 2025, is \$611,498.78. The payment schedule currently shows the loan will be paid in full April 13, 2033.

Capital projects to be paid from the Capital Fund balance of \$64,037.91

1. Install handrail on parsonage stairs from the driveway to the back porch. (Parsonage accrual fund).
2. Replace the sanctuary lighting controller. quote \$19,050. Updating quote from Erb Electric. Testing lights to improve the stage lighting for streaming services.
3. Replace the multi-purpose room carpet, Exploring types of floors. Current estimate \$45,000 for the material. Need to get information and a quote to include installation if acceptable.
4. Emergency generator installation. (With Wetzel County Emergency Manager and Commissioners). \$90,000 – Filed application for a grant.
5. Signage.

NMUMC appreciates your support of our ministries through your budget and building fund contributions, as well as your support for other church funds. Contributions to the food bank and local missions have been a huge blessing to our ministry of helping the local community.

## PRAYER SHAWLS & BLESSING BLANKETS



The Prayer Shawl and Blessing Blanket Ministry provides shawls and blankets to those seeking peace, comfort, and healing. Shawls and blankets are available in the Narthex. If you know someone who would be blessed by a prayer shawl or blanket, please take one. To assist with making items or donating materials, contact Debbie in the office.

## NEEDS

### Gifts of Grace Room

- Winter Gloves all sizes
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper

### Helping Hands

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Jiffy Cornbread

### Bags of Bounty

- Pop Tarts
- Ramen Noodles

## TIME CHANGE



Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 8, 2026. The time change is also a good reminder to check smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries and to restock your emergency supply kit.

## GIVING



Gifts to the Church may be given using the QR code, through the Realm App, or by placing your offering in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

## FROM UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The United Women in Faith would like to thank all the women and men that helped make the Easter egg project a success.

Eggs are available at the church Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. The choices are: Peanut butter, Cherry nut and Pecan; \$10 each.

The United Women in Faith meet the second Monday of each month at 11:00 AM. All women are welcome to join and share in the fellowship.

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Praise Worship 10:00 Sunday School all ages 10:45 Traditional Service 4:00 Small Group	2 8:15 Little Lambs 12:00 Little Lambs	3 8:15 Little Lambs 10:00 Devotions 12:00 Little Lambs	4 8:15 Little Lambs 12:00 Little Lambs	5 8:15 Little Lambs 12:00 Little Lambs 6:00 Dinner & Devotions	6	7
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