



# The Outlook

University Circle United Methodist Church

All are welcome. All the time.

February 2015

## chalk talk



BY DR. KENNETH W. CHALKER

The Gospel of Mark records that when Jesus rises up from the water after being baptized in the Jordan River, he hears the voice of God speaking this message into his mind. "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life." (The Message. Mark 1:11). While the message was given to Jesus directly, Jesus taught that, like him, we are also God's children and heirs to the Kingdom. So, the message is also for us...directly.

I cannot imagine a more important or more meaning-filled message to receive from God than the word that we are chosen and marked by God's love. To have the knowledge that our identity, our personality and our very soul are each rooted in the spiritual DNA of the Eternal Creator is foundational to living with a sense of worth in our world. And then, to think and believe that we are "chosen and marked by love" is absolutely essential for a healthy, purpose-filled life rooted in the knowledge of our sacred worth.

The belief that each one of us is a child of God and that God loves us is a profound, redemptive belief. It is not an easy cliché or some smooth, easy, psycho/theological babble of socially nice pleasantries. Rather, it is a core understanding of one's life that enables us to live in a world that can erode one's sense of worth nearly at every turn.

But truth be told, on the surface of things, hearing that we are each loved by God can have little impact. It just sounds "nice." It may even seem a dreamy, all-so-pleasant message for and from Sunday School, but not of much substantive consequence when there are significant challenges from real people doing not-so-nice and often violently hurtful things.

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## More Than Ever

# It's Black History Month

Usually, it's rather easy these days to say, "Hey, it's Black History Month." It's been a part of our lives for a while now, and we pretty much know what it's about. *This* year, however, it's safe to say that *this* Black History Month will feel much "heavier" to a lot of folks—black and white alike—than in years past.

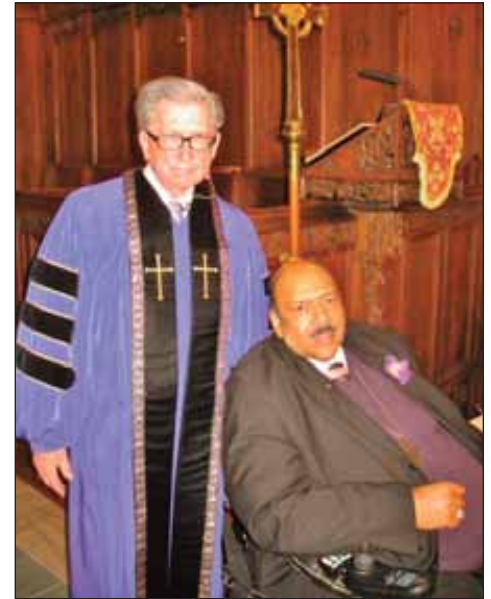
We walk into this month of February carrying the burdening images of Tamir Rice and Michael Brown and Eric Garner and others as reminders that, indeed, there is more work to be done, more right and wrong to be taught and learned, more communication and understanding to be shared.

Here at Church in the Circle, we have made these needs a priority by involving ourselves in our city's struggle to understand each other better. In this issue, you'll find an article headed "Social Justice in Our Community and Beyond," listing the two *Community Speaks* Forums sponsored by our MENS group this month. The first *would have* featured Michael McGrath, Cleveland's Safety Director, *until the city postponed any such visit via a letter received at press time*. But the second forum *will still* feature Steven Dettelbach, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Those who join us will address, among other things, the recent federal civil rights investigation into and dictates for our city's Division of Police.

In addition, several of our members will attend the Greater Cleveland Congregations' gathering at Olivet Baptist Church (also listed) where this group, of which we are a part, will offer recommendations for improving community understanding and relationships.

You might consider making it a personal priority to be a part of one or more of these gatherings.

Here at Church in the Circle, we celebrated last month the life and teachings of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., not only with music and liturgical dance but with the words



offered by our guest minister, the Rev. Dr. Charles Lucas, Jr., (pictured above) who spoke of his personal involvement with Dr. King and the message of non-violent protest and change. Remembering and following Dr. King's example has been...and is...a part of this church's life, last month, this month, every month.

Here at Church in the Circle, while we present music with African-American roots and composers throughout the year, our Chancel and Gospel Choirs will celebrate this Black History Month by offering additional spirituals and gospel favorites. And the FullCircle combo plays "People, Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield, among other pieces, with our Liturgical Dancers featured throughout the month.

When National Negro History Week was first observed in February, 1926, its founders, Carter Woodson and Jesse Moreland, probably had no idea how the nation's observance of the struggles, achievements and contributions of the African-American community would evolve into Black History

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# Topic: Social Justice in Our Community and Beyond

On December 7, 2014 following worship, 57 people gathered to share their reactions to the deaths of Tamir Rice,



Michael Brown, Eric Garner and others around the country. Jared and Danielle Gadomski Littleton convened the meeting and led the discussion. Participants expressed sadness, confusion, anger and fear for young people, particularly young black men in our community. Racial prejudice, systemic problems and an apparent disconnect between some police and the community were discussed.

By meeting's end, there was a general consensus that constructive conversations should continue, so that we as individuals and a congregation can take some positive steps toward improving relationships between safety forces and this community.

The following are opportunities for you to learn more about the Cleveland Division of Police in particular and the role citizens can play in improving social justice and citizen-police relationships. You are encouraged to attend these gatherings and to voice your opinion.

## ■ Tuesday, February 3, 7pm—Olivet Institutional Church, 8712 Quincy Ave.

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) will present its recommendations for the consent decree between the U.S. Department of Justice and the City of Cleveland. The U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio has confirmed he will be in attendance. GCC representatives anticipate that over 1,000 people will attend the event. Several members of our church plan to attend, and you are invited to join them. Contact Danielle Gadomski Littleton at 614.582.0089 or [dgadomski218@gmail.com](mailto:dgadomski218@gmail.com) for more information.

## ■ Sunday, February 8, 9:30am—University Circle United Methodist Church MENS group's *Community Speaks* Forum, Yoder Room

Guest speaker Michael McGrath, Cleveland's Safety Director, was scheduled to address the current situation involving the city's Division of Police but *has postponed his attendance. Watch for any alternative forum for this Sunday.*

## ■ Sunday, February 22, 9:30am—University Circle United Methodist Church MENS group's *Community Speaks* Forum, Yoder Room

Guest speaker Steven Dettelbach, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, addresses the recent civil rights investigation into the use of force by the Cleveland Division of Police which was conducted jointly by the Civil Rights Division's Special Litigation Section and his office, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio.

## Christmas Eve Services Touch More Lives



This past Christmas Eve, 576 people participated in our three services celebrating Jesus' birth. This represents an increase of 75 attendees compared with Christmas 2013 services. It is also the first Christmas Eve celebrated in the midst of our new Chancel space.



# Belly of the Whale Ministries

...located in our Church in the Circle

~Sharon Seyfarth Garner, *Spiritual Director*



## Nurture Your Spiritual Wellness in 2015

Join us for any of our upcoming Creative Pray-dates or Lenten Silent Retreats. Or treat yourself to the gift of ongoing spiritual direction as a meaningful way to tend to your spirit.

### Creative Pray-dates

**February 8 (1–2:30)—Create-your-own Mandala**—Come learn about the use of mandalas in the Christian tradition—from Gothic rose windows to the mandalas of 12th-century nun Hildegard von Bingen—and create your own personal mandala.

**March 8 (1–2:30)—Praying in Color: Drawing Your Way to God**—If you want to pray, but words escape you, your mind wanders or you are searching for a visual way to pray, come and explore prayer through doodling. (Based on the book by Sybil MacBeth,)

**May 3 (1–2:30)—Poetry Circle with WordSPA's Kim Langley**—Delight in the intersection of poetry and spirituality.

**Fee:** \$20/session (Registration required. Space is limited to only 10 participants per session.)

### Lenten Silent Retreats: March 3–4 or March 24–25

Stepet guided retreat as you spiritually prepare for Easter. Meet daily with a spiritual director who will guide you through meditation, prayer and discernment of the still small voice deep within. Return to your daily routine refreshed, revitalized and reassured of God's ongoing presence.

**Fee:** \$150 (includes lodging, meals & daily spiritual direction)

**Location:** River's Edge Retreat Center, Cleveland, Ohio

**Registration** is through Belly of the Whale Ministries (rather than through River's Edge). Please contact Sharon at 216-224-7452 or [spiritualdirection@att.net](mailto:spiritualdirection@att.net) to reserve your space. Space is limited to only four participants per session, so register early.

More information is available at [www.bellyofthewhaleministries.net](http://www.bellyofthewhaleministries.net). This year, I pray you will find the time you need to deepen your connection with God and nurture spiritual vitality in your everyday living. Peace on the journey.

# University Circle United Methodist Women



UMW supports a wide variety of missions, including Bethlehem Bible College, located in Bethlehem, Israel, and the Shepherd Society which is under the auspices of the college. The December Newsletter of Bethlehem Bible College printed highlights of 2014 including the following:

"A merger between Bethlehem Bible College's daughter branch, Galilee Bible College, and Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary was implemented. The new entity, called Nazareth Evangelical College, will help us develop stronger BA and MA programs."

"After a summer of horrendous fighting, the Shepherd Society provided relief supplies to Gaza and, in spite of the devastation, our 10 Gazan students continue their studies. The Shepherd Society also continues to send mission teams to serve Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan."

These are just two examples of how UCUMW dollars help spread God's love and work throughout the world.

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As a member of Church Women United in the University Circle District, our UMW group is helping them collect items to be given to the USO. These include cookies (bought or homemade), ground coffee, tea bags, sugar packets and dry creamer packets.

All items will be given to our local USO lounge at Hopkins International Airport for soldiers to enjoy before their travels.

Please bring items to the church the next two Sundays, February 8 and 15, and deposit them in the USO boxes located by the hall water coolers and in the narthex. Thank you!



ABOVE: Edna Duffy and the Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble singers perform at Carnegie Hall, February 16, as part of "Two Cultures—One Dream," featuring the world premiere of Earnestine Rodgers Robinson's oratorio, *Exodus*. The group's audition CD sealed the deal! Congratulations!  
ABOVE, CENTER: Scaffolding erected to enable current repair and restoration of the church's east façade  
RIGHT: Former Federal Judge Jean Capers acknowledges the congregation's singing to wish her a very happy 102nd birthday!



# GRACENOTES

~Nathan Motta, *Music and Arts Director*

With February comes a very moving, thought-provoking, stirring part of the church year. It wasn't long ago that we found ourselves in the hustle, bustle and celebration of Advent, Christmas and a New Year. And now, we've not only experienced the contemplative Martin Luther King Sunday service but are only a few weeks away from the beginning of Lent.

During the month of February, we focus specifically on Black composers and the music of African-American culture as we celebrate Black History Month. While we offer music from many different traditions all year long, it's important to take this opportunity to celebrate the African-American cultural experience. It's a wonderful time of the church year and something I personally look forward to.

As we move into Lent, we'll build up to an exciting Cantata service on March 22, when the Chancel Choir and FullCircle combo present selections from Duke Ellington's *Sacred Concerts*. This uplifting, moving music will be a new way to experience the messages of the Lenten season. Most famous for the tune "Come Sunday," this composition is one you will not want to miss.

Moving forward, you'll also get a chance to hear our Gospel Choir twice a month, on the first and third Sundays. Of course, our Liturgical Dancers will perform regularly as well, and our Bell Choir will share a wide

array of music, from the beautiful and meditative to the uplifting and fun.

Don't miss a moment as we at the Church in the Circle enter year five of bringing important experiences to our congregation through arts and music.



Our new moveable 3-manual organ console created by Charles Kegg of North Canton was unveiled during the December 14 worship service. It incorporates the keyboard manuals of our previous console, along with wooden pieces taken from separation panels removed during the Chancel renovation, but all stops, pedals and electronics have been updated.

## A Warm Welcome to Barry Bennett

Barry Bennett joins our staff as Director of Finance & Administration, taking on the responsibilities formerly held by Kay Hogg and Marina Grant. Barry has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Cleveland State University and a Master of Business Administration degree in Non-Profit Management from Walden University. Additionally, he has a Master of Public Administration—Public Sector Management degree from Park University.



\$350,000 to a multi-grant organization receiving in excess of \$3 million. Barry also worked as Chief of Finance in the early 2000's for the Cleveland Department of Public Health during Mike White's final years as mayor. In addition to his strong financial and administrative background, he is an experienced administrator and writer of federal grants.

A devout Christian, Barry has been an active participant in the life of his church, and although he and his wife, Barbara, will continue as members of that church, they both plan to regularly spend several Sundays with us at Church in the Circle.

Barry's email address is [bbennett@churchinthecircle.com](mailto:bbennett@churchinthecircle.com). Be sure to introduce yourself to him (and Barbara) at your earliest convenience and give them both our characteristic warm welcome!

## Winter Dining Opportunities

~ Judy Sockman, *Membership Coordinator/Programming Co-Coordinator*



**Mardi Gras Potluck**, Sunday, February 1—As Carnival Season 2015 begins, Church in the Circle will celebrate with a Mardi Gras Potluck in the Great Hall immediately following worship. A Cajun Jambalaya main dish prepared by Chef Extraordinaire Ben Magee will be provided for a suggested \$3.00 donation; all revelers are asked to *bring a dish to share*. There will also be kid-friendly food available, so this can be a family affair!

Dig out your Mardi Gras masks and beads to wear to worship on the 1st and get ready to enjoy a festive celebration with your church family, complete with N'awlins jazz music. *Let the Good Times Roll!*

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**MENS Group Luncheon**, Saturday, February 7, 1:30pm—All men of the congregation are invited to join in a time of lunch and fellowship at Quaker Steak and Lube, 5935 Canal Road, Valley View 44125.

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**Second-Sunday Lunch (SSL)** on **February 8** transports you to sunny Italy with a visit to *Trattoria on the Hill* following morning worship. Since 1984, Trattoria, in the heart of Little Italy, has been a restaurant that makes you feel like you are part of their extended family as soon as you walk in the door. Head "up the hill" and join your Church in the Circle friends for lunch. Reservations are required by Feb. 3 to Chiq Montgomery at 216-650-5348 or [chiqmont@gmail.com](mailto:chiqmont@gmail.com).

Looking ahead, the **March 8th SSL** happens at Pinata's Mexican Restaurant (formerly Mi Pueblo), 11611 Euclid Avenue, just a few blocks from the Church. Reservations for this month's lunch can be made by contacting Betz Richards at 440-235-9343 or [chefbetzi@aol.com](mailto:chefbetzi@aol.com).

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Back by popular demand, the annual **Potato Bar Potluck** will be held on **March 1** in the Great Hall immediately following worship. Sign-up forms will be available several weeks in advance and reservations are strongly requested. A suggested donation of \$3.00 per person covers the cost of the main dish. Bring a side dish to share and consider volunteering your help to set up, serve and clean up. See you there!



# HELP!

## Your Church, Your Treasures, Your Commitment

~Glenn E. Billington and the UCUMC Finance Committee

**It's a fact:** Our church's 2014 pledge campaign has fallen short of the projection made by the Finance Committee in preparing our 2015 operating budget. Based on prior years' experience, that budget assumed congregational support for this year would be \$620,000, with the bulk coming from pledged support. So far, we have received \$461,696 in pledges. Also, "pledging units" dropped this year from 171 to 156, although we did have a pleasant increase in our membership and attendance numbers.

Last year the Church completed several steps designed to strengthen our financial position, including consolidating our office staff, adding a talented and energetic staffperson to be directly responsible for attracting new members, completing the much-admired and efficient Chancel renovation, giving needed attention to the physical condition of our University Circle building and

working diligently on securing revenue from our E. 30th St. property as well.

BUT, pledges are still short of our needed congregational support for 2015.

If you have submitted a pledge card, THANK YOU! Could you yet see a way to bump it up a bit, or just add a supplemental gift as early in this year as possible?

If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so to help with our budgeting. If for some reason you choose not to pledge, please make the gifts you can for the continued operation of Church in the Circle—the faith family that plays such an important role in your life, the life of the entire congregation and the life of our extended community.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Committee with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you.



## What Is Planned Giving, and How Can It Help Our Church?

~Lennie Stover, *Financial Advisor, Stover Wealth Management, and the UCUMC Finance Committee*

**P**lanned giving, sometimes referred to as gift planning, is a way for individual donors to support our church with larger gifts than they could make from their income alone. These gifts may be made now or upon the donor's death via an amendment to their will or by designating University Circle United Methodist Church as a beneficiary on life insurance policies or retirement accounts. Using various estate and tax planning techniques allows the donor to maximize the impact of their gift to the Church and their heirs.

The most common planned gifts are appreciated stocks or real estate, either commercial or residential. The donor receives a charitable deduction for the full market value of the asset donated and avoids paying capital gains taxes from the sale—a significant savings. The donor also avoids the hassle of having to sell the asset, which the church handles.

Perhaps the easiest form of planned giving is amending one's will to include University Circle UMC as a beneficiary. Donors may designate that a certain percentage of their final estate or a fixed dollar amount goes to the church. Their original will may stay intact and be referenced in the amendment. We can provide such an amendment form to interested donors.

Another easy way to plan a gift is to make the church a beneficiary on one's life insurance or retirement accounts. The church may be the sole beneficiary or be designated to receive a fixed percentage. Using the church as the beneficiary on an individual retirement account, a 401(k) plan or any other qualified tax-deferred plan means that no income taxes will be paid on the portion the church receives.

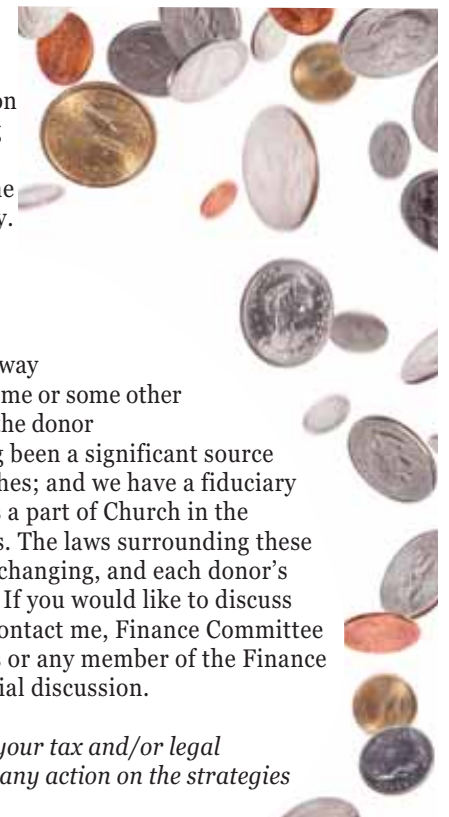
More sophisticated planned-giving techniques allow donors or their heirs to receive life-time income from an asset at fixed or variable rates. These may be charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder unitrusts, or annuity trusts, among others. Certain trusts may keep the future appreciation of an asset from increasing the value of the donor's estate, thereby *reducing* the potential estate tax liability.

In summary, there are three primary types of planned giving:

- An outright gift now
- A gift upon passing away
- Gifts that return income or some other financial benefits to the donor

Planned giving has long been a significant source of funding for many churches; and we have a fiduciary responsibility to make this a part of Church in the Circle's financial resources. The laws surrounding these techniques are constantly changing, and each donor's circumstances are unique. If you would like to discuss this topic further, please contact me, Finance Committee Chair Nicole Braden Lewis or any member of the Finance Committee for a confidential discussion.

*(Note: You should consult your tax and/or legal professional before taking any action on the strategies discussed above.)*



## chalk talk

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There is more. God told Jesus, “You are the pride of my life.”

Here is something so very important to take deep inside our minds and hearts. It is absolutely true that God loves us, but it is also absolutely important to live our lives in such a way that we also, like Jesus, make God PROUD of us.

Making the comment and holding the belief that God loves us without any sense of what that requires of us in return is flirting with cheap grace. Lots of real nasty folk believe that God loves them. And, God does. But, I sure would not forget that God seeks to be proud of us as well. If we lead a life that is an embarrassment to the Creator, or cause for the Creator of our lives to be disappointed that our lives are so poorly used and a source of pain for those around us, I most certainly think there is, like in everything else in life, a consequence.

I do not think it is a good idea to test the consequence for living a life that does not seek to make God proud.

Now, I am not talking about living a life like some kind of goody-goody two shoes—some self-righteous, social prude who mistakes avoiding vice for living a sacrificial life of spiritual holiness caring for other human beings. Rather, I am speaking about living a faithful life of seeking justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God. *That* is very hard work. But, in the end, it makes God proud.

OK. It is really very important that God chooses us and marks us by God’s love. That knowledge can save us from cynicism, despair and ultimately meaningless secularism. It is essential to be immersed in that message. But there is more. Are we, in response to that love and trusting in our identity as God’s son or daughter, living a life that makes God proud? Our lived-out answer makes all of the difference.

See you in church!

## UCUMC OUTLOOK

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# —MarketingMatters—→

~Aaron Collier, *Creative Marketing Strategist*

## Find Your Church on Facebook and Twitter

This month, you’re going to hear more about our efforts to expand our church’s exposure through Facebook and Twitter. These social media giants have already provided venues for more people finding out what Church in the Circle is about.

I encourage you to do what so many people do on Facebook: click “LIKE” on the things you see, read and indeed like about your church’s new Facebook page. This helps to increase the site’s popularity and spread the word about who we are. You can reach our new site at <https://www.facebook.com/UniversityCircleUnitedMethodistChurch>.

You can also “follow us on Twitter” at @CircleChurch or by going to <https://twitter.com/CircleChurch>.

Both sites are growing, and we hope you are a weekly, even daily, part of it all!



## A Personal Tribute to Marina Grant

~ Kay Hogg, Administrative Project Manager, *Retired*

About five years ago, Marina Grant met with Dr. Chalker to offer her considerable financial skills as a volunteer for her church. As Chief Financial Officer of E.F. Boyd & Son Funeral Homes, she told Ken that she wanted especially to help me because she felt I was overwhelmed with too many responsibilities. That was a day for which I, and our church in the circle, can never express enough gratitude.

Over these years, Marina performed tasks for which the church would have had to pay significant dollars, were we to have hired a comparable professional. She gave tirelessly toward compiling monthly financial reports, processing weekly contributions and invoices, preparing and overseeing the operating budget, paying bills and meeting regularly with the Finance Committee. Each week she took at least one day off from her duties at the funeral home to be at the church to help me with these financial activities. Additionally, she spent untold hours of her personal time working electronically remotely from her home in an effort to give back to the church which means so much to her.

As we worked side-by-side, I realized that Marina had blessed this church beyond measure with her talented financial abilities and her keen mind. Personally she has blessed me with her friendship, for which I am grateful every day.



Marina and I are both fully stepping down from our responsibilities this month—at least as they pertain to the financial and administrative aspects of our “jobs.” Never fear; we will still be around, putting our two cents into the mix and helping as we are able.

I recently saw this quote by Albert Schweitzer that seems apt to me as I consider trying to express my and our gratitude to Marina: “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.”

Marina is that spark for our church in the circle. Join me in thanking her for the gift she has been and continues to be to this church.

## It’s Black History Month

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Month. But their efforts spawned what is today an expansive, wonderful recognition of the Black journey and the painful progression toward mutual understanding and respect.

Here at Church in the Circle, we honor this journey not only during Black History month but every month, in our diversity, our

inclusiveness, our relationships. We celebrate it with our words, our music, our dance, our hugs, all year through. We only hope that this example of redemptive love and shared respect can indeed be observed in all persons who gather during this special month or any month to find ways to “fix” our city’s future through social justice. As Jesus still teaches, it’s the loving, caring, right way to be.



# OUTREACH CORNER

## Opportunities to Volunteer Your Time and Talents

On Sunday, March 1, in conjunction with our now-famous annual Potato Bar Potluck, the Outreach Committee of Church in the Circle will be hosting an "Opportunities Fair." After worship, please stop in the Gym to discover how you can make a difference in our church, our neighborhood and beyond.

Representatives from the Outreach Committee will share information on a variety of volunteer options available in 2015, including Neighborhood Lunch, Neighborhood Basketball, Mary B. Martin School, a



*Enjoy a great lunch, then sign up to help with our Neighborhood Lunch program.*

summer construction project and more.

Also participating will be the United Methodist Women (UMW) of our Church in the Circle, presenting their projects and the multitude of missions they support both financially and through hands-on

activities. Other groups may be present to promote their volunteer opportunities as well.

After a stop at the Potato Bar in our Great Hall, please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about how you might participate in the important activities that are happening in our church and beyond.

*Several of the church's "Christmas Elves" who delivered books to each child in Mary B. Martin School in December.*





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# What's Happening

## February:

- 1 Uppity Women, 9am, Parlor  
Dr. Chalker's class, 9:30am, Yoder Room  
Outreach Committee, 9:15am, Great Hall  
Communion during worship  
Mardi Gras Potluck, following worship, Great Hall
- 4 Neighborhood Basketball, 4-8pm, gym
- 7 M.E.N.S. Group, 1:30pm, Quaker Steak, Valley View
- 8 M.E.N.S. Forum speaker, Michael McGrath: *POSTPONED*  
SSL, following worship, Little Italy
- 10 Neighborhood Basketball, 4-8pm, Gym
- 11 Trustees, 6pm, Reception Room
- 15 Uppity Women, 9am, Parlor  
Dr. Chalker's class, 9:30am, Yoder Room
- 16 Presidents' Day—church office closed
- 18 Ash Wednesday services, noon and 7pm, Chapel
- 22 M.E.N.S. Forum speaker, Steven Dettlebach, 9:30am, Yoder Room  
Neighborhood Lunch, 1:30, Great Hall
- 23 Finance, 6pm
- 24 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon, Reception Room  
Neighborhood Basketball, 4-8pm, Gym

## March:

- 1 Potluck with Opportunities Fair, 12:30, Great Hall

## ~SUNDAYS~

Adult classes at 9am in the Parlor, 9:30am in the Yoder Room  
Children's Sunday School Classes begin at 10:45am  
Middle School and High School Youth meet during worship  
Worship at 11am, Sanctuary  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsals, before and after worship

## ~ONGOING~

Neighborhood Basketball (check with office for days)  
Chancel Ringers (hand bells) rehearsal, Wednesdays, 6-7:15pm  
Chancel Choir rehearsal, Wednesdays, Sanctuary, 7:15-9pm  
Gospel Choir rehearsal, Thursdays, 7pm  
Neighborhood Lunch, last Sundays, 1pm  
SSL (Second-Sunday Lunch) following worship  
MENS Speaker Forum, as announced

