



**Community Good Friday Service will be hosted at the United Methodist Church, March 30 @ 7 pm**

# bowman umc News and Views

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## MARCH 2017

MARCH NEWS AND VIEWS TO HELP YOU STAY CONNECTED!

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### Are you ready to see your "fixer-upper?"

I sometimes like to watch TV in the evening. Helps me unwind. One of my favorite TV shows is on HGTV (Home and Garden TV), and it's called "Fixer Upper." The show is set in Waco, Texas, and the hosts are Chip and Joanna Gaines, a married couple who take older homes, or what we would affectionately call "fixer uppers" and "fix them up."

I like the whole show, including the silly stuff that Chip does and the way Joanna puts up with him! But arguably my FAVORITE part of the show is the demolition. Yes, I love the part where they tear into the old walls with sledgehammers and rip things apart. You see dust flying, holes kicked into the sheetrock, kitchen cabinets being ripped off the walls and smashed. I think that looks like so much fun!

It might seem that tearing old stuff down is so destructive and wasteful. But the thing about creating something new of beauty, is that you must tear the old away first. You can't keep the old, with all the problems and the dysfunction. You must first get rid of that, before you can put up the new.

During this season of Lent, we hear the story of Jesus storming the temple

in Jerusalem during the week of Passover. He is livid, because the sellers are turning the holy place of worship into a marketplace. People who had traveled many miles to attend the Passover festivities and needed a suitable animal for sacrifice were being charged exorbitant prices. Those needing local currency were being taken advantage of by the money changers. Jesus hates injustice, because he's a just God.

The old temple system had been broken, corrupted, and it needed to be torn out before it could be "fixed up." Jesus did the best job of "fixing up" because not only did he remove the corruption, but he completely relocated the place of the temple: now, it exists in the flesh. Jesus, who is "God in a bod" (John 1:14) says, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." Of course, as we learn in the text, Jesus meant his own resurrection.

As co-workers with God, we also house the new temple of God's Spirit in our lives (1 Cor. 6:19). So, with God's help, let's make sure it's in good shape. Let's remove from our habits and thoughts that which is destructive or worn out and replace it with something pleasing to God. "Are you ready to see your fixer-upper?"

*Pastor Ron*



Keep up with birthdays, anniversaries, and events with these calendars. (Find archived electronic copies of newsletters at [www.bowmanumc.org](http://www.bowmanumc.org)) **p. 2-3**



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Sparks' Family & Canada's Double Portion!



## Reaching out with the love of Christ

**MARCH 4:** John 2:13-22

**MARCH 11:** John 3:14-21

**MARCH 18:** John 12:20-33

**MARCH 25:** John 12:12-16 (Palm Sunday)

## Bowman United Methodist Calendar of Events for MARCH, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
SS = Sunday School, incl. Confirmation students & adults WoW! = <i>the Word on Wednesdays!</i> NH = <i>Nursing Home</i> ERT = <i>Early Release Time</i>			 Each Wednesday eve from 7 – 8 pm, beginning on Feb. 21 and ending on Mar. 28		1	2	3
4 9—SS for all ages 10:10—Worship	5 7 pm-- Friendship Circle	6 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study	7 2 pm—ERT 6 pm—WoW! 7 pm—Lenten #3	8	9	10	
Pastor Ron @ Inspiration Hills near Canton, SD for Walk to Emmaus							
11 9—SS for all ages <i>No confirmation today</i> 10:10—Worship  Pastor Ron@ Walk to Emmaus	12	13 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study	14 2 pm—ERT 7 pm—Lenten #4	15	16	17	
18 9— <i>No children's SS or Confirmation today</i> (Spring Break) 10:10—Worship	19	20 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study	21 2 pm—ERT 7 pm—Lenten #5	22	23	24	
25 – Palm Sunday 9—SS for all ages 10:10—Worship	26	27 2:30 pm—NH Bible Study 6:30 pm—Ad Board	28 2 pm—ERT 7 pm—Lenten #6	29	30 Good Friday Service @ UMC	31	

### Memorial Gifts...

- ❖ Nick & Deb Maher, IMO Bertha Will
- ❖ Randy & Holly Seifert, IMO Joan McConnell
- ❖ The following IMO Mary Juntunen:  
Peg Ahlness, Anonymous, Ron & Orpha Bowman, Cash Gifts, Rod & Dorinda Diede, Nancy Gussy, Mark & Linda Nygard, Jeff & Kim Oakland, Gene May, Larry & Peg Njos, Weishaar, Lynne Reinhiller, Art & Lorraine Scanson, Victoria Stegner, Y Stegner, Lauren Stuber, Wendy Stuber
- ❖ Ron & Orpha Bowman, IMO John & Clara Bowman and Dr. Harland & Lydia Mahin
- ❖ Jeff & Kim Oakland, IMO Dallas Miller
- ❖ Nick & Deb Maher, IMO Louisa Zimmerman
- ❖ Anonymous, IMO Karen Giannonatti
- ❖ Jason & Sasha Ruggles, for snow removal



*In the past year, we have seen many members and friends choose the option of giving memorial gifts. It's a great way to support the work, ministry and outreach of the church, while at the same time remembering, in a very tangible way, your loved ones. **Thanks so very much for your generous giving!***

## MARCH Birthdays and Anniversaries @ Bowman United Methodist Church

<i>From birth, I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. Psa. 71:6</i>		<i>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Eph. 4:2-3 (Anniversaries in Bold Italics)</i>		1	2 Bobbie Stearns	2
4	5	6 Reed Marmon	7	8	9 Randy Seifert	10 Randy Seifert
11 <i>Steve and Darlene Weigum</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Sherman Oakland	22 Ross Reinhiller  Bryant Fuchs	23	24 Amy Temple Shayla Jacobs Tom Williams Sydnee Kidd
25	26 Jayda Miller	27	28 Marion Lewton Susie Powell	29	30	31



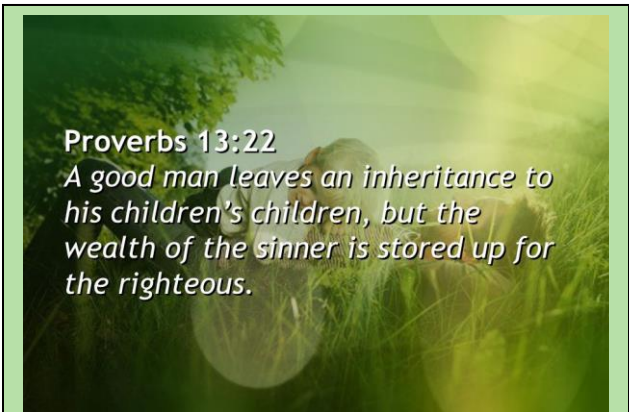
By the numbers...

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Bowman United Methodist Church! May you experience the rich blessings that come from blessing others!

God doesn't want to take your money. He just doesn't want your money to take you.

— Andy Stanley —

Monthly budget:	\$	<b>10,900.00</b>	<b>Feb 2018</b>
Jan. general giving to the budget:	\$	3,840.00	
Design. gifts/special offering:	\$	<u>33.99</u>	
Total giving for January 2017:	\$	3,873.99	



**Proverbs 13:22**  
*A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.*







February, 2017

Members present: Nola Horvey (Chairperson), Margie Russ (Treasurer), Ron Bowman (at large), Rod Diede (Finance), Dorinda Diede (Financial Sec.), Roy Horvey (at large), and Pastor Ron Olson.

Nola called meeting to order with a reading and prayer.

**Secretary Report:** Approved with minor spelling corrections.

**Treasurer Report:** \$15,000 from undesignated memorial fund to general fund was made today. Rod made a motion to accept treasurer's report. Dorinda seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pleased with turnout and help for Mary Juntunen funeral. Don Zubke from Gideon's will make presentation this coming Sunday (Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>). There will be a shower for Seifert twins on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. The February meeting moved to the 27<sup>th</sup> because of medical commitment for pastor's family.

**Finance Report:** \$21,000 balance in checking account. \$5,600 in undesignated memorial fund. \$7257.00 was the amount of the apportions paid for July through December of 2017. The memorial committee worked on combining some of the smaller funds.

**Trustee Report:** Pastor Ron expressed a need to have a policy that the parking lots be cleared of snow at least 2 hours prior to event.

**Worship Committee Report:** Training more people to run computer.

### Old Business

1. Sign on lawn on hold until spring.
2. Thrivent Choice recommendation was sent by Horvey's, waiting for church application.
3. Dorinda will call Dick McElmury to see what he knows about safety deposit box.
4. Business cards have not been started.

### New Business

1. Nola brought up the idea to have an I-pad for others to use for the screen during worship when Holly and Melissa are gone. Dorinda made a motion to consider purchasing an I-pad for worship with memorial funds. Rod seconded the motion, motion carried. Pastor will call on some young people for their expertise.
2. Dorinda spoke with Melvin Faris and he is going to look into chimes for the church in memory of Marie Faris. Dorinda suggested we play them before our worship on Sunday plus special occasions.
3. Discussion was held on paying apportionments. Dorinda made a motion that we should evaluate our budget quarterly and pay accordingly. If not possible for us to pay, wait 6 months and reevaluate. Orpha seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Pastor lead us in closing prayer.

Respectably submitted by Roy Horvey

### *Looking Ahead into April...*



Mark your calendars NOW to be sure you don't miss these two special events! **On April 8, Syd and Andrea Sparks, our missionaries to Uganda**, will be in Sunday School and worship. They will be reporting on the exciting things God is doing in their ministry. And then Sun. morning, **April 22**, let's get ready to rock and roll (or clap our hands, at least!) with **Canada's Double Portion**, a family who glorifies God with their music!