



THE FAUBION LINK

March 2024

Gladstone's
First Congregation
Serving Christ Since 1837

STAFF

Jen Shelton - **Lead Pastor**
Matt Martz - **Assoc. Pastor**
John Foster
Music and Choir Director
Organist / Accompanist
Marva Besette
Administrative Assistant

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

ADC Chair - Tammy Eldridge
ADC Secretary - Darlene Yeo
Baby Grace - DeEtta Jacobs
Care Team - Marie Madinger
Faubion Women - Monika Burris
Finance Chair - Eric Sligar
Financial Sec. - Penny Wrich
Food Pantry - Natalie Sligar
Kitchen Crew - Judy Steele
Lay Leader - Terry Runyan
Membership - Vicki Ohnell
Nominations - Pastor Jen S.
Prayer - Tammy Eldridge
SPRC - Noel Chase
Treasurer - Glenda Berg
Trustees - DeEtta Jacobs
UM Men - Kenny Eldridge
Worship - Pastor Matt Martz

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Worship Service 11:00 am

Faubion
youth meet
with others
at Gashland
UMC!

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

Youth group will meet on March 24 at 2 pm.
Activity to be determined.

UMYouth Lock-In - for Grades 6 - 12

Friday, April 19 at 5 pm to Saturday, April 20 at 8 am



2024 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

We held our first Administrative Council Team meeting of the year on Monday, February 12th with 13 people attending. We will be meeting monthly this calendar year. Our minutes will be posted so you can stay up to date on what Faubion's leadership group discussed.

We've begun the year with a survey of the leadership to lead our work for 2024. All members of Faubion are encouraged, and welcomed, to attend. We meet the second Mondays of the month at 7pm. Hope to see you there! - Administrative Council Team



THE FAUBION WOMEN

We had 13 ladies in attendance at our February meeting and enjoyed hearing a speaker from Della Lamb charities. We expect to have future speakers at our meetings from the charitable organizations that we support.

Planning is under way for another successful Spring Fling Sale by the Faubion Women on April 19th and 20th. The support of this event over the past years was always much appreciated and the baked goods donated were a popular item.

We are hoping that everyone, that might be so inclined, will take an opportunity to locate gently used items, that are no longer needed, before our sale. Carol Burton is responsible for the storage of the sale items and you are welcome to bring them any Sunday or if necessary set up a convenient time. It is possible that we may set up a delivery Saturday prior to the sale.

Many of you may already know, but we thought we should reiterate the items we are not able to include and they are large furniture and clothing. ~ Monika





Faubion's Financial Snapshot as of January 31, 2024

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Gain / <Loss></u>
January	\$ 11,204.14	\$ 8,589.31	\$ 2,614.83
Year to Date	\$ 11,204.14	\$ 8,889.31	\$ 2,614.83
<i>Conference</i>	<u>2024 Assessment</u>	<u>Paid Year to Date</u>	<u>Left to Pay</u>
	\$ 18,005.00	\$ 486.18	\$ 17,518.82

EASTER COLLECTION

Hi all, with Holy Week coming up, I wanted to touch base with you all and let you know we will be distributing special giving envelopes at our services. The envelopes will be in the Narthex. Obviously, an envelope is not needed if you feel compelled to give. We very much appreciate any gifts you can provide. Know that every penny counts, especially during this season of need. - Eric



BABY GRACE OPEN HOUSE

Faubion's chapter of Baby Grace had another successful Open House on Saturday, February 17th. We served 24 mothers, representing 39 kiddos. We provided 1,417 diaper & pull ups along with 31 packages of wipes.

Our mothers could also select clothes, books, toys, strollers, high chairs & so much more. Our next open house will be May 18th. ~ Carol Burton

THE FAUBION PAPER BOWL

It was again a repeat success.
Just like our CHIEFS!!!!

Every year, we collect paper goods and supplies. Thank you all for contributing to the paper bowl as it support the many events we host here at Faubion UMC. Here is the final tally.



5	bottles	Air Fresheners
1	Can	Coffee, Regular
15	reams	Copy paper 8 1/2 x11 size - 500 sheets
350	cups	Cups - 8 oz. Coffee
320	cups	Cups - 9 oz. clear for cold drinks
6	bottles	Dish soap, Dawn - 24 or 28 ounce preferred
14	bottles	Hand soap - Kitchen & Bathrooms
21	boxes	Kleenex, 2 ply
180	plates	Chinet Plates - large dinner, 8-10"
13	pkg,	Napkins - dinner size - 200 per pkg.
150	plates	Paper Plates - small dessert - approx. 7"
48	rolls	Paper Towels -- Select a Size
109	rolls	Toilet Paper - 2 ply
73	bags	Trash Bags - 13 gal., tall white Kitchen
270	bags	Trash Bags - 55 gal.
6	boxes	Ziplock Bags - quart 40 count

MOZAMBIQUE INITIATIVE

Here is an update for the Mozambique initiative chapel we helped team up with Muhalaze to pay part church building. Slow going but there is progress! - Natalie



Dear Eric,

Greetings from Mozambique. We had a good visit with Andy Scott_ the ICM representative to Muhalaze church. We met with church representatives and realized some progress in construction process_ see attached photos.

They shared some challenges they encountered in the course of construction as there has been many changes in builders, including some flooding in the neighborhood and significant rises in the cost of building materials. All these made them spend more than required.

At present the roof frame is being worked on to be assembled on the structure. The church is running short of funds to purchase the zing sheets (approximately \$4,762). It will take a while until these funds are raised locally. It is only after this phase that the ICM can send phase 3 funds to plaster, ground concrete, doors and windows placement and paint. The project is late for more than a year for its completion under the ICM requirements.

THANKS once again for helping complete Muhalaze's dream. This is a very strong congregation, participative and committed. Blessings, *Ezy*, MiR



OPERATION GRATITUDE

Operation Gratitude is honored to provide support to both our Military and First Responder communities. They are inviting us to express our gratitude to all who serve by sponsoring the



assembly and shipment of a Care Package for \$25. By becoming a donor, you will be part of a nationwide network of appreciative Americans. As global tensions rise, we ask that you join us in thanking those who defend our values, democracy, and freedom. U.S. troops are being mobilized to Israeli waters in reaction to the brazen terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians by the terrorist organization Hamas.

To donate a care package link or web address: [Operation Gratitude - Giving with Gratitude - Operation Gratitude](https://www.operationgratitude.com/operation-gratitude-giving-with-gratitude-october-2023/)
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~ Natalie Sligar

Thank you all so much for the wonderful meals delivered to our house and the visits that went with the meals, the gift cards, all the cards, texts and phone calls of support from our church family. This unexpected health journey has been longer than we anticipated. Thank you to Tammy Eldridge for all of her Uber trips in all kinds of yucky weather. We are blessed to receive so much love and support from our Faubion family.

I am looking forward to Spring for many reasons. May we all feel the new creation of life in and around us. God is the Great Physician. He has been with me all through my healing, and I give him the glory and thanks for not giving up on me. I think I wore Him out in January. With grateful hearts.

Peggy and Noel Chase



Thank you

LOVE INC'S CARE PANTRY IS IN SHORT SUPPLY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Love INC keeps in touch with families through its monthly Care Plan Ministry. The Care Plan is a promise to families receiving financial assistance to stay connected by providing them with six months of ongoing personal care and household cleaning items. Because we are helping more families with rent and utility assistance, the demand for Care Pantry items is going up.

The critical Care Pantry needs today are: Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Men's and Women's Deodorant, Men's and Women's Body Wash, Baby Wash, Baby Shampoo, Baby Lotion, Baby Ointment and Baby Wipes.



Place your donations in the green "Love INC." bin on the collection table in Fellowship Hall.

One of the Core Values of Love INC is prayer. Please join our team in praying for the families we serve together. - David Rathbun, Executive Director drathbun@loveincofclaycounty.org



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

Reminder - Faubion has several medical items available for loan. These items include shower chairs, commodes, crutches, a wheel chair and slide board. Please contact Marjorie Riley at 816-536-8743 if you have a need. The wheel chair in the narthex is not for loan, as we need to keep it for use in the church. Thanks - Marjorie

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Please join us in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings for in-person worship service at 11:00am. If you can't join us in the building, join us from wherever you are, as we livestream on YouTube. Look under the "live" category at... https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_7fR0RQkQVFXOAAOo8fJxQ/featured

The internet provides a wealth of information but how do you know who really speaks for the UMC?

Our Church - www.faubionumc.com

Our Region - www.northwest.moumethodist.org

Our State - www.moumethodist.org

Our World - www.umc.org and www.umcom.org

Check out these websites
for things the church wants to share and
things you'll be glad to know!

March Calendar Highlights

Birthdays

Samuel Heustis	2-Mar	Dottie Lee	11-Mar
Jay Barrett	5-Mar	Eric Sligar	14-Mar
Marie Madinger	6-Mar	Carol Stephens	24-Mar
Lauren Eldridge	8-Mar	Louise Welker	27-Mar
Zachary Eldridge	8-Mar	Sandy Pugh	29-Mar
Lorie Weber	9-Mar	Kenny Eldridge	31-Mar



Anniversaries

Glenn & Joan Fowler	3-Mar
Darrell & Mari Rodman	15-Mar
Lowell & Marilyn Parks	22-Mar
Kelli & Tom Clayton	24-Mar
Kenny & Tammy Eldridge	26-Mar

We don't want to miss your SPECIAL DAY! If you have recently become a church member or attend regularly, please give our secretary your, (and your spouse's) birthday, and if applicable, your anniversary date. Don't worry - we won't share the year you were born with anyone!

FROM FAUBION'S CALENDAR AND FROM THE OFFICIAL UMC PROGRAM CALENDAR

This Month

PLANNING AND SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Next Month

March - Women's History Month

A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial thru March

3, 10, 17 & 24 - Sundays in Lent

1 - World Day of Prayer

10 - Alternate Scouting Ministries Sunday

10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

10 - UMCOR Sunday

17 - St. Patrick's Day

19 - 1st Day of Spring

23 - Spring Cleanup of Church Grounds & Building

24 - 30 Holy Week

24 - Palm Sunday

28 - Maundy Thursday

29 - Good Friday

30 - Holy Saturday

31 - Easter Day



April

2 - Election Day

14 - Native American Ministries Sunday

17 & 18 - Spring Fling Setup

19 & 20 - Spring Fling

19 & 20 - Youth Lock-in

21 - Festival of God's Creation

22 - Earth Day

25 - World Malaria Day



LIFTING SPIRITS!

Your phone calls, cards and visits will brighten someone's day! Please call the office if you need to get, or wish to share, contact information about anyone who would benefit from this.



Reaching Everyone When requesting that a message be sent out to the congregation, please **SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION IN WRITING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE** so that it's complete, it's correct and it will reach exactly the right people.
TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER BY MARCH 14TH. THANK YOU!