

I am not a fan of Sprinter

I like all four seasons of the year. That's why I live in Ohio. Each has beauty, character and unique activities.

If there is one time of the year I dislike, it is Sprinter—the season between Winter and Spring. After the last snow melts, there is always a brown, chilly, dreary, wet season until the flowers bloom, the trees bud, and the earth begins its annual rebirth.

I like being a pastor. I am privileged to walk with Christian people in their joys and disappointments. I like to preach and teach. There are so many aspects of this calling that fascinate and fulfill me. That's why I have been a pastor for all these years.

There is something I dislike—preaching about sin. I prefer to expound on love, grace, hope, salvation, and God's holiness. We are currently engaged in a church-wide study of the seven deadly sins, and I am preparing a message on this Sunday's sin du jour.

I like being a Christian. My sins are forgiven. Jesus is my friend who is closer than a brother. I have a high calling and a purpose. My heavenly reward is magnificent.

There's something I dislike. From time to time, the Holy Spirit convicts me of sin. He calls me out for something in my life which displeases God and demands that I rid it from my life.

As I reflect, I realize that this yucky time of the year pretty well coincides with Lent. When Ash Wednesday rolls around, I think it's about time that winter end. Yet, for a while longer it hangs around and produces cold, damp, dreary, windy days. About the time Easter comes, we see spring flowers begin to bloom as the earth enters full reawaken mode.

Lent is a good time for the yucky part of Christian living. What does God want me to give up—not for forty days but for the rest of my days? To what new spiritual discipline or ministry is God calling me?

It is important to know what the Bible teaches about sin, so I have an accurate measure of what God expects. If my only measures are my opinions and preference, I will probably be lost to wallow in practices God abhors. As much as I dislike Holy Spirit conviction, I need him to do that in my life. I also need him to lead me to higher ground through sanctifying grace.

I probably still won't like Sprinter, but I can find joy and meaning in each day, and I might even appreciate the importance of this season in the God ordained annual climate cycle.

I invite you to join me in observing a holy Lent. What is God teaching you, what is God teaching me during this season? God, give us discernment and obedience.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Brad

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Larry Leatherman will be attending the Kairos meeting the weekend of March 27th. Larry needs to take 120 dozen cookies with him. All cookies need to be at the church no later than March 18th. As a reminder, chocolate chip, peanut butter, sugar cookies are great!!! Please place 1 dozen cookies in each bag. Let's get baking!!!!!!

Our District Superintendent, Scot Ocke, will be leading listening post regarding the upcoming proposal that will be presented at the General Conference in May. Everyone is invited to attend. Please call the conference office to register at (419) 897-9770. Listening post will be held at the following locations:

- ***Sunday, March 8th 2:00pm Old Fort UMC***
- ***Sunday, March 8th 4:30pm Bowling Green First UMC***
- ***Sunday, March 15th 2:00pm Archbold UMC***
- ***Sunday, March 15th 4:30pm Perrysburg Grace UMC***
- ***Sunday, March 22nd 2:00pm Napoleon Christ UMC***
- ***Sunday, March 22nd 4:30pm Aldersgate UMC***



SOUP AND PIE LUNCHEON

Join us March 15th after worship for a soup and pie luncheon served by our Sr. High YF students. A free will donation will be collected to help with the cost of their mission trip June 7-12 to Benton Harbour, MI. Pies will be judged in the following categories: prettiest, tastiest, original and best non pie dessert.



Join us for an open house with Matt & Tiffany McClure, who are missionaries that we support. Adults and college age students are invited to get to know Matt & Tiffany and learn about their ministry on and off the BGSU campus. Discover how you can get involved prayerfully and financially. The open house will be at Zeb and Rachel Orr's home on March 8th from 3-5 pm. Please RSVP at 419-533-3356, if you can join us.

March Servant Schedule

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
8:15 Door Greeters	T. Tedrow Family	Seagrave Family			
8:15 Nursery	S. Tedrow Family		Spangler Family	Young Family	
S. S. Door Greeters			J. Leatherman Family	Atkinson Family	
S.S. Nursery	Martin Family	Starkey Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	S. Clapp Family	Eloise Griteman
10:30 Door Greeters			J. Leatherman Family	Atkinson Family	
10:30 Nursery	Keller Family	Hausch Family	Trapp Family	Mack Family	Oberhaus Family
Greeters Welcome Center	D. Mohler Family	B. Sharpe Family	T. Myers Family		Starkey Family

Prayer
 *Changes things*
Let us pray for you with Faith
Believing
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Family and friends of Jim Shafer (Terry Shafer's brother) - Jim passed away January 27th; Carl Carter—Knee surgery; Sharon Sharpe—Knee Surgery; Jaxon Overmier (Tom & Cindy Overmier's grandson) - Health concerns; Lowynn Atkinson—Knee surgery, David Willeman—Lung infection/lung cancer.

Long-Term Needs: Judy Strayer - Health concerns; Russ Strayer—Health concerns; Mike Collier—Health concerns; Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Leo "Bud" Zenz, Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Arleen Weaks	2 Jillian Clapp Don & Jeanne Meter	3 Leah Orr Telly Ley	4 Alex Starkey	5	6 	7 Andrew Myers
8 Staci Cramer	9 Brittany Gillen	10	11 	12 Ainsley Quigley Rita Bare Ron Saneholtz Roger Saneholtz	13 Ethan Myers Caelyn Booth	14 Sharon Stites Kristy Keller
15 Bryce Trapp Eric Witte	16 Lucas Estelle Byronna Bare	17 Linda Vollmar	18	19 Seth Oberhaus Bill Sharpe Grady Trapp Ron & Jeanette Saneholtz	20 Maisie Masuwa	21
22 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	23 Kate Bare	24 Carrie Quigley	25 Kortney Mack Cory & Jessica Trapp	26 Dan & Rita Bare	27 Dan Hogrefe	28 
29 Sherri Shafer	30 Ethan Gutierrez	31 Rebekah Orr	<h1>March</h1>			
		<h1>Birthdays and Anniversaries</h1>				If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, and you would like it to be on there, please let the office know!! Thanks.



Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided)
 9:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

Classic Worship
 Praise Celebration
 Classes for All Ages

Sunday School:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12-6 pm Fellowship Hall reserved	2 6 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Ad. Council	3 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	4 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	5 3-5 pm ROCK	6 7 am Men's Prayer Time	7 7 am Men's Prayer Time
8 1:30 pm Agape Mis- sions Worldwide Confirmation Class starts	9 6 pm UMM 7:30 pm Worship	10 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7:30 pm SPRC	11 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF 7:30 pm Choir	12 3-5 pm ROCK	13 7 am Men's Prayer Time	14 7 am Men's Prayer Time
15 11:45 am YF Soup and Pie Luncheon	16 9-10 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	17 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK	18 12 pm Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM & Pastor Brad's study 7:15-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	19 3-5 pm ROCK	20 7 am Men's Prayer Time	21 7 am Men's Prayer Time
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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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*“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that He is
overflowing to others.”*

Return Service Requested

March 2020

