

# The Connection

Country Club  
United Methodist Church  
February 2016

## Coming Events

Sat., Feb. 6 – 10:00-12 noon  
Marriage Enrichment class

Wed., Feb. 10 – 7:30 am & 7:30 pm  
Ash Wednesday Services.  
Lent begins

Thurs., Feb. 11 – 6:30 pm Financial  
Peace University starts

Sun., Feb. 14 – 9:45 am “Great Love  
Stories from the Bible”

## Valentine's Day



Mon., Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day.  
Church Office Closed

## Worship Theme for February:

# *The Disciple Ship*



The Latin word for discipline is a verb meaning *to learn*. Therefore, to be a disciple means we are learners first, then leaders practicing what we've learned. Discipleship is an ongoing process of Christian Living.

Come and be part of the magical mystery cruise of a lifetime. I'll share something I've learned along the way: it's hard to step out of the boat for Jesus, if we dare not get on board in the first place.

*Pastor Jenn Klein*

*Reaching, Growing, Caring, Sharing*  
*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

## Love is in the Air



### Marriage Enrichment Class

All married couples are invited to attend a marriage enrichment class from 10-12 on Sat., Feb. 6.

Luci Lee, PhD and a licensed psychologist, will lead the morning discussion. Luci has worked with individuals and couples for more than 25 years. Join in and share stories about the blessings, realities, and challenges of marriage.

Please RSVP to Jamie Kapke at 816-729-7179 or [Jamie@kapkeandcompany.com](mailto:Jamie@kapkeandcompany.com). Babysitting and food is provided. Also, please bring a photo from your wedding to share.

### Great Love Stories of the Bible

#### **A Lenten Sunday School Class**

Jamie and Ted Kapke will lead a five-week class on the great love stories of the Bible. Starting Feb. 14 at 9:45, join them in the library to see if your favorite couples are discussed.

Just who might these historic couples be? *Match.com* said this:

“Modern daters often draw inspiration from couples they read about in thick, juicy novels. It’s delicious to turn the pages and follow along as a grand romance unfolds. But if Edward and Bella are leaving you wanting, maybe you need to reach for the best-selling book of all time... the Bible. You’ll find everything within its pages: lust, revenge, tenderness, courage, humor and even romance ....”

Learn from the stories of the most memorable couples in the Good Book. It all starts with Adam and Eve. Contact Ted and Jamie for details!



*Weddings at Country Club are always memorable events.*



Above: "Behold the Man" by Caravaggio

### **What is Lent?**

In the seasons of Lent and Easter, the church focuses on remembering, retelling and participating in the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent, the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally "turn around" and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lent concludes on Easter Day and is followed by Eastertide, 50 days when we celebrate the good news that is Christ's death and resurrection.

*From the United Methodist website, umc.org*

### **Lenten Events for 2016:**

#### **Ash Wed. Feb. 10**

During Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

#### **Palm Sunday Mar. 20**

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is celebrated by the waving of palm branches and singing of songs.

#### **Maundy Thurs. Mar. 24**

Maundy Thursday, or Holy Thursday, is the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus.

#### **Easter Sunday Mar. 27**

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen from the Dead!

## Enroll in Financial Peace Univ.

Kyle Hill will teach a Financial Peace University series beginning Thurs., Feb. 11 at 6:30 pm.

This nine-week course has been used by thousands with great success. Several of your church friends have taken the class and found it extremely helpful.

In this course you will use God's word to learn ways to spend and save wisely, get out of debt, and manage your money. For more information, contact Kyle at [kehill1985@gmail.com](mailto:kehill1985@gmail.com) or see the website at: [daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder](http://daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder)

## Meet Thomas Hill

Thomas Edmund Hill was baptized during morning worship on Sun., Jan. 17, 2016 by Pastor Jenn Klein. He is the infant son of Kyle and Audrey Hill.

The Godparents are Doug and Lindsey Montgomery, and Emma Hawkins, a family friend. Thomas is named after both of his grandfathers, Thomas Brown & the late Edmund Hill.

## **Regular Sunday Schedule**

9:15 am Fellowship – Family Foyer  
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary

## **Wednesdays**

10:30 am Prayer Group  
4:00-7:00 pm Music Academy  
6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

## **Thursdays**

6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

## **Saturdays**

11:00–4:00 Music Academy

## **Church Office Hours**

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

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