

Lent

Canaan Connects



Monthly Newsletter of Canaan United Methodist Church

March 2023



When you lie down you will not be afraid; when you lie down your sleep will be sweet." Proverbs 3:24

It is our joy to share with you a new ministry at Canaan that is sponsored by the Circle of Friends. This ministry is one which we are so very excited to lead, and we pray it will grow to be a mighty mission for our whole church community.

First, take a moment and read the above scripture. The verse beats near to our hearts, doesn't it? For us "going to bed, going to sleep" is filled with good thoughts of softness, warmth, comfort, refuge, quiet voices and stories, prayers and love. It's a place of safety; We don't worry about having a bed, a mattress and bedding when we're ready to lie down for the night or a nap. These things are so very basic in our world and make our sleep "sweet".

BUT this is not the case for all, most certainly not for all children in Davidson County. Naively, we did not know or simply never paused to think, that this basic need is unmet for children just across the street, down the road, and throughout our community. The need is there though, and as a group of women whose mission is to better the lives of women and children, we are committed to meeting these needs through our "Sweet Dreams Bed Ministry."

This ministry will provide a hand-built bed, mattress and bedding to children referred by the school social workers in our county. Our first bed was built with much joy and laughter as we learned how to use air nailers, impact drivers and caulk guns. It also left us humbled, as we knelt and prayed God's blessings over the ministry and children who would receive these beds.

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On March 18 from 3 -7 pm, we will be building a dozen more beds. They will be ready to be given out when the need is presented. How can you be a part? We are excited to host a "building party" with dinner provided. You can help build. You can come and pray over the beds. You can donate and support our fundraisers. There's a bake sale this week and a lunch this Spring. You can buy twin size bedding - mattress covers, sheets, comforters and pillows.

Each completed new bed costs \$300.00 - such a small amount for the impact on a child who is tucked into a bed created just for them by people serving Jesus together.

With our love for Him and you,
Ann and Lora

Confirmation Class

Confirmation...so what does that mean?

Confirmation is simply claiming and confirming our baptism for yourself. During the last several months, in confirmation classes, we have been discussing what confirming our faith is about. We have been talking about Creation, Crisis, Covenant, Christ Church, Calling, and Completion. The curriculum seeks to not only impart knowledge about faith in Christ and God's story of salvation, but also practices that can aid the Christ-follower in strengthening his or her relationship with Christ. We have been reading Scripture together, learning practices that can help one grow in faith, learning about the big picture of God's story of salvation, and having time to discuss and wrestle with faith and what it means to follow Christ.

We meet once a month and have been visiting other churches to see how other Christians worship. We will be going on our retreat to Blowing Rock on March 24th. During this time, we will be focusing on the Apostles' Creed. April 2nd will be Confirmation Sunday. Please mark your calendars and join us.

So, as they prepare to make a profession of faith before the rest of the church, I ask that you please keep **Aidan Murphy, Seth Motsinger, Kane Milam, Noah Holloman, and Avery Fowler** in your prayers.

Mrs. Jennifer

MARCH 2023 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
USHERS: Terry Lockamy, Gary Smith, Ben Hemrick, Joel Beeson, Keith Smith, B.J. Hemrick			1 1 pm Circle of Christian Service 6:30 pm Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm LENT BIBLE STUDY	2	3	4
5 BAKE SALE 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am BLOOD DRIVE 11:45 am Children to Trampoline Park 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm New Beginnings	6	7	8 6:30 pm Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm LENT BIBLE STUDY	9	10	11 SPRING FORWARD... TURN CLOCKS UP 1 HOUR!
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 AM FUSION 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm New Beginnings	13	14	15 6:30 pm Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm LENT BIBLE STUDY	16	17	18 3-6 pm "Sweet Dreams" Building Time
19 COMMUNION 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Circle of Friends 5 pm Choir Practice 5:30 pm FUSION 6 pm New Beginnings	20	21	22 6:30 pm Men's Prayer Group 6:30 pm LENT BIBLE STUDY	23	24 CONFIRMATION RETREAT IN BLOWING ROCK	25 CONFIRMATION RETREAT IN BLOWING ROCK
26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm New Beginnings	27	28	29 6:30 pm Men's Prayer Group	30 5:30 pm The Lord's Table	31	

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Meagan McMillan
- 3 - Drew Tiano
Yancey Hicks
- 7 - Kathy Smith
- 10 - Bob Stack
- 12 - Dianne Brown
Mark Hartman
- 13 - Olivia Beeson
- 14 - Bryan Beeson
Joel Sizemore
Libby Tuttle
Marty Bodenheimer
Deborah McCollem
- 15 - Lilyana Gonzalez
Adam Mendenhall
- 18 - Dianne Beeson
- 20 - Nancy Shoaf
Abby Hartman
- 21 - Lindsay Thomas
- 23 - Caroline Beeson
Janice Leonard
- 24 - Martha Yontz
- 25 - Adalyn Welch
- 27 - Brian Motsinger
- 30 - April Berrier
Keith Tuttle
- 31 - Ann Hartman



CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Meeting Wed. March 1 at 1 pm
Hostesses: Lisa & Dolores Maxwell

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Meeting Sun., March 19, 11:30 am



BAKE SALE: Sunday, March 5

All donations received will be used for our "Sweet Dreams" bed ministry.

BUDGET

Through March 31, 2023
Received: \$56,454
Needed: \$71,199
-\$14,745

Thank you for giving!



March Collection
Items:
13-gallon trash
bags and paper
towels

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 5
11:45 am - 4:15 pm

Lenten Sermon Series

In John's Gospel from chapters 13-16, Jesus gave what is known as his farewell discourse. These were his final teachings to the disciples from the Upper Room. The entire Chapter 17 Jesus Prays.

During Lent we'll focus on his Prayer.

- 3/5 - John 17:1-5
- 3/12 - John 17:6-12
- 3/19 - John 17:13-17
(Communion)
- 3/26 - John 17:20-26
- 4/2 - 1Cor.12
**Confirmation Sunday
(Palm Sunday)**