

In This House

A Newsletter Dedicated to the Service of the Lord



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From the Heart . . .



February is the month where there are “heart” images everywhere. Little hearts, big hearts, red hearts and even hearts of every color. The February hearts are representative of human love.

Cards may be purchased that represent buddy love, romantic love, sisterly and brotherly love, love of relatives and don’t forget animal (pet) love. I started thinking as I passed the card section in the store full of plenty depictions of heart shapes, do we think of the biblical meaning of heart. Why not? The word heart is mentioned about 1,000 times in scriptures.

One of the most familiar heart scriptures is Deuteronomy 6:5-6, “You shall love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.” Simply, we must love God with our whole being. This scripture reminds us that our heart is a totality and unity of our inner self. Everything that we do must reflect the image of God and all his righteousness. Even the purchase of the cards should be an expression of God’s love being extended to the card’s recipients. So, when we see the first image of a heart, immediately we should think of the love of God and it should also bring to mind inner-self renewal, joy and gladness. The scriptures validate that “God so loved the world...” Then, there should not be the slightest hesitation to beam with thoughts of goodness: God’s love is represented in this card.

A Heart Thought - John Owens, author, says that the heart is the hidden control center. Then man must use the heart to regulate every action that is anticipated and completed. Send a card make a call. These are love actions that come from the heart. So, as we revel in February, the “Heart Month”, let us not forget our love actions, our love of God and His Love for us in every **RED** heart we see and send!



Why We Should Celebrate Black History Month

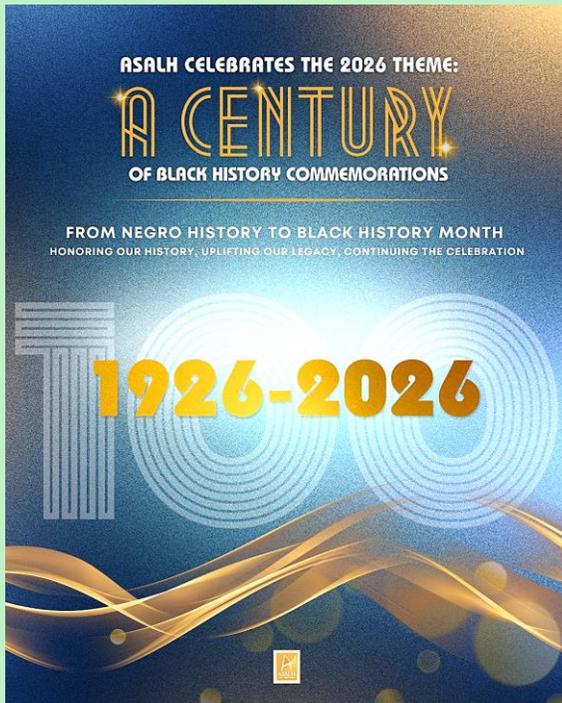
- *It celebrates diversity. Black History Month does not just promote diversity; it celebrates diversity. ...*
- *It unites us. ...*
- *It takes us beyond the history books. ...*
- *It helps us understand the importance of our stories.*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!
9:30 EVERY SUNDAY IN PERSON
LIVE STREAMING VIA FACEBOOK

Question of the Month

What prophet was suspended between earth and heaven by a lock of his hair?

Ans: 3:8 leikezE



The 2026 Black History Month theme is "A Century of Black History Commemorations," honoring 100 years of celebrating Black history in the U.S. This theme reflects on a century of effort to study, honor, and promote the contributions of people of African descent.

Key Details for 2026:

- **Theme Focus:** Marks the 100th anniversary of the first Negro History Week (1926), established by Carter G. Woodson.
- **Significance:** The theme emphasizes the ongoing need to examine Black history, particularly as it intersects with the 250th anniversary of U.S. independence.

WAYS TO GIVE

 IN-PERSON CASH/CHECK	 ONLINE SECURE	 AUTOMATED BANK DEBIT
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WE ARE BACK!

ACUMC newsletter needs a name.

Join the contest to name the newsletter. Deadline: February 13, 2026

Name of newsletter

Submitted by

Contact info. Email/Phone number

Respond to 8032fcsmith@gmail.com or acumc7054@comcast.net



Meeting and Notes for February's Calendar

- February**
- 1st National Freedom Day
 - 2nd Ground Hog Day
 - 3rd Prime Time Meeting 11 am via conference call
 - 8th Heritage Sunday (ACUMC) Dinner
 - 8th Super Bowl Sunday
 - 12th Lincoln's Birthday
 - 14th Church Council 10:00 am In-Person
 - 16th UWF Meeting 7:00 via zoom
 - 16th President's Day
 - 17th Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
 - 18th Ash Wednesday
 - 22nd Washington's Birthday



Worship Service -Every Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday School

- **Children/Youth Saturdays** 10:00 am via zoom Check with Ruthie Moore and Neldera Weathersby
- **Sunday School Men In-Person** 8:00 and via zoom. See Doug Miller
- **Sunday School Women** 1:30 pm via phone dial up, See Dr. Connie Ward

Bible Study-Every Wednesday Evening via zoom. Check with Church secretary for more info.

ACUMC DREAM TEAMS



MLK Parade Team

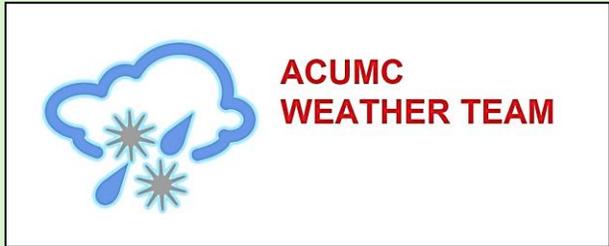
Thanks to The MLK Parade Team led by Michael Lane, driver, Ferris Williams, team cheerleader and all of the supporters who gave candy. A loud hoorah to the elves who packaged the candy and the cheerful souls who passed out the candy to the parade watchers. A big shoutout to Esther Alexander who jumped in to sound the alarm to the children that ACUMC was going to the parade. A big tech thanks to Carrie Price who provided signs with QR codes to Andrews Chapel. And believe it or not several came up to access the information.

A super-duper thumbs up to the bus riders. While it was cold, we had a somewhat heated blast! (smile)

ACUMC DREAM TEAMS

Weather Dream Team

Last week, winter awoke with a fiery. But, thanks to ACUMC weather team, everything from notification of church closure to securing the campus was accomplished timely and with skilled precision. Hats off to the Trustees and Church Council.



Tidbits - Replay

Missing church news or information. During the month of February, we will be updating our roster of member information. So, look forward to this request coming soon.

Tired of serving God from the pew! February is a great time to join a ministry or even suggest a new ministry that you have a burning desire to lead that would enhance service to God and the greater community.

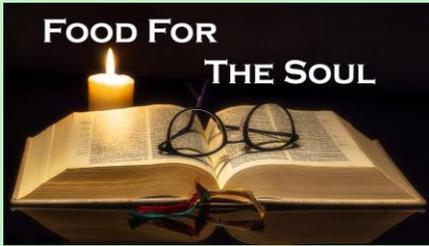
Ministries

Worship	Ushers	Choirs	Prayer Ministry
Lay Servant	Communications	Christin Ed.	Stewardship
Historian	Health/Wellness	Family Ministry	SLOT
Nursery	Children/Youth	Young Adults	Couples
Membership	Hospitality	Membership Care	Nurture/Birth month
Higher Ed	Women in Faith	UMYF	Outreach(Mission)
SHARE	Prime Timers	Arnold Scholarship	
Evangelism	Prison Ministries	United Methodist Men	

Contact Persons

Witness - Randy Reed Nurture - Frenda Norwood Outreach - Georgia Wilson

Rev. Donald K. Reed, Sr,
Pastor, Andrews Chapel UMC



ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT



Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The United Methodist first adopted an official ritual for Ash Wednesday that involves the use of ashes in 1992. Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality.

Lent is a forty-day season of reflection. It reflects the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his ministry.

Lent 2026 February 18 – April 4

Praying for Others

Lord I am praying today for your comfort in the lives of those who need you most. Touch those who are sick, those who are healing and those who are facing heavy loads. Please cover them with your presence and your peace. I pray that they find some measure of joy as they face the unknown guided and bolstered by your loving hands. This is your servant’s prayer.

Amen



Sick & Shut-in



Please remember each other in prayer especially the sick and shut ins.

We have members recovering from various medical issues and members facing surgery.

Feedback/Concerns/Needs

It is the first of the year, let us know what is on your mind.

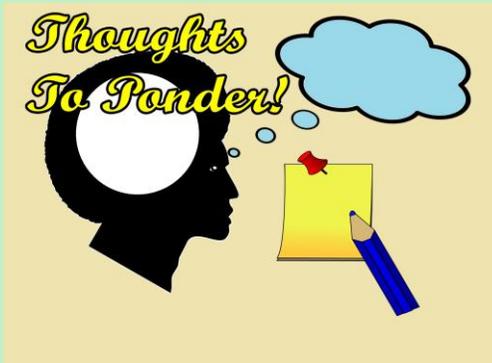
I think we should.

I am concerned about

We, ACUMC, needs to do

You may do this by dropping your thoughts in the mailbox addressed to Church Council.

**“The only gift is a portion of thyself.”
Anonymous**



Thoughts to Ponder: “In these times”

Wrong is always wrong. A Lie is a lie no matter how you spin it.

I Thessalonians 5:21-22 “Test all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil”

Isaiah 5:20 “Woe to those who call evil Good”

Scholarships Graduates

It is time to apply for Scholarships.

The United Methodist Church Higher Education & Ministry, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM)

General Scholarship, Racial-Ethnic Scholarship, Ministry as a Career Scholarship

The United Methodist Church Higher Education Foundation (UMHEF)

Application portals are open: January 1 – March 30

ANNOUNCING

United Women In Faith

Will meet February 16th at 7:00 pm via zoom
Contact person: Linda Turner



Acolyte Training

Inviting those who served as acolytes before and new children who wish to serve.

Ages: 5 years and up

Training: Sanctuary - February 21 at 11:00 am

Church Council January Meeting Rescheduled

Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 am In-Person
Lower unit of Arnold Education Building



ANDREWS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 

Prime  Timers

BEARING WITNESS TO OUR RISEN SAVIOR!

**"I WAS YOUNG AND NOW I AM OLD,
YET I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE RIGHTEOUS FORSAKEN!"**
- PSALM 37:25

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
FEBRUARY BORN**

February		Johnson, Sherrie
February		Jordon, Jackie
February	04	Thrash, Myra
February	04	Moody, Matthew
February	05	Neal, Ariel
February	06	Hammock, Tre
February	08	Cox, Cid
February	09	Smith, Cornelia
February	14	Hannibal, Kelsey
February	14	Mims, Rev. Wayne
February	15	Lunderman, Victor
February	17	Hardy, Denise
February	18	Hastings, Pastor Wilma
February	18	Henry, Trinity
February	23	Shaw, Betty
February	24	Lott, Jamori
February	24	Mobley, Timothy
February	28	Mitchell, Montavis
February	28	Mitchell, Anthony

"May God's grace sustain you, and His mercy speak for you today"

Note: **National Freedom Day February 1st** is the day Abraham Lincoln signed a joint resolution that proposed the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery in the United States.



National Get Up Day - February 1st



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