



February Birthdays

February 2018 ♥

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31 12:10 p.m. 20 Min. for God	1 1:00 p.m. Hook & Needle Club 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	3
Barb Tegarden 2/1						
Tom Rather 2/1						
Maggie Bletner 2/1						
Ted Polk 2/2						
Linda Heitzman 2/4						
Pilar Taylor 2/5						
Steve Cunningham 2/7						
Phil Horner 2/10						
Maegan Scheib 2/13						
Hannah Scheib 2/13						
Charles Kahl 2/15						
Pastor Andrew 2/18						
Hollis Hurst 2/19						
Kate Thompson 2/19						
Janice Phillips 2/21						
Michele Stoneburner 2/25						
Dennis Fenters 2/27						
Daniel Tibbett 2/29						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11:30 a.m. -Member Care TF	5:00 p.m. Educ:TF		12:10 p.m. 20 Min. for God 12:30 p.m. Gray Fellowship	4:30 p.m. Shalom TF 6:00 p.m. Staff-Parish TF 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Transfiguration Sunday		5:30 p.m. Pan- cakes and jazz	Valentine's Day 12:00 noon— Ash Wed Serv. 7:00 p.m. Ash Wed Service	1:00 p.m. Hook & Needle Club 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal		7:30 p.m. Bill Price Concert in Fellowship Hall
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11:30 a.m. Worship TF 11:45 a.m. Farewell Party for Pastor Melissa	6:30 p.m. Gov. Board	5:30 p.m. Len- ten Study	12:10 p.m. 20 Min. for God	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal		
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
11:45 a.m. All Church Meeting		5:30 Beer & the Bible	12:10 p.m. 20 Min. for God 5:30 p.m. Messy Church			

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"We are a home in the heart of the city for all who seek to experience and share Christ's love through worship, fellowship and service."

Report from Gray Fellowship

Gray Fellowship had another good year in 2017 and we were able to give over \$1600 to local church and community needs. Our contributions included the following:

Wheeler Mission	\$ 150
RPUMC Organ Fund	50
Vida Nueva Ministries for school supplies	75
United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon, IN	100
Fletcher Place Community Center	100
Brightwood Community Center	100
Shepherd Community Center	100
Gleaners Food Bank	100
Outreach, Inc.	100
RPUMC Neighborhood Assistance	300
RPUMC Messy Church	270
Gillooly Music Scholarship	100
RPUMC Daycare Giving Tree	<u>140</u>
	\$ 1,685



These donations were made possible by the members of Gray Fellowship who make annual pledges for their mission projects, and from funds made from their bake sales during the year.

Our service projects included cleaning and dusting in the sanctuary, preparing the candles for the Christmas services, clearing out various storerooms in the church, and cleaning the kitchenette cupboards and closet. We also collected used greeting card fronts and shipped a box full to the St. Jude's Children's Ranch in Nevada; we took several bags of good used sheets and towels to the Wheeler Mission center for abused wom-

en and children; we provided candy for the RPUMC children's Easter baskets; and we contributed much-needed underpants for young children at P.S. School 19 where Julie Herdman teaches.

We were happy to welcome two new members – Kaye Smith and Margaret Yen – to our group.

New officers for 2018-19 are Helen Smith, President; Raye Wilkinson, Past President; Nora Liederbach, Secretary; Betsy Kerr, Treasurer, and Barbara John, Corresponding Secretary.

Roberts Park History

The Roberts Park Bell

Construction of a new building for Roberts Chapel at the corner of Market and Pennsylvania Streets began in 1843 and was completed in 1846, though the congregation was able to move into and hold services in the building in 1845. Built with a bell tower, the church was one of the first church buildings in the city and state to have such a tower. In 1848, a bell was cast to be placed in the bell tower at Roberts Chapel. The church bell was purchased by the Ladies Sewing Society of Roberts Park Chapel from G. W. Coffin of the Buckeye Bell Foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio at a cost of \$147.00. After placement, the bell not only served to call worshippers to the services at Roberts Chapel, but was used for twenty years as the town fire bell. In 1853 the town clock was placed in the tower and the bell was used to toll out the hours each day.

When Roberts Chapel was sold in 1868, the bell was removed from the tower, placed in storage for eight years, and then installed in 1876 at the base of the uncompleted bell tower of the new church building which was the Roberts Park Church at the corner of Vermont and Delaware Streets. Support timbers and a temporary shed was constructed

over the bell to protect it from the elements.

The bell is 40 inches in diameter at the lower rim and 40 inches from the lower rim to the top of the yoke. The yoke is 48 inches wide and the walls of the bell above the lower rim are 3 inches thick. The bell is estimated to weigh in excess of 2000 pounds. With a shaft that is 31 inches in length, the clapper weighs 25 pounds and has a circumference of 19 inches.



The beautiful network cast in the crown of the bell serves as a border for the inscription "Cast by G. W. Coffin Bell Foundry, Cincinnati, 1848." A harp, played by an angel, is molded on the side, indicating that the bell was molded for a church.

Cleaning and repair of the bell, timbers, and louvers was completed in 1994 by Ray E. Wilson and Jim Horner. Pictures and hand-written notes, specifications, and a template for the louvers are carefully preserved in our archives.

- Sherry Nagel-Smith with reference to the writings of Andrew Kerr and Ray E. Wilson