

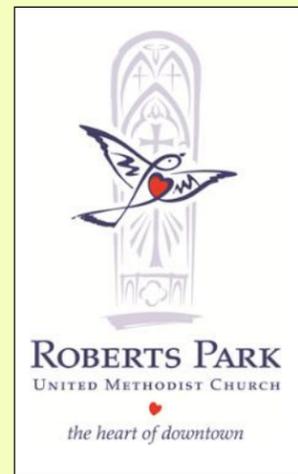


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Wed. 12:10-12:30 pm

Help Needed!!  
The church office could use a couple of volunteers to help fold the newsletter once a month. If you would like to help us with this project, please call Rob at 317-635-1636 or e-mail him at [rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org](mailto:rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org).



Articles for the April newsletter are due March 21. Thank you.



### Pastor Andrew *Continued from page 1*

ask, 'What will you put on this Easter?' The church will be putting on a new mission statement, and I hope that in a short space of time it will become as comfortable as a favorite item of clothing because the mission statement is to be lived into if it is to have any real meaning for us. It will serve as an opportunity for us to look at how our own spiritual gifts can be used in the various ministries that are supporting the mission statement. We are not all required to be active in all the various expressions of the overall ministry of the church, but my hope is that you will find at least one of them appealing to you.

There is much that we will share together as a community of faith in March, and I commend the calendar of events to you for you to note the various activities and opportunities to both worship and serve. Can I particularly draw your attention to the music event on Palm Sunday when the members of the Ball State Singers join the Chancel Choir to perform Rutter's Requiem. This will be a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to hear what I am sure will be a wonderful musical event.

Shalom to you my friend,

*Pastor Andrew*

### From the Pastor's Pen

## What Will You Put on for Easter?

Let me start this piece with my sincere thanks to those who have taken the time to write letters or send cards and flowers, called or stopped me and talked about the passing of my father. It has been good for me and a real comfort to read and listen to the comments and condolences at this time. I also want to thank all the staff who provided cover as I went to the UK to be with my family and share in the funeral service for my dad.



If you were in church on February 25, you will have heard me speak about the

new mission statement that the church has agreed to use from Easter Sunday. In the Sunday services during March, I will be continuing to take a little bit of the statement and share something of how it aligns with the mission, ministry, and vision of Roberts Park UMC.



I hope you have picked up on the theme for this year's Easter celebrations as we

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## Holy Week and Easter Sunday

### **Palm Sunday March 25**

Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Children are invited to participate in the palm-waving processional using palm branches made by the children at Messy Church.

### **Rutter's "Requiem" March 25**

4 pm in the Sanctuary Ball State and Roberts Park Choirs



### **Easter Sunday April 1**

Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Services, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sermon: *Sharing Christ's Love: New Beginnings*  
All are invited to join with the choir and musicians in singing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

### **Messy Easter March 28**

5:30 pm

### **Maundy Thursday March 29**

7:00 p.m.  
Service of Holy Communion

### **Good Friday March 30**

Service of Music & Remembrance,

## Celebrating 100 Years With Betty Johnson

Betty was baptized at Roberts Park 100 years ago, in 1918, and she is celebrating her 100th birthday this year with family and friends. Join us for the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 18, during which her faith will be reaffirmed. Immediately afterwards, there will be an open house reception in Fellowship Hall.



Please RSVP by March 11:

Call Jeanne at 317-919-3184, or email [gstayton@hotmail.com](mailto:gstayton@hotmail.com)

Call 317-431-2053, or email [b\\_searles@comcast.net](mailto:b_searles@comcast.net)

If you have any memories of Roberts Park you would like to share with Betty, send an email to [rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org](mailto:rpoffice@robertsparkumc.org) or call the church at 317-635-1636. There will also be forms in Fellowship Hall you can fill in and place in the "memory jar".



## March Mission Focus on UMCOR & Relief Kits

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries. Traditionally, the month of March has been a time when we lift up the work of UMCOR and ways in which we can support that work. Our Loose Change and Missions offerings for March will be designated for the support of UMCOR. Additionally, we are planning a project to supply relief kits which are used by UMCOR in their many disaster relief efforts. One of the kits most needed right now are hygiene kits.

The assembly of hygiene kits starts with the collection of hand towels and wash cloths. Hand towels must be 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches. Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels are not acceptable. Wash cloths that match the towels would be nice but that is not mandatory. Cash donations will be used to purchase other needed items (toothbrushes, soap, combs, etc.) in bulk quantities.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to sign up to provide hand towels and wash cloths. These will be collected during the month of March, and then we will plan a time in April (soon after Easter) to gather after church on Sunday to assemble the kits. Let's see how many kits we can put together for UMCOR!



## Lenten Study



The season of Lent encourages us to reflect on our relationship with God just as Jesus did during his 40 days in the desert. We invite you to join a Lenten study based on the N.T. Wright text "Lent for Everyone," a book that "gently takes the reader through the designated Lectionary readings for every day of Lent and Easter." The book is available online at no cost at [www.bible.com/reading-plans/83-lent-for-everyone](http://www.bible.com/reading-plans/83-lent-for-everyone) or in print at the church \$10. The Twenty Minutes for God services will focus on the same weekly devotional readings throughout Lent.

## Join the Roberts Park UMC Choir and the



For their performance of  
*Requiem* by John Rutter

Sunday, March 25, 4:00 p.m.  
Roberts Park UMC Sanctuary

Tickets are available at:

[www.bsurequiemindy.eventbrite.com](http://www.bsurequiemindy.eventbrite.com)

General Admission is \$15, but Roberts Park members may use code **RobertsPark2018** for a \$5 discount. You may also purchase tickets at the table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays prior to and including March 25. Tickets purchased before the 25th will receive the \$5 discount. Only cash or checks will be accepted. Make check out to Roberts Park UMC.

## February Baptisms at Roberts Park—February 18, 2018



**Arthea Charlotte Coggeshall**

Parents: Wade Coggeshall and Paula Ziegler



**Julia Elizabeth Hulse**

Parents: Brett and Karissa Hulse

## Clara Nelson: 'Thanks to All of You'

I would like to thank all of you who made it possible for me to visit my son each week. My thanks to Kristie Hill for setting up a schedule with many volunteers who gave of their time to drive me for my visits.



My thanks to Gray Fellowship and George Taylor for the lunch they provided for my family and friends.

My thanks to Rev. Melissa and John for their support given to me in many ways.

Once again, "thank you" to all of you and may you always have the love of Jesus in your heart as you continue to serve him and your church.

- Clara Nelson

## Worship Themes and Texts

### March 4

Pastor Andrew

"Practicing Social Justice"

Texts: 1 Corinthians

1:18-25 &

John 2:13-22

### March 11

Pastor Andrew

"Serving with Compassion"

Texts: Mark 9:2-9 &

Psalms 50:1-6

### March 18

Pastor Andrew

"Inspired by Jesus Christ"

Texts: Jer. 31:31-34 and John 12:20-33

### March 25

Pastor Andrew

"Nurturing Meaningful Relationships"

Texts: Psalm 118:1-2,18-29 and Mark 11:1-11



## The Book Club

The selection for Tuesday, March 13 is **The Girl Who Wrote in Silk**, by Kelli Estes.

Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house.

As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core — and force her to make an impossible choice.

Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric debut serves as a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing, and the power of our own stories.

