

Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

What is discipleship? What first comes to mind when you hear the word, 'discipleship?' Too often in the church, one may tend to think of a line item in the budget, or possibly a new book study, but discipleship is so much more. Discipleship is not primarily a class we take or a book we study but is lived out in Christian relationships as we worship together, serve together, share life together and study together.

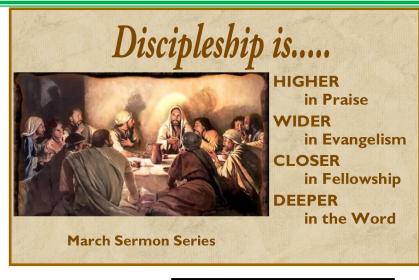
At its simplest, a disciple is someone who follows closely the teachings of someone. Therefore, as Christian disciples, we dedicate ourselves to and follow closely the teachings of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. In March we'll be living in the Gospel of John, getting a disciple's eye view of what the Twelve learned and experienced as they lived in relationship, following Jesus while He was on earth. But Jesus wasn't just trying to make as many disciples as He could, He was growing *healthy* disciples who would then be able to go forth and make more!

Making disciples is our main mission, given to us by Jesus Christ in the Great Commission ("Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations..." -Matthew 28:19), but in order to do so well, we need to be *healthy* disciples ourselves. Our sermon series in March, "Discipleship is..." will give us a chance to discuss together four key components for *healthy* discipleship. Remember these four words: Higher, Wider, Closer, Deeper. A healthy disciple is one who is reaching Higher in the worship of Jesus Christ, Wider in outreach and evangelism, Closer together in fellowship, and Deeper into God's Holy Word in study.

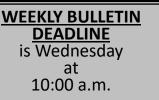
I pray this will be an exciting and fruitful conversation. Let's lean into what God doing in our midst!

Blessings in Jesus' name, Pastor Danny

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Mission
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1	3:00 PM	Dr. Phillips Presentation	12	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministers	21	9:00 AM	Hand Bells
	4:00 AM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		5:15 PM	Praise Service		10:00 AM	AA
	6:00 PM	Kung Fu		6:00 PM	Kung Fu		10:15 AM	Book Club
2				6:30 PM	GA	22	10:05 AM	Hospitality Meeting
3	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	13	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie		4:00 AM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
	6:30 PM	Praise Practice		9:30 AM	Feeder of the Pack		6:00 PM	Kung Fu
4	9:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting		10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	23	5:00 PM	Food Safety Class
	6:00 PM	BLAST	14	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	24	9:00 AM	Precept Class
	6:00 PM	Choir		9:00 AM	Hand Bells		5:00 PM	Food Safety Class
	7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon		10:00 AM	AA		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
5	5:15 PM	Praise Service	15	3:00 PM	Leadership Retreat		6:30 PM	Praise Practice
	6:00 PM	Kung Fu		4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship	25	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
6	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie		6:00 PM	Kung Fu		9:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting
	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	16		Meals on Wheals Week		6:00 PM	Choir
7	9:00 AM	Hand Bells		9:30 AM	Quilters		7:00 PM	AA-Al-Anon
	10:00 AM	AA	17	9:00 AM	Precept	26	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministers
8	3:00 PM	Youth Mission Trip Meeting		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		5:15 PM	Prayer Service
	4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship		6:30 PM	Praise Practice		6:00 PM	Kung Fu
	6:00 PM	Kung Fu	18	9:00 AM	Nurture & Care		6:00 PM	GA
9				9:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting	27	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie
10	Noon	Young at Heart		6:00 PM	BLAST		10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers
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	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts		7:00 PM	SPRC		10:00 AM	AA
	6:30 PM	Praise Practice		7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon	29	Noon	Our Neighbors Table
	7:00 PM	Finance Team	19	5:15 PM	Prayer Service		4:00 PM	Jr/Sr Youth Fellowship
11	9:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting		6:00 PM	GA		6:00 PM	Kung Fu
	6:00 PM	Choir		6:00 PM	Kung Fu	30		
	7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon	20	9:00 AM	Stretching w/Rosie	31	9:00 AM	Precept Class
	7:00 PM	Bible Journaling		10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers		6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
							6:30 PM	Praise Practice

Precept Class Genesis Parts I & 2 Led by Angie Baughman

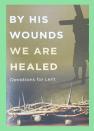


Tuesdays, Mar 17-Jun 2,
9:00-10:30 AM
MUMC or Facebook Live
We will work through
Genesis chapters 1-11 and
cover Creation,
The Fall, The Flood, and
The Nations.
Cost of Class \$28.00

Contact - 618-201-0139 angie@livesteadyon.com

Lenten Devotionals for all ages are now available in the Welcome Center







Pick one of for each member of your family

From the desk of the Financial Secretary: Christine Nolan

Just a little note to THANK YOU all for the gift for all the extra time I put in on securing a parsonage for the Murphysboro United Methodist Church. When we first discussed a new parsonage I was on the fence about buying, but after crunching numbers, (because that is what I do), I decided this might be the best thing for MUMC. Now, if you will indulge me for a bit, I will try to give you a brief rundown of events. When it was decided by the Board of Trustees to start looking for houses I put together a small committee of people I thought would be impartial and helpful in the process. I will now refer to them as my Merry Band of House Hunters. Myself and My Merry Band of House Hunters started scouring the realtor sites and Zillow for any available home for sale that fit the criteria we needed. Most of you probably do not know that there is quite a long and extensive list of requirements the United Methodist Church Discipline sets forth, with that list in mind we were off. I have to say myself and the Merry Band of House Hunters viewed in person more than 15 houses and looked at 25 – 30 online, it is not easy to find a home in our small town that meets a lot of the criteria but we were not giving up. We drove here and there and everywhere, we knocked on doors of peoples homes that weren't even for sale to ask them if they would sell, we walked into homes that were so bizarre in the layout we were stunned, some needed more paint than it was possible to paint, we were on a mission. We came across a home in Westwood Hills that we thought would work with some updates and then the sky opened up and the sun shone down on us and we walked into 154 Brian Avenue. My Merry Band of House Hunters and I knew immediately this was THE HOUSE!!! We immediately called a meeting with the District Superintendent, Conference Housing Committee Chair, SPRC, Finance and BOT to come and view both houses so we could get approval on one of them, always trusting that 154 Brian Avenue would be the one. Approval on 154 Brian Avenue was given by all and after a brief negotiation, we had a house. Needless to say, I was thrilled that we had actually purchased a house in less than a month and we were going to meet the date of Pastor Danny's arrival.

None of this could have happened without the help of My Merry Band of House Hunters which included: Melba Ziegler, Lacey Brown, Sage Lintner, Kathy Ripley, Vanessa Lirely, Nancy Fager and our fearless Band Leader, Marlene McGregor-Gibbs, of whom I owe a huge THANK YOU to. So in closing thank you all again for the gift and if you see one of the Merry Band of House Hunters give them a big thank you too.





Contact Pastor Danny if you feel your heart leading you to Volunteer and invest in our Jr & Sr Youth Program on Sunday Nights!

Building Closure



Greeting to all in Christ Jesus!

Holy Week, from Palm Sunday through Easter (Resurrection) Sunday, is a very special time in the annual church calendar, and one of the most critical seasons for the church to worship well and be at our very best for the glory of the Lord and for effective outreach. In 2020, and from now on, we will be clearing the church and building calendar of all meetings, gatherings, clubs and other activities during this Holy Week. This will allow our staff, congregation and community friends who use our facility on a regular basis to focus on the important tasks of worship, remembrance and invitation from April 5-12.

In His service,

Pastor Danny Motta

Please call or email Melba in the Church Office to reschedule your regular meeting to a new time either prior to Holy Week or after. Thank you for your understanding.

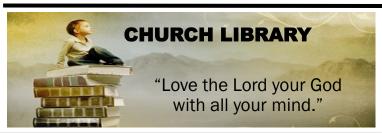
A Food Safety Handlers Course will be held here at MUMC on Monday the 23rd & Tuesday the 24th of March from 5:00pm - 9:00pm. (Both nights are required)

The cost is \$100.00.

Contact Wilma Westerfield at 534-1061 to reserve your spot in the class.







The Library Corner: Reading for Lent

As you know, Lent is here! To prepare for Easter, many people use this time to reflect, fast, or "give up something" for Lent. But "adding in" something can also be good— maybe something to read or watch that helps us to reflect on Jesus' life, death and resurrection or helps us to become better disciples on our walk with God. Here are some suggestions from the church library:

The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus by Rob Fuquay. The author says "And much more important than knowing about God is knowing God. . . The more we know the one who said 'I am the Bread of Life' the greater satisfaction and joy we have. The more we know the one who said 'I am the Good Shepherd' the greater our security and confidence." (p. 115). This book is easy to read, but provides many insights that invite us into a closer relationship with Jesus.

Adam Hamilton has written several book studies about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus and 24 Hours that Changed the World bring the places of the Holy Land and the life of Jesus closer to the reader or viewer.

We can see the places where Jesus walked in **The Way:** the Jordan river where Jesus was baptized, the Judean wilderness where he was tempted, and the mountain where he likely gave his most famous sermon, the Sermon on the Mount, and finally on to Jerusalem.

24 Hours That Changed the World brings us step by step through the last 24 hours of Jesus' earthly life, entering into the sorrow and the suffering, and helping us more fully understand the significance of his suffering and death. The final chapter, "Christ the Victor," discusses the Resurrection.

Christian: It's Not What You Think by Andy Stanley. Stanley is a dynamic presenter in this thought-provoking DVD and accompanying participants' guide that explores what he says followers of Christ really should be: disciples!

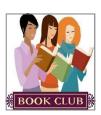
And finally, the library has a number of books about an im-

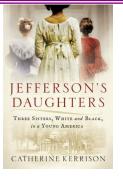
portant subject: prayer. Pastor Danny's sermons through the month of February were on the topic of prayer. Several books about prayer will be on display this month. Among them will be Bill Hybels' book and DVD **Too Busy Not** to **Pray: Slowing Down to Be with God.** While there are times when all we can do is say a quick prayer, Hybels makes the point that to have a deeper relationship with God it is essential to also take time for prayer. Hybels quotes Psalm 62:8— "Pour out your hearts to him," and offers many thoughts on how our prayer life changes us and allows us to participate in God's work in this world. These and other book and DVD studies are available to help enhance and add inspiration to your walk with God. May one of them do just that for you.



Saturday







Join the Saturday Book
Club
In the church library
Saturday, March 15th
10:15

Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America by <u>Catherine Kerrison</u>

Thomas Jefferson had three daughters: Martha and Maria by his wife, Martha Wayles Jefferson, and Harriet by his slave Sally Hemings. In *Jefferson's Daughters*, Catherine Kerrison, a scholar of early American and women's history, recounts the remarkable journey of these three women - and how their struggle to define themselves reflects both the possibilities and the limitations that resulted from the American Revolution.

A read ahead book for April has not yet been selected.



Our Church is in need of 65 New Hymnals. We are offering our congregation the first opportunities to sponsor the new Hymnals. If you would like to sponsor a hymnal, please place \$23.00 in your offering envelope indication church hymnal on the memo line. Then please also note on the envelope how you would like it labeled (ex: In Honor of..., In Memory of..., Donated by ...). Please call the church office if you have any questions.







Saturday, March, 14th at 7:30 a.m.

The men will gather for breakfast, and a devotional. All men of the church are invited to attend.

March 10th at Noon Happy Saint Patrick's Day (wear your Green)

<u>The MENU:</u> Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cupcakes w/Green <u>Please note price</u> increase to \$7.00 per person

<u>Program:</u> Learn how God turned a tragedy into a ministry opportunity serving Southern Illinois families with babies, as Evelyn

Fuqua shares the story of "Got You Covered"
Diaper Program with Young at Heart on Tuesday,
March 10.



Young at Heart is a group of senior adults, that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.

3rd Annual MUMC Chili Cook-Off

Was held on Feb., 9th and it was a huge success this year. We had over 14 Chili Competitors and raised over \$700.00. There was even a new winner this year Wesley Graham had the prize winning chili.

Thank you to all who participated either by competing with your

favorite Chili, or showing up, tasting then voting on your favorite. You made this event!











	MARCH WORSHIE	PPARTICIPANTS		
	TRADITIONAL	PRAISE		
	Wors	ship Leader		
<u>1</u>	Jon Lough	Scarlett Pierson		
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<u>15</u>	Jon Lough	Scarlett Pierson		
<u>22</u>	Jon Lough	Scarlett Pierson		
<u>29</u>	Jon Lough	Mary Louise Cashel		
	Choir/I	Music Leader		
	Brianna Sitton	Praise Band		
	Prayer Reques	st Reader & Liturgist		
<u>1</u>	Gaye Auxier	Scarlett Pierson		
<u>8</u>	Pam Graham	Scarlett Pierson		
<u>15</u>	Sharon Jones	Scarlett Pierson		
<u>22</u>	Thelma Pierson	Scarlett Pierson		
<u>29</u>	Brooke Guthman	Mary Louise Cashel		
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	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton, Jay Graff	JW Huppert Don Abbadusky		



Reminder the April compass deadline is March 16th!

MARCH TRADITIONAL SERVICE

	Welcome Hostesses & Greeter	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	Children's Church Leaders
1	Carolyn Ozburn Burt Ozburn	Jay Graff	Charlie Pierson Maya Jenkins	No Children's Church
<u>8</u>	Carolyn Ozburn Burt Ozburn	Bob Eaton	Jayla Maynor Harper Geis	Cheryl Smith
<u>15</u>	Kathy Bratton Vern Cline	Bob Eaton	Landrie Green Mara Motta	Lacey Brown Rene Doody
<u>22</u>	Kathy Bratton Vern Cline	Jay Graff	Andrew Graham Charlie Pierson	Diane Schingel
<u>29</u>	Carolyn Sauer Deanna Twenhafel	Jay Graff	Eli Guthman Liam Guthman	Diane Schingel



	2	Paul Bitner	16	Patrick Yates
	3	Willard Ellis	17	Ginger Guetersloh
	3	Drake Rogus	18	Caitlin Doody
	6	Scarlett Pierson	18	Fiona Fletcher
	7	Brandi Bitner	19	Marlene Gibbs
	9	Gloria Likins	19	Corey Zimmerman
	9	Wilma Westerfield	24	Taylor Streeter
	1	Aaron Erbes	25	Pat Hall
	1 0	Sharon Medlen	25	Jacob Presley
	1	Mason Olenkiewice	26	Ashleigh Boyle
	1	Bill Slider	26	Tina Fager-Nimmo
	1	Patti Thrailkill	26	Everett Snyder
	1	Everett Blackwell	27	Harper Ellermeyer
	1	Brie Imhoff	28	Ray Burroughs
)	1	Todd Lirely	28	Brandon Ottwell
,	1	Brad Fager	29	Lexi Robinson
	1	Etta Mae Imhoff	31	Kort Green
	1	Connie Boucher	31	Ada Heller
	1	Mary Ellen Brown	31	Pete Pederson



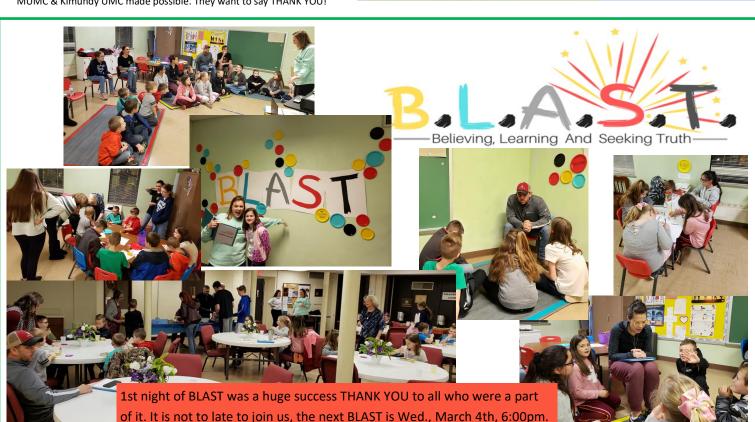
1 Dianna Smith

1	Steve & Kellee Ticer	18	Jon & Lou Anne Lough
10	Richard & Mary Ellen Tierney	31	Pete & Caroline Pederson
11	Rick & Scarlett Pierson		



Some of the Agape House kids with their new T-Shirts that members of MUMC & Kimundy UMC made possible. They want to say THANK YOU!

Camp registration forms and brochures can be found at the back of the church. Price lists are not available yet. MUMC sponsorships will be discussed as a final agenda item at Finance Committee Meeting on Tu., Mar. 10th, 7:30 PM, Rm 202. You are welcome to attend. Lastly, Christine Nolan will be signing up campers between services on Mar. 22nd and Apr. 5th.





Our Chili Cook-Off was a great success and Look who won! Wesley Graham had the prize winning Chili. We also used this time to tell Sage Good Bye and that we would miss her. We wish her the best of luck on her new job.





Youth Mission Trip
Mandatory Prep Meetings
All meetings will be from
3:00 – 4:00 pm

March 8th

April 19th May 3rd



Our very own 4th & 5th Grade Sunday School class helped with setting up and serving at the February Our Neighbors Table. We heard that they did an amazing job. THANK YOU! Picture from the February Train Trip to the Centralia House for Valentine's Day. Forty Two individuals from MUMC including some guest went on this trip together. It looks like everyone had a great time.



















WHAT ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UP TO?

Faithful Pathfinders, led by Michelle Parker-Clark, will be studying Max Lucado's Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name for the Lenten season. For thirty-three years Jesus felt everything you have ever felt. Weakness. Weariness. Sadness. Rejection. His feet got tired. And his head ached. He was tempted and his strength was tested. And you know why? Because in becoming human, Jesus made it possible for us to see God. His tears, God's tears. His voice, God's voice. Want to know what matters to God? Find out what matters to Jesus. Want to know what in the world God is doing? Ponder the words and life of Jesus. Author Max Lucado takes us on a journey to know the life and character of the Savior. Divided into six sections (Immanuel, Friend, Teacher, Miracle Worker, Lamb of God, Returning King), this book describes both the person Jesus was on earth and how to live in a personal relationship with him.

Helping Hands, led by Donna Horniacek, is a traditional Bible Study Class for men and women. For Spring 2020 the theme is "Life." The first unit – Wilderness – looks at five places in Scripture where suffering is a dominant theme: an Old Testament garden story and a New Testament garden story, an Old Testament wilderness story and a New Testament wilderness story, and the exile of the people of Judah. The second unit – Salvation – looks at the new start for the people of Judah represented by the rebuilding of the Temple in Haggai's time and the new start for humankind announced by John the Baptist and accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus. In the final unit – Grace – it is shown how the Bible's prophecy of the return to paradise, the kingdom of God, was made possible by God's grace.

Passages, led by Randy Auxier, will be continuing with the book/study *Stop Asking for Stones and Serpents: How the Way We Pray Can Block God's Blessings*, by Janice Staab, PhD. Dr. Staab shines a light on some ways of praying that block God's blessings and love from being fully active in our lives. She examines in detail how the things we pray for (stones) and the methods we pray with (serpents) can distract us from God's will for our lives and keep us from receiving all God wants to share. Jan is a write, teacher, philosophical counselor, and life coach. After 15+ years as an academic philosopher and an elder in her church, she's committed to having the conversations that matter with ourselves, others, and God.

Seekers, led by Susan Patterson, invite you to FILL YOUR TANK FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD with Bill Hybels and Kevin Harney's Lenten Study – *The Passion Story: Uphill Faith*. During the last hours of his life, Jesus climbed a hill called Golgotha. It was the place where common criminals were executed. The savior of the world willingly carried his own cross up that final hill. Jesus knows what an overwhelming, uphill battle feels like. He pressed on and became the model of faith that endures; this study will help you better understand how Jesus' uphill victory leads to your salvation and hope. As you immerse yourself in The Passion Story, you'll discover a source of spiritual fuel to help you face the steep inclines of your own life. It's easy to be faithful when things go well---when the wind is at your back and sailing is smooth. But as you follow Jesus up the hill to Golgotha, you'll meet him in fresh, new ways and discover what it means to be his follower ... even in the most trying of times.

MY OWN BOOKCASE

Save The Date!
Presentation Ceremony
Sunday, May 3, 2020
2pm at Elks Banquet Hall



1st Work Date: Sunday, March29 at 1pm at Bob and Trina Eaton's house. (2331 Clay St) Whether you are an expert or have never stained...we have a job for you! and we would love to have your help. April work date will be the 19th.



Methodist On a Mission Relay for Life Chicken Dinner will be Sunday, May 17th.

An Invitation

The library has something new for you—a communal devotional! Never heard of that? Neither have we! But here it is: in the library on a table beside a comfy chair you will find a Bible, a daily devotional book, and some markers. Read the Bible passage listed in the daily devotional, read the entry for that day in the devotional, and, if so led, use a marker to mark a passage in the devotional book that speaks to you. What makes this communal? Well, everyone is invited to do the same. We can see what moves someone else, as we make our own mark. Perhaps there will be days that there will be nothing marked—and perhaps some days we will see a rain-bow of colors—and you, friend, are invited to be part of the rainbow.







Please join us as we continue our new service here at MUMC.

This will be a weekly Prayer Service that everyone is invited to attend. We will be praying for Our Church, Church Family, Family, Friends, Community, Government and any Special needs.

Come help us lift these up to the Lord.





ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

God Made The Seasons.

He made SPRING!

O look,God is giving the little flower a drink

of water.

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Ash Wednesday Holy Thursday Forty Days Sacrifice Good Friday Jesus Almsgiving Holy Saturday Passover Prayer Easter Foot Washing Palm Sunday Fasting Resurrection Purple Lent

Palm Branch

Holy Week

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1500 Pine Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966



AGAPE HOUSE 211 W Lincoln St DeSoto, IL 62924

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: MUMC:

Sunday Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:10:10 a.m. Sunday Praise Service: 11:15 a.m. Thursday Prayer Service: 5:15 p.m.

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Wednesday Agape House: 5:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS at MUMC

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Ministry Support Asst Lacey Brown
Pianist/Organist..... Rotating

Choir Director...... Brianna Sitton

Nursery Attendant Ashlee Sanders/Leah Wachtel

Technology......John Wachtel

Agape House Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry...... Sage Lintner Caretakers.....Mike & Casey Johnstone

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