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# REVIVE US LORD

Maranatha Sisters & Brothers,

All of us have seen a home or piece of furniture that looked worn out, broken, tired, and in need of reclamation. Some of you, in fact, have taken an old piece of antique furniture or purchased a rundown home and brought a work of restoration to it. You sanded, painted, tore down walls, or refinished something. I remember a home we purchased while living in Dayton, OH. It was outdated and rundown, so we replaced all of the doors and trim in the house. We added a coat of paint to everything including the kitchen cabinets. The biggest project was completely replacing and updating two and a half bathrooms. It was so satisfying taking the old and making it new.

Friends, as we begin this new year we step into the cold, dark days of Winter, all while the challenges of 2020 continue to linger on. On top of that, our Church remains scattered about the Muskingum county area with an inability to gather everyone together. Many of us, like a piece of antique furniture or fixer upper house, may be feeling rundown, tired, and broken. We are in need of restoration—a revival that only God can bring into our life.

Feeling rundown and broken seems to be a common conversation I have with people. One person in our church was in tears saying they just feel so disconnected. Another is just absolutely overwhelmed with the weight added by the pandemic to all the responsibilities they have at work. Yet another has been praying for health and healing that has yet to come. Others are devastated by the loss of a loved one. There is someone struggling with a broken relationship. Then for most all of us, we are hoping and praying that this pandemic will soon lift and all of the challenges, losses, and closures that come with it will be a distant memory. How about you? Where do things feel dry, rundown, broken, or disconnected in your life?

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will begin a new sermon series called, “Revive us Lord!” We will be crying out to God to bring His great restoration and renewal into our lives. Friends, we serve the God who brings the rain in a dry and weary land. He is the one who breathes new life into dry, dead bones. He lifts the stuck out of the muck and the mire of life. Our God is able to lead us through the fire and through the crashing waves of life. Consider this truth and promise from God...

*“Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the Earth you will again bring me up. <sup>21</sup> You will increase my honor and comfort me once more.”*

- Psalm 71:20-21

God promises to restore all things. It’s what He promised to do for the nation of Israel when the Babylonian Empire laid waste to them—destroying their temple, homes, and city. People were enslaved and scattered throughout the land. Families were broken. The Lord spoke revival and new life into them. He does for you and me as well. God is a god of restoration and if it doesn’t happen on Earth He promises to restore all things when Jesus returns again. God brought the dead to life when He raised Jesus and He can bring our dry, dead, and weary lives to life again.

**To receive our newsletter by email instead, simply send an email to  
[newsletter@rollingplainsumc.com](mailto:newsletter@rollingplainsumc.com) with “e-newsletter”  
and your first and last name in the subject line.**

## Road to Recovery

### TESTIMONY NIGHT

Guest Speaker:

**Missi Kaiser**

**LIFE COACH**



Friday,  
New Year’s Day  
@ 6:30 PM

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Limited seating

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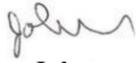
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Contact Michelle  
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questions:  
740-588-1440

Join us for a season of worship, prayer, and fasting as we seek God boldly during the month of January. We are looking at entering a deep season of humbling ourselves, repenting of our sins, and reflecting on the Word of God. As we cry out to God to bring revival to our life, our church, our community and world we will once again encourage you to take up the **21-Day Daniel Fast** or some type of modified fasting and praying during this time. This period of fasting and praying will go from January 10<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Be sure to join us Sunday mornings in worship in person, online, or via phone call. Let's cry out to God together to invite the power of His Spirit to fill us anew and to bring restoration and revival. Come Holy Spirit, come!

Come on God!



Pastor John



## Birthdays

- 1 Alex Ford, Sheridan Wilson
- 2 Heather Matarazzo
- 3 Chad Seastrand
- 4 Chris Huff
- 9 Jim Geyer, Sharon Graves
- 10 Tom Smith, Delbert Smith
- 11 Melonie Maynard
- 12 Cathy Speer
- 13 Jesse Parrill
- 14 Andrew Presley, Brittany Rice
- 16 Diane Burrier, Gene Hartman
- 17 Roxanne Miller, Darcy Searl, Charlie Young
- 19 Alice Hunt, Shelba Kane, Susan Reese, Jennifer Ziel
- 20 Larry Stall
- 23 Judy Barnhart, Marilee Abele
- 24 Lindsey Cornett, Mary Lambert, Trudy Reed
- 26 Cindy Scott
- 27 Kang Kim, Mary Kathryn Parrill, Brandy Weaver
- 28 Regan Lent
- 29 Sue Demp, Gloria Lacey
- 30 Debbie Goins
- 31 Lara Bunting, Samantha Mozena, Don Rice, Elizabeth Rupe

## Anniversaries

- 4 John & Dianne Murphy
- 7 Jeff & Joyce Krouskoupf
- 15 Roger & Catherine Moore
- 18 Dan & Debbie Goins
- 23 Nick & Nicole Fink
- 27 Todd & Julie Thompson

**If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed, please notify us by calling 740-453-4192 or by emailing us ([office@rollingplainsumc.com](mailto:office@rollingplainsumc.com)) and we will update our database accordingly.**

**All children and youth under the age of 18 are automatically excluded from these lists, due to our Safe Sanctuary Policy, which has been put into place to protect our children.**

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## Discipleship Pathways January 2021

### THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> – THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

Am I living the Spirit-filled life that Jesus desired for me to live? Have I surrendered my life to God and asked God to fill me with power from heaven? You and I were never meant to walk this faith journey alone without the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Join Pastor Alethea for a Live-Zoom Bible lesson and discussion on the purpose and power of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> – THE SPIRIT ILLUMINATES THE WORD

Did you know that people who are unspiritual cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God? The Bible says they are foolishness to them, because they cannot understand them, because they must be spiritually discerned. (1Corinthians 2:14). Have you tried without progress to dig deeper into the Scriptures? To hear the voice of God? To have a more spiritual faith walk? We need the Spirit of the Living God to receive and to understand the spiritual things of God. Join Pastor Alethea for this illuminating one-hour Bible lesson and discussion.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> – WALKING IN THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The writer of the Book of James (3:11) asked, Can clean water and dirty water both flow from the same spring? We know this should not be so. Paul says in Galatians (5:25) “if we live by the Spirit, then we should also walk by the Spirit”. Join us as we learn how The Holy Spirit empowers believers to overcome the works of the flesh to produce fruits of righteousness.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> – SPIRITUAL GIFTS

On this final Sunday in our January Series on Spirit-Filled Living, we will explore 1 Corinthians Chapter 12 and learn how the Holy Spirit distributes various Spiritual Gifts to each and every one of us for the building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

#### LUKE 24:49

The last word Jesus spoke to His disciples before He ascended to Heaven: “And now, I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven”.

#### 6:00 PM SUNDAYS

Zoom Links for each of the lessons will be distributed via email and posted in the RP News each week.



**ROLLING PLAINS UMC  
THE DANIEL FAST  
JANUARY 10-31, 2021**

We are encouraging everyone to share in a season of praying and fasting as we cry out to God to revive us, our church, our nation, and world. The Daniel Fast is taken from the prophet Daniel's experiences as recorded in Scripture (such as in Daniel 10:3) we gain some insight into what he ate as part of his fast. Since the lists in Scripture do not go into exact detail of what he ate, we will focus on what we know he didn't eat. In Daniel 1, he ate vegetables and drank water as opposed to the royal meal that was served. While seeking the Lord in prayer in Daniel 10:2-3, he did not eat bread, sweets, meat, and wine. At the end of his feast, Daniel's desire to seek God and find Him was fulfilled. Let us enter into this fast with the same desire, filling our hearts as well.

Although we may not be able to replicate Daniel's diet exactly, we have solid guidelines to follow. On the back of this sheet you will find foods that are included in the fast and those you will avoid. We will follow the fast for 21 days just as Daniel did, but we want to encourage you to not focus too much on what you should and shouldn't eat. The most important part of the fast is your willingness to deny yourself physically in order to seek out God and grow closer to Him. Everyone's diet will vary slightly.

Please discuss any dietary changes with your doctor if you have special concerns prior to beginning the fast, **AND SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IMMEDIATELY** if you become lightheaded, dizzy, or pass out. There is no shame if the Daniel Fast isn't for you. Prayerfully consider some type of modified fasting from something that requires a sacrifice on your part. Let us anticipate together what God might do in us and through us as we seek Him deeply in this season of praying and fasting.

## The Daniel Fast Food List

**All fruit** - fresh, frozen, dried, juiced, or canned.

**All vegetables** - fresh, frozen, dried, juiced, or canned.

**All whole grains** - amaranth, barley, brown rice, oats, quinoa, millet, and whole wheat

**All nuts & seeds** - almonds, cashews, macadamia nuts, peanuts, pecans, pine nuts, walnuts, pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds, and sunflower seeds; unsweetened almond milk. Nut butters are also included.

**All legumes** - (canned or dried); black beans, black eyed peas, cannellini beans, garbanzo beans (chickpeas), great northern beans, kidney beans, lentils, pinto beans, and split peas.

**All quality oils** - avocado, coconut, grapeseed, olive, peanut, sesame, and walnut.

**Beverages** - distilled water, filtered water, and spring water.

**Other** - unsweetened almond milk, coconut milk, rice milk, or soy milk; herbs, spices, salt, pepper, unsweetened coconut flakes, seasonings, Bragg's Liquid Amino, soy products, and tofu.

## Foods to Avoid on the Daniel Fast

**All meat & animal products** - bacon, beef, buffalo, eggs, fish, lamb, poultry, and pork.

**All dairy products** - butter, cheese, cream, milk, and yogurt.

**All sweeteners** - agave nectar, artificial sweeteners, brown rice syrup, cane juice, honey, molasses, raw sugar, syrups, stevia, and sugar.

**All leavened bread & yeast** - baked goods and Ezekiel bread (if it contains yeast and honey).

**All refined & processed food products** - artificial flavorings, chemicals, food additives, preservatives, white flour, and white rice.

**All deep-fried foods** - corn chips, French fries, and potato chips.

**All solid fats** - lard, margarine, and shortening.

**Beverages** - alcohol, carbonated drinks, coffee, energy drinks.

*For more information and recipes to follow check out this website:*

[www.ultimatedanielfast.com](http://www.ultimatedanielfast.com)

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HELLO FROM THE ROLLING PLAINS PRAYER TEAM

Thank you to all who attended our November Zoom church-wide prayer meeting. It was a blessing to pray with you for our nation.

We pray that you all had a blessed Advent and Christmas. We pray that you found comfort in knowing that Christ was born and showed us how to live on earth in love and peace with one another.

**NEED PRAYER**

If you need specific prayer, please reach out to us by texting: *PRAY* to 740-265-3855, call the church office at 740-453-4192, or click the link “have a prayer request” on the church website. The pastors, prayer team members, and prayer chain pray over these requests daily.

**PRAYING FOR 2021 ZOOM**

The prayer team will be hosting a church wide Zoom meeting with Scripture readings and prayers to usher in 2021. This will be held on January 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-3pm. The Zoom link will be announced by Rolling Plains email and on the Rolling Plains Facebook page. Please contact the church office, or me for the link if you do not receive it. We will be praying for a renewal of our commitment to God, and our trust in Him for the 2021 year. Bring a Scripture and a prayer if God lays them upon your heart or just come and honor God as we give Him our first fruits of prayer for 2021.

2020 has been a difficult and challenging year for most. Let’s go into 2021 with a renewed sense of hope as we rely on God for His wisdom, peace, and joy.

Romans 15:13 says **“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace, because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”**

Kelly Lee  
RP Prayer Team Coordinator  
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**Inclement Weather Policy**

We would like to remind everyone that Rolling Plains will continue to hold Sunday services as scheduled during inclement weather, unless Muskingum County is under a Level Three Snow Emergency.

*\*We encourage you to take precaution and use your best judgment when deciding to venture out to church in bad weather. The Lord knows your will and your heart, but also your limitations.*



If you use **Rolling Plains giving envelopes**, please contact the church office 740-453-4192, and let us know if you would like to pick them up on Sunday, or stop by during office hours.

The Church Office will be closed on New Year’s Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Please welcome our 2021 Lead Team members**

*Gary Stall, Lead Team Chair*

*David Rupe, Pastor Parish Relations Chair  
Misty Lou Smith  
Jeff Krouskoupf*

*Pat Kelly, Finance Chair  
Gayle Kirkbride  
Dean Holtzclaw*

*Don Rice, Trustees Chair  
Zach Robinson  
Lindsey Cornett*

*Nominations:  
Pastor John Alice, Nominations Chair  
Pastor Alethea Botts*

*At Large: Van Slack*

### An Acrostic Poem

**U**nited Methodist Women working for the good of all. We are  
**M**ission driven and focused on supporting women & youth throughout the  
**W**orld.

Our theme, as listed in our Program Booklet for 2020, was entitled "Let your Light Shine, Ignited For Justice".

Here at Rolling Plains, our UMW (Circle) is a small group of older women and we certainly let our "LIGHT" shine, meeting all our 2020 goals even during a Pandemic.

We would so love to have other Circles composed of younger women (young women always have good ideas and know how to get things done) join and start another Circle (or Circles). Some United Methodist Churches have 10 Circles or more. Wow!! I'd love to see that happen here at RP. Just think of all that could and would be accomplished... IF we had more (Circles). It's fun to get together once a month to share news and concerns and... share ideas on how to help others. We are a mission-driven group and help women and youth all over the world. Materials are offered by the Office of Membership Opportunities that include program booklets, and a magazine, *Response*, that gives updates on all Methodist Women happenings, a prayer list, and other tools to help organize your Circle.

I'm praying that a light will be ignited in someone or many and a new Circle (or Circles) will be started here at Rolling Plains. Let's keep UMW going here at Rolling Plains for many years to come!

Do you have questions? You can call me at home (740-454-7871) or cell (740-586-2813) or email [junesmith58@hotmail.com](mailto:junesmith58@hotmail.com). I'd love to hear from you.

Wishing you the very BEST, and a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

June M. Smith, President of RP UMW

*P.S. Call some of your girlfriends and see if you can spark some interest in starting a Circle...  
YOU CAN DO IT!!!*



### *Advent Conspiracy Totals*

This year's Advent Conspiracy Project is focused on equally supporting our three Key International Ministry Partners

\$6,115.00 is the Total we received through 12/21/2020.

Donations made will be shared equally by the following organizations

*Haiti, Mexico, and UMCOR.*



A FAITH-BASED MINISTRY AND  
SUPPORT GROUP FOR  
HURTS, HABITS, HANG-UPS AND ADDICTIONS

# Road to Recovery TESTIMONY NIGHT

Guest Speaker:  
**Missi Kaiser**

**LIFE COACH**

FRIDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY!  
6:30 PM

Rolling Plains Church  
EMBERS ROOM - LIMITED SEATING  
ALSO JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE

<https://www.facebook.com/RoadToRecoverySupportGroup>

Road to Recovery is a Ministry of Rolling Plains Church and is led by Michelle Dobbins. All are welcome. Please contact Michelle with any questions at 740-586-1440.





**Bethel Community Center – A Local Missional Outpost**  
126 Ontario Street

### ***Open For New Opportunities in 2021***

Does the thought of another big New Year's gathering stress you out? Would you rather stay home, stay warm, and stay safe? You are in for a treat. On the morning of December 31st, we will have an original service available for you to watch in the comfort of your own home. This service will include several songs that will make you want to sing along. Also, several of our friends from RP will sit down and read

Scripture with us from the Book of John. Plan to view this service by *going to* [www.rollingplainsumc.com](http://www.rollingplainsumc.com) - OR - Facebook.com/RPCHURCHOH to view.

*This service will be available all day for you to enjoy.*

God is in the restoration business.  
When He restores,  
He gives back what has been taken.  
When He restores,  
He reverses what has been damaged & hurt.  
So, let's believe Him and expect His  
best in our lives.

Prayer:

Lord, You are the great restorer. I trust You  
to restore all areas of my life.

Amen



THOUGH YOU HAVE MADE ME  
SEE TROUBLES, MANY AND  
BITTER, YOU WILL *restore*  
MY LIFE AGAIN;  
FROM THE DEPTHS  
OF THE EARTH YOU  
WILL AGAIN BRING ME UP.  
YOU WILL *increase* MY  
HONOR & COMFORT  
ME ONCE MORE.  
- PSALM 71:20-21

Please use the link below when shopping at Amazon and share with all your friends & family.

A portion of every purchase comes back to the church.

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Other than a precautionary closure with staff being quarantined after being exposed to COVID-19 virus, we have been going strong with our ***Virtual Learning Program***. Since we began in September 2020 we have served thirty students from various area school districts. Our students walk in at 9:00 with smiles on their faces and hurry to eat a delicious breakfast. Then they begin their schoolwork for the day. This includes Google Classroom meetings, video “walk throughs” for various lessons and some “old school type” paper packets.

Our After-School Coordinator Breann Adams and I have been blessed with several “temporary staff” volunteers who help students one-on-one with their schoolwork. One of our parents said that her children would not be able to successfully do the on-line classes without our individual support. As busy as it can be with all the work, when our volunteer cook, Camie, says at 11:30 “time to wash your hands for lunch”, the kids make way for a delicious meal made just for them. There are always seconds and even thirds served to all students and staff.

Around noon students get back to work, taking breaks only to do a fun craft between class meetings or doing “homework” assignments. At 2:00 parents begin arriving to pick up their children. We fill backpacks with take-home items and the colorful art masterpieces the students created that day.

We prepared for Christmas at Bethel by decorating a tree donated by a Board Member. We were excited to distribute meals and gifts to our students and their siblings on Saturday, December 19. Santa handed out gifts at car-side while the staff and volunteers packed up delicious meals of pulled-pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, water, and a cookie decorated by our Bethel students.



In January we plan to start back with our After-School Program so the kids can unwind from the busy school day and have some fun. We look forward to the blessings 2021 will bring as we strive to serve the Putnam neighborhood and beyond. If you would like to know more about us, would like to have your child participate, or would like to support us please email me [ahatfield6738@gmail.com](mailto:ahatfield6738@gmail.com) or call 740-252-6009.

Amanda Hatfield, Executive Director