



February 2026 Newsletter

Prayerfulness in Change

Prayer is a special privilege for Christians. As our church goes through changes and faces challenges, it's crucial that we pray—for each other, our pastor, staff, volunteers, and for a stronger, healthier church. With the Lenten Season beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, now is an ideal time to renew our focus on prayer.

A look at Biblical history reveals the power of prayer in the most trying of circumstances.

Moses, with the Red Sea in front of him and the Egyptian Army pursuing from behind, prayed, and the sea opened.

David, facing the World Wrestling Federation Champion fighter, Goliath, prayed, and David won the match in a knockout.

Israel, untrained, untried, and unarmed, pondering how to conquer Jericho, a fortified, walled-in city, prayed and marched around the city and the walls came tumbling down.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, anticipating a crispy death in the fiery furnace, prayed. Thrown into the furnace they did not get burned.

Daniel, thrown into a den of hungry lions because he would not bow down to the Babylonian King, prayed and did not become the main course of the felines' dinner.

In 1987, our four year old daughter accompanied me on an errand to the William Penn College library in Oskaloosa, Iowa where I was pastoring the Free Methodist Church in that town. Standing in front of the library was a large, modern brass sculpture. Heather stared and slowed down as we approached this statue. I could see her four-year-old brain churning, trying to grasp the meaning of this big, brass "thing." Stopping, she raised her arm pointed to this statue asked me, "Daddy, what is that?" I stated matter-of-factly, "It's a sculpture, Heather." She paused and then asked me a question I could not answer: "What does it do?"

Some have asked the same question about prayer. Reflecting on the fact that Jesus, the perfect Son of God, frequently prayed in every situation, it makes me realize that if even he needed prayer, we need it all the more.

What can prayer do for you? Prayer helps you hear God by cutting through life's distractions and focusing like a laser beam on the loving, almighty, holy, righteous and present God. Prayer reminds us that communion with God is more important than escaping life's difficulties. Engaging in prayer can foster greater courage when confronting challenges, enhance one's ability to undertake demanding tasks, and support perseverance during difficult times.

Choosing to pray will build your faith, deepen your trust, and strengthen your resolve.

Let's make February a month of prayer!

Victor J. Toney, Pastor



Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026, we held a brief State of the Church gathering. The purpose of this meeting was keep the congregation informed about the decisions the SLB has made. Below are the some of the details of the agreement (MOU) between Pastor Vic, the Global Methodist conference and SLB. We are very excited to have Pastor Vic lead us during this next season at MWCC.

Blessings, SLB

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2026

➤ On January 15th, Reverend Victor J. Toney (Pastor Vic) and the MWCC Spiritual Leadership Board (SLB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) appointing him as pastor until June 30th, 2026, with a possible extension upon mutual agreement between the church and Pastor.

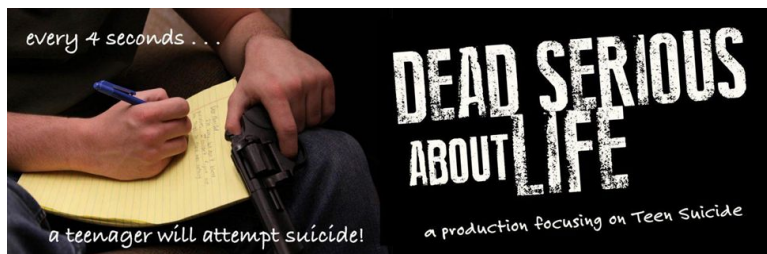
➤ The MOU establishes a collaborative partnership with MWCC that supports the spiritual, operational, and leadership needs of the Church, while clearly defining the roles, responsibilities and terms of agreement.

➤ Pastor Vic and the SLB have pinpointed four main areas to strengthen, helping to prepare the church to support the ideal candidate as MWCC's full-time, on-site local pastor and future growth.

We will concentrate on these four strategic areas:

- 1) **Finances:** Reduce debt, create a salary package for the next pastor, and assess long-term parsonage use.
- 2) **Worship Leadership:** Develop and implement plan to revitalize Sunday Morning Worship Services.
- 3) **Program Prioritization:** Church and pastor will jointly identify and prioritize key programs that advance the Church's mission, outreach, education and community engagement.
- 4) **Lay Leadership Development:** Pastor and church will commit to developing lay leadership with in the congregation. The pastor will mentor emerging leaders, facilitate training and encourage active participation in ministry teams.

➤ Pastor Vic will act as an advisor to the SLB in interviewing, vetting and choosing the next full time pastor.



Is coming to our area!! February 21 and 22

Tickets - purchased online for \$8

[**www.mish-inc.com**](http://www.mish-inc.com)

Tickets - purchased at the door for \$9

**Taylor High School
56 Cooper Avenue
Cleveland, OH 45002**

Saturday's performance is at 6:00 PM

Sunday's performance is at 3:00 PM

Dead Serious About Life (con't.)

ABOUT THE GROUP...

Mishpachah, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has been in operation since 1990. The group's unique name "Mishpachah" is a Hebrew word that means family. The group consist of high school students from the Cincinnati, Ohio area who audition to be a part of this organization. In the past, the group has performed at various churches, civic organizations, youth events, Cincinnati Convention Center, church camps, parks, shopping malls, numerous high schools, Six Flags Over Mid America, Kings Island Amusement Park, and Disney World. They have toured in Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Alabama, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION...

"Dead Serious...About Life" is a musical written to appeal to students. It is upfront...it is blunt...it is life! The story begins at Spencer and Stephanie's house. Mom and Dad have left for the weekend, so let the party begin!

Throughout the course of the evening, you will meet the characters with their different personalities, their numerous problems and their view about their lives. "Dead Serious" will expose us all to the issues of abortion, alcohol, drugs, religion, sex and suicide... issues that we don't want to talk about it or face, Well, hang onto your seat, 'cause this musical cuts it wide open. It will make you laugh, cry, hurt, fear and feel...but most of all "Dead Serious" will make you take a second look at life.

The final message that is communicated to the audience is that suicide only creates more problems than it really solves and that there is a better way to live!

What People Are Saying...

- This musical is real life, real kids, real situations!
- It was an eye-opener to reality.
- It was so easy to relate to the characters on stage.
- "Dead Serious" is three hours packed full of reality, hope and change.
- This is a great way for kids to find out what they are missing in life.
- "Dead Serious" shows kids that they do not have to grow up in the midst of problems all alone.



**MEN'S PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

**Saturday
February 7
9:30 am**

All men are invited



**"JESUS AND
WOMEN"**
by Kristi McLelland

**Tuesdays
6:00-7:30 pm**

Light Dinner -doors open at 5:00 pm



**Feb. 18
Ashes & Prayer**

*Ash
Wednesday*

**2-4pm • Drive Thru style
4-6pm • Come inside**



**Piecemakers
Quilting Group**

**Wednesdays
10:00am
Trailer B**

JOIN US



**JOIN
US!**

**Wednesdays
at 2pm**

for **Chair Volleyball**

FEBRUARY
FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**Canned Fruits, Fruit Cups,
Jello, and Applesauce**





Winter Weather Closings and Cancellations

With the arrival of winter weather comes the possible need to cancel or reschedule church events. This includes cancelling the worship service on Sunday morning. We have designed a checklist to help you to quickly discover if there is a cancellation or closure:

- 1) Call the Church at (513) 367-4990, **NOT the Pastor!!** There will be a message on the church phone if there are any changes.
- 2) Check the church website (www.mymw.org). Changes will be listed there.
- 3) Check the church Facebook page. Changes will be listed there.
- 4) Watch Channel 9 (WCPO) news. All changes will scroll on the bottom of your television screen.

Every effort will be made by church personnel to follow the above checklist in order for you to be able to receive the information. Thank you and stay safe!!!



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