

Gideons International – Giving the Scriptures

The Gideons International, founded in 1899, serves as an extended missionary arm of the church and is the oldest Christian business and professional men's association in the United States of America. A board of distinguished Christian laymen, international in makeup, supervises the worldwide Gideon ministry, ensuring an efficient, economical operation. Annually, The Gideons International is placing and distributing more than 63,000,000 Scriptures worldwide. (www.gideons.org.) Nettle Creek had an Open Bible offering and collected \$68.00. If you were not present and would like to donate to the Gideons, there are always cards and envelopes available at the church, or you may visit their website www.gideons.org. If you have any questions about the Gideons or interest, Willis Murray would be able to give you further information as he is a Gideon.

Trustee Report

At our January council meeting we voted to allow up to \$3,000 be withdrawn from our Edward Jones account to cover bills in the event our offering was too low to pay our bills. This need did arise and the \$3,000 was withdrawn. Also, council approved to have the trustees move forward with replacement of the furnace and air conditioning at the parsonage. Dungan Heating from Cambridge City has replaced the unit at the cost of \$3,662.08. And, additional \$3,700.00 (withdrawal request was made prior to having the final bill) was withdrawn from our Edward Jones account. Finally, just as an informational note, the water heater that supplies hot water to the basement restrooms and the baptistery had to be replaced the week of February 26. The old unit had a leak and was not repairable. The new water heater was \$267, and was paid from offering funds.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED is turning 65!!

Please come and help us celebrate!

**All women of the church and community are invited
to come and join us in this 65th celebration:**

May Friendship Breakfast

Sat., May 6, 9:00 a.m.

Hagerstown United Methodist Church

199 South Perry Street

**"Speak Up For A Child" will be presented by
Karen Bowen, Director, Wayne County
Guardian Ad Litem/CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**

Child care will be provided.

**Planning Committttee: Co-Chairs - Jayne Miller, Virginia Hormel
Linda Hodson, Donna Hunsberger, Jayne Bennett, Heather Nicholson,
Joy Klein**

Newletter Hard Copies

Copies of the newsletter are on the bookcase at the rear of the sanctuary. Anyone who would like to have the Newsletter sent by mail, please give your name to Jodi Johnson.