

Special Prayers This Week

Worshipping at Home

Betty Hammond Mary Kleinhans Candy & Dale Kohagan Dee Pohl

Sympathy

The congregation and staff extends its condolences to Harry & Linda Guenther & family on the passing of their son, Derek Guenther, on December 27, 2017.

Prayers

Betsy - daughter-in-law of Jane Martin/high risk pregnancy Mary Campbell - friend of Jan Kline/stage 4 renal cancer
Family & friends of Bill - cousin of Deb Skinner Bill Ouellette - friend of the Trombly's/terminal cancer
Mark Traum- health concerns

Note: Names listed in *italics* are new on the prayer list.

Extended Illness and Treatment

12 year old boy - friend of Sue Rummel/leukemia	Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems
Alisha - friend of Linda Traum/spinal surgery recovery	Maureen Kopec - friend of Amy Heminger/continued lung cancer treatment
Hannah Boley - double lung transplant continued progress at home	Judy Kreiner - 3rd series of chemo nearly completed
Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/stage 4 liver cancer	Larry - Eleanor Dawson's brother/cancer surgery recovery
Brother of Linda Traum - health issues	Wayne Lawrence - health issues
Jeff Crawford - hip replacement surgery recovery	Maxine - aunt of Deb Skinner/peace & comfort in Hospice care
Sue Dickinson - friend of Roger & Patricia Partlo/healing	Molly - friend of Jason Bennett/throat surgery & cancer recovery
Marge Deibel - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/continued progress	Jerry & Sheila Parsons - both battling cancer
Joan Doherty - sister of Shirley Rosan/cancer	Gary Priest - Wendy Elliott's father/cancer treatment
Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/cancer treatment	Kathleen Richardson - Curt Jensen's niece/continued neck & spine surgery recovery
Tami Gregg - sister-in-law of Carolyn Davidson/cancer	Mike Smith - son-in-law of Linda & Lynn Smith/cancer treatment
Dan Heading - brother of Nancy Lewis/recovery from open heart surgery	R.K. Steele - son of Beverly Steele
Jackie & Jeff Heintz - friends of the Partlo's/both have health issues	Jim Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/responding well to ongoing cancer treatment
Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/continuing terminal cancer treatment	Tom & Grace - from Ralph Pitts/marital problems
Richard Holland - from Herb & Janet Rice/foot amputation surgery recovery	Denise Terwilliger - friend of Les & Julia Keeper/ongoing cancer treatment
Gay Jacobs - friend of Roger & Patricia Partlo/severe breathing problems	Athena Trombly - niece of Barry Trombly/upcoming surgery for brain tumor
Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy & Sue/cancer surgery recovery	Mary Ulmer - friend of Sandy Schrock/pneumonia complications
Janice Johnson - niece of Sharon McDonald/cancer treatment results	Cindy W. - friend of Ralph Pitts/facing 2nd leg amputation
John Keller - stroke rehab at MCF	Sarah Walton - friend of Jeff & Lisa Crawford/surgery recovery at home

Family Members Serving in the Military

J. D. DeLaOssa - grandson of Fred & Barbara Stabley/currently in Fort Bliss. He is awaiting deployment to Iraq sometime this month.

Please help us keep the prayer concerns updated by calling the church office with up to date information about your prayer requests. Thank you.

Welcome

January 1

Busy Bags for children with crayons, books, etc. are available. Look for them by the entrance, and please return them to the rack so they can be re-stocked for next week.

Child Care: Child care is available for infants through 5 year-olds on Sunday mornings from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Nursery. We invite older children to enjoy the Busy Bags.

Coffee Hour: We are glad to be able to worship together today! We invite everyone to stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Space after the worship service.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Loose coin offerings for the month of January will be donated to UMCOR/Refugee Relief.

Reminder - the Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 2.

2017 Giving Envelopes are now available in the Foyer by the front door.

First UMC with our partner, Faith Community Church will be hosting the ICRH Rotating Homeless Shelter

NEXT WEEK - January 8-15, 2017

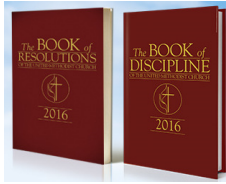
Volunteers URGENTLY needed!!! Many opportunities still available.

You may sign up online at:
www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44a5ae29a57-rotating4 or call
the Church Office at 773-6934.



Degreening the Church - will take place this Tuesday, January 3 at 4 p.m. Please join us, many hands make light work!

Next Sunday, January 8, we return to our regular 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship schedule.



2016 Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions are now available -

The *Book of Discipline* includes a complete listing of the rules, organization and beliefs of the United Methodists. The *Book of Resolutions* contains all current social policies adopted by the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. Let the Church Office know if you would like us to order a copy for you. The cost for the Book of Discipline is \$24.00, The

Book of Resolutions is \$22.00. Special savings are available if you purchase a 2pk with one of each book for \$40.00 The church is able to get free shipping on orders of \$35.00 or more. Please submit your order by Monday, January 16, 2017.

Breakfast and Shower ministry for ICRH guests - Volunteers are needed to provide breakfast and help with the guests! You may sign up on SignUpGenius or call the church office. *We are still accepting donations of men's and women's shampoo and conditioner. Monetary donations are also appreciated.* Please make checks payable to First UMC and note "Shower Ministry" on the memo line.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING OFFERED - Stephen Ministry training will be offered beginning Monday, January 9th. The program consists of fifty hours of instruction and practice to prepare individuals to assist people in a variety of situations. If you desire more information contact Loren Anderson or Carol Lanfear. A signup sheet is available at the Welcome Station.

Mt. Pleasant Area Historical Society will host speaker, Trooper Mike White, on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. Trooper White will present a program about Human Trafficking. All are invited.

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JOHN

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SERMON SERIES

BEGINNING

JANUARY 1, 2017

CHILDREN'S

SUNDAY SCHOOL

BEGINNING

JANUARY 8, 2017 @ 11:15 AM



District Valentine Tea is Saturday, February 11 at Leaton UMC from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. No reservations needed. Cost is \$2.00 at the door. A wonderful program of music will be enjoyed by all (specifics TBA). Let's have a great turn out from our church - take advantage of the close location.

Our Annual Valentine Tea - Sunday, February 12, at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. EVERYONE (women AND men) is invited to join this celebration. Come enjoy the beautifully decorated tables and a delicious dessert buffet. The main event will be announcing and honoring our Special Mission Recognition recipients.

Annual Spiritual Growth Retreat - "Encounters with Jesus" is the theme for our annual retreat on Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Special guest will be retired pastor Carolyn Spragg who will be portraying 3 different women from the bible who had special "Encounters with Jesus." Cost: \$12.00 (includes continental breakfast and lunch). RSVP by March 6 to the Church Office, 989-773-6934 or Linda Darrow, 989-763-8750.

UMW CIRCLES

Wesley meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Prayer & Meditation Room. The January 5 meeting has been canceled.

Mackenzie meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Mary Martha meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

FYI <small>FOR YOUR INFORMATION</small>			Periscope Viewers
12/24/16	5:30 pm	271	41
	11:00 pm	96	65
		367	106
12/25/16	11:00 am	65	15
Loose coin offering for Goodrow Fund for December \$134.50.			