

Welcome

January 22

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 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 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.

Adult Bible Study at 10:05 a.m. in the Library - Join us as we read and discuss God's Word. All are Welcome!

Adult Sunday School at 10:05 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room will be studying "A Passion for Justice". Social justice has been a part of the Wesleyan tradition from its beginning. How is a passion for justice taught and nurtured? How can Christians be encouraged to make the connection between Christian faith and social justice? Next week we will be studying "Gentrification".

Snacks for Pullen Outreach-I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have faithfully and generously donated snacks and money to this ministry. Due to heartfelt monetary donations made, we will be able to continue to drop off snacks for the next several weeks. Rest assured, I will let you know when the need arises for donations. We will continue to support this necessary outreach for the remainder of this school year. Please let me know if I can answer any questions. Amy Heminger

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.

Preschool Pancake Supper and Silent Auction - Friday, Feb. 3, 5-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverage. The prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-10 years old and donation for kids under 5 years old. Tickets are available at the door or from preschool parents or board members.

Isabella County Founders Day Celebration - Saturday, February 11. Activities include Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall from 8-11 a.m., Quilt Show and Historical Displays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on first floor and Presentation and Awards in the Sanctuary at 11:45 a.m.



College students are invited to dinner each Sunday at 6 p.m. at Wesley@CMU, 1400 S. Washington (corner of Preston). We enjoy a free, homemade meal together, with lots of conversation and laughter. There may be games, a program, or an activity afterward.

UMW NEWS

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.

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.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshiping at Home

Beverly Wangberg Wilma Blackman Betty Eckersley Don Felisky

Sympathy

The congregation and staff extends its condolences to Betty Wolters, family & friends on the passing of Kenneth Hotchkiss, Betty's brother-in-law, on January 8, 2017.

The congregation and staff extends its condolences to Dawn Harless, family & friends on the passing of Avis Harless, Dawn's mother, on January 11. A funeral was held in the Sanctuary on January 16.

Prayers

Jim Anderson - health issues
Anthony - brother of Lisa Sheffert/finishing basic training at Fort Benning
Family & friends of Marie Burden
Holly Bartolo - health concerns
Mark Gordon - brother of Tom Gordon/recovery of health
Chris Graham - son of Cassandra Tucker/gastroparesis complication of diabetes
Family & friends of Jackie Heintz - friend of Roger & Patricia Partlo

Nicole Hough - cousin of Carolyn Davidson/return of lymphoma
David Jaskae - brother-in-law of Chuck & Dianne/return of blood cancer
David Johnson - son of Don & Paula Johnson/upcoming surgery
Janice Johnson - niece of Sharon McDonald/eye problems
JoAnn Maxim - upcoming surgery
Dixie Neier - continued healing
Randy Recker - heart surgery recovery at home

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

Extended Illness and Treatment

12 year old boy - friend of Sue Rummel/leukemia
Alisha - friend of Linda Traum/spinal surgery recovery
Anne - friend of David Kelley/broken shoulder
Hannah Boley - double lung transplant continued progress at home
Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/stage 4 liver cancer
Brother of Linda Traum - health issues
Mary Campbell - friend of Jan Kline/stage 4 renal cancer
Jeff Crawford - hip replacement surgery recovery
Marge Deibel - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/continued progress
Joan Doherty - sister of Shirley Rosan/cancer
Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/cancer treatment
Tami Gregg - sister-in-law of Carolyn Davidson/cancer
Dan Headding - brother of Nancy Lewis/recovery from open heart surgery
Jeff Heintz - friend of the Partlo's/cancer treatment
Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/continuing terminal cancer treatment
Richard Holland - from Herb & Janet Rice/foot amputation surgery recovery
Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy & Sue/cancer surgery recovery
John Keller - stroke rehab at MCF
Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems
Maureen Kopec - friend of Amy Heminger/continued lung cancer treatment
Judy Kreiner - 3rd series of chemo completed

Larry - Eleanor Dawson's brother/cancer surgery recovery
Wayne Lawrence - health issues
Betsy Martin - daughter-in-law of Jane Martin/high risk pregnancy
Maxine - aunt of Deb Skinner/peace & comfort in Hospice care
Molly - friend of Jason Bennett/throat surgery & cancer recovery
Matt Noble & family - heart & lung transplant
Jerry & Sheila Parsons - both battling cancer
Gary Priest - Wendy Elliott's father/cancer treatment
Bill Ouellette - friend of the Trombly's/terminal cancer
Kathleen Richardson - Curt Jensen's niece/continued neck & spine surgery recovery
Scott - son-in-law of Bill & Arlene Dunham/working with men released from prison
Mike Smith - son-in-law of Linda & Lynn Smith/cancer treatment
R.K. Steele - son of Beverly Steele
Jim Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/responding well to ongoing cancer treatment
Denise Terwilliger - friend of Les & Julia Keeper/ongoing cancer treatment
Mark Traum - health concerns
Athena Trombly - niece of Barry Trombly/upcoming surgery for brain tumor
Mary Ulmer - friend of Sandy Schrock/pneumonia complications
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 serving in Iraq.



Periscope Viewers

1/15/17	9:00 am	123	35
	11:00 am	<u>62</u>	<u>26</u>
		185	61

Loose coin offering for Goodrow Fund for December \$134.50.