

Welcome

February 26

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

ASH WEDNESDAY **Ash Wednesday Service** - will be held this Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Loose coin offerings for the month of February will be donated to AIM, The Association for Interfaith Ministries.

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 "Protecting God's Creatures". China recently announced it will ban all sales of ivory by the end of 2017. How will this ban support efforts of conservationists to protect elephants and other animals? How does our Christian faith guide us as we respond to issues of animal slaughter and the marketing of goods obtained from wildlife? Next week we will be studying "Immigration Ban".

Soup and Substance Lenten Series - Join us Sundays, March 5-April 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for "Soup and Graceful Conversations About Controversial Issues." March 5 will be led by Al Lewis as he shares tactics, tools, and communication strategies. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the light meal provided. Brought to you by your Church and Society Committee.



Finance Fact\$ - First UMC leadership has approved a general fund expenditure budget for the 2017 calendar year. The approved budget anticipates total expenditures of \$394k to support the many ministries of the church. To get to this operating budget many cuts were made to original budget requests. Efficiencies in church operations will continue to be identified as the year progresses. For the second consecutive year, church staff have not received a compensation increase.

Unfortunately, pledges and current projections for unpledged giving have reached only about 90% of anticipated expenses. We begin the year with prayerful optimism that contributions throughout the year will increase sufficiently to fully support our ministries. As the year progresses, updated information about our church finances will be shared.

Nutrition Club - Thank you for your dedicated support of the Nutrition Club. We continue to accept donations as there is still a real need. Over 600 children depend on us for food over the weekend. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this crucial and local outreach. Thank you!! Amy Heminger



The Snacks for Pullen Outreach - I just received a heartfelt thank you from Ann Owens, our contact at Pullen. The generous snacks we are providing are much appreciated and truly filling a need. We will continue to collect donations for the remainder of the school year. Amy Heminger

Our Kitchen Cupboard Ministry NEEDS YOUR HELP! Thanks to your donations we have helped 24 families since October and taken care of the 6 families on the waiting list. Your donations are going out the door as quickly as they come in! Items needed include: *dinner plates, bowls, all sizes pots and pans, potholders, silverware, baking pans, dish cloths & towels, toasters, hand mixers, and microwaves.* Donations may be dropped off at the Church Office Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.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

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. in Fellowship Hall. 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, 773-6934 or Linda Darrow, 989-763-8750.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshipping at Home

Betty Hammond Mary Kleinhans Candy & Dale Kohagan Dee Pohl

Prayers

Beth - co-worker of Jan Shaffer/multiple health issues
David Foster - heart surgery recovery
Natalie Gurley - sister-in-law of Linda Traum/breast cancer treatment
Eric Heitman - from Pat Heitman/cancer treatment

Mike Krauss - nephew of Norma Kreiner/recovering from diabetic complications
Tammie - niece of Deb Skinner
Vera Twining - aunt of Sharon McDonald/difficult stroke recovery

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
 Jim Anderson - health issues/at the Laurels
 Blake - from Lynn Marr/hip replacement surgery recovery
 Hannah Boley - double lung transplant continued progress
 Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/stage 4 liver cancer
 Brother of Linda Traum - health issues
 Marge Deibel - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/continued progress
 Joan Doherty - sister of Shirley Rosan/cancer
 Bill Fabris - friend of Margie Williams/kidney & liver failure
 Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/cancer treatment
 Chris Graham - son of Cassandra Tucker/gastroparesis a complication of diabetes
 Tami Gregg - sister-in-law of Carolyn Davidson/cancer
 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
 Nicole Hough - cousin of Carolyn Davidson/return of lymphoma
 David Jaskae - brother-in-law of Chuck & Dianne/return of blood cancer
 Jeanne - from Randy Hetherington/accident recovery & heart concerns
 Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy & Sue/cancer surgery recovery
 David Johnson - son of Don & Paula Johnson/recovery from successful procedure

John Keller - continued stroke recovery at home
 Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems
 Kim - Dan Marvin's sister/liver cancer
 Dixie Neier - health issues
 Wayne Lawrence - health issues
 Betsy Martin - daughter-in-law of Jane Martin/high risk pregnancy
 Maureen - from Greg & Carole Merwin/2nd round of chemo
 JoAnn Maxim - surgery recovery
 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
 Randy Recker - continued heart surgery recovery
 Kathleen Richardson - Curt Jensen's niece/continued neck & spine surgery recovery
 Dillon Schepperly - nephew of Jacqui Pridgeon/job search
 Scott - son-in-law of Bill & Arlene Dunham/working with men released from prison
 Mike Smith - son-in-law of Linda & Lynn Smith/completed chemo
 R.K. Steele - son of Beverly Steele
 Joan Swirtz - oral surgery recovery & test results
 Jim Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/responding well to ongoing cancer treatment
 Denise Terwilliger - friend of Les & Julia Keepper/ongoing cancer treatment
 Athena Trombly - niece of Barry Trombly/upcoming surgery for brain tumor
 Mary Ulmer - friend of Sandy Schrock/severe health issues
 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.

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

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2/19/17	9:00 am	121	Periscope Viewers
	11:00 am	<u>38</u>	<u>33</u>
		159	95
<p>Loose coin offering for UMCOR-Refugee Relief for January was \$615.00.</p>			