

Welcome

November 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 coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space after the worship service.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking Ahead - The various ministries of our church are in the midst of developing program plans for the upcoming year. The Finance Committee has asked them to do this in light of the pledged giving for 2018. This is a prayerful time as each ministry area is dedicated to practicing "Extravagant Giving". Thus it is important to have an accurate estimate of expected giving.

To date we have received 99 General Fund pledges for a total of \$217,669. If you have not yet pledged there is still time. Pledge cards are available at the Welcome Center. Once you've completed it you can turn it in to the office, or simply place it in the offering plate during service. Please remember all pledges are confidential and can be changed in the future if the need arises. Thank you

Adult Bible Study - Join us at 10:05 a.m. in the Library as we study great Bible stories in chronological order. All are welcome.

Adult Sunday School in the Multipurpose Room will discuss "Bishops Commission on a Way Forward".

Please note: TODAY, Nov. 26, is the last day to bring coats for Christmas Outreach. You may hang them up on the coat racks outside Fellowship Hall. Financial donations are still being accepted. Make your checks out to First UMC and write "Christmas Outreach" in the memo line.

Hanging of the Greens - Please join us tomorrow, Monday, November 27 from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in preparing our church for the Christmas season. We'll decorate the church for the holidays. Come for all or part of the time. Youth and adults of all ages are invited. A light supper of pizza & veggies will be served to volunteers.



Staff Christmas Gifts - SPRC is collecting money for Staff Christmas gifts! Now through December 3rd, we will have a table set up before the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and between services. Our SPRC Committee members will be collecting donations. Cash only please! Let's show our staff how much we appreciate them!

CMU Student Study Nights! Coffee, snacks, WIFI and a quiet study area in Fellowship Hall. Dec. 3-6, 8:00 p.m. till midnight. All students welcome!

COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES! Our church is again hosting a warming station for the Mt. Pleasant Christmas Lighted Christmas Parade, and we need cookies. Please bring homemade (if possible) cookies to the church on Thursday, Friday or by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2. Any extra cookies will be enjoyed throughout the Advent season. Thank you!

BELL RINGING TIME AGAIN! This year First UMC will be "Ringing the Bells" on two Saturdays, December 9 and December 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Kroger's. Church and Society is again asking you to volunteer just one hour of your time to help us fill all the time slots. Last year \$798.31 was raised by First UMC in support of the work of the Salvation Army in meeting the needs of our community. Sign up through SignUpGenius or call Nancy Priestap (772-5541) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar - The Altar Flower Committee would like to invite you to remember and/or honor a loved one by donating Christmas Poinsettias. Please complete an order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with your donation of \$15.00 no later than Monday, December 10th. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center Desk.



Jennifer Lane still has many of the **T-Shirts** you ordered. They will look better in your closet than stored in her office. Ask her for yours.

UMW

Mary Martha Circle will meet in the Multipurpose Room, tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. The program will be **WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR ALL THROUGH THE YEAR**. You are all invited to join us.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshipping at Home

Wilma Blackman Don Felisky Candy & Dale Kohagan Dee Pohl Beverly Wangberg

Sympathy

The congregation and staff offer their condolences to family & friends of Glenna Clendening who passed on Saturday, November 11.

The congregation and staff offer their condolences to Cindy & Bruce Kilmer, family & friends on the passing of Cindy's father.

Prayers

Jim Baker - health concerns

Joe Beckwith - friend of Pat Heitman/ in need of liver transplant

Caren - sister-in-law of Janet Cummings/surgery recovery

Connie Jo - sister-in-law of Bill Zehnder/cancer recurrence

Greg Dunham - excruciating back pain

Pam Gray - spinal compression fracture

Family & friends of Mike Lindsey

Deb Miller - health issues

Stan Pridgeon - health issues

Nancy Rivard - former organist/broken hip

Marilyn Walton - mom of Lisa & Jeff Crawford's friend/open heart surgery recovery.

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

Extended Illness and Treatment

Larry Abbott - friend of David Kelley/brain cancer recovery

Sidney Benaske - friend of Norma Kreiner/bladder cancer

Hannah Boley - continued progress after 1 year

Carol Brannan - continued treatment & recovery

Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/
stage 4 liver cancer

Brother of Linda Traum - continuing health issues

Marvin Chudej & family - dealing with cancer

George Clapp - friend of Sandy Schrock/health issues

Gary Conant - continued healing

Ruth Cranz - recovering from a broken hip

Daughter-in-law of Jane Butcher/cancer diagnosis

Mariano DeLaOssa - son-in-law of Fred & Barbara Stabley/
undergoing cancer treatment

Joan Doherty - sister of Shirley Rosan/cancer

AJ Eifler - stroke recovery in Mt. Pleasant

Darlene Finch - friend of Debbie Lawrence/health concerns

Tura Foster - daughter of Dave & Mercia Foster/health issue

Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/cancer treatment

Tom Gordon - continued recovery

Natalie Gurley - sister-in-law of Linda Traum/breast cancer treatment

Betty Hammond - at Medical Care Facility/new health issues

Jerry Headding - brother of Nancy Lewis/blood clots in lung & leg

Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/discontinuing cancer treatment

High School friend of John Skinner/early onset Alzheimers

Rollie Hill - brother-in-law of Dave & Sharon McDonald/
continuing health concerns

Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy Hetherington/cancer recurrence & brain surgery recovery

George Jennings - continued recovery at home

Cheryl Jose - daughter of Art Homan/continued cancer treatment

Karen - friend of Holly Bartolo/pancreatic cancer

Terri Kelly - from Debbie Lawrence/back surgery recovery

Mary Kleinhans - eye surgery recovery

Bart Kjolhede - knee replacement recovery

Alex Kreth - brother of Melinda Kreth/healing

Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems

Leah - from Marriane Smith/chronic heart condition

LQuinn - friend of Ralph Pitts/cancer treatment

Joellyn Malmquist - from Rose Benjamin/ALS

Nancy Marshall - health issue

Marlene - friend of Cheri & Randy Recker/cancer treatment

Everett McNally - friend of Barry & Sherry Trombly/cancer treatment

Wayne Lawrence - continued health issues

Bob Massongill - cousin of Dave McDonald/continued cancer treatment

Sheila Parsons - battling cancer

Stacey - friend of Marriane Smith/cancer treatments

Rob - cousin of Deb Skinner/cancer treatment continued success

Jim Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/continued radiation treatment once a month

Julene Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/cancer treatment complications with heart condition

Gloria Thorin - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/surgery recovery

Clela Underwood - broken foot

Mindy VanAlstine - chemo treatments for lung cancer

Family Members Serving in the Military

Sgt. J. D. DeLaOssa - grandson of Fred & Barbara Stabley has returned safely from Syria.



Periscope Viewers

11/19/17	9:00 am	125	44
	11:00 am	<u>60</u>	<u>39</u>
		185	83

Loose coin offering Community Cancer Services of Isabella County for October was \$262.00.

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

Traditional Worship Service: Tuesday - 7:00 pm,

Wednesday - 2:50 pm, & Saturday - 6:30 pm

Contemporary Worship Service:

Wednesday - 6:00 am, Friday - 6:30 pm & Sunday - 7:00 pm

Worship Services from the previous week can also be seen on CHANNEL

187 on Sunday only: Traditional Service at 9:00 am

& Contemporary Service at 11:00 am

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