

Welcome

December 17



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

Loose coin offerings for the month of December will be donated to the Goodrow Fund.

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 meets in the Multipurpose Room. This week we will discuss "Called to Love". In the second week of Advent, we focus on love. What did Jesus teach us about love? How are we called to respond with Christ like love to a hurting world? Where do we see acts of love in the world today. No class next week.

Snacks for Pullen Outreach - I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have faithfully and generously donated snacks to this ministry. We continue to be able to make regular deliveries to the school. We are met with gratitude and appreciation!! Remember, we will accept donations for the remainder of the school year. Amy Heminger



Thank you to those who donated money and coats for Christmas Outreach. We collected \$770.00 and 142 coats. Thanks to the volunteers who sorted, bagged and delivered the coats to Finch Fieldhouse.



First UMC will host the **Rotating Homeless Shelter January 2 to 14, 2018.** Volunteers still needed for evening hosting, evening meals, overnight shifts, morning wakeup duty, initial setup and final takedown, and laundry. Please help by volunteering on SignUpGenius, or Sundays at the Welcome Center, or call the church office at 989-773-6934.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY - The First UMC Green Team invites you to collect and save packaging materials for recycling! We will be gathering packing peanuts, bubble wrap and Styrofoam, December 26-31.

Worship Services on Christmas Eve



Sunday, December 24

- 9:00 a.m. **Traditional Worship Service**
- 11:00 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Service**
- 5:30 p.m. **Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**
- 11:00 p.m. **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Vision Into Action Report - A report and copies of responses from the retreat & meeting after worship service responses are available at the Welcome Center. Please return the copies when you have finished or you may request an electronic copy. Please email your request to office@mtpfumc.org.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The end of the year is fast approaching. To make sure we can get end of the year contribution statements out on a timely basis, we are **closing the year on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017.** There is still time to make pledges current and contribute to our Capital Campaign. All **contributions** received after this date will be placed on your 2018 statement. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries.

UMW NEWS

2018 Dates to get on your calendars now!

- Feb. 11th - 2:00-4:00 p.m. **Valentine Tea**, for everyone! Vintage Strings Concert at 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24th - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., **Annual Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat** with Ruth Jones.
- **District Valentine Tea** will be Sat., Feb. 10th.

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 Carole Baker, family & friends on the passing of her husband, Jim Baker, on December 3. A Memorial Service was held on December 8 in the Sanctuary.

The congregation and staff offer their condolences to Norm Eifler, family & friends on the passing of his wife, Ada Jean Eifler, on December 6. A Funeral was held on December 9 in the Sanctuary.

The congregation and staff offer their condolences to Jenni Snider, family & friends on the passing of her father, John Snider, on December 12.

Prayers

Martha Brasher - mother of Joan Swirtz/surgery recovery
Bryan - son of Karen Clark's friend/health issues
 Dave - brother-in-law of Jan Shaffer/back surgery recovery
Ruth Fransted - health issues
Greg Dunham - son of Bill & Arlene Dunham/recovery after successful back surgery

Richard Holland - friend of Herb & Janet Rice/transferred to Bay City Hospital for diabetic complications
Jen Kaliszewski & family - loss of husband, Mike
 Jean Kramer & family - loss of Jean's brother, Paul Andrews
 Sharon McDonald - continued eye surgery recovery
Eric Moyer Sr. - grandfather of Zoey Moyer
People of California affected by wild fires

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

Extended Illness and Treatment

Larry Abbott - friend of David Kelley/brain cancer recovery
 Bill Arends - friend of Partlo's/liver cancer
 Joe Beckwith - friend of Pat Heitman/in need of liver transplant
 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
 Caren - sister-in-law of Janet Cummings/surgery recovery
 Marvin Chudej & family - dealing with cancer
 George Clapp - friend of Sandy Schrock/health issues
 Connie Jo - sister-in-law of Bill Zehnder/cancer recurrence
 Ruth Cranz - continued recovery at home
 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
 Darlene Finch - friend of Debbie Lawrence/health concerns
 Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/continued cancer treatment
 Pam Gray - continued healing
 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 - continued eye surgery recovery
 Bart Kjolhede - continued knee replacement recovery
 Alex Kreth - brother of Melinda Kreth/healing
 Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems
 Leah - from Marianne Smith/chronic heart condition
 LQuinn - friend of Ralph Pitts/cancer treatment
 Joellyn Malmquist - from Rose Benjamin/ALS
 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
 Ray Recker - father of Randy Recker/complications from open heart surgery
 Nancy Rivard - continued healing
 Rob - cousin of Deb Skinner/cancer treatment continued success
 Stacey - friend of Marianne Smith/cancer treatments
 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
 Mindy VanAlstine - chemo treatments for lung cancer
 Marilyn Walton - mom of Lisa & Jeff Crawford's friend/open heart surgery recovery.



Periscope Viewers

12/10/17	9:00 am	132	40
	11:00 am	<u>65</u>	<u>30</u>
		197	70

Loose coin offering Salvation Army for November was \$200.00.

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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