

Welcome

December 24

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 - No class today. See you next Sunday, December 31.

This year our Christmas offering, which you can place in your Christmas envelopes today, will support our Missionary covenants to the Groves' and the Smallwood's.

The Church will be closed Monday, December 25 & January 1 and will close at noon on Friday, December 29.

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

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY - The First UMC Green Team invited you to collect and save packaging materials for recycling. We will be accepting your bubble wrap, Styrofoam and other packing materials at the church beginning Tuesday, December 26 during normal business hours. There will be special collection boxes in the foyer area for you to drop off your materials (please place your materials in a plastic bag). This opportunity will be available through Sunday, December 31. Please prayerfully plan to bring in as much as you can!

Rotating Homeless Shelter January 2 to 14, 2018. Volunteers still needed! Please help by volunteering on SignUpGenius, on Sundays at the Welcome Center, or call the Church Office at 989-773-6934.

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.

Christmas Eve Services



Tonight:

5:30 p.m. **Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

11:00 p.m. **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

ICRH Homeless Shelter, Jan. 2-14 - LONG EVENINGS! **We need GAMES, CARDS, and (PG or G) VIDEOS** suitable for our guests (adults and children of varied ages). Please consider lending some if you can.

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 next 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.



The First UMC Staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations to the church staff Christmas gifts. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord with you.

UMW NEWS

2018 Dates to get on your calendars now!

- Feb. 11th - 2:00-3:45 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 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
 Ruth Fransted - health issues
 Greg Dunham - son of Bill & Arlene Dunham/recovery after successful back surgery
 Jen Kaliszewski & family - loss of husband, Mike

Mark - health issues
 Eric Moyer Sr. - grandfather of Zoey Moyer
Paul - health issues
 People of California affected by wild fires
Greg Pridgeon - health issues
 John Skinner - 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
 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 Craz - continued recovery at home
 Dave - brother-in-law of Jan Shaffer/back surgery recovery
 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
 Richard Holland - friend of Herb & Janet Rice/health issues

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 with complications
 Mindy VanAlstine - chemo treatments for lung cancer

Family Members Serving in the Military

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cort Collins - grandson of Carla Starr/will depart for Basic Training in Great Lakes, IL on 12/27/2017.

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



Periscope Viewers

12/17/17	9:00 am	159	46
	11:00 am	<u>92</u>	<u>19</u>
		251	65

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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