

# Welcome

January 28

**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 January will be donated to the UMCOR/Refugee Relief.

**Many thanks** to Rev. Chuck Kaliszewski for leading us in Worship today.

**Curt Jensen will be providing emergency coverage** while Pastor Diane is on vacation, today – Tuesday, January 30 (517-425-1606).

**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** - will meet today in the Multipurpose Room at 10:05 a.m. This week we will study "Freedom of the Press". A number of President Trump's statements have raised debates about freedom of the press. What is the history of freedom of the press in our country? What threats are facing the press today? How does our faith inform our understanding of freedom of the press?

**Journey 101: Loving God** - Pastor Diane will be leading the second study in the three part series. We will begin this Thursday, February 1, meeting six Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Church in the Library. You need not have participated in part 1. If you want to understand more about what it means to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, consider joining this class. Books will be available at the first session for \$9. We hope that everyone will also be up for the Spiritual Gifts study during Lent (Feb. 18 – Mar. 25).

**A Lenten Spiritual Gifts Study** - "Serving from the Heart, Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service" will begin Sunday afternoons, February 18-March 25 from 4:00 -5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall led by Carole Baker. Various other days and times of those weeks will be led by small group study leaders (all details to be announced as they are confirmed). Sign up today at the Welcome Desk or call the Church Office (payment of \$15.00 for the workbook may be made at the Church Office).

**Annual Preschool Pancake Supper and Silent Auction** - Friday, February 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverage. The prices are \$8 adults, \$5 for kids 5-10 yrs. old, donation for kids under 5 yrs. old. Tickets are available at the door or from Preschool teachers.

**Upcoming Walks to Emmaus, Mar. 1-4 (Men), Mar. 15-18 (Women)** at St. Louis UMC. The Walk to Emmaus is a low-cost spiritual retreat giving you the opportunity to meet Jesus in a new way. The 72-hour experience is filled with laughter, singing, learning, worship, prayer and reflection. Men and women attend separate events and members of this church are available to sponsor you. For more information contact the church office and/or connect with Greg Pridgeon (989-330-1362, [gregpridgeon@hotmail.com](mailto:gregpridgeon@hotmail.com)) or Jacqui Pridgeon (989-773-1885), [jacqui.pridgeon@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.pridgeon@gmail.com)).



## UMW NEWS

### 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. in Fellowship Hall. **Annual Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat**, Wisdom from the Wackiest of Bible Women with Ruth Jones.
- ♥ **District Valentine Tea** will be Sat., Feb. 10th, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Shephardsville UMC (south of St. Johns, just east of US127). We will carpool from the Church parking lot at 12:00 p.m. Call Linda Darrow with questions, 989-763-8750.

## Special Prayers This Week

### Worshipping at Home

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

### Prayers

Lila Childs - mother of Dianne Young/heart issues  
*Dan F.* - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues  
 Jo Jennings - eye surgery recovery  
*Jackie Leppenan* - friend of Partlo's & Benjamin's/health issues  
*Bob Lippert* - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues  
 Lynn & Blake Marr/recovery from car accident

*Nancy Marshall* - health issues  
 Randy Martin - beginning treatments  
*Chrissy Nothestine* - daughter-in-law of Tom & Marja/  
 pregnancy difficulties  
*Owen* - 3 month old recovering from heart surgery  
 Ann Smith - recovering from a fall in Florida  
 Bernard Smith - husband of Joann Smith/surgery recovery

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

### Extended Illness and Treatment

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  
 Misty Bennett - health issues  
 Carol Brannan - continued recovery  
 Bryan - son of Karen Clark's friend/health issues  
 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 Maplewood  
 Dave - brother-in-law of Jan Shaffer/back surgery recovery  
 Mariano DeLaOssa - son-in-law of Fred & Barbara Stabley/  
 healing from cancer treatments  
 Dorothy Dennis - friend of Ralph Pitts/recently diagnosed  
 with ALS  
 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  
 Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/discontinuing  
 cancer treatment  
 High School friend of John Skinner/Alzheimers diagnosis  
 Rollie Hill - brother-in-law of Dave & Sharon McDonald/  
 continuing health concerns  
 Richard Holland - friend of Herb & Janet Rice/continued  
 health issues  
 Gerri Huntoon - Jeff Crawford's aunt/health issues &  
 surgery recovery

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  
 Alex Kreth - brother of Melinda Kreth/healing  
 Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems  
 Wayne Lawrence - continued health issues  
 Leah - from Marriane Smith/chronic heart condition  
 LQuinn - friend of Ralph Pitts/cancer treatment  
 Joellyn Malmquist - from Rose Benjamin/ALS  
 Marlene - friend of Cheri & Randy Recker/continuing  
 cancer treatments  
 Everett McNally - friend of Barry & Sherry Trombly/cancer  
 treatment  
 Greg Merwin - surgery recovery  
 Millie - neighbor of Linda Doerr/health issues  
 Lori - sister-in-law of Jane Martin/car accident  
 Sheila Parsons - battling cancer  
 Ray Recker - father of Randy Recker/continued healing  
 from open heart surgery  
 Rob - cousin of Deb Skinner/cancer treatment continued  
 success  
 Lois Sandbrook - sister of Janet Rice/health issues  
 Stacey - friend of Marriane Smith/cancer treatments  
 Julene Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/daily radiation  
 treatments  
 Gloria Thorin - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/surgery  
 recovery with complications  
 Mindy VanAlstine - awaiting test results from cancer  
 treatments

### Family Members Serving in the Military

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cort Collins - grandson of Carla Starr/departed 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.**



#### Worship Attendance

#### Periscope Viewers

1/21/18	9:00 am	118	98
	11:00 am	<u>41</u>	<u>33</u>
		159	131

Loose coin offering to Goodrow Fund for December was \$389.00.

#### 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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