

Welcome

February 4



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 February will be donated to the Association for Interfaith Ministry, AIM.

Many thanks to Carole Baker for preaching today.

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 "Cryptocurrencies". What is cryptocurrency, and how is it being used? What impact could the development of cryptocurrencies have on our lives? As new forms of currency evolve, how should Christians reexamine their relationship with money? Next week we will study "Jerusalem".

Journey 101: Loving God - Pastor Diane will be leading the second study in the three part series. We began last 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 are available 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).

DON'T FORGET! Annual Preschool Pancake Supper and Silent Auction, this Friday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverage. Prices are \$8 adult, \$5 for kids 5-10 yrs. old and donation for kids under 5. The Silent Auction contains gift certificates to restaurants, local businesses, beauty salons, barber shops, golf packages, Discovery Museum, Morey Courts and items for men, women and children. Don't miss out!

Isabella County 159th Founders Day & Quilt Show, this Saturday, February 10. Activities include:
8:00 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
Historical Displays, throughout the Church
9:00 a.m. - Quilt Show, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. - Presentations & Awards

Mark Your Calendar - Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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 filled with laughter, singing, learning, worship, prayer and reflection. For more information contact the church office or connect with Greg Pridgeon 989-330-1362, gregpridgeon@hotmail.com or Jacqui Pridgeon 989-773-1885, jacqui.pridgeon@gmail.com).



UMW NEWS

Dates to get on your calendars now!

- ♥ Next Sunday, Feb. 11th - 2:00-3:45 p.m. **Valentine Tea**, for everyone! Vintage Strings Concert at 4:00 p.m.
- ♥ Saturday, 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 next Saturday, 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 Candy & Dale Kohagan Dee Pohl Beverly Wangberg

Prayers

Jim Crawford - cousin of Jeff Crawford/succumbing to cancer

Dave F. - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues

Betty Hammond - continuing health issues

Family and friends of Mary Lou Greer - aunt of Robert Kemmerling

Jackie Leppenhan - friend of Partlo's & Benjamin's/health issues

Bob Lippert - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues
Nancy Marshall - continued recovery

Michelle - friend of Amy Heminger/aggressive breast cancer

Chrissy Nothstine - daughter-in-law of Tom & Marja/
pregnancy difficulties

Owen - 3 month old recovering from heart surgery

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

Lila Childs - mother of Dianne Young/heart issues

Marvin Chudej & family - dealing with cancer

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

Ruth Cranz - settling in 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/continued
cancer treatments

George Jennings - continued recovery at home

Jo Jennings - eye surgery recovery

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

Randy Martin - continued 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

Bernard Smith - husband of Joann Smith/surgery
recovery

Stacey - friend of Marriane Smith/cancer treatments

Julene Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/daily radiation
treatments

Mindy VanAlstine - awaiting test results from cancer
treatments

Family Members Serving in the Military

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cort Collins - grandson of Carla Starr/Basic Training in Great Lakes, IL.

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



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Worship Attendance

Periscope Viewers

1/28/18	9:00 am	108	NA
	11:00 am	39	NA
		147	NA

Loose coin offering to UMCOR for January
was \$532.00.

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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