

Welcome

February 11

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.

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday Service will be held this Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The youth and leaders of REACH would like to thank all those who shared a soup, a pie, and their presence at our latest Soup & Pie Fundraiser. We are overwhelmed by your generosity!

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 "Jerusalem". On December 6, President Trump announced the United States would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, sparking disagreement and protest around the world. What makes Jerusalem's political status controversial? What does this decision say about hopes for peace between Palestine and Israel? How can Christian faith guide us when thinking about this issue?

A Lenten Spiritual Gifts Study - "Serving from the Heart, Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service" begins Sunday afternoons, February 18-March 25 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall led by Carole Baker. 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).

Thank you for your generous donations to the **Kitchen Cupboard Ministry**. We have helped 145 individuals/46 families in 2017! We are getting low or are out of the following items: pots and pans with lids in good condition, cooking utensils especially spatulas and large spoons, silverware (we are out of forks), sharp knives, microwaves, toaster ovens, cookie sheets, crock pots and can openers.

ICRH HOMELESS SHELTER AT FIRST CHURCH JANUARY 2-14, 2018 - In the depths of winter, our church family sheltered and fed an average of 32 homeless guests per night for 12 nights, helping about 50 different individuals. This was up from last year and included many more families, 8 with a total of 16 children. The shelter elicited an outpouring of generosity and volunteer effort-much the largest share from within our church, but with significant help from partner churches. Generous donors bought and prepared about 500 dinners plus snacks. Volunteers put in at least 750 hours at our church, plus uncounted hours cooking at home, making advance preparations, and managing SignUpGenius. Thank you.

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).



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UMW NEWS

- ♥ **TODAY**, 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. Cost is \$12.00 and includes morning refreshments and light lunch. Please make reservations by February 21 to the Church Office, 773-6934 or email office@mtpfumc.org.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshipping at Home

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

Sympathy

The congregation and staff offer their condolences to Linda & Lynn Smith, family & friends on the passing of Betty Hammond, Linda's mother, on February 3. A Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, February 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a luncheon immediately following in Fellowship Hall. Visitation will be in the Gathering Space from 9:00 a.m. until the service begins.

Prayers

Loren Anderson - heart issues
 Jim Crawford - cousin of Jeff Crawford/succumbing to cancer
Sarah Gilbert - from Deb Skinner/health issues & treatment
Glenn - from Nancy Lewis/health issues

Family and friends of Mary Lou Greer - aunt of Robert Kemmerling
Nancy Marshall - new health issue
 Michelle - friend of Amy Heminger/aggressive breast cancer
Family & friends of Louise Plachta

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
 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
 Dave F. - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues
 Darlene Finch - friend of Debbie Lawrence/health concerns
 Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/continued cancer treatment
 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 - 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 Marianne Smith/chronic heart condition
 Jackie Leppenan - friend of Partlo's & Benjamin's/health issues
 Bob Lippert - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues
 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
 Millie - neighbor of Linda Doerr/health issues
 Lori - sister-in-law of Jane Martin/car accident
 Chrissy Nothstine - daughter-in-law of Tom & Marja/ pregnancy difficulties
 Sheila Parsons - battling cancer
 Owen - 3 month old recovering from heart surgery
 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 Marianne Smith/cancer treatments
 Julene Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/daily radiation treatments
 Mindy VanAlstine - continued healing

Family Members Serving in the Military

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



Worship Attendance

Periscope Viewers

2/4/18	9:00 am	84	73
	11:00 am	<u>32</u>	<u>14</u>
		116	87

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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