

Welcome

February 18

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.

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 "2018 Winter Olympics". For the next two weeks, athletes from around the world are gathering in PyeongChang, South Korea, to participate in the 2018 Winter Olympics. How can this gathering of athletes and nations inspire us? How does the Olympic ideal intersect with our Christian faith? Next week we will study "Universal Basic Income".

A Lenten Spiritual Gifts Study - "Serving from the Heart, Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service" begins TODAY, February 18-March 25 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall led by Carole Baker. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or just show up (payment of \$15.00 for the workbook may be made before class). If Sunday doesn't work for you, another group is meeting on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Library beginning February 22.

For those of you able to provide support, we are continuing to accept donations to the **Nutrition Club and Snacks for Pullen Ministry**. It is especially important this time of the school year to maintain our current level of support. Winter is long enough without being hungry as well. Let's continue to let these children know they are cared for. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you!! Amy Heminger



Thank you for your generous donations to the **Kitchen Cupboard Ministry**. We 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.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is looking for your help in planning the activities to say goodbye to Pastor Diane and Tom and to welcome Pastor Julie and family. If you are interested in assisting with these preparations, please connect with the following people or call the church office at 989-773-6934.

- Anne Clendening Jensen and Eleanor Dawson, co-leads for the goodbye/thank you planning for Pastor Diane and Tom
- Amy Kingsworthy and John Skinner, co-leads for the welcome planning for Pastor Julie and family

Everyone is invited to come hear Christina Krost from Faith in Place, and the Illinois Affiliate of Interfaith Power & Light on Wednesday, February 21 after supper (6:20ish). After we share table fellowship, we will adjourn to the Youth Room to hear of their work and ask questions. Christina is connected with UMW's "Be Just. Be Green." advocacy and mission focus.



UMW NEWS

This 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 Wednesday, February 21 to the Church Office, 773-6934 or email office@mtpfumc.org.

Watch for a new date for the "yet to be named" spring event that will replace the recently cancelled Valentine Tea.

There WILL be a **TREASURE SALE!** Friday and Saturday, June 8-9. Save your contributions until the first of June.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshiping at Home

Wilma Blackman Don Felisky Mary Kleinhans Candy & Dale Kohagan 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 was held on Tuesday, February 13.

The congregation and staff offer their condolences to Mary & Brian Montney, family & friends on the passing of Thomas Stark, Mary's father, on February 10. A Memorial service will be held on June 9 at Shepherd UMC.

Prayers

Loren Anderson - heart surgery recovery at home
Bill Donahue - father of Lisa Sheffert/health & safety
 Sarah Gilbert - friend of Deb Skinner/beginning treatments

Glenn - from Nancy Lewis/health issues
 Nancy Marshall - continued healing
 Family & friends of Louise Plachta
Margie Williams - eye 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
 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
 Jim Crawford - cousin of Jeff Crawford/succumbing to cancer
 Dave - brother-in-law of Jan Shaffer/back surgery recovery
 Mariano DeLaOssa - son-in-law of Fred & Barbara Stabley/
 recovery setback after treatments completed
 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
 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
 Michelle - friend of Amy Heminger/treatment for aggressive breast cancer
 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



Worship Attendance

Periscope Viewers

2/11/18	9:00 am	135	71
	11:00 am	<u>33</u>	<u>29</u>
		168	100

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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