

Welcome

April 15



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 April will be donated to Camp New Day.

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 "Black Panther". The movie "Black Panther" has broken many barriers and box office records. Why has this movie resonated so strongly with audiences? How do the themes of the film intersect with Christian beliefs and history? Next week we will study "Spirituality and the Twelve Steps".



Green Team - please save your Styrofoam packing and packaging material for another collection event happening in honor of Earth Day, Sunday, April 22 at First UMC.

Goodbyes & Hellos - 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, Eleanor Dawson and Becky Haywood, 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

Journey 101: Serving God - this third leg of the journey will begin on Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Library. As we have spent time on Knowing God and Loving God, now we consider what it looks like to Serve God. Please consider joining this class – even if you weren't able to come to the others. We will meet for six weeks, with the last meeting being on May 23; five Thursdays and one Wednesday. Books are available for \$9 from Pastor Diane.



2018 Adopt-a-Highway Program - our first pick-up date is this Saturday, April 21, the day before Earth Day. This is a perfect time to get out and contribute to keeping our environment clean and beautiful. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and accompanied by an adult. Volunteers 12-17 can work in groups of three with an adult volunteer. Plan to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 at 3046 Jen's Way (directly across from Green Acres). Remember to wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves! Sign up on SignUpGenius or call Nancy Priestap at 772-5541 if you have any questions.

Come Together, District 3 Conference - this Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Midland First UMC, District 3 will meet to elect leadership, learn our new district's name, etc.

UMW NEWS

Hearts and Flowers Spring Tea - The United Methodist Women of First UMC cordially invites ALL the women and men of our congregation to attend the Hearts and Flowers Spring Tea **today** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

May Baskets - Now is the time to order your \$5 May Basket for your friend, sweetheart, mentor, workmate, physician. Basket orders will be taken on Sundays and can be delivered in town or you can pick up the baskets on April 30 or May 1 and deliver them yourself. All we need is the recipient's name, address and phone number. Gluten-free and sugar-free options are available. Proceeds go to the United Methodist Women's mission work. If you have questions, contact Denise Gallagher at 775-8471/dennygal2b@aol.com or Margie Williams at 772-6308/margaretm1104@gmail.com.



Everyone is invited to a Spring Salad Buffet - Thursday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Weidman UMC. A variety of salads, dinner rolls, beverages, dessert will be served. Dawn Daniels will tell her stories and sing her songs. A free will offering will be taken. Reservations by May 1, please. Carpool from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshipping at Home

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

Prayers

Family & friends of Maureen Currie
 Jim Dennis - continued recovery
Cathy Hall - sister of Gary Conant/cancer treatment

Family & friends of Sarah Wells - former co-worker of Joan Gornicki

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

Extended Illness and Treatment

Loren Anderson - continued heart surgery recovery
 Bill Arends - friend of Partlo's/liver cancer
 Joe Beckwith - friend of Pat Heitman/continued liver transplant recovery
 Sidney Benaske - friend of Norma Kreiner/bladder cancer
 Carol Brannan - continued recovery
 Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/ stage 4 liver cancer
 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 - 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/ beginning long healing process after treatments
 Bill Donahue - father of Lisa Sheffert/continued recovery
 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
 Margaret (Cole) Gaw - friend of Norma Kreiner/lung cancer
 Sarah Gilbert - friend of Deb Skinner/continued treatments
 Pam Gray - recovering at Medical Care
 Natalie Gurley - sister-in-law of Linda Traum/breast cancer treatment
 Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/discontinuing cancer treatment
 Connor - grandson of Jack Harris/continued healing
 Friend of Jane Butcher/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
 Glenn - from Nancy Lewis/health issues
 Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy Hetherington/continued cancer treatments
 Don Johnson - continued recovery
 Joyce - mother-in-law of Lura Way/health issues & testing
 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
 Pastor Donald Lichtenfelt - from Linda Smith/health issues
 Bob Lippert - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues
 LQuinn - friend of Ralph Pitts/cancer treatment
 Marlene - friend of Cheri & Randy Recker/complications from cancer treatments
 Everett McNally - friend of Barry & Sherry Trombly/cancer treatment
 Michelle - friend of Amy Heminger/continued cancer treatments
 Mike - from Amy Kingsworthy/cancer
 Millie - neighbor of Linda Doerr/health issues
 Owen - 3 month old recovering from heart surgery
 Rob - cousin of Deb Skinner/lung infection
 Lois Sandbrook - sister of Janet Rice/health issues
 Bernard Smith - husband of Joann Smith/health issues
 Stacey - friend of Marriane Smith/cancer treatments
 Julene Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/daily radiation treatments
 Barry Trombly - knee replacement surgery continued recovery
 Mindy VanAlstine - continued healing
 Jean Whipple - friend of Lorraine Helminski/health issues

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

4/08/18	9:00 am	113	63
	11:00 am	<u>36</u>	<u>11</u>
		149	74

Loose coin offering to Habitat for Humanity
 for March was \$216.00.

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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