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2013

Upcoming Events

- December** PreSchool Christmas program
- December 6** 5:30-9:30PM: Donations for Date Night
- December 14** 9-11:00 AM: Breakfast with Santa
- December 15** 5:30PM: Children's Christmas Program
6:00 PM: Chancel & Bell Choir Cantata
- December 17** Packing Meals for Christmas Vacation Food Program
- December 22** 9:30 AM: UMW Cookie Sale
7:00 PM: Blue Christmas
- December 24** Christmas Eve Candle Light Services
5:00 PM - Contemporary Worship
7:00 PM - Contemporary Worship
11:00 PM - Traditional Worship

From the Pastor's Desk

The Old Testament book Isaiah reminds us over & over again, God the Holy Spirit uses the Old Testament prophets to separate His people from the culture they live in. This Christmas allow Isaiah to help us get back on the simple path of faith and obedience. Isaiah will encourage us to worship the Christ child and train us to discern the difference between the ways of the world and the ways of God. The first Sunday in Advent is December 1. We invite you to join us each Sunday as we hear a word from the prophet Isaiah and worship the Christ child.

- Dec. 1 - "Do You See What Isaiah Sees?" Isaiah 2:1-5
- Dec. 8 - "Do You See Isaiah's Christmas Tree?"
Isaiah 11:1-10
- Dec. 15 - "Do You Hear What Isaiah Hears?"
Isaiah 35:1-10
- Dec. 22 - "Do You See that Isaiah's God Is with Us?"
Isaiah 7:10-16
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve "Do You See Isaiah's Christ Child?"
Luke 2; Isaiah 9:2-7
- Dec. 29 - "Do You Know Isaiah's Savior?" Isaiah 63:7-9



Colt's Chaplain Pastor Ken Johnson

He will be speaking at all 3 worship services on Sunday, January 5.

Pastor Ken Johnson is returning to our church to help us kick off our new sermon series in January called "Intentional Grounding."

- **January 5** - Pastor Ken Johnson
- **January 12** - "The Playbook: Reliability of Scripture" 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- **January 19** - "The Perfect Substitute:

The Atonement" Hebrews 10:19-22

- **January 26** - "The Power Aid: The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" Romans 8:9
- **Super Bowl Sunday February 3** - "The Game Plan: God's Sovereignty" 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Affordable Care Act Update

Update on the Affordable Care Act: the tax penalty for 2014 if you do not have health insurance is \$95.

Vital Attributes for Aging

What are the attributes of vital, growing older adults? They are grateful for their lives and know they are beloved children of God, they are curious and enjoy learning new things, they are more concerned with the well-being of others, they value people over things, they are forgiving of themselves and others, and they have a sense that their life has meaning.

Contagious Period for Flu

At the health fair in November, I was asked: "How long can a person with the flu spread the virus to others?" Most people may be able to spread the flu from one day before showing symptoms and then up to 5-7 days after symptoms begin. Severely ill persons or young children may be able to spread the flu longer. HANDWASHING is the single best way to stop the spread of the virus.

Wesley's Advice on Cold Bathing

A step back in time: from "Primitive Physick" by John Wesley, 1747: "Cold bathing is of great advantage to health; it prevents abundance of diseases. It promotes perspiration, helps the circulation of the blood; prevents the danger of catching cold. Tender persons should pour pure water upon the head before they go in, and walk swiftly. To jump in with the head foremost is too great a shock to nature."

Pesticides Link to Parkinson's

The latest research has reported a link to pesticide exposure and Parkinson's. The study did not state how much contact increased the risk- so be sure to wear barriers- gloves, mask and goggles when using pesticides.

Cumin: Source for Iron

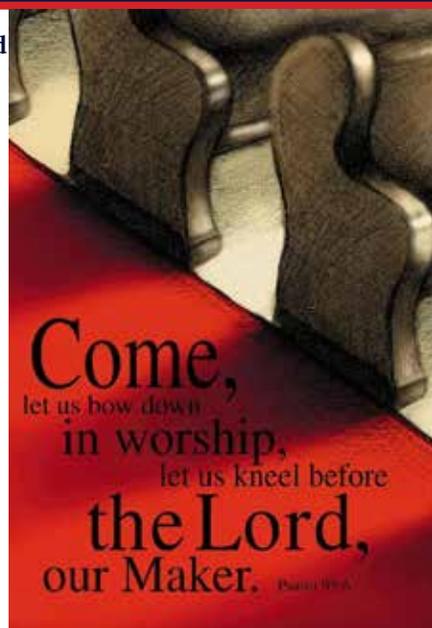
Cumin- this spice has a nutty, peppery flavor and is used in many Middle Eastern, Indian and Mexican dishes. It provides a significant source of iron and promotes good digestion.

from our Parish Nurse Cheryl Howard

Health Notes

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy." Exodus 20:8.

The word means a day of rest and worship and was important enough to be stated as one of the Ten Commandments. As we enter this holy season, we become quickly overwhelmed with seasonal to do's. Jesus actually connected the Sabbath with healing- much to the chagrin of the Pharisees. Dr. Morris says Jesus taught us that "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath". What God was showing us was how important it is to our physical bodies to have a day of rest- we will show signs of better memory, healthier immune function, healthier weight, relief of depression, better stress management, improved energy, longevity and decreasing inflammation that is linked to heart disease, stroke, diabetes and arthritis. We have come to believe that if we are busier that we are more productive and that is actually the opposite of what happens! Along with these visible physical benefits, our spiritual being also improves. We connect with God in ways that are only revealed when we slow down and pay attention to God's voice. We have deeper thoughts and more peaceful moments. We connect in a healthier way with God's children- each



other. If we started our week with this Sabbath rest- we would actually be better prepared to tackle our week! Some of us remember when the only thing open on a Sunday was the church! There was no shopping, no restaurants open, no computer games to play, no movie theaters were open. My grandmother refused to sew on Sunday's because she said you would have to pull the stitches out with your teeth on Monday. I 'm not sure if she said this because she wanted a break from sewing or because she believed it was a day of rest and she was honoring the Sabbath. Give yourself a Christmas gift- remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Vaccination's Positive Influence

Yearly vaccination against the flu reduces your risk of getting the flu – and, research indicates, can help some people reduce their risk of a heart attack. At Women's College Hospital in Toronto, a cardiologist examined data on more than 6,700 patients with a history of heart disease and an average age of 67, who got a flu shot, a placebo vaccination, or usual care with no shot. "There was a 33 percent less chance of getting cardiac events if you'd gotten the flu shot, compared to receiving either a placebo shot or just the standard of care." The researchers are not sure why this would happen but suspect flu could dislodge plaque that could clog arteries.

Blue Christmas

Holidays are HARD. For many, Christmas isn't 'merry' and the New Year isn't 'happy'. If you know someone who's lost a loved one this year, be aware of your conversations with them during this difficult time. Let them know you're thinking of them and PRAYING for them! Be understanding if they aren't up for the usual hustle and bustle of the holidays. Lastly, invite anyone you know who's experiencing grief to attend the Blue Christmas and Candle Lighting Service on December 22 at 7pm at FUMC. They will find a service focused on the Birth of Christ through the lens of those who are suffering. The Service includes the opportunity to light a Memorial Candle in honor of their loved ones. This event is open to anyone in need this Holiday Season. For more information please contact Melanie Elo at Melo@BenElo16.org or 727-8190.



Christmas Cookie Sale

Gosh can you believe December is here already? Well, the United Methodist Women can as we get geared up for our last fund raiser for missions in 2013. We know you all look forward to it as much as we do. It is the yummy COOKIE SALE to be held on December 22 between 1st and 2nd service. You know the drill: purchase a tin, fill it with a variety of delicious cookies and enjoy. This is a great time to purchase that last minute gift for the mailman or who delivers your newspaper, caretaker, special friend or for your family to enjoy.

Also, the "Cookie Lady" would like to ask if anyone of you could spare a batch of your favorite cookies to donate for this event. This would be the perfect time and greatly appreciated.



Mission & Evangelism News

Soles for Jesus: Shoe Drive Reminder

Thanks for your ongoing support for the Soles for Jesus (SFJ) shoe ministry. As you've seen we've placed a shoe collection box outside the Narthex. As a reminder, they want gently used, or new shoes, of all sizes, that are appropriate for the African terrain. Shoes not appropriate are; rubber sandals/flip-flops, high heels etc. Please be sure to rubber band each pair together so they don't separate during the shipping process. Also, if you'd like to make a donation to SFJ to help with shipping, just make checks to 'Soles for Jesus' - and place them in the envelope attached to the box. The suggestion is \$2.00 per pair of shoes, or any donation you'd like to make. Call Steve Klinger if you have any questions, 317-834-2219, sklinger531@gmail.com. FYI we will be leaving the collection box out year round instead of a designated drive. Thank you for your support!

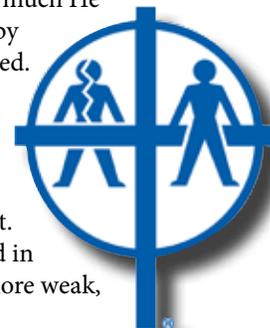


To learn more about SFJ, check out the newly released 'Thank you from Africa' video on Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/solesforjesus>

Stephen Ministry: Caring for One Another

Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do. In Stephen Ministry a great deal of time is spent in teaching and practicing listening skills. During training Stephen Ministers learn that listening is active, takes patience, involves more than words, happens over time and is confidential.

Jesus was the model of a good listener. Much of His ministry was listening to people. By listening to what people had to say He demonstrated how much He really cared about them. Jesus showed His care and concern by first listening to people and then giving them what they needed. We at FUMC want to be a caring place where members and guests truly feel people care about who they are and how they feel. Just as our Stephen Ministers use good listening skills to communicate how much they care, so can you. Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person is giving care, they may feel strong, stable and in charge. On the other hand those who receive care may feel more weak, insecure and vulnerable.



As a result there are countless people today who could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them BUT instead they decide to tough it out on their own. BUT God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be interdependent. God's Word in Genesis 2:18 clearly states: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." The New Testament contains more than 50 verses encouraging us to love one another, encourage one another, build up one another and pray for one another. The wording "one another" invites us to a reciprocal relationship of caring.

It is most difficult for people to ask for help. BUT suffering alone is NOT God's intent for us. Jesus promises, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 Stephen Ministry is a means to receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and help.

Mission & Evangelism News

Jason & Rachel (Gatts) Shore
 from our missionaries serving @ IHOP in Kansas City, MO



Hello and Happy December! We pray that this update finds you well. The last couple months were one of those blissful (yet challenging) times when we were able to see fruit from our labors in both areas of our mandate: prayer and acts of justice. Praise be to our Father in heaven!!! I so appreciate the Lord's kindness when He allows us glimpses of what He is accomplishing as an encouragement to our hearts. We hope that you are also encouraged as you read and share in the joys of this fruit from your partnership.

The first joy has to do with prayer and is the launch of web streaming the IHOPKC's All Nations Prayer Room or ANPR. All of the ANPR's prayer meetings are in other languages besides English. What an amazing tool for facilitating prayer and adoration of Jesus throughout the nations as viewers from around the world can now join in worshipping the Lord via their native tongue! Secondly, October presented many opportunities for outreach as some in Kansas City boast it as the haunted house capital of America. It is certainly an act of justice anytime the Gospel is shared with someone who has yet to believe. Jason shares his testimony below of how the God of light we serve is not deterred by the darkness of this world. Thank goodness and Amen!

In closing, with Thanksgiving on our minds we've been intentionally reflecting on the many reasons we have to be thankful. You have come to mind many times! What a blessing your support has been to us over this past year. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We just can't say it enough. Wishing you a

blessed Christmas season encountering the great Light of the World. *Grace and peace, Rachel, Jason and Isaiah*

Jason's testimony:

The darkness was palpable. Why would anyone want to visit a place called "The edge of hell"? But this past month I spent my Saturday nights talking to people who were willing to pay \$50 to go inside these haunted houses (actually warehouses) in downtown Kansas City. Over the month, as a group, we had the opportunity to witness to hundreds of people about Jesus through starting conversations with simple questions about the reality of the afterlife, heaven and hell.

Towards the end of one of those cold nights, after several rejections, we began a conversation with a teenage boy and girl as they walked by. Immediately, you could see something was different in their eyes. They were not just courteously listening but this was a divine appointment. Right there on the side of the street both accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For me, it was a surreal moment. It nearly takes my breath away to think that the Lord combined my weak "yes" of willingness to speak the truth about Jesus with His powerful mercy and two people were literally saved from the edge of hell that night. Praise be to our God and Father! His mercy endures forever. Great is His faithfulness.

Don & Vicki McGavran

from our missionaries serving in Indonesia

As I sit at my desk, it is just a bit challenging to think Christmas! Why? Well, my window is open, I have a fan blowing directly on me, and today it was probably about 90 degrees! Well, those things and the fact that it's not even been Thanksgiving yet! As I sit typing, I keep thinking about Christmas in my mind since nothing around me now evidences the holiday...the tree we'll be setting back up, the ornaments, the staff party we'll be hosting, and the time off school. But again, I'm reminded that none of those things is at all what makes it Christmas. Christmas is still in my heart first! It's celebrating the birth of Jesus, which come Easter leads to the birth of our freedom from the law and instant forgiveness of sin. I just love Christmas! I love to decorate! I love the anticipation of parties and fellowship with others. I love the sledding...oh wait! I'm dreaming for sure! We don't sled in the tropics!

What a surprise it was to be back in Mooreville for Christmas last year after my mom passed away. That was just one of the many wonderful things that came out of the timing of my mom's

leaving to be with Jesus. Although you had a blizzard while we were there and indeed there was sledding, it was just a special thing to spend the holiday with family and with you, our church family.



This year we will stay put in Indonesia, and this year Tyler will not be joining us. It will be the first Christmas we are not together as a family; we are fortunate we have been able to be together on Christmas for the past 3 years. We rejoice! So we want to send you our warmest greetings from hot Indonesia. We want to wish you joy for the holidays, whether you are with blood family or 'other' family, hot or cold (!) weather, gifts or no gifts, the real JOY remains so much more than any of these things. Our JOY is in JESUS. Our Savior is born! HE LIVES! And because He lives, we too live, not only an earthly life, but are assured eternal life....Where Christmas is everyday! First UMC.....Our Savior is born! And we wish you a Merry Christmas!!!! *Vicki, for all of us....Don, Tyler, Brittany and Hunter-Gené*

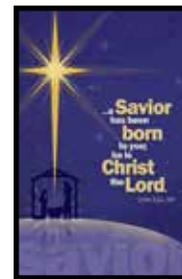
Inspirational Articles

“Shepherds” by Anne Gatts

In December many years ago preparations for Christmas were in full swing at my house. It was a busy, joyous season and I was relishing the holiday activities with my two small daughters; Rachel was three, her baby sister, Aimie, just five months old. During our story time together we had been paying special attention to the Gospel stories surrounding Jesus’ birth. Often Rachel’s response to the Bible stories I read was to act them out in her own special way. This December morning was no different. I was sitting in the rocking chair feeding her sister when Rachel approached me with the idea of playing “baby Jesus”. In her usual deliberate way she had decided that I was to be Mary, her infant sister would play the part of baby Jesus, and she would be the shepherd coming to worship the newborn King. Of course, her interpretation of the story diverged a bit from the original. When she brought one of her toys and laid it carefully at the feet of the rocking chair she said solemnly, “It’s a gift for Jesus.” She paused for a moment and then continued, “I have the rest in the car.” I thanked her for her generosity and then in the spirit of play asked her who was watching her flocks. “Oh don’t worry about them,” she replied nonchalantly. “I called the Wise men and they are babysitting the sheep.” Now I know she didn’t really get all of the details exactly as they were portrayed in the Gospel of Luke, but I still marveled at how fearfully and wonderfully she was made. God had truly blessed me with these two precious daughters. Later, as I laid the girls down for their afternoon nap I began thinking again about the shepherds’ journey to the stable. A motley crew living in the middle of the fields, were probably

minding their own business in the black of that night. Perhaps some of them were sleeping soundly in the cool grass, while others stood guard for a perusing predator. And then out of nowhere an angel appeared to them with the glorious news that Christ the Lord had been born! They were awed as a heavenly host joined the angel as they sang praises to God. Scripture tells us that when the angel had left them and went back into heaven the shepherds discussed what had happened and then left their flocks in haste to find the baby that the angels had described. Their earthly livelihood was abruptly set aside to satisfy their spiritual journey. I was suddenly struck with the significance of their act. They had left everything without hesitation to find the baby Jesus and worship Him. What an act of faith! Would I have had the courage to do the same? As the years pass by, I am continually amazed by the fact that Jesus continues to pursue me with His love regardless of my ability to respond in the moment. On my best days and on my worst, Jesus loves me! That unconditional love calls out for a response like the shepherds- a resolution to drop everything to find the treasure that is more precious than any earthly fortune.

The shepherds did not know exactly who they would find when they went looking for the baby. But I know his name. His name is Jesus. *“And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* Isaiah 9:6



“Sincere Thanks” by Rev. Gene

Members of FUMC, Mooresville. I wanted to take a moment and thank you and Rev. Payton for inviting me to the “All Saints Memorial” service this past Sunday (Nov. 2). As difficult as the experience was for me, it allowed significant closure of the eleven years Marcia and I served as your pastoral family. We loved being the pastoral family for FUMC. Marcie in particular had this wonderful gift of remembering your names and in the early days, she would stand in the narthex door with me to greet you at the end of each service, and because she had such a gift for remembering names, she would say your name and Rev. Gene would pick up on the name and act as though I knew it all the time, which probably didn’t fool you at all. We had been doing it for a long time in the four previous appointments and so she was practiced in the art. She loved you dearly as I did. And it was clear Sunday that many of you were reciprocal in loving us back. I could sense it as I wept in the candle lighting. And I can tell you, Marcie would have loved your remembrance of her as you and I shared that moment together. I couldn’t help but think as I lit the candle, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” And the moment was so fitting as it was Sacrament Sunday as well, and “Remembrance” was the Word of the Day for me. You might be interested to know that the pink carnation that I brought with

me and laid in the candle cradle along side the lit candle was given to me on Wednesday before by our granddaughter Emily (Troy’s daughter). She is currently a sophomore at Franklin College and plays volleyball for them. Wednesday night was their last home game and also Breast Cancer Awareness night. Each team member who had a cancer survivor or had lost a family member to cancer was presented with the pink carnation and then Emily came into the stands to give it to me. I thought it so “coincidental” that they would occur in the same week and so I decided to bring it and leave it with Marcie’s candle of remembrance. If you ever wonder if God’s love and care is disassociated with our live in the present day journey, you might want to consider that apparent “coincidence”. Such things are always beyond my grasp, but then I know I/we are in God’s grasp through our faith in Lord Jesus and the whole thing just seems rather logical when you think about it. And I do think about it, all the time. Thank you again for your love and care on Sunday (Nov. 2). I noticed and I wanted you to know.



Grace and peace to you friend, Rev. Gene

Announcements

Year End Gift Idea: Help Pay Off Our Mortgage!

The church's mortgage balance is down to about \$30,000. As you plan your year-end gift giving, please consider a gift to FUMC's mortgage fund. Paying off the mortgage early saves the church \$\$ which can be redirected to ministries. Our administrative council passed a budget for 2014 that depends in part on having NO MORE mortgage payments next year. Please consider giving a special thank offering to help pay off the mortgage by the end of this year. You can contribute online or drop a check in the offering plate, write "Church Mortgage" on the memo line.



Feed Local Children Christmas Break Food

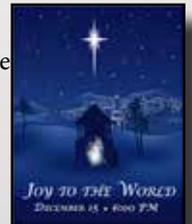
Our church has provided food in Mooreville Elementary children's backpacks the last two years. We plan to do it again this year, and may also include Monrovia Elementary. We should be planning for about 300 children, as Mooreville alone has approximately 250 children



needing this support. If you would like to help sort, pack, and distribute the food the week of December 16th please let Claire Farrand know. We will pack on an afternoon/evening (probably Dec 17) and then take to the schools on Dec 18th. Claire.farrand@Hotmail.com or 372-8539

Christmas Music

Be sure to come out on December 15th to see The Children's, Bells, and Traditional Choir's Cantatas. We will begin the show at 5:30PM with the Children's Choir's interactive Veggie Tales performance of "The Humongous, Gigantic, Veggie Tales Christmas." Then at 6:00 the Traditional and Bell Choirs will perform together for the first time to bring you a moving musical performance that works to bring us closer to the true meaning of CHRISTmas called "Joy to the World." We hope to see everyone there.



Blessings, Jennifer

Helping with Tornado Relief

Relief efforts in the communities affected by the Nov. 17, 2013 tornados will be funded from the United Methodist Committee on Relief's US Disaster Response advance (#901670). One hundred percent of gifts designated for USDR Tornados 2013 will support the response in Illinois, Indiana and other areas where the tornados hit.



Simply Give @ Meijer

Simply Give is a Meijer program, which is helping Churches in Mission stock their shelves to feed local families who are struggling. Churches in Mission continues to see new faces, as families work to balance daily expenses. Our continued giving is vital to the success of local food pantries in this time of need. Your \$10 donation will be turned into a Meijer gift card and given to Churches in Mission.

In addition to your donation, Meijer will contribute \$1 million



to the 2013 Simply Give program to distribute among the many food pantries in our communities. Since 2008, Meijer and our customers together have donated an estimated 6 million dollars.

Purchase your \$10 donation card from the Simply Give displays near the checkout at Camby's Meijer store. **The program ends Saturday, January 4, 2014.**

Thank you for partnering with us in the fight against hunger.

Thanks for Halloween Help

Thanks go out to everyone that helped with the Halloween Hot Dog Roast and the Trunk-or-Treat. We appreciate the candy donations and all the volunteers. Congratulations to Chrystal Lynch who won the Trunk-or-Treat. Make sure you check out the pictures from this event on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. ~ *Family Ministries*



Celebrating Christmas with **KIDS**



Children's Leaders

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Children's News

8:30 & 11:10 Worship

Children begin in the sanctuary with their family and are released to a teacher after the "Children's Moment." The teacher takes the children to Room 130. We currently are using curriculum called, "One Room Sunday School." Parent's pick-up children after the Worship Service.

Wednesday 6:30 PM

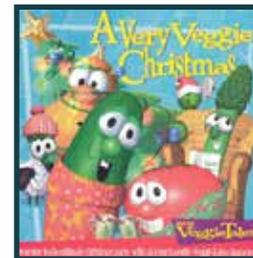
The Wednesday night Christian Education program for children begins at 6:30 PM in Room 117. During this time they will have a Bible lesson, make crafts, have a snack and just have fun.

9:45 Worship

Children begin in the sanctuary with their family and are released to a teacher after the "Children's Moment." The Sunday School Superintendent and some of the teachers escort children to their classes. We encourage new students to be escorted by their parents to see which room their child is in and to meet the teachers. Parents with younger children are also encouraged to walk their child to class. Older children can walk independently to their classes. A hands-on Bible curriculum is used. Parents must pick-up their children from the classrooms immediately after worship.

Children's Choir

The Children's Christmas Musical this year is "A Very Veggie Christmas!" Children will be practicing right after children's moment every Sunday until the performance. Look for some information to come home soon with your child's



speaking part. The Children's Musical is at 5:30pm on December 15th, with a complete run through practice at

9:00am on December 14th.



Tomorrow's Promise Preschool

Preschool's last day this calendar year is December 20th.

We will resume school on January 6th. Have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year.



Mooreville First United Methodist Church sponsors this Christian oriented preschool operated on a non-profit basis as a community service. Our program is a learn-by-play atmosphere and is theme based.

Nursery News

Nursery

Loving, tender care is provided by a consistent staff during all three worship services every Sunday morning (8:30, 9:45; 11:10).

Mommy & Me

Mommy & Me classes meet every Thursday. This is a class for infants up to 36 months old and their moms offered at Tomorrow's Promise Preschool. The class meets on Thursday's in room 134 from 9:30 - 10:30. You can pick up a brochure outside the narthex or call Lydia @ 834-1787 to get more information.

Youth News Date Night

Parents, it's Date Night! The FUMC Youth Group is hosting "Donations for Date Night" on Friday, December 6th from 5:30pm-9:30pm. Drop off your child(ren) at the church...and enjoy the night out! Go see a movie; go Christmas shopping; go home and take a nap! While



you're gone, your kid(s) will have dinner and be entertained by the 7th-12th youth; no doubt they will be ready for bed upon pick-up!). All donations received will go toward the 2014 Youth Mission Trip. We'll see you on December 6th!

December News

This month we won't have a shortage of opportunities to connect and serve. On December 8, the youth will be ringing bells, singing carols, and making fleece-tie blankets. Our annual Progressive Dinner will be the following Saturday, December 14. It's a great time to share and laugh with one another! Over Christmas break we look forward to some spontaneous ways to serve and connect!



December Calendar

1	NO YOUTH
6	5:30-9:30 PM: Donations for Date Night (babysitting at the church)
8	5-7:30 PM: ALL Youth meeting (bell ringing, caroling, blankets)
14	4-8:00 PM: 7-12th Grade Progressive Dinner
15	4:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Meeting No Meeting for 7-12th Grade
22	NO Youth meeting
29	NO Youth meeting

2014 Mission Trip Update

Praise the Lord! We are well on our way to serving in Central America in 2014! We've raised nearly \$11,000 in 2013, and in November we had 15 students and 8 adults leaders sign up for the trip. Plans are being made to provide Spanish Bibles for a youth outreach event in Mexico, paint a nursing home, and bring various supplies for schools and orphanages. What a great opportunity for our youth to serve! Thanks for your ongoing support!

Youth Leaders

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Breakfast with Santa

Mark your calendar. Saturday, December 14th Family ministries will host Breakfast with Santa from 9:00 – 11:00. At this fundraiser you can get your picture taken with Santa, eat some yummy food, & make some great Christmas crafts. You can also bring in a new toy that will be donated to Churches in Mission.



Price List for Santa Breakfast:

- Adult Breakfast: \$4
- Child Breakfast Only: \$2
- Child Breakfast and Craft Combo: \$4
- Child Crafts Only: \$2
- Kids Under 3 Eat Free
- Santa Photo: \$5

Would you like to help with this event? Watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet located outside fellowship hall. If you have questions, please call Kim Webster, Shelly Duncan or Lydia Rychtarczyk (834-1787).

Senior Citizens

Dear Everyone at the First United Methodist Church, Thank you all so very much for our kitchen stove. You don't know how badly it is needed. All of us here at the Mooreville Senior Center want you to know how much we appreciate it. *Sincerely, Brenda Rose*

Joan Lewis Family

Thank you so much for your kind words, thoughts and prayers in our time of sorrow. *The Family of Joan Lewis*

Look What Has Come to the World!

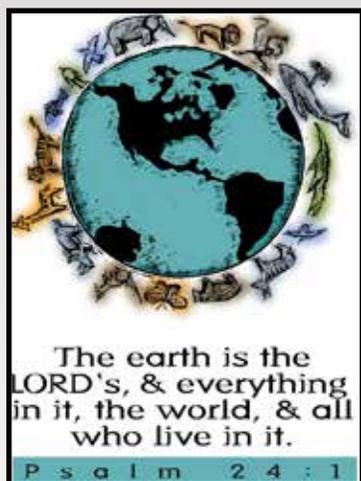
a Message from Pastor Ben

In his 1942 devotional *Abundant Living*, E. Stanley Jones, Methodist doctor and missionary to India, writes:

The early Christians did not say in dismay: "Look what the world has come to," but in delight, "Look what has come to the world." They saw not merely the ruin, but the Resource for the reconstruction of that ruin. They saw not merely that sin did abound, but that grace did much more abound. On that assurance the pivot of history swung from blank despair, loss of moral nerve, and fatalism, to faith and confidence that at last sin had met its match.

I love this quote from E. Stanley Jones when talking about the early Christians and how they viewed the world in light of the Gospel! As we enter the Christmas season, we all need to be reminded that we should not be wearied when we see the darkness in the world around us because God has turned the light on through the birth of his Son! Even though the world around us may be in ruin, Jesus is the 'Resource for reconstruction of that ruin. Christ is the hope of the world The redeemer from sin Look who has come to the world!

Christmas Blessings, Pastor Ben



Adult Education News

Dynamic Marriage

Meet: begins Jan. 19

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Parlor

Leaders: Jamie & Shelly Wilson



For several years, we (Jamie & Shelly Wilson) have prayed for support for married couples while they are strong and still wanting to work on the relationship. We wanted to provide an option to prevent troubles from occurring. We would like to introduce you to **Dynamic Marriage** – an 8-week course beginning January 19.

Dynamic Marriage doesn't just teach you; it'll change you!

Dynamic Marriage takes you and your spouse on an insightful journey to discover each other's innermost emotional needs and expectations. Based on the "Love Bank" model from the book, *His Needs, Her Needs*

by Dr. Willard Harley, you'll learn how communication and behavior styles affect the way you and your spouse act and react to each other.

Week after week, you'll uncover new perspectives about yourself and your spouse... all the while your newly acquired skills are becoming a natural part of your relationship. By the end, you and your spouse communicate, interact, understand and love each other at a deeper, more intimate level.

**Ordinary Marriages become Exciting!
Great Marriages become Exceptional!**

To learn more about Dynamic Marriage, join us at the **preview session on January 5 @ 5:00 in the Parlor**. Please RSVP for the Preview Session, as we have a limit of only 12 couples for the class. If you are interested in signing up for the class, please call or email us!

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Health Fair Update: Thanks for Your Help!

A great turn out at the FUMC Health Fair. We had 36 cholesterol/glucose screenings, 40+ bp's and 11 flu vaccinations! We also collected 8 lbs of candy! Good to see our congregation benefiting from all the great health & safety tips and all the health screenings! A big thanks (& hopefully I haven't left anyone out!) to Shelly Farnsley-Duncan & her family, Kimberly Webster, Lydia Rychtarczyk, Stacy Handlon, Amanda Lawson, Hanna Arthur, George Ignus & the Mooreville Fire Department, Showtime Cinemas, St. Francis, Jackie Farrand, Angie Madden, Melanie Elo, Cheryl Howard, Shelly Flynn Wilson, Julie Morefield-Workman, Chad

Handlon, Skyzone, Sue Klinger, Heidi Coppess, Cathy Mosier (&Mike), Becky Underwood, Bonnie Beebe, Dave Nance, Tammy Payton, Dana Clingler-Forester and Core Fitness!

Also, thanks to Chrystal Lynch for setting up tables and to Ben Bezy for coming over on Saturday to unlock the doors!



Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Start Date	Description of Study
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Sunday Groups

Booster Sunday School	9:45 AM	Room 110	Maggie Overpeck	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Seeker Sunday School	9:45 AM	Room 111	Mosier/ Spar	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Friendship Class	9:45 AM	Room 113	Yeager/ Harris	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Here and Now	9:45 AM	Parlor	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Dynamic Marriage	3:00 PM	Parlor	Jamie & Shelly Wilson	begins Jan. 19	Preview session on Jan. 5
Contagious Joy	4:30 PM	Room 140	Sue Klinger	begins in Feb.	Walk at 4:30; Bible study at 5:00.

Tuesday Groups

Blueberry Hill in Mooreville	7:00 AM	Blueberry Hill	Ben Bezy	Dec. 3 (every 1st Tuesday)	Connect Group format - men's group
Prayer Group	7:30 AM	Chapel	team leaders	Meeting Now	Praying for our church & community
Quilters	9:00 AM	Room 111	team leaders	Meeting Now	Bring your needle & thread
Sewing Ladies	9:00 AM	Parlor	team leaders	Meeting Now	Bring your sewing machine
Asbury Circle	1:00 PM	Parlor	team leaders	3rd Tuesday	Mission focused women's group

Wednesday Groups

Minor Prophets	9:30 AM	Room 110	Todd Henning	Meeting Now	Studying Old Testament Prophets
Bell Choir	5:45 PM	Room 143	Jennifer Burton	Meeting Now	For ALL Ages: Practicing bells for 8:30 Traditional Sunday worship
Traditional Choir	6:30 PM	Room 143	Jennifer Burton	Meeting Now	For ALL Ages: Practicing songs for 8:30 Traditional Sunday worship
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM	Room 110	Dale DePoy & Cathy Mosier	Dec. 4, 11; Jan. 8, 11, 15, 22	Application & interview process is required in order to join this group
Forgiveness	6:30 PM	Parlor	Rev. Dennis	Begins in Jan.	Finding peace thru letting go - a study by Adam Hamilton
Holy Yoga	6:30 PM	Youth Room	Chrystal Lynch	Begins in Jan.	For ALL Ages: yoga with a Christian theme
Chronic Pain Support	6:30 PM	Room 112	Jess Kelly & Cheryl Howard	Begins in Jan.	Chronic illness support group
Made to Crave	7:00 PM	Room 140	Handlon/Wilson	Meeting Now	Balancing health with faith

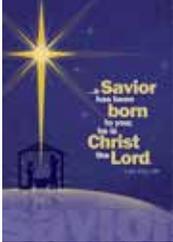
Thursday Groups

Mommy & Me	9:30 AM	Room 134	Lydia Rychtarczyk	Meeting Now	For moms with 0-3yrs. old babies
Judge's Mens Group	11:30 AM	Downtown Indy	team leaders	Jan. 23 (3rd Thurs.) - skip December	Connect Group format - men's group
Beals Home Group	6:30 PM	Beals' Home	Rev. Gene Young	Dec. 5, 19	Studying book "Jesus in the Gospels"
High Street Connect Group	7:00 PM	various homes	team leaders	Dec. 5, 19	Home Bible Study
Circle of Friends (women's group)	6:30 PM	Church: Room 114	team leaders	Dec. 19	Studying the book "Captivating" by John Eldredge

Saturday Groups

Genesis	7:00 AM	Biff's Cafe	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Connect Group format - men's group
Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM	church	team leaders	Dec. 14	Breakfast & devotion with sharing
Cracker Barrel in Plainfield	8:00 AM	Cracker Barrel	Rob Probus	Dec. 21 (every 3rd Sat.)	Connect Group format - men's group

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:10 Children's SS 4pm AA NO Youth	2 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 6:15 LRE Visit meets 7:30 AA	3 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Blueberry Hill 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Sewing Quilters Christmas 6:00 & 7:00 Pre School Christmas Programs 6:30 Heartland Mom's meeting	4 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Bible Study 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 Band Practice 6:30 Stephen Ministry Training 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 "Made to Crave" study	5 9:00 Pre School 9:30 Mommy & Me 10:00 Visitation Team Meets 5-9 Upward Basketball Practice	6 9:00 Pre School 9:00AM Decorate for Tri Kappa Tea 5:30-9:30PM Donate for Date Night 8:00PM AA 8:00PM Alanon	7 2:00 Tri Kappa Tea
8 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:10 Children's SS 12-4 Family Christmas 4pm AA 5-7:30 PM: ALL Youth meeting (bell ringing, caroling, blankets)	9 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 7:00 Sewing Guild 7:30 AA	10 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Sewing & Quilting 5-9 Upward BB Practice	11 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Bible Study 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 Band Practice 6:30 Stephen Ministry Training 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 "Made to Crave" study	12 9:00 Pre School 9:30 Mommy & Me 5-9 Upward Basketball Practice	13 9:00 Pre School 8:00PM AA 8:00PM Alanon	14 8:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Stephen Ministry Training 9-11 Breakfast With Santa 4-8 Youth Progressive Dinner for 7-12th grade
15 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:10 Children's SS 4PM AA 4PM 5-6th Grade NO 7-12th grade mtg. 5:30 Children's Christmas program 6:00Adult Christmas Cantata	16 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 6:15 LRE Visit meets 6:00 Heartland Mom's 7:30 AA	17 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Asbury Circle meets 5-9 Upward BB Practice 7:00 Girl Scout Leader meeting	18 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Bible Study 5:45 Bell Choir 6:30 Band Practice 6:30 Adult Choir 7:00 "Made to Crave" study	19 9:00 Pre School 9:30 Mommy & Me 10:00 Visitation Team Meets 5-9 Upward Basketball Practice 6:30 Circle of Friends 6:30 Girl Scout meeting	20 9:00 Pre School 8:00PM AA 8:00PM Alanon	21 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel Plainfield
22 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship UMW Cookie Sale 9:45 Sunday School 11:10 Children's SS 1:00 Family Christmas 4pm AA NO Youth 7:00 Blue Christmas 	23 7:30 AA	24 Christmas Eve 7:30-8:30 Prayer 5:00-7:00-11:00 Christmas Eve Services 	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27 8:00PM AA 8:00PM Alanon	28
No Preschool - Christmas Break - will resume Jan. 6						
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No Preschool - Christmas Break - will resume Jan. 6						

Christmas Eve Candle Light

*5:00 PM- Contemporary Worship
7:00 PM- Contemporary Worship
11:00 PM - Traditional Worship*



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