**Trust and Obey**

In talking with a dear friend in the congregation I heard these few words come out of her mouth, “trust and obey.” They are simple. They are powerful. Many will recognize this phrase from an old hymn by the same title.

The hymn talks of walking with God in the light of His love. It speaks of His light giving us direction when we “trust and obey.”

Trust needs an object. We trust the box of food to contain the ingredients listed on the outside. We want to trust the friend, colleague or anyone who gives us “their word.” We hope to trust God.

In a book called, “When People are Big and God is Small” by Edward T. Welch we are reminded that our trust in people will at sometime be misplaced, but our trust in God is well-founded. God truly can be trusted. We can rely upon God’s action and God’s heart. The title of the book cautions us to be sure our trust in people isn’t larger than our trust in God. Readers are encouraged to orient their lives toward God through trusting and obeying Him.

God. We don’t have to solve everything, trust and obey God. We don’t have to make sense of it all, trust and obey God.

This isn’t some kind of blind to reality kind of faith. It is a faith, with eyes and heart wide open, ready to jump into God’s future because we can trust him. We don’t pull in. We don’t hold back. We don’t shut ourselves off to the world or to others. We don’t hide or simply fade away. We LIVE in God. We live FOR God.

The adventure of faith is that we trust the unknown to the God who is known. Jesus came as the way, the truth and the life—our way, our truth, our life.

Trust and obey...a way to happiness in the Lord and in life.

**Hope to see you this weekend in worship! ~Jim D.**

P.S.~ Need a recharge? We have a new adapter station for phones and ipads. You can find it at the Welcome Center.

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**Masterpiece Valentine’s Day Dinner**

Come one, come all, to celebrate God’s love for us! Join us for a wonderful setting with great food and good friends, Friday February 13th @ 12 noon in the Friendship Hall, Celebration Center. Cost is $12/person. Bring your friends of all ages! Please sign up on this weekend’s BLUE CARD (bulletin insert), or call the office to reserve your seat (827-2993). Make checks payable to “First UMC” (memo Valentine’s Dinner.)

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus…” Eph. 2:10

It is said, “the eyes are the window to the soul.” How we look at things and where we look often determines the measure of joy we experience. Join us in a two week series as we explore God’s invitation to see with eyes of faith. Join us for WINDOWS.
**Boy Scout Chili Supper**

The Annual Boy Scout Chili Supper will be held on Friday, Feb. 6th from 11—7:30 p.m. Downtown. The cost for tickets is $5 and includes a bowl of chili or soup or hot dog or chili dog, plus a slice of pie and a drink. We will recognize our Scouts during the downtown 10:50 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Feb. 8th.

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**Women of Faith Simulcast**

First United Methodist Church will be hosting a *Women of Faith Simulcast* at the Celebration Center on Friday, February 20, 7:30—9:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 21, 8—12:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Simply join us for a time of celebration and faith building. Questions? Call Lancy Ulrich, 287-3496 or Karen Miesner, 596-3276.

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**Women’s Bible Study**

All ladies are welcome to attend a *Priscilla Shirer Bible Study* entitled, “Breathe.” The six-week study will be on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 starting February 17th, and Wednesday evenings starting February 18th at 6:15 p.m. at the Celebration Center. Cost of the books will be $9.95. Please call Patty Abney 660-281-4098 if questions. Sign up this weekend!

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**HeartBeats**

- For confidential spiritual and emotional support in a 1-on-1, devoted, caring relationship, contact a *Stephen Minister* at 620-4484.
- *Meals for Moms* is a ministry at First UMC to help with meals the first few weeks once mom and the baby come home from the hospital. Call Jennifer Cordia at 826-1574 with contact info. or questions.
- The *General Board of Higher Education & Ministry for the United Methodist Church* is offering *Scholarships & Loans to Church College Students*. Deadline is March 5, 2015. Contact Marci Bigord, Loan & Scholarship Program Manager, at 615-340-7338 (Nashville TN) for more information.
- The *YesToday Bookstore* at the Celebration Center now carries *Singing Rooster Coffee* from Haiti. Proceeds go to Strongtower Orphanage.

**HeartsWelcome Team**

With the new launch of the Check-in Station, we are inviting you to be a part of our children’s welcome team! If you are interested in being one of the first faces our families see, contact Mona at 827-2993 or mona@firstsayyes.com. Skills require minimal technology knowledge and a friendly smile!

**UMW Circle**

The United Methodist Women Circle will meet on February 10th at 1:15 p.m. at the Celebration Center. Patsy Harrison will have the program, Judy Reed has the Prayer Calendar, and Liz Rooks and Joy Wilson will be the hostesses. All women are welcome to join us. Childcare can be provided by calling Carolyn Miller at 527-3792. (Board Meeting is at 11:30 a.m.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED**

We are in search of some Sunday School teachers! Requirements include completing Safe Sanctuary, passing a background check, and loving children. Contact Mona, 827-2993.

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**Inclement Weather Policy**

We will ALWAYS have our worship services, and they will NEVER be cancelled. But we ask that you use your very best judgment in getting out during challenging weather. During the week, if Sedalia schools are cancelled due to weather, then we cancel our activities for that evening.

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**Unwrap the Bible Live Simulcast Event**

By Priscilla Shirer

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**Heart to Heart**

A Valentine’s Gourmet Coffee Event

Enjoy *Singing Rooster Coffee* from Haiti at all the worship services February 14-15! A variety of blends will also be for sale, specially packaged for your Valentine. Be sure to check out the new 3 Mountains Haitian coffee, available for a limited time only. All proceeds return to Haiti: to the coffee farmers and to orphans in Caracol. Join in the Heart to Heart event: our hearts connected with God’s heart for Caracol’s orphans.

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**YES Today Bookstore**

Hours: Sat. 4-7 pm  Sun. 8-11am
Thank You: (On display at Welcome Center Bulletin Board)
We received a thank you from: George Griffin, III

Congratulations to . . .
Sara and Ian Hanson on the birth of their son, Gideon Joseph Hanson, on January 14, 2014; Becky Reid on the birth of her new grandson, Easton Scott Reid, born January 15th to Nathan and Bethany Reid; and to Lincoln Kelley due to his baptism on January 25, 2015. Lincoln is the infant son of Bob & Leslie Kelley.

Mark your calendars!
2015 Spring WOW (Wonderful on Wednesdays) - Feb. 18 to Mar. 25th from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Hospice Volunteers needed
If you are interested in being a Hospice Volunteer for the Sedalia/Warsaw area, there will be a training seminar on Friday, January 30 from 8:30—4 p.m. at the Celebration Center (First Family Room). Please contact Jon Schmidt at 660-438-2876 if you have questions or if you would like more information.

Transformed
A follower of Jesus is called a disciple. We are always looking for ways to learn and grow in following Jesus. Transformed is a 7 week opportunity for growing as a disciple. The study manual is only $10 per person. There will be a men’s transformed group starting February 18 at 6:15 p.m. led by Pastor Jim. Watch for additional transformed groups forming for men, women and co-ed.

We Celebrate the Day You Were Born
If your birthday is not listed, please let us know so it can be added!

Feb. 1 Carol Benner, Gregory Wagenknecht, Taylor Smith, Kyli Ferrero, MaKayla Manley
Feb. 2 Mary Lou Waldrep, Brian Leiss, Scott Ragan, Melinda McAloose, Stephanie Kilby
Feb. 3 Destiny Matz, James Sutton, Joseph Sipala, Jacob Creighton
Feb. 4 Cheryl Homan, April Snelling, Gary Hayden, Michael Doogs, Stephanie Bales, Draven Bock, Kristi Miller
Feb. 5 Neal Charles, Glen Davis, Daniel Verscha, Dorothy Hunt, Amanda Balke, Ethan Lentz
Feb. 6 Alexandra Mayes, Darren Williams, Cynthia McMullen, Evan Meloy, Sheila Ream, Dawn Compton, Madison Harding, Sean Smith
Feb. 7 Dorothy Hostetter, Julie Dill, Rebecca Mankin, Eleesha Meyer, Skyla Pfremmer, Marquez Scroggins
Feb. 8 Gene Smith, Donald Ragar, Jr., Nick Mateja, Levi Anderson
Feb. 9 Mike Ingram, Erin Holt, Rena Vanderpool, Melody Perris, Glenda Fudge
Feb. 10 Barbara Green, Chris Buchanan, Zachary Ward, Brett Martin, Burt Ives, Madison Martin, H. H. Luetjens
Feb. 11 Stan York, James Duzan, Terri Bartol
Feb. 12 Bob Salmon, Jacob Gerken, Anna Houser, Kilee Ball
Feb. 13 Logan Gleason, Carson Price, Lella Hackler, John Parkhurst, Deven Pogue-Clark, Bobi Farrar
Feb. 14 Jordyn Kemp, Opal Zimmerschied, Becca Younce, Jacob Riley, Barbara Parkhurst, Philip Monsees, Dr. Doug Kiburz, Ashley Pollard

If you would like additional information about the church attendance or finances, please call the church office (827-2993).

Our Prayers for:
Betty Rose Thompson, Steve Emory, Louise Lentz, Darlene & Virgil Burgess, Sue Coleman, Jacob Gerken, Clifford Smith, Charles & Jennie Chefey, Brittany Blake, Kathy Gardner, Patti Jones, Nicole Jeffery, Glenda Horne, Daryl McKinney, Cansata Arnold, Bob Salmons, Heather Shaw, Sandy Smith, Our Military Families, Strong Tower Haiti Orphanage, and our covenant churches in Mozambique.

Our hearts go out in Christian love and sympathy to ~the family and friends of Shirley Morris due to her death on December 30, 2014, ~the family and friends of Rosalie Burgess due to her death on January 22, 2015, ~Barbara Rippey and family in the death of her mother, Wilma “June” Smith on Sunday, January 25, 2015, and to ~Kim Keturosky and family in the death of her husband, Mike Keturosky, on Saturday, January 24, 2015.
FIRST United Methodist Church of Sedalia

Downtown, 4th & Osage
//Worship Sunday 10:50am
Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St
Worship //Saturday 5:30pm //Sunday 8:35 9:45am & 12:30 pm
Listen on the Radio at 1490AM Sundays 10:30am or on
Website at www.firstsayyes.com (messages)
Email us at email@firstsayyes.com Phone // 660.827.2993

Super Bowl Parties and “Souper” Bowl!
Sunday, February 1st, 2015 at 5 p.m.—Celebration Center

Wanna watch the “big game” together? Please bring food to share and come on February 1st anytime after 5 p.m. for our Super Bowl Party! We will have the game on in the The EyeSee Theater and The Gathering Place. All throughout the weekend services we will collect cans of soup to be taken to Open Door Ministries.

The Youth Super Bowl Party will meet in the youth room at 6 p.m. Girls bring snacks, and guys bring drinks.