

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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The Visitor

Early Church – 8:45 a.m.
 Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service – 10:50 a.m.

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January 19, 2017



Lynn Yaters, Stacey Homra, Cynthia Smith, Jerry Lacewell, Ken Wade, Bubba Grooms Tom Kelly, Ann Moss, Mike & Lisa Ceolla, Pastor & Church, Linda Campbell, April Black, Lannon Mosely, Family & Friends of Brenda Shephard-Nanney, Rick & Elaine Hawes & Family, Persecuted Christians Around the World, Louise Mercer, Peggy & Kenneth Crews, 3-in-1 Children, Parents, & Volunteers, Bubba Grooms, Jim Ketterman, Barbara Ann Rumley, Susan Parr, Kim Murray, Refugees Throughout the World, Greg & Debbie Williams, Mike McClanahan, Joyce Tibbs, Hal Warren, Jerry Lacewell, Betty Workman, Juayne Bushart, Cynthia Smith, Larry Townsend, Families of Norman & Cynthia Fulcher, Julie Ann Ketterman, Kelly Johnson, Royce Oliver, Katherine Willoughby

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

Jan 22 Jennifer McConnell
 Jan 29 Nancy McConnell
 Feb 5 Pam Wade
 Feb 12 Susanna Whitesell

Children's Church

Jan 22 Linda Barclay
 Jan 29 Jordan & Kelly Barnes
 Feb 5 John Lane & Jennifer McConnell
 Feb 12 Nancy McConnell

Acolytes

Jan 22 Hadley Barnes
 Jan 29 Virginia Varden
 Feb 5 TBA
 Feb 12 TBA

Wednesday Night Volunteer

Jan 25 Linda Faulkner
 Feb 1 Kay Williams
 Feb 8 Pam Dame
 Feb 15 Susan Rushing

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet this Saturday, February 4th at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

UMYF

The youth will kick back off on January 22nd!

Happy Birthday!

January

Ricky Rothschild	Wes Faulkner
Elaine Hawes	Valerie Warren
Hadley Barnes	Bob Bush
Richard Fry	Anne Robertson
Sally Ivey	George Frazier
Andrew Moore	James Faulkner
Emma Warren	Kellea Pirtle
Juayne Bushart	Harry Bushart Jr.
Myranda Parr	Christine Barclay
Johnny McConnell	Richard Puckett
Susan Rothschild	Tim Hussey
Mallory Rickman	Mary Louise Gossum
Anna Ivey	Sandra Joyner

Morgan Mitchell

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals are well under way!
 The meal begins at 5:30pm. Bible study for all ages follows the meal each week. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children, under age 4 is free. (\$20 cap for families)

The menu is:

January 25	Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert
February 1	Tacos, Beans, Rice, Chips & Salsa, Dessert
February 8	Chicken Pot Pies, Salad, & Dessert
February 15	Lambert's Night. Fried Chicken, Pass Around Side Dishes, and Thrown Rolls
February 22	Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert

WANTED!

Do you have magazines you don't want anymore? The youth ministry is looking for magazines that can be cut up and used for a project during lent. Please bring any magazines you're willing to donate to the church office. Thanks for your help!

Adult 5th Sunday Sunday School Fellowship

January 29, 2017

9:45am-10:30am

In the Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Tim Hacker

Tim's presentation will be "Christian Rescue During The Holocaust: Le Chambon"

Bring Your Favorite Breakfast Dish to Share with Others at this Sunday Morning Fellowship!

Invite a Friend!

*Our next 5th Sunday Fellowship will be April 30th. We still need suggestions for future programs. If you have any ideas, please see Leslie Whitesell.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for helping make our granddaughter's Christmas wonderful! I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. It meant the world to me and she had a wonderful time opening everything.

Your friend in Christ,
Cathy Kimbell

Donations Welcome

The mission Sunday school class will be taking up donations of space heaters and blankets to give to people in our community. The heaters and blankets need to be turned into the church office by Wednesday, January 18. The deliveries will be made on Sunday, January 22. Monetary donations are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Parr at KTParr83@gmail.com or by phone at [731-335-2919](tel:731-335-2919). Thank you in advance for your help!

From the Pastor's Desk...

"When Jesus was on earth, it wasn't an accident that He came as a blue-collar worker, nor that His parable would deal with things like sowing seed, vineyard laborers, harvesters, house building, and swine tending. In Him there is no hierarchy of importance vocationally, there's only the wise use of the talents He dispenses." -- Larry Kreider

I love this quote from Larry Kreider because it reminds us of the laboring aspect of our ministry calling. Kreider is reminding us that labor, work, and toil are required of us all as we walk along this Christ centered spiritual path.

The Israelites were a people of the land. They were an agrarian people. I know first hand, as many of you do, how much work is involved in cultivating a garden! It takes planning early (just ordered seeds now for a spring planting), preparing the soil even before a seed goes in the ground, and then when the produce starts to come in the work really begins. Producing your own fruits and vegetables is so satisfying and *o, so good!* But it has its start in the planning and cultivating.

This Sunday we are doing some of that church based planning and cultivating. We will gather for a Visioning/ Leadership Kickoff following our second worship. This is not a business meeting! This is our preparing the *ground* and visioning the *seeds* we are going to need to do fruit-bearing ministry in the coming year. This gathering is for everyone in our church that wants to see us grow, go, and give to a world in need.

My prayer for Fulton First UMC is that we become a church that bears the United Methodist Churches' mission statement to, "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." That is no small task but it is our God given task.

If you are on one of the following committees Trustees, Finance, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Lay Leadership, or Church Council you are expected at this meeting. But really *everyone* that claims our community as their church home is needed to carry out the labor, work, and toil of the body of Christ. As we enter into this new year, this new visioning of our calling remember the words of 1 Corinthians, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it." (I Cor. 12:27)

POTLUCK LUNCH FOLLOWING 10:50 a.m.
Worship

In the Fellowship Hall
12:00- 2:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and an open ear and heart-- *visioning* means coming with a prayerful and open heart. It is not a place to share an agenda. Committees will kickoff their work with the listening work of this gathering.