

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 6, 2017



Jim Ketterman, family of Norman & Cynthia Fulcher, Kim Murray, Susan Parr, Barbara Ann Rumley, 3-in-1 and All the Helpers, Pastor & Church, Ronnie, family of Wilburn Allen, Lannon Mosely, Linda Snow, Don Quick, Stacy Homra, Tom Kelly, Ann Moss, Jerald Dean, Ken Wade, Joyce Tibbs, Louise Mercer, Bubba Grooms, Craig Wheeler family, family of Tracy McDaniel, Persecuted Christians around the World, Jere Taylor, James Gray, Tommy Bennett, the Morris Family, Pastor Nancy

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

Jan 8 Nancy Nix
 Jan 15 Bridget Pirtle
 Jan 22 Jennifer McConnell
 Jan 29 TBA

Children's Church

Jan 8 Dave & Amy Barclay
 Jan 15 Greg & Carmen Barclay
 Jan 22 Linda Barclay
 Jan 29 Jordan & Kelly Barnes

Acolytes

Jan 8 Myranda Parr
 Jan 15 Elizabeth Pirtle
 Jan 22 Hadley Barnes
 Jan 29 Virginia Varden

Wednesday Night Volunteer

Jan 11 Julie Riddell
 Jan 18 Linda Barclay
 Jan 25 Linda Faulkner
 Feb 1 Kay Williams

United Methodist Women

The UMW Night Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 9th at 6:30pm at the home of Dorothy Bush.
 The UMW Day Circle will meet Monday, Jan. 11 at 10am at the home of Joan Homra.
 Please come and join us as we start our new year!

United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet this Saturday, January 7th 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
Juyne 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 11 Chinese Night
 January 18 Breakfast for Supper
 January 25 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, & Dessert
 February 1 TBA

Be on the look-out for the sign-up sheets in the bulletins and be sure to place them in the offering plate so we have a head count.

Angel Tree

I'd like to thank everyone that contributed to the Angel Tree. With the gifts and contributions, we were able to bless 40 children this year – that's the most we've ever had!

We did have a couple of situations come up that we've never had before. There was an Angel taken from the tree that wasn't signed out; and there wasn't anything brought in for that number, either. Thankfully we (meaning the Church) were able to cover that with the Benevolent Fund.

The second situation; we do not, will not, and cannot accept used clothing for our Angels. There are hygiene and sanitation issues to be considered. The thought is appreciated, but not feasible.

Please.. don't feel pressured to take an Angel if you can't do it; there's no problem in lifting those families in prayer instead.

This is my last year with the Angels. We've got a great team that will pick this up for next year. God bless every one of you that has contributed to this ministry during my tenure. I hope you continue to participate.

Grace and peace,
Pat Dunker

3-in-1

Three-in-1 will kick back off on Wednesday, January 11th. Thank you all who volunteer your time for these wonderful kids!

Kick-Off

There will be a potluck luncheon on January 22nd after late service. This will be a time of gathering and visioning. The new ministry teams and committees will start up at this point. Come be apart of this day!

From the Pastor's Desk...

We are in the first week of the New Year. There is a lot said at this time of year about resolutions that focus on re-organizing, decluttering, and renewing healthy living. I recently read an article that spoke to the idea of Spiritual Decluttering. Here is the link for the UM article, <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-decluttering-a-fresh-start-for-a-new-year> if you would like to read more about this idea.

The article had me thinking about this time of the Christian calendar-- a time where we are called to live out the way of Jesus. This time starts Sunday and the season is called after the Epiphany. It goes for eight weeks and starts with Baptism of the Lord and ends the Sunday before Lent know as Transfiguration. What great bookend! The beginning when the heavens open and the Holy Spirit flows forward at Jesus' baptism and then the end when the heavens open again with God's proclamation of Jesus as Son of God. And between all of that as we read the Gospels of the season we reflect on the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. It is a season where we are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showing of his divinity, Emmanuel God is *definitely* with us!

There is so much happening in the world that draws our energy and focus away from breathing in the life and ministry of Jesus. In this Epiphany Season it is my prayer for us all that we renew and embrace the Son of God that came for the world. The celebration of Christmas is over. Boxes of ornaments, lights, and mangers are put away but it is our calling to not put Jesus away but to listen and carry Him boldly into the world.