

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, December 4, 2016

#### Communion

#### Food Pantry Sunday

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Pizza & Faith
- 4:00 p.m. All Church and Family Movie Night

### Monday, December 5, 2016

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack/Troop 47

### Wednesday, December 7, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. UMW Christmas Party Meeting - Sirloin Stockade

### Sunday, December 11, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service (Charge Conference)
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck Luncheon

### Monday, December 12, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Salvation Army Breakfast
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack/Troop 47

### Wednesday, December 14, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia

### Saturday, December 17, 2016

- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Open House at Parsonage

### Sunday, December 18, 2016

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service

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# Life in the Church

Notes from the pastor.

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## Mark Your Calendars

There are many things that are coming up on our church calendar this year. There are opportunities to share in fellowship around the table, special worship services, and our regular meetings and church goings on. Here are some of the things coming up:

- **Charge Conference, December 11th, 10:50 a.m.-** Our annual Charge (All Church) Conference will be held on Sunday, December 11th during our 10:50 a.m. worship service. As all are invited to participate, there will **only be one** service that morning. Rev. Kibum Kim, our Parsons District Superintendent will preach. After the worship service/charge conference, we will have a potluck luncheon. All are invited to stay and eat with our D.S. and our church family. Bring a dish, table settings, and, most importantly, yourselves and join us as we celebrate all that our church has done and plans to do!
- **Christmas Eve Outreach Worship-** On Christmas Eve (December 24th), we will be taking a Christmas Candlelight service to the Asbury Village (1:00) and Windsor Assisted Living on 8th St. (2:00).
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service-** On Christmas Eve, we will have our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Day/New Years Day Worship-** The holidays both fall on Sundays this year. We will have one worship service at 9:30 on each of those Sunday holidays.

## Holiday Open House

You're invited to the Christmas Open House at the Parsonage. Drop in on the festivities between 2-4 p.m on Saturday, December 17th. Merry Christmas!

## H.U.G.S.

We have our annual H.U.G.S. Tree in the narthex. Bring new underwear, and new or handmade scarves, gloves, and hats and place them on or around the tree. We will share them with Salvation Army and CE to be given to children who need them.

## **NOTES:**

### **Children's Sunday School**

Julie Thompson is organizing teachers for the children's Sunday School class. Please contact her if you are available to teach a Sunday.

Dec. 04 - Julie Thompson

Dec. 11 - Becky Dobbins

Dec. 18 - Needed

Dec. 25 - No Sunday School

### **All Church Movie Night**

On December 4th, FUMC will have all church movie night in Fellowship Hall at 4:00. We will watch Disney's *Polar Express* (CVLI licensed). The plot: On Christmas Eve, a doubting boy boards a magical train that's headed to the North Pole and Santa Claus' home. It explores faith themes including: Belief, Christmas, Growing Up, Evidence, Doubt, and God's Existence. We will also enjoy pizza and popcorn. All are welcome!

### **Church Council Meeting**

At our October 19th Church Council meeting, items discussed included ways to reach out to our community and our members, worship for the coming year, opportunities for potlucks and meals, the church finances and current financial deficit, the stained glass window repair project, staffing, and upcoming charge conference,

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14th (2nd Wednesday, change due to Christmas holiday) at 5:15. Reports due to Pastor Nicole by December 5th.

### **Upper Room Disciplines**

We will once again order The Upper Room Disciplines 2017. It is a great way to enter into or continue the practice of a daily devotional. We will order them from Cokesbury. Regular print Disciplines will be \$11.00 and Large Print will be \$13.00. Mark the Attendance insert to let us know if you would like them or sign up in the office. Make checks payable to First UMC or place cash in a separate offering envelope with **your name and Upper Room Disciplines** on it.

### **Liturgists**

The upcoming liturgists are:

Dec. 04 - Judy Hiner

Dec. 11 - Pat McCoy

Dec. 18 - Irene Crandell

Dec. 25 - Florene Carnes

If you have a conflict with a date as they are added, please let Pastor Nicole know so a change can be made. Thank you for adding more voices to the ministry and worship at FUMC!

### **Christmas Blessing Baskets**

We will assemble Christmas Blessing Baskets on December 4th as part of our All Church movie night. We will assemble 15 baskets that will be handed out during the week of Christmas to families selected through the Salvation Army.

### **Poinsettias**

If you would like to share poinsettias in honor of loved ones or in memory of loved ones, bring them to the church before the Christmas Eve service on December 24th. If you would like to share the name of those you are honoring and/or remembering in the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day bulletins, call or email the church office with the name(s) by December 21<sup>st</sup> or provide the information on the attendance insert in the bulletin.

### **Youth/Children's Program**

This year, we will celebrate Epiphany on January 8th during the 10:50 service with a children's program. The children/youth will tell a story of the 3 wise men and their visit to Jesus after his birth. Parents, please let Pastor Nicole or Pat McCoy know if your child will be able to participate. We will also give Bibles to our 4th/5th grade (and up) students who have not received them previously.