

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, December 19, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Pass out Christmas Blessing Baskets
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack/Troop 47

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

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

Saturday, December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve

- 1:00 pm Christmas Eve Outreach Worship- Asbury Village
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Outreach Worship- Windsor on 8th
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, December 26, 2016

Christmas Day Observance - Office Closed

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

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

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

Saturday, December 31, 2016

New Years Eve

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Communion

Food Pantry Sunday

New Years Day

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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.

Life in the Church

Notes from the pastor.

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:

- **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!

CFUMC Radio Broadcasts

Worship services at CFUMC will be on the radio on KQQF Star 98.9 each Sunday. This is a great outreach opportunity for our shut-ins as well as folks who don't currently have a church home. KQQF will also air weekly devotionals, promotions for the church, and announcements of inclement weather/church cancellations when necessary. We are asking that we celebrate this ministry, as well as things happening in our lives and those things we remember, together. Each week, we will have an opportunity to sponsor the week's broadcast in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone (i.e. anniversary, birthday, wedding, graduation, etc.). The broadcast is \$70 per week and Barbara has a list of dates available in the church office.

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. 18 - Needed

Dec. 25 - No Sunday School

Jan. 01 - No Sunday School

Jan. 08 - Needed

All Church Movie Night

On January 15th, FUMC will have all church movie night in Fellowship Hall at 4:00. We will watch Disney- Pixar's *The Good Dinosaur* (CVLI licensed). The plot: In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend. It explores faith themes including: Children, Gifting, Raising Children, Identity in Christ, and Parenting.

We will also enjoy pizza and popcorn. All are welcome!

Church Council Meeting

At our December 14th Church Council meeting, items discussed included the possibility of providing transportation to worship, Sunday School, and events, worship broadcasts on KQQF, having LifeTouch take church pictures and produce a church directory, our yearly appointive recommendation, and hiring a new custodian.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 25th (weather permitting, 4th Wednesday due to Clergy Orders & Fellowship [required] in Grand Island, NE) at 5:15. Reports due to Pastor Nicole by January 18th.

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.18 - Irene Crandell

Dec. 25 - Carmen Winston

Jan. 01 - Dobbins

Jan. 08 - Nancy Wright

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!

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 21st 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.

Thank You

To the congregation:

We would like to thank you for your wonderful support and donations for the Christmas Blessing Baskets. The chose to do only fifteen baskets this year, filling each adequately with food, paper products. and household items. This very rewarding and helpful project could not have been done without your help. Any extra items were placed in the pantry and will be used for pantry sacks throughout the year. We feel blessed to have your support.

To all, have a wonderful holiday season.

Peace and good health,

Jody Hamby and Jo Locke