

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, January 2, 2017

New Years Day Observance - Office Closed

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 1:30 p.m. UMW Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2017

- 12:00 p.m. Ministerial Alliance
- 5:15 p.m. Vision Team Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 2017

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Children's Epiphany Program
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service

Life in the Church

Notes from the pastor.

CFUMC Outreach

Tonight's Christmas Eve offering will support the ministries of First United Methodist Church, including our food pantry and other outreach efforts. We are able to give 5 bags a week and each bag contains approximately \$33 worth of groceries.

During 2016, we have been able to provide approximately 200 bags of food to families in need. This food has reportedly helped over 475 individuals (adults and children in each household). Some weeks, we have provided the maximum number of bags, 5, and had requests for more. Other weeks, we have not had requests for all of the bags we are able to give. These groceries can help a family make it in a time of need.

In addition, our Christmas Basket program, another ministry of the First UMC Food Pantry, blessed 15 families with resources of food, laundry detergent, toiletries, and even a small grocery gift card for perishable items. The amazing response from the church made this possible.

These bags and baskets are not the only ministry that our Food Pantry engages in. We have helped with lice kits, bed bug kits, school supplies, and many other projects. These items help children remain in their classrooms at school by decreasing the time that they must be absent. We are blessed to have partnerships that make these things possible!

Our outreach efforts to children are also very important. We offer Sunday School classes for children and youth. During the summer, we held Vacation Bible School. We shared the gospel message through the Surf Shack. We held confirmation and confirmed 3 youth at Easter. We have invited children, youth, and their families for movies and fellowship.

In addition to Children's ministries, we have opportunities for adult discipleship and growth. This includes Sunday school, small groups such as United Methodist Women and choir, and bible studies.

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. 25 - No Sunday School	Jan. 01 - No Sunday School
Jan. 08 - Needed	Jan. 15 - 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.25 - Carmen Winston	Jan. 01 - Dobbins
Jan. 08 - Nancy Wright	Jan. 15 - Needed

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.