

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, January 9, 2017

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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

Sunday, January 15, 2017

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

Monday, January 16, 2017

Martin Luther King Day

CFUMC Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 17-Thursday, January 19, 2017

Great Plains Orders & Fellowship - Salina, KS

Pastor Nicole Schwartz-Eck gone

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Church Council Reports Due

- 5:30 p.m. UMW Unit Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 2017

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

Life in the Church

Notes from the pastor.

Epiphany

Many churches celebrate Epiphany on January 6th. Some churches celebrate on the Sunday before or after that date. But what is it?

One of the ways Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines "epiphany" is "an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure."

The holiday or festival of Epiphany that Christians celebrate is based in the revelation of Christ to the Magi, sometimes referred to as kings or wise men, who traveled from far away lands to seek Jesus following a star. This represented the disclosure of Christ's birth to the Gentiles, or those not of Jewish descent. We are once again reminded of the fact that Jesus came for all people from all kinds of backgrounds and nationalities and statuses.

In Matthew's account of the Magi visit to Jesus, we also hear of the gifts they gave Jesus. Treasure of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Though they don't sound like practical gifts for a child, they were appropriate gifts for a king and they likely enabled the holy family to escape to Egypt to avoid Herod's wrath.

It's not likely that we have kingly treasure like gold, frankincense and myrrh lying around to give to Jesus. But we have something much more valuable- ourselves- our hearts and minds, our talents and abilities, our gifts and resources. Each of us has something unique that we can give as our gift to Christ. What gifts do you bring to Jesus today?

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.

Jan. 08 - Becky Dobbins Jan. 15 - Julie Thompson
Jan. 22 - Cathy Thompson Jan. 29 - Julie Thompson

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.

Liturgists

The upcoming liturgists are:

Jan. 08 - Laudine Luhn Jan. 15 - Nancy Wright
Jan. 22 - Helen Brown Jan. 29 - Judy Hiner

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.