

## Upcoming Events

### 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 Circle 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

### Monday, January 23, 2017

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

### Wednesday, January 25, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 5:15 p.m. Church Council

### Thursday, January 26, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Connection - Pastor Nicole gone
- 6:00 p.m. District Care & Share

### Sunday, January 29, 2017

- 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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## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Paul's letter to the church in Corinth begins with a greeting in which Paul says "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you" (1 Cor. 1:4-6). Paul says that they have been changed because of their faith and their lives have become a testimony to the world and each other.

As I reflect on the last few months, I wonder what kind of greeting Paul would write in a letter to modern day Christians. Would there be evidence of "enriched lives"? Would there be a strong testimony to the grace of Christ and our faith in him? I would have to guess yes...and no.

There have been Christians whose lives do not reflect the grace of Christ and their faith in him. Those who claim Christianity, but whose lives reflect the love of power, money, and other things far more than God. There are those who do not live what Jesus identified as the greatest commandment in Matthew 22, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Some even do great at loving God, but that neighbor as yourself part- that gets harder.

But, I do believe that Paul would greet others whose lives have been "enriched" and whose lives strengthen Christian testimony. Those who live the greatest commandment, work for justice and strive for peace. Those who, like the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., do not sit idly by while injustice, inequality, and mistreatment continue. As we celebrate his legacy and acknowledge the work yet to be done, I ask, what would Paul's greeting say to you? To our churches? To our community?

## **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. 15 - Julie Thompson                      Jan. 22 - Cathy Thompson  
Jan. 29 - Julie Thompson                      Feb. 05 -

### **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.

### **Sunday School Study**

The Aldersgate Experience Sunday School class is going through Adam Hamilton's study, *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. We will begin the study on February 12. The books are available through Cokesbury, Amazon, and others.

### **Liturgists**

The upcoming liturgists are:

Jan. 15 - Nancy Wright                      Jan. 22 - Helen Brown  
Jan. 29 - Judy Hiner                      Feb. 05 - Pat McCoy

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**

Thank you to Miss Pat for her work to make the Children's Epiphany program a success, to Julie, Becky and Shari who helped the children and youth, and to the children/youth who participated. It was a blessing to have all of you leading worship!

### **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 (live broadcast during 10:50 service [9:30 service on 1st Sundays]). 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 (Fridays around 10:30 on all stations), 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.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The next blood drive in Coffeyville is scheduled Thurs., Jan. 19th from 11:45 AM – 6 PM, and Friday, Jan. 20th from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. There is a critical shortage due to donations being down during the holidays.