

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, January 30, 2017

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

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

Thursday, February 2, 2017

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

Saturday, February 4, 2017

- 12:00 p.m. Chili Feed Take Out

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Communion / Food Pantry Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Chili Feed

Life in the Church

Notes from the pastor.

I Saw the Light

Many of you might know the old song, "I Saw the Light." It goes something like, "I saw the light, I saw the light, no more darkness, no more night. Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light."

This week we hear once again a scripture from the prophet Isaiah, which we also heard during Advent, the time of preparation to receive Christ that many churches celebrate before Christmas. Isaiah 9:2 proclaims "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned."

Sometimes we feel like we are living in pitch darkness. The kind of darkness where you can't even see your hand in front of your face. Some times it doesn't seem possible that there is a light, let alone hope that we will see it. The darkness can be a metaphor for so much in our life- social, situational, emotional, political, relational- that it is no wonder that sometimes it seems to take over.

Isaiah's prophetic message is about the messiah that would come, and did come, as Jesus the Christ. It was a promise that better days would come. What does that mean to you, that better days will come? That light will come?

Sometimes, faith alone brings us light and hope. There is comfort in knowing Christ and experiencing God's grace. Sometimes, though, we need light-bearers or Christ-bearers in our lives. Those who shine the light of Christ, the light of hope, into even our darkest places when we cannot imagine light. These are the people that walk alongside us on our life and faith journeys. they help us through the darkness and celebrate our newfound light and joy when, eventually, we get there.

Who are the light-bearers or Christ-bearers in your life? Who are you called to be a light-bearer or Christ-bearer for?

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. 22 - Cathy Thompson Jan. 29 - Julie Thompson
Feb. 05 - Julie Thompson Feb. 12 -

All Church Movie Night

On February , FUMC will have all church movie night in Fellowship Hall at 4:00. We will watch Veggie Tales *The League of Incredible Vegetables* (CVLI licensed). The plot: When Dr. Flurry wants to freeze the town of Bumblyburg in fear the problem's too big for LarryBoy alone, so he turns to The League of Incredible Vegetables for help! Thingamabob (master of gadgetry), S-Cape (becoming anything to escape), Vogue (transformable suit) and Ricochet (super-bouncing ability) are up for the task!. It explores faith themes including: Heroes, Justice, Stealing, Unity, Teamwork, Confidence, Fear, Trust, Helping Others, Weakness, and Gifting. 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 Salina, KS) 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. 22 - Helen Brown Jan. 29 - Judy Hiner
Feb. 05 - Pat McCoy Feb. 12 - Irene Crandall

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!

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), 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.

First Sunday Worship

Our worship service on the first Sunday of each month will be at 9:30 a.m. This decision was made by church council in an effort to bring the Body of Christ together around the communion table, to worship God, and to fellowship as an entire body. Normally, these first Sunday worship services will be followed by a potluck meal and time of fellowship. On February 5th, we will have the PAWS Chili Feed at 12:00 p.m. There will be opportunity for fellowship and Sunday School after the worship service.