

Upcoming Events

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. UMW 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

Monday, February 6, 2017

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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

Sunday, February 12, 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.

What does the Lord require of you?

When I was in AmeriCorps, I worked with Habitat for Humanity and a mentor and teacher told our team, “we do not build to code.” That was a shocking statement. Fortunately they continued, “Code (while a clear guideline) is the minimum that we can legally get away with. We can do much better than that.” I don’t know about you, but I am someone that likes guidelines. Clear expectations might save me from disappointing someone else or myself later. I think, whether we admit it or not, most of us appreciate knowing guidelines and expectations, at least to a point.

Even the earliest people of faith wanted a guideline or expectation, although they, as humans do, failed to meet them from time to time. The prophet Micah reminds Israel what God’s expectation for them is in Micah 6:8, “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” He was reminding them, because they had been told the expectation and they still struggled.

We hear the pharisees testing Jesus by asking for a clear guideline for what they are to do in the Gospels, saying, “‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’” He said to him, ‘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.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:36-40), This sounds pretty clear expectation to me. And as I look around, I see us continuing to struggle. As you hear these scriptures, how do you see them being lived out (or not) around you? How are you living them out? Are you doing the minimum that you can get away with to fulfill them or are you fully living into them?

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. 29 - Julie Thompson Feb. 05 - Julie Thompson
Feb. 12 - Cathy Thompson Feb. 19 - Becky Dobbins

All Church Movie Night

On February 26th, 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 January 25th 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 February 25th (weather permitting, 3rd Wednesday) at 5:15. Reports due to Pastor Nicole by February 8th.

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. 29 - Judy Hiner Feb. 05 - Pat McCoy
Feb. 12 - Irene Crandall Feb. 19 - Florene Carnes

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!

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.

Church Directory and Pictures

Mark your calendars: LifeTouch will be taking professional photographs for a new and updated First UMC directory. LifeTouch will be here March 10th and 11th. We will begin scheduling photo sessions soon. Look for more information to come.