

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday, February 19, 2017**

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. District Training - Wesley UMC, Parsons

### **Monday, February 20, 2017 - Church Office Closed**

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

### **Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

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

### **Thursday, February 23- Friday, February 24, 2017**

- UMCM Board Meeting - Pastor Gone (Lincoln, NE)

### **Friday, February 24, 2017**

- 6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

### **Sunday, February 26, 2017**

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. UMW Ham & Beans
- 4:00 p.m. Movie Night

### **Monday, February 27, 2017**

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

### **March 1, 2017**

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 1:30 p.m. UMW Unit Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service — Chapel

### **Thursday, March 2, 2017**

- 5:15 p.m. Vision Team Meeting

### **Friday, March 3, 2017**

- 6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

### **Saturday, March 4, 2017**

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at the Parsonage

### **Sunday, March 5, 2017**

#### **Communion / Food Pantry Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Potluck

# **Life in the Church**

Notes from the pastor.

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## **Choose Life**

Have you ever had “one of those days”? One of those when life seems overwhelming. Changes are happening all around you. Choose life.

Your to do list is much too long. It just seems that everything is out to annoy or upset you. Well, choose life.

What about one of those days when you just can't let go of something that has happened. Forgiveness just seems like a task beyond comprehension. Well, choose life.

“Choose life.” It sounds like an overly simple answer to many of life's problems and situations. But I guarantee it's sometimes a difficult and complex thing to CHOOSE life.

Moses was once again laying out God's commandments and will for the people of Israel. He says, “Look here! Today I've set before you life and what's good versus death and what's wrong. If you obey the Lord your God's commandments that I'm commanding you right now by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments, his regulations, and his case laws, then you will live and thrive, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess” (Deuteronomy 30:15-16). But, he acknowledges their humanity and their ability to choose not only their actions, but their thoughts, as well. Just like us, they had the ability to be active participants in their lives- choosing to follow God with their whole lives in thought, word, and deed.

Ultimately, Moses tells the Israelites, “I have set life and death, blessing and curse before you. Now choose life—so that you and your descendants will live” (Deuteronomy 30:19). CHOOSE life. Choose how you will act. Choose how you will think. Choose your actions. Choose your attitudes. Choose how you will treat one another. Choose. And out of all of the choices that you make, choose the ones that lead to life. A fuller life in Jesus Christ. A fuller life in the midst of community. A fuller life for you, for your family, for your friends. The choice is yours.

## **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.

Feb. 19 - Becky Dobbins

Feb. 26 - Julie Thompson

Mar. 5 -

Mar.12 -

### **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 February 15th Church Council meeting, items discussed included the visitors, Sunday School, approval of offering Daisies a meeting home, and stained glass window repair. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 22 (4th Wednesday-due to Pastor Continuing Ed) at 5:15. Reports due to Pastor Nicole by March 8th.

### **Sunday School Study**

An adult 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*. Anyone is welcome to join. We meet across from the church office.

### **Bible Study**

The Saturday Bible Study began *liturgy of the ordinary: sacred practices in everyday life* by Tina Harrison Warren on February 18. The books are available through Cokesbury, Amazon, and others.

### **Liturgists**

The upcoming liturgists are:

Feb. 19 - Florene Carnes

Feb. 26 - Carmen Winston

Mar. 05- Dobbins

Mar. 12 - Nancy Wright

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 are on the radio on KQQF Star 98.9 each Sunday (live broadcast during 10:50 service [9:30 service on 1st Sundays]). Each week, we will have an opportunity to sponsor the week's broadcast in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone for \$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. followed by a potluck brunch. 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.

### **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 we need volunteers to help scheduling photo sessions and calling inactive members.

### **Betts 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The family of Harry and Annette Betts invite you to join us in celebration March 12, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m, at Woodland UMC (1100 W 15th St. North, Wichita, KS 67217). Cards may be sent to Mrs. Annette Betts, 1218 W Dallas, Wichita, KS 67217.

### **Daisy Girl Scouts**

CFUMC welcomes the Coffeyville Daisy Troop. They will be meeting at CFUMC on Fridays at 6:00 pm.