

Upcoming Events

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. United Methodist Women Ham & Beans
- 4:00 p.m. All Church/Family Movie Night

Monday, February 27, 2017

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack/Troop 47
- 12:45 p.m. Parents as Teachers Mentor Group- UMW Room

March 1, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women Unit Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service — Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Choir — Choir Room

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 — Parsonage

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Communion / Food Pantry Sunday

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

Monday, March 6, 2017

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Church Council Reports Due

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 11:30 a.m. Coffeyville Ministerial Alliance Lenten Lunches Begin

Friday, March 10, 2017

- 2:00 p.m. Lifetouch Photography
- 6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

Saturday, March 11, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. Lifetouch Photography

Sunday, March 12, 2017 / Daylight Saving Time Starts

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

We are quickly approaching the season of Lent. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st. Many churches will have Ash Wednesday services. First United Methodist Church's service will be at 5:30 that evening.

Christians put ashes on our foreheads for many reasons, including:

- Remind us of all those around the world who are mourning and suffering
- Remind us that we all have sinned, we all need repentance, & we all must cling to the promises & love of Christ
- Remind us that in the passage of time, we will all someday die
- Remind us of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection
- Remind us that in the midst of this, we are still called, named, claimed, and loved Children of God.

When ashes are put on our foreheads, the words we hear are often, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." These words can seem unsettling and even harsh without context. The ashes are an act of remembrance.

We remember that in the second creation story in Genesis, God took the dust of the earth, blew into it God's breath and created humanity (Genesis 2:7). We also remember that humans experience the brokenness of their humanity. This brokenness is often evident in our relationships with each other and with God as well as the frailty of our bodies. This brokenness came to light in the Garden of Eden when God's beings created in God's own image hid from God and disobeyed God's will for their lives. In Genesis 3, God could have written off his creation, rid the world of the broken humanity, but instead God, who loved and cared for all of his creation gave life and consequences. In Genesis 3:19, we hear the same words we hear on Ash Wednesday, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (NRSV). This is also the origin of "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust," which is also repeated at the graveside. God's creation will now experience death.

On Ash Wednesday, we remember that we experience death, but we also remember that we enter a season of preparation to receive the one who conquered death and through grace gives those who love and believe in him everlasting life, Jesus Christ. Death does not have the last word because of God's love and gift of Christ. Between Ash Wednesday, we are invited to be intentional about our faith, engaging in spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, and bible study in order to deepen our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. How will you remember the gift of life, the reality of death, and the promise of life everlasting? How will you be intentional about your faith in the coming weeks and beyond?

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. 26 - Julie Thompson

Mar. 05 -

Mar. 12 -

Mar. 19 - Cathy Thompson

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). 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 will begin *liturgy of the ordinary: sacred practices in everyday life* by Tina Harrison Warren on March 5. We will be considering spiritual practices.

Information form Bishop Saenz

"To receive messages from Bishop Saenz and to stay up to date on news happenings around the Great Plains United Methodist Conference, please sign up for the weekly GPconnect email newsletter at <http://gp-email.brtapp.com/subscribe>, or send an email to rdelisi@greatplainsumc.org.

Follow the conference on Facebook so you see videos and receive information as it becomes available, as well as get to know people from around the conference. Like the conference's Facebook page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/GreatPlainsUMC>."

Liturgists

The upcoming liturgists are:

Feb. 26 - Carmen Winston Mar. 05 - Dobbins

Mar. 12 - Nancy Wright Mar. 19 - Laudine Luhn

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!

Christian Men's Gathering

Christian men from across the conference will gather in Wichita at Calvary UMC on Saturday, April 29, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Join them to hear Dan Schaffer, a founder of Promise Keepers and author of "Spiritual Fathers, Restoring the Reproductive Church" share a challenging message. See more information and register online at www.makethedifference.care, or find it at April 29 on the conference calendar www.greatplainsumc.org/events, or ask your pastor for a copy of the event flier.

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 from 2pm-9pm and 11th from 10am-5pm. Sign up for a sitting after church, by calling the church office, or on the church website.

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.