

Upcoming Events

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

6:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, March 10, 2017

2:00 p.m. Lifetouch Photography (until 9pm)

6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

Saturday, March 11, 2017

10:00 a.m. Lifetouch Photography (until 5pm)

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

Monday, March 13, 2017

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

Wednesday March 15-Sunday, March 19, 2017

Pastor Nicole Gone- Change the World Conference (Continuing Ed)

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

6:30 p.m. Choir

Friday, March 17, 2017

6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

Sunday, March 19, 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 will you give up?

At the beginning of Lent, there is always a lot of discussion around the idea of giving things up. For many, it becomes an opportunity to re-begin their New Year's Resolution or to break our bad habits. While these can be important things to do for our health- be it physical, financial, emotional, or spiritual,- these are not the reasons that we are called to give things up during this season.

We are called to fast, or give things up, during the season between Ash Wednesday and Easter to enable us to grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Historically, the church has used this time to prepare new converts for baptism and to prepare those who had been separated from the community of faith for whatever reason to reintegrate their lives into the community of faith. We continue to use this time to examine our lives of faith, remove obstacles to our growth, and begin practices that center, or re-center, our lives in and on Christ.

With this in mind, what might you be called to give up for Lent? Maybe it is a certain food, technology, or habit- because you are turning to it, instead of Christ, for comfort. Maybe it has to do with your finances- because your financial priorities have started to reflect materialism or your finances do not allow generosity in their current state. Maybe it has to do with clutter or your things- because they distract you from activities and relationships that help you grow in faith. Maybe it has to do with attitudes and actions- complaining, negativity, doubt, worry, pride, judgement, criticism, shame, gossip, fear, etc. - because of all the reasons they remove your focus from God's blessings or harm your relationships with others.

It's not too late to give something up for Lent. In fact, it's something you can do any time of the year. So what are you being called to give up?

Lenten Prayer Calendar

Looking to bolster your spiritual disciplines during Lent? One way to start is by a daily commitment to prayer.

The Small-Membership Church Ministries team has developed a daily Lenten prayer chart, in consultation with laity and clergy in small churches. The calendar features a different person or group to pray for from March 1, to April 16, with an accompanying scripture to add to the experience. This chart was developed for small-membership churches but works for anyone seeking to improve their prayer life during Lent. A copy has been included in your bulletin.

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.

Mar. 05 - Mar. 12 -
Mar. 19 - Cathy Thompson Mar. 26 - Julie Thompson

All Church Movie Night

On March 26th, FUMC will have all church movie night in Fellowship Hall at 4:00. The movie will be announced. 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:

Mar. 05 - Dobbins Mar. 12 - Nancy Wright
Mar. 19 - Laudine Luhn Mar. 26 - Helen Brown

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 Pastor Nicole for a copy of the event flier. Jeremiah will drive a group to the event.

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

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.