

## **Upcoming Events**

### **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

### **Monday, March 20, 2017**

**Coffeyville Public Schools Spring Break Week**

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

### **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

**Church Calendar Items Due for April**

### **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

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

### **Thursday, March 23, 2017**

- 6:00 p.m. District Care & Share

### **Friday, March 24, 2017**

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

### **Saturday, March 25, 2017**

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

### **Sunday, March 26, 2017**

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

## **Life in the Church**

### Notes from the pastor.

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#### **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?

## **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. 12 - Mar. 19 - Cathy Thompson  
Mar. 26 - Julie Thompson Apr. 02 -

### **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.

### **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.

### **Liturgists**

The upcoming liturgists are:

Mar. 12 - Mar. 19 - Laudine Luhn  
Mar. 26 - Helen Brown Apr. 02 -

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](http://www.makethedifference.care), or find it at April 29 on the conference calendar [www.greatplainsumc.org/events](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/events), or ask Pastor Nicole for a copy of the event flier. Jeremiah will drive a group to the event.

### **Congregational Care Ministry Seminar**

Join Executive Pastor Karen Lampe, Pastor Wendy Lyons Chrostek and the entire Congregational Care team at Church of the Resurrection for the Congregational Care Ministry Seminar, scheduled for April 27-29.

The CCM Seminar is designed to train volunteers to become partners in ministry with pastors and staff to provide care for a congregation. Come and learn best practices and standards of care from the Resurrection care team, based the resource developed by Executive Pastor Karen Lampe, "The Caring Congregation." This resource serves as a manual to guide pastors and churches to organize their congregations for care and equip volunteers to listen, visit, comfort and encourage congregants.

For more on the Seminar, go to <http://ccm.blogs.cor.org/>. Talk to Pastor Nicole if you might be interested in attending and exploring ways to begin this ministry at Coffeyville First UMC.