

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, March 27, 2017

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon- First Nazarene Church
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, March 31, 2017

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

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Communion Sunday/Food Pantry Sunday

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

Monday, April 3, 2017

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

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 1:30 p.m. UMW Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2017

- 12:00 p.m. Ministerial Alliance
- 5:15 p.m. Vision Team Meeting

Friday, April 7, 2017

- 6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts

Sunday, April 9, 2017

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

Telling our Stories

I went and saw a movie last weekend. It was a beautifully told story filmed in a beautiful way. It was a movie that was full of grace and pain and redemption. It centered on faith, with a complex and amazing main character, God, the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The movie was the Shack. There have been many articles arguing for and against it- from biblical and theological perspectives. There is a lot that it got right and there's a lot that it didn't. Of that I am sure. However, it is a narrative, a beautifully told story of faith. It is from one perspective. It explains a worldview and an experience. And, it might just help others wrestling with their ideas and images of God as well as forgiveness and theodicy (or questions about why bad things happen).

While I am sometimes skeptical of the faith movie genre because of theology and stereotypical portrayals of Christians and other characters, I am also thankful for it because someone is telling the story of people of faith! Otherwise, it might not happen. Too many of us leave telling faith stories up to others. And if others do too, well, you get the drift.

Can you imagine what might have happened if those who first encountered Jesus did not tell their stories? If the woman at the well (John 4) had kept quiet, or those that Jesus healed, or those he had called?

Many of us have stories of transformed lives through our relationship with God- Father/Creator, Son/Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit. We have stories about how our community has been transformed by communities of faith. We have stories to tell. When did you last share your story of faith?

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. 26 - Julie Thompson Apr. 02 - No Sunday School

Apr. 09 - Marla Larimore Apr. 16 - Easter

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. Don't have to have/read the book to participate!

Disaster Response Fund

Anyone desiring to make a donation for the Kansas fires can do so this way: if you are in a UMC in Kansas or Nebraska, submit your check to your church made payable to the conference. The number for the remittance form is #975.

Outside of our conference, send checks made out to Great Plains Annual Conference, PO Box 4187, Topeka, KS 66604. In the memo line write # 975, Disaster Response Fund.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive for the Coffeyville Community is Thursday, March 23rd, 11:45 AM – 6 PM, and Friday, March 24th, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, at the First Baptist Church.

Liturgists

The upcoming liturgists are:

Mar. 26 - Helen Brown Apr. 02 - Pat McCoy

Apr. 09 - Irene Crandell Apr. 16 - 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!

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!

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.

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.

Picture Make-Ups

Several folks inquired about additional opportunities to get pictures taken because you were out of town. Lifetouch will be taking pictures at Tyro Christian Church for the next 2 weeks and we can have pictures for our directory taken there. Go to <http://tyrochristian.org/resources/directory> or call Sherry Perkins at 620-870-9491 to schedule an appointment. Let them know that you are with First UMC when you sign up (put a MC by your name if you sign up on-line).