

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday, June 4, 2017**

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

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School

### **Monday, June 5, 2017**

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

### **Wednesday, June 7, 2017-Saturday, June 10, 2017**

Great Plains United Methodist Church Annual Conference

### **Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

1:30 p.m. UMW Unit Meeting

5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting

### **Friday, June 9, 2017**

6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

### **Sunday, June 11, 2017**

8:10 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall

10:50 a.m. Worship Service

### **Monday, June 12 2017**

9:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting

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

### **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

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

### **Friday, June 16, 2017**

6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

### **Sunday, June 18, 2017**

#### **Fathers Day**

8:10 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall

10:50 a.m. Worship Service

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# **Life in the Church**

Notes from the pastor.

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## **Sharing our Stories**

When Jesus gathered with the disciples for the final time before his ascension (Luke 24, Acts 1), he told them that they would be witnesses to the things that he had done and that the power of the Holy Spirit would come upon them enabling them to do this.

Being a witness can mean 2 different things. First, it means seeing or experiencing something. Second, it means to share about an experience or tell someone. Sometimes, we do one or the other, but most often, we are called to do both. We witness an accident AND we report it to the police. We witness a marriage AND we sign a marriage license (if we are an attendant) or we hold the couple in prayer and walk with them on their journey. There are many other things, as well. One thing I have been reminded repeatedly of over the last couple weeks is the many reasons our witness is valuable. Of course, it can be powerful in changing lives for Jesus Christ and it is what we are called to do. But there are additional benefits! When we share our stories and experiences, it can remind people that they are not alone. Whether it is a health crisis or a life stage, to hear stories of someone who has been through it can break down barriers and be a powerful reminder that there is an end in sight. Sharing our stories can break the silence of once taboo issues and lift the health, wellness, and wholeness of whole populations of people. Sharing our stories can also make certain issues and experiences real and personal instead of being the things that “don’t happen around here” or “not something I need to think about.”

There are many issues that apply to. And as Christians, imperfect and broken, yet covered in the grace of God through Jesus Christ, we are not only called to see and experience what God can do in our lives and in the life of our community, but we are called to share our stories through the power of the Holy Spirit and to walk with others as God works in their lives!

## **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.

Jun 04 - Jun 11-  
Jun 18 - Jun 25 -

### **Church Council Meeting**

At our May 17<sup>th</sup> Church Council meeting, items discussed included:

- the stained glass window repair project,
- Purchasing a new kitchen stove using UMW funds, memorials, and gifts as well as trustee funds.
- electing an Annual Conference lay representative (Grand Island, NE from June 7-10),
- allowing healthy families to have ESL classes for their children's families in our classroom space
- keeping furnishings/instruments secure
- Summer activities

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15. Reports due to Pastor Nicole by June 12<sup>h</sup>.

### **Liturgists**

The upcoming liturgists are:

Jun 04 - Irene Crandell Jun 11 - Florene Carnes  
Jun 18 - Carmen Winston Jun 25 -

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!

### **Playground Work Day**

Trustees have scheduled a playground work day for June 24th from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Projects include: spreading wood chips, painting the ark with water sealant, spraying weeds, installing ramp to the chip area, and install a second trash can. There's a job for everyone and every ability!

### **Vacation Bible School Meetings**

On June 12th at 9:30 am, we will have a VBS meeting. We will be planning and working on publicity and decorations! Everyone is welcome!

### **Hero Central Vacation Bible School**

Coffeyville First United Methodist Church is preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Dates for VBS are July 12-14, 2017 from 9am-12pm. VBS is open to all students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall. For more information and registration, go to <http://blog.coffeyvillefirstumc.org/vbs>.

### **Renegade Gospel Study**

The Aldersgate Experience Sunday School class (adult class across from the office) will begin Mike Slaughter's study, *Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus*. We will begin the study on May 14. The books are available through Cokesbury, Amazon, and others.

### **Invitation from Spring Hill Church**

We have received the following invitation:

This is an invitation to attend an Open House-Fund Raiser for the Spring Hill Church on Sunday, June 4th from 3-4pm. It is located north of Coffeyville- take Cline road of 4550, go straight to CR 3000, turn left at CR 3000 and continue to the west for about 1/2 mile. Part of this is on a dirt road.

The original church was built by a group of Methodists and the now standing church was built for all Christian believers. We have some paperwork on the history of this pretty old church. We are fundraising for roof repair and interior work on the building.

### **Church Secretary Volunteers**

Our church secretary, Barbara Tefft, has gotten the opportunity to move into a full time position with the Community Health Center. This is a joy for her! It happened quickly and during the Memorial Day holiday. Her last day was June 3rd as she begins her new position on June 5th. Please thank her for her ministry as church secretary!

This also leaves a void in the life of our church. While Barbara has agreed to come in a couple evenings a week to do the financial tasks until a replacement is found, we have no one to staff the church office during office hours. In addition, Pastor Nicole is required to go to Annual Conference in Grand Island, NE. We need some volunteers to spend a couple hours (typically 8-11am, but we can be flexible) in the office answering phones, assisting folks with food, etc. Please let Pastor Nicole know and/or sign up on the sign up sheet. Thank you for serving in this way!