

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 9, 2017

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

Monday, July 10, 2017

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

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

- 1:30 a.m. Healthy Families ESL Class

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Church Council Reports Due

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 13, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 14, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Meeting

Sunday, July 16, 2017: Vacation Bible School Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. DCYM

Monday, July 17, 2017

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

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

- 1:30 p.m. Healthy Families ESL Class

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 5:15 p.m. Church Council

Thursday, July 20, 2017

- 5:30 p.m. Families the Foundation

Friday, July 21, 2017

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

Sunday, July 23, 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.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs

There are times in our lives when we search for signs. Sometimes, it's simply signs for directions like the ones we find on buildings, street corners, and highways. They give us direction and, sometimes, even comfort because they remind us that we are not lost and assure us of our destination.

Sometimes, the signs we search for are much more. They are signs in our lives that assure us we are on the right track or doing the right thing, far beyond our travels. These signs are often signs from God for comfort and reassurance.

This searching has even become part of our cultural expression. If you've listened to the radio sometime since the early 70s or watched a "retro" movie, you've probably heard the song by Five Man Electrical Band, Signs (or the much less radio friendly version by Tesla). Even in that rock song, a sign inviting everyone to come in and kneel down and pray was a sign that God was welcoming even those that others were keeping out, to which the songwriter responds, "I said, 'Thank you, Lord, for thinkin' 'bout me. I'm alive and doin' fine'."

In Genesis 8 and 9, after God had destroyed most of the life on earth, those remaining on the ark with Noah began to look for a sign- a sign of life- that the waters had receded and life could return to earth.

Although it took a couple attempts, eventually Noah received the sign he needed to know that the earth was drying. And God spoke to him. God then took it a step further, not only letting Noah know that this flood was over, but that God wouldn't destroy the earth again in such a manner. God set a rainbow, a sign in the sky for Noah and all generations of the covenant between God and the earth. Now, all peoples would know by this sign God's promise and covenant relationship with them. They would just need to know what sign to look for.

Sometimes we know exactly what sign we need like Noah on the ark. Sometimes we have no clue what might be a sign or whether we have received one. Through prayer, study, and a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we may become more attuned to the ways that God speaks through creation, humanity, scripture, and experiences—through all of our lives.

What signs of God's guiding presence have you experienced in your life? Are there places you are looking for signs?

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.

Church Council Meeting

At our June 21st Church Council meeting, items discussed included: the stained glass window repair project, Job description/hours for Administrative Assistant, Repairs to outside of the building, Purchase of microphones, VBS, Technology (continuing research), Emergency Procedures, Playground Work Day. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 24th at 5:15. Reports due to Pastor Nicole by July 12^h.

Liturgists

The upcoming liturgists are:

July 09 - Helen Brown

July 16 - Judy Hiner

July 23 - Pat McCoy

July 30 - Irene Crandell

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!

Vacation Bible School

VBS begins this week. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered your time. Talk to Paula Miller if you haven't already volunteered and have found some time to give. If you aren't able to physically attend, we always appreciate your prayers and encouragement!

Don't forget that we will celebrate **VBS Sunday on July 16th**. Worship will be at **9:30am** and the VBS participants will share what they learned at VBS!

Church Secretary Volunteers

Until a replacement for Barbara is found, we have no one to staff the church office during office hours. 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!

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 the the New Testament

We are going to begin a new Bible Study, Invitation to the New Testament. It is part of the Disciple Bible Study Series Short-Term Bible Studies. This series "Explore[s] the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey of the testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith." This is an 8 week study beginning the 3rd week of July and there is the possibility of an evening and a morning/afternoon study if there is enough interest for 2 groups. The participant books are \$15.99 through Cokesbury. Indicate on your connection card if you are interested in participating in this Study.

***In the Beginning* Sermon Series**

On June 18th, we will began a new sermon series, *In the Beginning*. We will be exploring some of the major themes and stories throughout the book of Genesis. Many of these stories shaped the life and faith of Jesus' day and thus, the Gospels. We will examine the beginnings of life and community, as well as many struggles as people grew into families and nations.

While we will not look at every story throughout the book of Genesis, I invite you to read through the entire book of Genesis and write down notes for yourself and questions to share with Pastor Nicole as you read.

Church Secretary

We are currently accepting applications/resumes for a part-time church secretary. Hours are tentatively set from 9-12:30 Monday through Friday.