

January 3, 2019

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Debbie Harrington: Director of Children & Christian Education
Karen Bell: Director of Stephen Ministry & Congregational Care
Marita Reichenberger: Director of Music Ministries
Karen Stephenson: Organist
Lori Servis: Pianist
Corey Shirey: Youth Director

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NEW YEAR, NEW HABITS

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2

Are you remembering to write 2019 on your checks and other documents? It's always a few days of transition for everyone. That's what a new year does to a lot of us. We realize we're in a new year, and we wonder how it might be different. Some things are well beyond our control. We can't predict the weather or control to any large extent the actions of others. But we can work on ourselves. Some people make (and often quickly break) New Year's Resolutions. I saw where one person suggested that instead of making fruitless resolutions, we work instead on changing our habits.

I've been thinking about this regarding myself. What habits could I change to make a positive difference in my life with God? As I have thought and prayed about that, I've decided that I need to focus more on praising God for His presence, greatness, and goodness. I think that I've sometimes focused too much on the demands that our faith puts on us to the detriment of remembering what a Great God we serve. What habits am I changing? Well, I decided to expand my daily times with God. I've bought a book of morning and evening devotions that will guide my time. I'm also going to have periods of prayer where I only praise and worship God instead of asking for anything for myself, the church, or others. A day and a half in, I'm doing well and enjoying that time and what it does for my spirit and relationship with God.

What might be the next step for you? What habit could you change? Maybe it's becoming more regular in attending worship. 2,000 years of Christians finding value in regularly gathering on Sundays to worship can't be wrong. It's a valuable rhythm that keeps us focused on God and accountable to others. Maybe your next step is praying and/or reading your bible daily. Maybe it's finding the courage to talk with others more directly about your faith, or teaching a class, or praising God and inspiring others by singing in the choir. Perhaps it's joining a bible study, or finding a way to directly serve others on a regular basis.

My prayer for you and all of us is that we will find ways to become ever more faithful and in love with God – and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in powerful ways in 2019 and beyond. What new or changed habit is God calling you to make? Let's get with it!

MISSION STATEMENT

“TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST”

Thanks to Lois Fessler for presenting a great message last Sunday during worship in Shannon's absence. And thanks to Debbie Harrington for the children's message!

The staff would like to thank the United Methodist Women for their generous gift to the new parking lot fund in our honor. We find it a great privilege to get to serve this wonderful church!

- 01/01 Gary and Connie Wise
- 01/06 Mark and Debra Clemence
Steve and Teresa Snider
- 01/11 Mike and Kathryn Upchurch
- 01/20 Denny and Marion Hopkins
- 01/24 Chris and Lauren Boring



- 1/02 William Dornick
Randy Glitsch
Alexa Humphries
Katie Shirley
- 1/05 Roger Hester
- 1/06 Ray Bell
Theron Endersby
Lloyd Peck
- 1/09 Lauren Boring
J.P. Shirkey
Layne Shirkey
- 1/10 Karen Bell
Kristi Moseley
- 1/15 Linda Hunter
- 1/17 Karen Harrison
Rick Riddle
- 1/18 Edna Coldwell
Elle Owen
Connie Wilcox
- 1/19 Kadence Boring
Shawna Buxton
Shannon Laverty
Rocky Menefee
Judith Moody
Lacy Moore
- 1/21 Denny Hopkins
- 1/22 Nancy Greeff
Shelbie Gunther
- 1/23 Nancy McCormick
Merrylou Pummel
- 1/24 Rhonda Hollis
- 1/25 Bendena Wirz
- 1/26 R.E. Meyer
- 1/27 Leslie Taylor
Kyle Wilson
- 1/30 Russell Brewer
Josh McKinney
Amber Stephenson
Lynette Terbush
- 1/31 Lynette Balch
Hillary Hurst
Gracie Johnson
Max Nelson
Kathryn Fanning

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays: Janis McAllister

At Home: Ramona Dauphin, Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Jim & Betty Steenbergen, Earnestine Gay, Bruce Stout, Chet Raney, Linda Hunter, Earlene Alley, Pat Faulk, Mary Bishop, Gene Cook, Bendena Wirz, Lucille Stocking, Wilber & Zona Cheap, Betty Schneider, Glennys Shillings, Bob Meyer, Lynn Duvall, Vernon Stricker, Steve Meyer

In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:

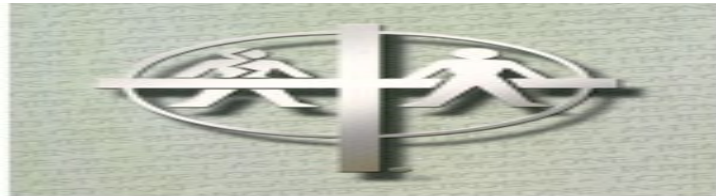
Barbara Carr, Mickey Armstrong, Verla Neagle, Anna Ruth Waggoner, Wanda Stricker, Lawrence Rauch

Other: Our Troops and their Families

Sympathy Extended to: Family of Harold Deever, Roger Hammerstrom & Family (Mother), Vickie Cook & Family (Mother), Arron Marlatt & Family (Grandfather), Lenora Mead & Family (Sister), Bill Leonard & Family (Sister-in-law), Family of Melton Rose, Family of Merrylou Pummel

Special Prayer Request: All Government Leaders & Rain

Prayer Requests: Our Prayer Team meets every Monday in the Library at 4:00 pm. You are invited to attend, or you may call the church office with specific prayer requests. (256-5515)



I AM A STEPHEN MINISTER

I am a Stephen Minister;
loving, kind,
called by God to minister to His people's
needs.

I am a Stephen Minister;
patient, understanding,
called by God to listen while His people grieve.

I am a Stephen Minister;
comforting, caring,
called by God to be an instrument for His care.

I AM A STEPHEN MINISTER

With the beginning of a new year
we will begin to share with you
what Stephen Ministry is; How you
can have a Stephen Minister and
how you can **become** a Stephen
Minister. We would like to add
more Stephen Ministers to our
team. Please be in prayer about
the possibility of joining our team.


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HELP NEEDED
If you love children and need a part time job
we have an opening! Need someone on Sunday
morning and Wednesday evening. Please come
by office and fill out application.

Sunday, February 10, 6pm

Put this fun, relaxing evening on your
calendar. You can only imagine what movie
the adults will be watching, and the kids
movie will be incredible!

Thanks to all who donated for the church
parking lot project. We have now collected
all we need to make it happen



**UNITED
METHODIST MEN'S**
annual pancake supper!
February 6, 2019
5-7 pm . Pancakes,
Sausage and Eggs!
It will be Yummy!

"BOUNDARIES"

Dr. Henry Cloud
Dr. John Townsend


Is your life out of control?
Do you have trouble saying no?
Can you set limits and still be a
loving person?
Do people take advantage of you?
How do you answer someone who
wants your time, love, energy
and money?

For answers to these and other
Boundary questions please join
Karen Bell for these sessions.



FLOW is back in session!
Please come and join us on
Wednesday evenings from
6:00-7:00 (dinner is at 5:15)
for fun with Bible Science
lessons, crafts, songs, and
games!!!! Starts January 9.

**Thank you so much for sharing
your children with us to put on
our Children's Christmas
program! They did a wonderful
job!!!! I appreciate each one of
the kids and also you parents for
the hard work involved in getting
the parts memorized and helping
your child be prepared.**



**Christ's Crew and King's Kids will resume on
January 8th and 10th! See you then!**

YOUTH SCHEDULE
SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH
High School : 5:15 PM
Middle School: 6:00 PM

F.L.O.W. YOUTH CLASS
JANUARY 9
7th THOROUGH 12th GRADES
STUDYING "ACTS"

YOUTH PARENT MEETING
JANUARY 13th
4:00 PM
All parents of 7th—12th grades.

CLUE CAMP WINTER RETREAT
CANYON CAMP
JANUARY 25-27
YOUTH 7th-12th GRADES
COST
\$75
REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.okcamps.org
Open until January 10, 219
Please let Corey know if you
Have registered.



Dear FUMC Family,
Thanks to each of you for the part you have
played in my life during 2018. This has been an
amazing year of answered prayers and bless-
ings! A few highlights include the birth of our
second grandchild in October; the Ark Class and
FUMC helping with my fundraising to cover a por-
tion of my transplant bills; my successful kidney
transplant in October from a living donor/former
classmate I found on Facebook; the thrill of find-
ing out our son did not inherit the kidney disease
my sister and I did, meaning my grandchildren do
not have it; all of the cards/calls/prayers/visits be-
fore and after my transplant; the wonderful sack
of Christmas cards delivered to me the week be-
fore Christmas; the joyous blessing of Christmas
Carolers from the adult choir that surprised us
one evening; and getting the medical release to
spend Christmas with family after several weeks
of isolation (due to my weakened immune sys-
tem). May God bless each of you and your fami-
lies during 2019! God is good!

Sincerely, Elise Solloway
Shannon & Church Family,
Thank you all so much for the delicious meal you
provide our family during this hard time. We
appreciate thee time you put into it and all the
love received.
Love, Daren Courtney, & Caden Lawellin

Thank you church, On Thanksgiving more than
530 plates of food served! Please know that I
appreciate everyone in this church for making our
annual dinner a success. You are God's Hands
and feet, serving and loving others. My word can
never express my heartfelt thanks to everyone.
So many people came and said "Thank You" so I
pass the "Thank You on to you."
In Christ's Love, Sandy Craig

Dear Church family, Thank you for your kindness
and remembering me, during my days of declin-
ing health. May God Bless Everyone! Betty
Schneider

We would like to thank our church family for the
many calls, cards, and kind expressions of sym-
pathy, on the loss of our mother, Maxine.
She cherished the friends and memories she
made at FUMC, The Guild, Senior Center and
Providence Place. Roger & Sandy Hammerstrom