

January 23, 2020



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Ephesians 1:1-8
Pray and be thankful for the blessing of God's adoption through Christ.

Monday: Isaiah 9:1-4
Pray to receive the light God is bringing into the world.

Tuesday: Genesis 2:10-24
Pray and be thankful for being created by God for human connection.

Wednesday: Matthew 4:12-23
Pray for the courage to follow Jesus and become a fisher of people.

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Pray to know the saving power found in foolishness of the cross.

Friday: Psalm 27:1-9
Pray, cry out to God and seek God's face.

Saturday: Mark 1:40-45
Pray to know the healing touch of God through Jesus Christ.

Ten years ago, on the backside of a moving week, my wife Natalie and I had been unpacking boxes for the better part of two hot July days. We'd hoped to finish that day, but by mid-afternoon we were "toast!" We quit and went to grab a bite to eat.

Walking into a fried chicken place, we discovered the AC wasn't working. We were already hot, so we placed our order anyway with a polite young man behind the counter.

When he brought our order out, he apologized again for the lack of cool air and asked how our day was going. I made a quick comment about moving to town and unpacking boxes. "So, what brings you here?" he asked.

Famished and exhausted, I just wanted to eat and relax a bit. So, I was beginning to get a little annoyed. But I said that I was a new pastor in town, gave him my card, and quipped the usual, "If I can ever help you in any way, please let me know." He took the card and said. "I might just give you a call sometime." "Anytime," I said, but I'd heard that before, so I didn't think much more about it.

A few weeks later he did call. A chat over coffee started an ongoing conversation. I journeyed with him through his addiction rehab, getting back into school, connecting with our church, and re-connecting with God.

Sometimes, detours take us places we wouldn't choose to go (like a hot fast food restaurant), with people we wouldn't choose to be around (like a somewhat annoying fast food restaurant employee). But in life's detours, everyone you bump into can encounter, receive, and be changed by the gift of God's grace! Click here <https://www.mykdkd.com/united-methodist-church/> to listen to more (January 19 service and sermon).

I look forward to joining you for worship this Sunday morning at 8:15 or 10:30. Sometimes detours are more than meets the eye. See you Sunday!

Your partner on the journey,

Pastor Steve

Sunday Assistants

Office Host:

Susan & Bob Hutcherson

Altar Flowers:

Lois Miller

Gathering Music:

8:15—Peggy Arthur

10:30—David Cummings

8:15 Acolytes

Greta Huenefeldt &

Alexis Scott

8:15 Ushers:

Kent & Mary Jo Cable

8:15 Greeters:

Jeff & Kelli Goodbrake

Jim & Sandi Cox

Children's Time:

Kelli Jenkins

Fellowship Time Hosts:

Kyle & Shelly Johnson

Keith & Melissa Williams

10:30 Ushers:

Rocky & Kathi Austin

10:30 Greeters:

Mike & Brenda Kiely

Paul & Rita Barbee

Bus Driver:

Rocky Austin

Prayers are needed for:

Guido (and Janice) Santero,

Jim Bilbruck, Don Bruns,

Michael Cole Scott,

Dave Nichols,

Tom Ross,

Melvin Dennis,

Helen Finks



Family Skate Party

Children's Council

will be hosting a

family skate party

for kids up through

5th grade this

Sunday, January

26th at 11:30 in

the gym. Lunch will

be provided.



Methodist Men to Meet

All men are invited to join the United Methodist Men. They meet for breakfast on the 4th Saturday of most months at 7:30 AM at the Dietz Family Buffet for fellowship.

Their first meeting of 2020 will be this Saturday, January 25th. Call Duane Harms at 660-441-7061 for more information on UMM.



Confirmation Class to Begin!

Classes for Confirmation will begin this Sunday, January 26th at 9:30 am for students in 6th grade and older. At this first meeting, parents will attend as well and they'll meet in the board room. Contact Jennifer Kiely at 885-5597 for more information.

Coming Up

Saturday, January 25th

7:30—UMM at Dietz Family Buffet

Sunday, January 26th

8:15—Early Worship

9:00—Fellowship Time

9:30—Sunday School

9:30—Confirmation Class

10:30—Late Worship

11:30—Family Skate Party

3:00—Prayer

Organizational Meeting

Monday, January 27th

5:00—Ukuleles

5:15—Learner Bells

5:30—Pickleball

6:00—Chancel Bells

Tuesday, January 28th

8:30—Pickleball

Wednesday, January 29th

Noon—Prayer Group Meets

3:00—Youth

3:30—Angelus Choir

5:00—Youth

6:00—Band

7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 30th

8:30—Pickleball

Friday, January 31st

1:00—Friday Social Group Meets

Call the church office at 660-885-5597 for more information about any calendar items!



UMC Youth SOUPERBOWL Challenge

The youth are offering up a challenge to all members to bring any non-perishable items or make a monetary donation for the "Feed Missouri" program. All items and money collected will go to our local Samaritan Center. Instructions for the challenge are as follows: to help your team win, place your items on their side of the tote, now through Superbowl Sunday, February 2nd. Two locations in the church will be set up— one will be outside of the library and the other outside Jennifer's Kiely's office. If you want to donate money, make checks payable to the Samaritan Center and there will be an envelope for each team attached to the tote/instruction.



Church Conference

Thank you to all who attended the January 19th Church Conference. The Church Conference and District gave final approval for the building project by a vote of 89-1. The Building Committee is hopeful construction will begin in the spring.

Prayer Ministry Meeting

"God will do nothing but in answer to prayer"

John Wesley

Has God ever stirred your heart to know more about prayer, or to more faithfully practice prayer— individually or with others? We will be offering several opportunities this year to enrich our prayer lives.

- There will be Congregational Prayer Events at specific times.
- Partners in Prayer will be offered on a monthly basis. These groups meet once a month for about 90 minutes in learning and practicing prayer.
- A weekly prayer group will meet every Wednesday at noon for 30 minutes to pray for specific needs of the congregation.
- In addition, we plan to have prayer prompts in the Tower and bulletin to use in addition to the daily readings and prayer suggestions.

We will be having an organizational/informational meeting this Sunday, January 26th at 3:00 PM. If you have any interest in any of the above, we invite you to attend. Could it be that God is waiting to use the prayers of his people for his purposes? Is God calling you to do a new thing in this new year? Come and join us in seeking God and God's will for our congregation. Call Mary Jo Cable at 492-2566 for more information.

