



The CHIMES Newsletter

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I've never really been one to make a lot of New Year's Resolutions in the past. I've tried before, but it seems that the excitement of celebrating a new year wears down really quickly when you get back into the same old schedule you were in during the previous year.

But I can see the significance of the New Year as an opportunity to make changes – to do things differently – to seek to better yourself by using the calendar as a springboard into your future. I'm certainly all for people looking to improve, and if the New Year's holiday is the time to start, then I won't stand in the way!

But sometimes I also use New Year's Day to take a look forward – to try and peer into the future, to see what things might be like one year from now. I think it's interesting to speculate on the future. Perhaps when you do some speculation, what may actually happen is that the vision you have for a year from now becomes a goal, something for which you strive to accomplish in 12 months' time.

So that's kind of the mindset I have this New Year's Day for First United Methodist Church of Liberal. I'm feeling the need to do some speculating – to create a vision – perhaps even to create goals for the church that align themselves with the new calendar year.

In most situations, a pastor that is new to a congregation will take a few months to see how things are done – to get a lay of the land, if you will. Sometimes this takes six months or a year or more, before the pastor is familiar enough with the church to begin the process of recommending new programs or changes in the old ones.

I think we are ready to start moving forward. The past five months have been great – it's really been wonderful getting to know members of the church family and see the impact we have in our mission field.

A few months ago, we held a church planning conference, where we listed the hopes and dreams of this congregation for FUMC in Liberal. I think it's time that we start acting on some of those hopes and dreams.

But to do so, I am going to need help. I am asking for the formation of a Vital Congregations Committee that will carefully study those hopes and dreams, and then work to implement the ones that are most important to the congregation. This committee will not have any legislative authority on its own, but will certainly report to our standing committees with plans that will move the congregation towards improving vitality.

Would you be interesting in serving on a Vital Congregations Committee? You would not have to be a member of the church. You would just need to be interested in discussing the hopes and dreams of the congregation, to lead the church into a more vital future.

The New Year for New Plans – please let me know if you want to be a part of our Vital Congregations effort! I think our best days are ahead of us, and I need you to help me prove that to be the case!

God's Blessings – Pastor Keith



From Pastor Juan

Beginning of the Year

Every year we receive an opportunity to make new decisions to reach success and hoping to reach the finish line in our goals such as working out, having a healthy diet, losing weight, learning another language etc. These are some goals we make at the beginning of the year. In the spiritual area a lot of people make plans to read the whole Bible during the year. Some reach their goal, others forget about the goal they had to read the Bible daily. Back when I was young, I remember four Bibles that were given to me as a present when I use to live in Mexico. They all had a page with the recommended chapters to read each day so you can accomplish reading the whole Bible in a year. The Bibles I received weren't new; the previous owners bought them with a strong desire to read the Bible, but soon lost interest. On one of them I could tell the last time the previous owner read it was January 28th, on the other one it was February 16th, and the rest of them only had a few days in March. These people made plans, made promises that were soon forgotten.

Rethink

We are at the beginning of the year, as Christians it's time to make decisions in our spiritual lives. It is a time to reflect on the following. How many Sundays during the year did we attend worship? How many days a week do I read the Bible? Did I read

“The Upper Room”? What are my prayers and thanksgivings to God? A firm resolution is our goal this year.

Believing that

Christ founded the Church; The Church exists to spread the influence of Christ; The method of the Church to do so is to meet frequently in the name of Christ; That God himself suggested that this was done every week, and gave us a day to do so, on Sunday, the Lord's day.

I agree to

Attend church every Sunday morning. I will try to be punctual and reverent in the Church. I will also try to read the Bible for the rest of my life.

By Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, may we experience the grace and power of God in our lives this year of the Lord 2016.

Blessings from above

Pastor Juan Garcia



Finance Report

The Finance Committee of First United Methodist Church in Liberal will be publishing regular giving reports to the congregation beginning in January 2016. There will be a weekly giving report the church bulletin, and a more detailed monthly report which will appear in “The Chimes.” By keeping the congregation informed of the financial health of the church, we will hopefully avoid going to December with the need for a large Advent Stewardship Campaign.

The church budget for 2016 is \$402,042. This reflects a decrease of over 10% from last year’s budget. Dividing the budget by 52 weeks, our goal for each week is \$7,731.58.

These numbers will not reflect special giving, such as memorials or special projects. This will only show what is being given to support the general operating budget of the church. For more information, please visit with Pastor Keith, or any member of the Finance Committee.

Youth Group

4:30pm - Middle School Youth Group

6:00pm - Youth Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - High School Youth Group



Food Drive for Genesis Family Health

At this time they are taking any food to try and get their stocks built back up. I encourage you to bring food items to the church, or even take them directly to the Care Center yourself.



We have received a request from Garfield Elementary School. Since the weather is cooler now, they are asking for our help to supply them with gender-neutral sweatpants for their students. I would think they could use all sizes that would fit kids from 5 to 12 years old.



If you would like to help, please take them directly to the school, or bring them to the church and we can deliver them as we get them.

Thank you so much for your help!

Support UMW When You Shop at Dillons

Just affiliate with F.U.M.C. Women with your Dillons Plus Shopper's Card or 1-2-3 Rewards Card. Anytime you shop at Dillons and scan your card, you'll support Liberal United Methodist Women. This program started Feb. 1.

- Visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards and scroll down to sign in to your account or create one.
- Click on "Enroll Now" and enter 66354 which is our number.
- Select First United Methodist Women and click "Enroll."

Share our number 66354 with others!

If you haven't signed up we have included some instructions on how to do so. If you need help you may call Ruth at the church office 620-624-8401 to set up a time.



Trustees Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.



Finance Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.

If you'd like to have something in The CHIMES,
Deadline for October Newsletter is
January 22nd



CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesdays at 6:30



Prayer Requests: To put a prayer request on the church's prayer chain, please call Daryl Hale at 624-6504 or Juneil McQueen at 624-6039

Join us live on
1270 KSCB 11:00a.m
Taking our worship services
to the air.
Radio Broadcast

Thanks for your support of
this fantastic ministry!

Please join the UMW ladies and make a pledge to care for God's creation as we work toward following environmentally safe practices to care for our planet.

REMEMBER!!!

Hydrogen Peroxide: disinfects and bleaches.



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First United Methodist Church Youth Group of Liberal, KS

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January

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>Office Hours Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.</p>			<p>Spanish Service @ 6:00</p>	<p>Trustees @ 7:00</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 Hispanic Choir @ 6:00</p>
<p>3 Worship @ 8:30 Sunday School @ 10:00 English Worship @ 11:00 Spanish Worship @ 11:00 M. S. Youth @ 4:30 Youth Fellowship @ 6:00 H.S. Youth @ 6:30</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Spanish Service @ 6:00</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Hispanic Choir @ 6:00</p>
<p>10 Worship @ 8:30 Sunday School @ 10:00 English Worship @ 11:00 Spanish Worship @ 11:00 M. S. Youth @ 4:30 Youth Fellowship @ 6:00 H.S. Youth @ 6:30</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Spanish Service @ 6:00</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Hispanic Choir @ 6:00</p>
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<p>24 Worship @ 8:30 Sunday School @ 10:00 English Worship @ 11:00 Spanish Worship @ 11:00 M. S. Youth @ 4:30 Youth Fellowship @ 6:00 H.S. Youth @ 6:30</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Spanish Service @ 6:00</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Hispanic Ladies @ 1:00 Hispanic Choir @ 6:00</p>

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Worship @ 8:30
 Sunday School @ 10:00
 English Worship @ 11:00
 Spanish Worship @ 11:00
 M. S. Youth @ 4:30
 Youth Fellowship @ 6:00
 H.S. Youth @ 6:30

EVERY SUNDAY
 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 8:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
 9:10 a.m. Sunday school (Adults)
 10:00 a.m. Kids & Youth Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (KSCB Radio)
 11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship

EVERY WEDNESDAY
 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

EVERY SATURDAY
 12:00 noon Kids Club
 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Choirs

Youth Group Meeting
 4:30pm Middle School
 6:00pm Dinner for both groups
 6:30pm High School