



The CHIMES Newsletter

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Pastors: David Randall & Juan Garcia

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We had a great revival/renewing of faith with Rick Just. I am still both basking in the messages and processing what that will mean for me and for our church. Rick's messages were based on his observations from traveling to numerous churches and what he sees are great needs for individual Christians and churches. The messages were really good, as we heard about praying for vision, much like the blind man on the side of the road, saying "I want to see!" Then we heard about those barriers that keep us from seeing, and finally, being fully committed, all in, to that vision. At the center of all messages was a focus on Jesus. Two things Rick left us with is that the ball is now in our court, and we are in this together.

The music was tremendous all three evenings as we sang with heart and voice a variety of hymns, gospel, and praise songs. The meals and fellowship around them were heart warming and delicious. The participation at the services were wonderful.

I want to take this time to say thank you to our musicians, our sound and tech volunteers, greeters and ushers, our cooks for our lunches and dinners, and our pray-ers. It was the work of all of you that helped make our revival the success it was. Thank you!

On a personal note, thank you to all who prayed for Mitzi and I that final service on Tuesday. I wish I could express how much that ministered to us. Again, thank you.

Now that the services are over, I hope the impact will continue. To that end, I encourage you to make the things you heard from Rick a part of

your conversations with others, reflect on his messages for your own selves and for the church, and continue to pray that Jesus will be at the front and center of all we do.

Between The Story and the Revival, I sense that God is up to something here at First UMC!

SHRIVING SERVICE – a service of repentance and forgiveness, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, and hosted at our church, will be held on Pancake Day right after the race. Come and attend the event that got the whole Pancake Day thing started, get your observance of Lent off to a good start, and draw closer to God.

Pastor Dave Randall



From Pastor Juan

The Lenten Season is just around the corner. This year we will celebrate Ash Wednesday March 5th. It is the day when Christians receive a cross on their foreheads with ashes obtained by burning the palms used on Palm Sunday of the previous year. In the Old Testament we see that the ashes were placed on the head as a symbol of sadness, mourning and repentance. Read the Bible Job 2:8; 42:6; 2 Samuel 13:19; Daniel 9:3. With the imposition of ashes begins a spiritual station particularly relevant for all Christians. This station requires prepare to live the paschal ministry, that is, the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. This liturgical season is characterized by the biblical message that can be summarized in “

Repent and believe in the Gospel”, with the words "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" invites reflection on the change of mind and heart that is necessary in the life of all believers, and that reminds us of the fragility of human life that is subject to the inevitability of death. The ash is used as a sign of God called over to a new Conversion: As a choice for life and not death. The ash, in this sense, is a signal for all God's people see Lent as long as God gives us for our conversion. Lent is the attempt to imitate Christ's fasting in the desert. Lent is to live the Christian teachings. It's time to give up bad habits, time to show faith and good works. In this life we have of giving good results. Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings from above,
Pastor Juan L. Garcia

Church Council News

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT TO US! Church Council is the primary administrative body of the church and is responsible for setting and keeping the mission, vision, priorities, and goals before the various church committees and teams. While the membership includes committee chairs, team captains, at-large members, and required positions, **ANYONE** is welcome to attend Church Council meetings! Beginning on Sunday, March 9, 2014, at 5:00, Church Council will meet on the **second Sunday of each odd numbered month, at 5:00 p.m.**

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT TO US! The Church Council is in the process of re-evaluating out time change. When we changed our worship service schedule, we agreed to evaluate the time change after six months. If you would like to share your opinion or have any questions about worship time, please call, text, or email Church Council President, Nikki Burkey, at 620-655-1337, or nikkiburkey@gmail.com. During church services throughout the month of March, we will be asking each parishioner to complete a one-time survey similar to the one below. Please, understand that we are not voting on the matter- the ultimate decision will be based upon a combination of the thoughts of the congregation, positive results of the time change, negative and unintended consequences due to the altered scheduled, the effects of the time change upon the mission, vision, journey, and goals of our church, and the overall “big picture” of the future of our church.

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT TO US! Here is a draft of the survey card that we will be distributing at each service during the month of March. If your attendance has been affected by the time change, we will do our best to get you a survey card. You may call the church office, Pastor Dave, or Nikki Burkey to get a card or to visit about the worship time.

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE AND PUT YOUR SURVEY
CARD INTO THE COLLECTION PLATE

I would prefer that we...

_____ Leave worship time at 10:00 a.m.

_____ Change worship time to 10:30 a.m.

_____ Return worship time to 11:00 a.m.

_____ Any of the above times

Reasons:



Youth Update

Saturday March 4th – Youth will meet at 5:30 in the church
Pure Rebellion will be at 7:00 in LHS

Friday March 14th – Ski Trip

Sunday March 30th – Youth Sunday

Anybody interested in giving a donation to Pure Rebellion can make it to the church or to Lyfe

METour

Young women ages 15 to 22 are eligible to apply for the Mission Education Tour, June 6-15. This year the 10-day tour will visit a variety of mission agencies and institutions in Kansas and Nebraska that are supported by the United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church.

The UMW will pay the \$25.00 registration fee. The church foundation will pay \$300 of the \$350 fee. The application and three letters of recommendation must be sent to Patsy Wise, PO Box 312, Johnson, KS, 67855, by March 21.

For more information, contact Florence Metcalf, UMW Youth Activities Chairperson, 624-3171, or Tim Trommater, Youth Pastor, 517-614-9321.

THE CARE CENTER NEEDED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

The next time you go shopping, please remember us and pick up a few extra items if you can do so.

We can always use:

Instant potatoes (tuna and chicken)	Rice	Pasta packages	canned meats
Toilet paper	Shampoo	Conditioner	Bath soap
Laundry detergent	Dish soap	Cereal	canned fruit
Dried pinto beans	Bagged rice	canned pork and beans	

“Kid-friendly” items such as crackers, ravioli, fruit snacks, and cereal bars

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 73

The Boy Scouts Troop 73 would like to thank everyone who attended the Scout Sunday luncheon on February 2nd. We also appreciate the prayers that are said in regards to our troop. Thank you for your continued support.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for youth 6th grade and up will begin March 5th, Ash Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. and will continue each Wednesday through April 30th.



EVERY SATURDAY

12:00 noon Kids Club

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. Morning Worship (KSCB Radio)

11:00 a.m. Kids & Youth Sunday School

12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

Youth Group Meeting

4:00pm Middle School

6:00pm Dinner for both groups

6:30pm High School

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Hispanic Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Classes

Tuesday, March 4th

Shriving Service

Wednesday, March 5th

6:30 p.m. Confirmation will start

Thursday, March 6th

7:00 p.m. Trustees

Saturday, March 8th

Pure Rebellion at LHS

Sunday, March 9th

5:00 p.m. Church Council

Friday, March 14th

Youth Ski Trip

March 14th - 17th

Ski Trip for Youth

Thursday, March 20th

6:30 p.m. Finance

Sunday, March 30th

Youth Sunday

If you'd like to have something in
The CHIMES,
Deadline for April Newsletter is
March 14th.

For Your Information

Staff cell phone numbers:

Pastor Dave 620-417-3328

Pastor Juan 620-655-4720

Ruth Romero 620-309-7321

Tim 517-614-9321



CHOIR PRACTICE
Wednesdays at 6:30

UMW Circle Meetings

Circle #3

March 5, 2014

Time & Place TBA

Hostess: Jean Ratzlaff

Circle #6

March 5, 2014

9:30am

Hostess: Jennifer Yoder

1134 N. Jordan

Co-Host: Pam McElvain

Program: Pam McElvain

Circle # 8

March 9, 2013

7:00pm

Hostess: Anita Sprague

515 N. Sherman

Devotion: Erin Trommater

Program: Mary Lois Smith

Join us live on

1270 KSCB 10:00a.m

Taking our worship services
ANYWHERE you want to be.



Thanks for your support of
This fantastic ministry!



**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**



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!!!

Recycle

Break down all cardboard, even
tissue boxes, cereal, etc. and take
them out to the Recycle bins