



The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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Ministers by baptism
Every Christian

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Children's Director
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& Property
Randy Vanderpool

Music Director
Julie Woodring

Organist
Chance Alquest

Nursery Director
Mandie Speegle

Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 am,
5:30 pm



LIVING FORWARD-INTO THE VISION OF JESUS

Elaine Heath, dean of Duke Divinity School, believes a new path for the modern church can be found by examining the “tradition behind our traditions” in Paul’s letter to the Galatians. As a church moving toward a historic General Conference in February, let us look for new visions from God. Saul encountered the Risen Christ and his views of Israel and its mission changed forward. Saul became Paul, an Apostle of Christ. Here are our worship themes for the following Sundays of January and February:

JANUARY 13- “Openness to the Holy Spirit” (Galatians 1:11-12)

JANUARY 20- “Old Visions and New Visions” (Galatians 2:1-2)

JANUARY 27- “Fresh Expressions of Faith” (Galatians 3:27-29)

FEBRUARY 3- “Guided by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-26)

FEBRUARY 10- “Do NOT Give Up!” (Galatians 6:9-10)

We invite you to worship and please bring a friend or neighbor with you!!
It’s a great time to move forward with the vision of Jesus for the church.

Pastor Dave

January 9, 2019

Where are Rachelle & Jessica?!

If you are looking for Pastor Rachelle, her new office is Room 103. Our children's director, Jessica Bates is now located in Rachelle's previous office, at the end of the office hallway, next door to Pastor Beth. Also, Jessica's email address is jessica@winfieldfumc.org. Stop in and say "hi" to any of the staff next time you're at church!

Kids' Day In Openings

Our Friday morning Kids' Day In program will resume on Friday, Jan. 11. This wonderful fee-based program includes Bible stories, crafts, gym time, story telling and more. We have three openings for children ages 2-5 years old. Please call the church office, 221-2700, or email Jessica Bates, jessica@winfieldfumc.org if you would like more information.

Church Ladies

The "Church Ladies" group meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at College Hill Coffee. Each month we share a devotion, discussion & prayers. All women are invited to join this fun and informal group. The next meeting is Sat., Jan. 12. Speak with Pastor Beth for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks

Join us the second Sunday of each month from 9:00-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall to have your blood pressure checked by one of our friendly nurses. (We have moved back to Fellowship Hall for better visibility). The next date is this Sunday, Jan. 13.

Annual Chili Cook-Off

Our Annual Chili Cook-off and Baked Goods Auction will be Sunday, Jan. 27 in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship, food, and fun. The proceeds will help youth attend the UM National event in KC this summer.

Foster Families Needed

Cowley County Youth Services is looking for 20 families from churches in Cowley County to provide protective housing for children who have been taken from their parents due to abuse or neglect. This would be on a short term basis (48-72 hours). Protective housing would come into play while foster families are being arranged. If you think you might be the answer to this urgent need, please contact Melody Pappan, 222-8035.



Pancake Supper

United Methodist Men will hold their annual Pancake and Sausage supper on Monday, Feb. 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old. Proceeds go for College Scholarships. Tickets are available from any member of United Methodist Men or at the door.

Winfield Habitat for Humanity Soup Supper

The annual Winfield Area Habitat for Humanity Soup Supper is Thursday, Jan. 24, 5:00-6:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. There is a suggested donation of \$7.00, with children under six eating for free, and carry out is available. Any questions about food preparation, tickets, menu, etc., should be directed to Jacque Nation at 218-5673. Come, enjoy the fellowship, good food, and support the work of habitat in their 27th house in 2019.



Nursery Needs?

As we begin a new year, if you are on a ministry team or administrative committee, and you need to have childcare for those meetings, please contact our Nursery Director, Mandie Speegle, mandie@winfieldfumc.org. Nursery is provided for all worship services, Bible studies, and church meetings, as needed.

Reminders from Church

If you would like to receive reminders from church by text message, please call or email us with your cell phone provider. Otherwise, you will continue to get reminders by email or post card.

CROP Walk Report

Thank you to everyone who donated to the CROP Hunger Walk last September. Your gifts help provide food, relief from disasters, and clean water. First United Methodist Church had 13 walkers and raised \$604. There were a total of 56 walkers from all of the churches and \$3,374 was raised. Locally, the Winfield Community Food Pantry will receive 15% and Sunflower Outreach in Burden will receive 10%. Your support is appreciated and makes a difference!

Peace and Joy, Sheryl Pugmire, CLM



Happy Birthday

to all who are celebrating
birthdays in January!
The birthdays of the
members and friends
for whom we have

records are listed below. If you have additions please call the office so we can update our records. Send a card, make a phone call, or do a little something to help recognize these birthdays when you can.

- 1/1 Marvin Buchele, Doug Reid, Tom Reynolds, Brandon Tadtman
- 1/2 Angelica Bosie, Hayes Pettey, Cheryl Rude, Charlotte Speer
- 1/3 Brody Lindenman, Matthew Trollman, Ace Whetstone
- 1/4 Kandy Blakey, Karen Cornejo, Dirk Flower, Meredith Kowalsky, Becky Long, Dar Sheetz, Carole Stine, Cathleen Trollman
- 1/5 Barrett Abernathy, Jake Henson, Diana Klein, Marty Satterfield, Aiden Whetstone
- 1/6 Dave Smith
- 1/7 Coleen Finley, Ken Woodring
- 1/8 Julie St Peter
- 1/9 Kale Jewers, Alex Thomas, Kelle Thompson
- 1/10 Virginia Felts, Walter Nichols, Scott Olney, Tammy Watson
- 1/11 Jacob Byerley, Kent Miller
- 1/12 Mike Harvey, Donna O'Neil, Mason Satterlee, Mark Thompson, Alex Whetstone
- 1/13 Frank Cornejo, Chase Gruver
- 1/14 Alleigh Mathis, Alex Somerville
- 1/15 Keith Branscum, Frank Fry, Drake Hill, Marcia Murrell, Kay Russell, Bill Wakefield
- 1/16 Al Finley, Robyn Pekarek, Clea Porter, Isaak Thomas
- 1/17 Jeremy Johnson, Tyler Stinson
- 1/18 Wesley Hartman, Barrett McPherson, Maci Sumpter
- 1/19 Betty Daniels, Chandra Snively
- 1/20 Chris Babcock, Emily Wren
- 1/21 Rose Cook-Rose, Hadley Musson, Bob Spears
- 1/22 Tori Fell, Karen Podschun, Elena Woodburn
- 1/23 Blake Porter
- 1/24 Maxine Medley, Julie Melcher, Bill Young
- 1/25 Rory Podschun
- 1/26 Jackson Bumgarner, Kyra Carrasco, Nathaniel Gale, Gene Rising
- 1/27 Carla Johnson, Miranda Priddy, Tyson Satterfield, Patricia Wallrabenstein
- 1/28 Tom Felts, Sofia Miller, Marjorie Snyder
- 1/29 Mike Felts, Joan Kaufman, Kristen Pettey, Jane Sandbulte, Diana Wilson
- 1/30 Andrew Brenn, Christy Sponsel
- 1/31 Dustin Durbin, Kara Gale, Robert LeGrand, Greg McCaslin

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

Glen Bloyer	Bill Rosecrans	Larry Schuster
Pat Davis	Everett Newman	George Storey
Merrill Gordon	Oscar Peterson-Veach	Edna White
	Glen Sandbulte	

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie Aladieff	Jill Halcomb	Blake Morgan
Alicia Brinlee	Julie Harris Harden	Mike Niederee
Matt Burroughs	Buddy Hendrix	Priscilla Palmer
Gary Courtney	Curstin Jenkins	Brantley Taylor
Mark Davis	Jason Jenkins	Roxann Taylor
Dorothy Donley	Terry Johnson	Aaron Toney
Peggy Everett	Jim McPherson	Rob Totino
	Carla Mohlstrom	

Grief and Loss

Diana Klein & family in the death of her mother
Leah & Libby Sturm in the death of their grandmother,
Bonnie Stalaker.

World Concerns

Military & first responders and their families, peace for all nations.

Prayer Chain

If you have concerns or joys for which you desire prayer, please email:

Carolyn Eastman, jce1936@gmail.com

or the church, office@winfieldfumc.org.

New Year's Gift to Others

Many people start a new year with the resolution to do more in their community. Some may not think of it as an option, but volunteering with a hospice can actually be incredibly rewarding. Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities to fit the talents and interests of anyone who would like to share their gift of time with others: caregiver support, facility and in-home companionship, bereavement help, baking, reading, sewing, and the list goes on and on. The support provided by our team of volunteers is priceless! Please consider being of service and helping others at this precious time of life. For more information, please contact Sheila, Director of Volunteers, at (316) 219-1720 or sheila.shaw@hynesmemental.org. Lisa Buffum has been a volunteer with HHMH since 2017; she would be happy to discuss this ministry with you.

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A Look at Our Loyalty

	December 16	December 23	December 30	January 6
8:30 Worship	67	70		66
10:45 Worship	150	158	(10 am) 178	182
Evening Worship	63		37	61
Total Worship	280	228	215	309
Sunday School	125	64	50	118

Budget Update

We would like to thank everyone who gave faithfully to meet the budget expenses for 2018. It was necessary to use the remaining reserves of \$10,400, and unfortunately we were not able to meet \$17,500 of our Mission and Ministry obligations to the Conference. Stewardship/Finance Team is working to make some adjustments in the budget for 2019.

IRA Distributions for Tax Planning

If you have reached age 70 ½, a great tax planning strategy is to have your IRA custodian distribute your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to a qualified charity (i.e. FUMC). If you distribute your RMD directly to a charity, you do not have to report the RMD as income, so you are getting a tax deduction for the charitable donation. This can be done any time during the year, not just at year-end. Talk to your tax advisor if you have questions, or want more information.



Dillons Cards

Each year we receive several thousand dollars from the Dillons Rewards

Card Program. That money goes to the Winfield Community Helping Hands program to assist people with emergency needs for utilities, housing, medicine, transportation, etc. If you have never signed up, it is not too late! Enrolling and selecting FUMC to receive the Dillons Rewards is easy. Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards and sign in to your online account, or create a new account if you don't already have one. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to Community Rewards. Click on Enroll Now. Find and select First United Methodist Church, Winfield, or put in our Organization Number, NR885. Call or come in to the church office if you need any help. Thank you for supporting Helping Hands in this easy and effective way!

Online Giving

A one-time or recurring donation to the church can be made by clicking on the following link <http://winfieldfumc.org/giving> and scrolling to the bottom of the page to click the "Give" button. Thank you for your generous donations that enable the many ministries of this congregation.

"Text to Give" Option

We can now receive gifts via text. Simply send a text message with the dollar amount to (620) 254-0770. If this is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form with your billing info. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message.



Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2019-20 school year. Applications can be made one of several ways:

- You may pick up a paper application from the church office and complete it.
- A pdf form of the application can be printed from our website at www.winfieldfumc.org.
- There is a form that can be filled out online on the Scholarship page of our website at www.winfieldfumc.org. Click on Scholarships and then the graphic for the application.

If you would like to receive a Word document that can be completed and emailed back as an attachment, you may request it from Nancy@winfieldfumc.org.

Please take special note of the guidelines at the beginning of the application. The deadline for applications to be received in the church office is **Monday, Mar. 4, 2019, at 5:00 pm**, and no applications will be accepted after that time.



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Kids' Day In

KIDS CLUB



Welcome Jessica Bates



We are delighted to welcome Jessica Bates as our new Children's Director! Jessica is a former intern, a graduate of Southwestern College, and most recently served as the youth and children's director at Augusta United Methodist Church. Jessica and her husband David have a 3 year old daughter, Abby. Welcome Bates!

You may contact Jessica at: 221.2700 or jessica@winfieldfumc.org.

Note to parents: **Kids Day In** will resume **Friday, January 11.**
Kids Club and Extreme Explorers will resume **Wednesday, January 16**

~~~~ Youth News ~~~~



Our Annual Chili Cook-off and Baked Goods Auction will be Sunday, Jan. 27 in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Youth who

would like to help to raise money should bring a crock pot of chili and a baked item to the event.

Middle School Youth Group

Middle School youth group has resumed and meets on Wednesday nights at 6 pm. We will be studying the life of Jesus for the spring through Easter.

High School Youth Group

High School youth group has resumed and will continue to meet at 7 pm on Sunday nights with a meal at 6:30 if you want to come and eat.

High School Lock-In

We are having a High School Lock-in on Sunday, Jan. 20 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 am. We will be focusing on the call of the disciples to follow Jesus. The cost is \$10 for the night.



Middle School Event



Wednesday, Jan. 30 we are going to the Cowley Wrestling dual in Ark City. There is no cost but our middle school youth will not be home till 8:15 from

this event. We will start with supper at our normal time, 6 pm.



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Jan. 11 Kids' Day In resumes
Jan. 16 Kids' Club & resume
Feb. 23-27 General Conference in St. Louis
March 8-15 Spring Break
April 14 Palm Sunday
April 21 Easter

Thank you . . .

Dear FUMC Members, Thank you very much for the care package. I appreciate you thinking of me while away at college.

*Sincerely,
Sarah Hammer*

Extending Thanks to . . .

Everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Bill & Debbie Bridges and Julie & Dennis Rice for delivering commodities in December.

Randy Vanderpool, Mandie & Edwin Speegle for painting Pastor Rachelle's new office!



Calling All Technology-Savvy Volunteers!!



We are in the process of training additional persons to operate our media, video and sound. If you are interested, please contact Bill Podschun.