



The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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AN INVITATION TO LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14, with an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 pm, in the Sanctuary. During the journey of Lent we have an opportunity to examine our lives and prepare for the mystery of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To aid in our preparation, Pastor Rachelle will be leading a Lenten study on Sunday evenings beginning February 18, from 6:00-7:15 pm.

Our worship theme during Lent will be: Jesus, A Pilgrimage. James Martin has written a book by that title which is based on his trip to the Holy Land - one in which he asked the question, "Who is Jesus?" That is never a bad question to ask. Some of the FUMC community will be going to the Holy Land during the month of May. We will probably ask that very question as we enter the geography of our sacred story.

FEBRUARY 18- *The Jordan River* (Jesus is baptized)

FEBRUARY 25- *Capernaum* (Jesus heals)

MARCH 4- *The Bay of Parables* (Jesus teaches)

MARCH 11- *The Sea of Galilee* (Jesus demonstrates power)

MARCH 18- *Jericho* (Jesus eats with sinners)

MARCH 25- *The Garden of Gethsemane* (Jesus and the Cross)

APRIL 1- *Jerusalem* (Jesus is Resurrected)

A Lenten journey can be meaningful and life-giving. You will have to decide what you would like to invest - both in time and spirit. I encourage you to take a pilgrimage - to ask the question again, "Who is Jesus?"

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Name*

Ministers by baptism

Every Christian

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Rev. David Brian Smith

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Organist

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Nursery Director

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The Lord's Day Worship

8:30 and 10:45 am

Sunday School

9:45 am

January 31, 2018

Lenten Bible Study

During the 6 weeks of Lent, we will offer a weekly Bible Study, *Made For A Miracle, From your ordinary to God's Extraordinary* by Mike Slaughter. Through this Lenten study we will discover that each of us has been given specific talents and abilities. For a real miracle to take place, God expects us to apply these talents and abilities - acting with God to perform divine work. By examining biblical examples of how to use our God-given gifts for God's glory, we discover that we too, were made for a miracle. Pastor Rachelle will facilitate the class on **Sundays from 6:00-7:15 pm**. Sign up at the Welcome Center in the foyer.

Pancake Supper



United Methodist Men will hold their annual Pancake and Sausage supper on **Monday, Feb. 5**, 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.

Green Team E-Cycling Event

The Green Team of Southwestern College will again collaborate with Grace United Methodist Church and the City of Winfield for an e-waste recycling event from 3:00-6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Barn #4 at the Winfield Fairgrounds. The Green Team will accept all electronics free of charge except for CRT TVs and monitors. For CRT TVs and monitors, there will be a \$5 charge per unit.

Businesses and individuals may bring items to the event. GON Recycling will collect the items and process them for recycling. GON Recycling guarantees 100 percent security on all hard drives and customer information. They are e-Stewards, R2 and ISO 14001 Certified.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th

Wednesday, Feb. 14th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent – the 40 days of preparation leading up to Easter. Please join us on Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This special service will include imposition of ashes, communion, a time of reflection, and wonderful music.

Church Ladies

The “Church Ladies” 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 Saturday, Feb. 10. Speak with JoAnn Parsons or Pastor Beth for more info.

It's Time to Sign up for Camp!

It is time to sign up for Summer Camp. There are camps for all ages at Camp Horizon. You can register online through the church web site www.winfieldfumc.org.



There are scholarships available through the church. Please come in and fill out a card indicating the amount of assistance you need. Early bird deadline for a \$10 discount is May 1st.

Medical Loan Closet Needs New Home!

The Medical Loan Closet is needing to move from their location at the Grace Episcopal Church annex – and soon! The Medical Loan Closet does such wonderful work and many people take advantage of the resources they offer. The space needs to be at least 700 square feet and preferably on the ground floor (although elevator access is a possibility.) If you have any ideas for a new home for the Closet, please call Cheri Baer, 221-3678.

The Medical Loan Closet volunteers anticipate needing more bookshelves when they relocate – the taller and deeper, the better! They will be used to house oxygen tubing, leg braces, diabetic supplies, bedpads, etc. Please contact Cheri Baer at 221-3678 or Deb Helmer at 221-4478 if you have one or more to donate. Thanks you!

Extending Thanks to . . .

Bill & Debbie Bridges and Julie & Dennis Rice for helping with commodities in January.

All of the women who have been helping in the office while Lois is gone: Penny Snyder, Barb Dunn, Chandra Snively, Diana Klein, Linda Vasey, Patti Brenn, Diane Detter. We appreciate you so much!

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and expressions of sympathy regarding the loss of my Mother Joyce.

Love, Amy, Chis Megan and Ashley Lance

Chili Cook-Off Update

A big Thanks goes out to all those that attended the Annual Chili Cook-off and Baked Goods Auction. We raised over \$2,600 for youth retreats coming up this summer.

Thank You!

Thank you for the opportunity of going to CPC18 – it was an awesome experience I never imagined was possible for me. I learned so much on how to better serve our church – kids and families. Thank you for making all of this possible!

With much gratitude,
Chandra “Cha Cha” Snively

Craft Room Supplies

If you have borrowed some supplies from the Craft Room, and possibly forgotten to return items, we would appreciate it if they would be placed back on the table so others can use those items. Thanks so much!



Brett, Mary and Zach Butler joined our church family on Dec. 31.

Anna Ruth Circle

Anna Ruth Circle will be hosting a Lydia Patterson graduate, Raquel Resendiz, a Southwestern student as guest speaker. Brunch and meeting start at 9:45 am, program starts at 10:30 am, Thursday, Feb. 15, in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited.



Aaron, Tara and Joseph Sutton joined our church family on Dec. 31. Reid is a preparatory member.



Cheyenne Fullerton joined our church family on Dec. 31. She is pictured here with Walter Williams.

Clark and Heidi Hill are not pictured, but were also recognized as new members on Dec. 31. Welcome all of these people to our church family when you see them.

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

Lois Cole	Virginia Felts	George Storey
Pat Davis	Barbara Ghan	Steven Sultz
Ray Dewell	Pilgrim	Clyde Vasey

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie Aladieff	Chance Gates	Carla Mohlstrom
Kenna Biddle	Vernadene Hiatt	Kelley Murphy
Dixie Broadhurst	Sgt. Jason Hull	Susan Nettrouer
Becky Bumgarner	Curstin Jenkins	Paulette Rush
Gary Butler	Jason Jenkins	Kandy Stuart
Raylene Butler	Terry Johnson	Brantley Taylor
Terena Domingos	Ashley Law	Aaron Toney
Peggy Everett	Faye Mann	Ruthie Westfall

A young man named Willie

Darci Morland's sister's friend, Alyssa

Chandra Snively's cousins, Anna and Bobbie

Grief and Loss

The family of Dick Brummett

The family of Rachel Lankton

Marg Logsdon in the death of her sister

Dirk and Fran Hutchinson in the death of their son, Eric

George Storey in the death of his sister

World Concerns

Military & their families, families in transition, peace for all nations.

We Have Heat!

After a week of our building heat being shut down for repairs, we are back up and running. The water pipes in the Education Wing are over 65 years old and were rusting through. We are thankful to Randy Vanderpool for coordinating and overseeing the work, Winfield Plumbing and Heating for their hard work, and to the Board of Trustees and the Permanent Endowment Fund for authorizing and funding this large project. We are thankful to have heat!

Lay Servant Training

The Wichita Districts are sponsoring a Basic Lay Servant Training event on Sunday evenings Feb. 18 through March 18 at Wellington UMC. This course is for those who are new to Lay Servant Ministries. Included will be basic concepts of Methodism as well as training in public prayer. Pick up a brochure in the church foyer if you would like to know more.



Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 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. 5, 2018, at 5:00 pm, and no applications will be accepted after that time.

New Member Sunday

Members will join the church on Sunday, Feb. 18. Please speak with one of the pastors if you are interested in church membership or would like to know more.

A Look at Our Loyalty

	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28
8:30 Worship	85	68	60
10:45 Worship	184	196	193
Total Worship	269	264	253
Sunday School	132	128	156



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.

- 2/2 Matt Hopper, Lee Musson, Rhyanna Richert
- 2/3 Taryn Comstock, Andie Potucek, Derek Pressnall, Rylan Richert, Isabella Stewart
- 2/4 Dee Ledy
- 2/5 Elli Phillips, Pam Taylor, Maleyah Thomas, Steve Westfall
- 2/6 Paige Camp
- 2/7 Nathan Groene, Bailey Haunschild, Ashley Lance
- 2/8 Dee Johnson, Scott Nuss, Tom Pettey, Steele Sarnacki
- 2/9 Chance Alquest, Jane Dexter-Clock, John Kumorowski
- 2/11 Joshua Byrne, Maggie Speegle
- 2/12 Shawn Emerson, Paxon Hutto, Kayden Miller
- 2/13 Benjamin Bradbury, Kaely Harrod
- 2/14 Tammy Carrasco, Joe Rose, Kimela Woods
- 2/15 Helen Holdeman, Matthew Norton, Susan Norton
- 2/16 Isaac Speegle
- 2/17 Seth Pekarek, Steve Rosecrans
- 2/18 David Hammer, Abram McPherson, Eli Sumpter
- 2/19 Julie Thompson
- 2/20 Ruth Shirley
- 2/21 Lynn Biddle, Stacy Bradberry, Dennis Clock
- 2/22 Teresa McCaslin, Teresa Mugler
- 2/23 Tom Bossi, Sharon Frazer, Rick Kerr, Sally Pipes, Willie Tuttle
- 2/24 Sandra Hower
- 2/25 Ken Lewis
- 2/27 John Johnson, Jennifer Madrigal, Angie Soukup
- 2/28 Carol Craig, Karen Craig
- 2/29 Tessa Olney



#Be3kids

FUMC CHILDREN'S MIN.



Hi, Church Fam!

This semester the 5th Grade Extreme Explorers shift from team building challenges to using our talents in actual service projects. Please pray for us as we dream, work and serve together.



February's project will involve encouraging the nurses at William Newton Hospital. March's will be geared towards our community meal, Tuesday's Table. Finally in April we will join a UM church in Bulgaria in a 50/50 partnership and learn how our EE crew (and faith family as a whole) could be helpful to their church family and vice versa.

This 50/50 project will be quite an eye-opening experience for all of us, because some of the schools around this church are still segregated and the mere mention of this at EE two-weeks ago left the kids silently in shock. I am so excited to see what God has in store for this bright, compassionate, and animated group of tweens. Whatever it is, Christ will for sure be shared through their service!

Meg

Youth Activities

Super Bowl Parties

The Youth will have Super Bowl Parties on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 5 pm, bring a snack to share with the group.
HS Youth Breckyn Lindenman 2130 Kitch Rd.
MS Youth Bill Podschun 802 E. 5th St.

Confirmation Rally

Confirmation Rally for our 6-7th grade students is Saturday, Feb. 17, in McPherson. We will leave at 9:30 am and be home about 8 pm. The cost for the day is \$10.

Mission Trip

Our Junior and Senior Mission Trip for 2018 will be to Washington DC and is July 2-11. It will be a great opportunity to serve, grow spiritually and be in our nation's capital.

Youth Praise Team

Our youth praise team is hosting the youth praise team from McPherson UMC on Feb. 18, so help us make them feel welcome in Winfield at FUMC!



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Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 12	Leadership Council
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 5	Scholarship Application Deadline
March 28	Palm Sunday
April 1	Easter

Neighboring Tip

At our Hallelujah Health Sunday this year, our emphasis was on social health – and neighboring. This year we will include “Neighboring Tips” each month in the Tower. Give it a try and see how these tips might strengthen your lives and our community. This month’s neighboring tip is to hand deliver a Valentine to at least three of your neighbors. Be sure to include your name and address so your neighbor will know who you are!