

The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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Organist
Chance Alquest

Nursery Director
Mandie Speegle

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

February 7, 2019

JESUS: HEALER AND MIRACLE WORKER

The season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 6, with an Ash Wednesday Service. Our Sunday morning worship theme will be, Jesus: Healer and Miracle-Worker. Miracles were not only ways that Jesus taught faith-lessons, they were ways he demonstrated God's power to people who lived desperate lives in a desperate world. Here are some of the miracles we will be exploring together:

MARCH 10- "Changing Water Into Wine" (John 2:1-11)

MARCH 17- "The Royal Miracle" (John 4:46-54)

MARCH 24- "The Healing at Bethesda" (John 5:1-15)

MARCH 31- "The Feeding of the 5000" (John 6:5-14)

APRIL 7- "Jesus Walks on the Water" (John 6:16-24)

APRIL 14- "The Raising of Lazarus" (John 11:38-44)

APRIL 21- "The Resurrection of Jesus" (John 20:1-18)

I encourage you to buy the book, *Inside the Miracles of Jesus: Discovering the Power of Desperation*, by Jessica LaGrone, as a good parallel read for the series. Jessica writes, "...Christ's miracles can help us see...that our weakness is an invitation for God to work powerfully in our lives..."

As we draw closer to Lent, we will share more about the Ash Wednesday service and Holy Week opportunities. The discipline of Ash Wednesday calls us to "repent and believe in the gospel."

Pastor Dave

General Conference

The special 2019 General Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet in St. Louis February 23-27. This session is to help our church find "A Way Forward" in our discussion of human sexuality. Pastor Dave and Pastor Beth will attend this historic conference. If you would like to know more about the three plans under consideration, click this link: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/court-docket-details-proposed-plans-for-umc> If you would like to see the video shown at Annual Conference, go to www.greatplainsumc.org click on Videos, and scroll down to the 21st video "AC2018Commission on a Way Forward." Please be in prayer for the United Methodist Church.



It's time to register for church camp! Click on this link for details

<https://horizoncenter.campbrainregistration.com/>.

We will have camp scholarships again, so check with the church office about the funds available.

Camp Scholarships can be requested on our website: www.winfieldfumc.org .

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!

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.

Hygiene Item Collection

The Anna Ruth Circle of United Methodist Women is coordinating a drive to collect hygiene items to give to Helping Hands clients. Items needed are packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bars of bath soap. Please bring items to the church foyer during February.

Have a Peanut Butter Heart

During the month of February we are invited to donate Peanut Butter to the Winfield Community Food Pantry in support of "Have a Peanut Butter Heart". Peanut butter is an inexpensive source of protein that is popular with all ages. Please take any type and size jar of peanut butter to the Food Pantry 8:30-11:00 am Monday through Friday, or bring it here to our church and we will get it to the Food Pantry.

Communion Servers

If you would be interested in helping serve communion in worship, please call or email Pastor Beth at 221-2700, or beth@winfieldfumc.org. We can also add you to the Sign Up Genius email which lets you pick a date to serve at your convenience.

Holy Land Pilgrimage October 28

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to a special place, and ours includes a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a visit to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. It continues at the traditional site of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Stand in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed on the night before his crucifixion. Walk the Via Dolorosa where Jesus struggled to carry his cross. Offer your prayers at Golgotha, where Jesus died, was buried, and rose on the third day. At every stop, deepen your spiritual life with moving devotions. You will return having experienced with all your senses places that are holy to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. You are invited to join this pilgrimage that will expand your knowledge, deepen your faith, and lift your spirit.

The cost of the trip includes international airfare, all travel in Israel, hotels, and delicious breakfast and dinner buffets each day. Only lunches are not included.

Rev. Kent Melcher will provide *full details* about this journey of a lifetime at an informational meeting on February 17. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following 10:45 worship.



Happy Birthday

to all who are celebrating birthdays in February! 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.

- 2/2 Matt Hopper, Lee Musson, Rhyanna Richert
- 2/3 Taryn Comstock, 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, Dee Morland, Maggie Speegle
- 2/12 Shawn Emerson, Paxon Hutto, Kayden Miller
- 2/13 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, Austin Thiel
- 2/28 Carol Craig, Karen Craig
- 2/29 Tessa Olney

Let us Know?

Thank you for letting the church office know if you move or change your phone number. (If you go to just a cell phone, your name will not be listed in the phone book.). If you move and we do not have your new address, the newsletter comes back and we have to pay. Thanks!

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. Speak with Pastor Beth if you'd like to know more.



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.

Online Giving

A one-time or recurring donation can be made by clicking on to 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.

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

Pat Davis	Oscar Peterson-Veatch	George Storey
Everett Newman	Larry Schuster	Edna White
Allan Norton		Zena Williams

Extended Family and Friends

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

Grief and Loss

The family of Margaret Gilger
The family of Wallace Gray

World Concerns

Military & first responders and their families, peace for all nations, those affected by the weather.

A Big Thanks to everyone who supported the youth at the Annual Chili Cook-off and Baked Goods Auction. Over \$2200 was raised to help youth attend our national youth retreat this coming summer.



Youth going to Youth 2019 are selling church t-shirts until Feb. 24 to raise money for their trip to Kansas City. The short sleeve t-shirts are \$15 and come in blue and grey. Talk to one of our youth if you would like to purchase a shirt.

Prayer Chain

If you have concerns or joys for which you desire prayer, please email Carolyn Eastman, ice1936@gmail.com or the church, office@winfieldfumc.org.

“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.



Coffee and Donuts Sunday Mornings

Every Sunday morning coffee, donuts, and fruit are offered in the Fellowship Hall. However, for the past few months donations received have not

been meeting the cost to provide Sunday morning treats and beverages. Donations of coffee and contributions to the donut fund are greatly needed and appreciated!

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.

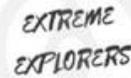
A Look at Our Loyalty

	January 13	January 20	January 27	February 3
8:30 Worship	57	51	62	56
10:45 Worship	140	162	169	168
Evening Worship	70	52	67	25
Total Worship	267	265	298	249
Sunday School	102	103	137	105
Offering	\$6,365	\$7,260	\$4,409	\$13,686



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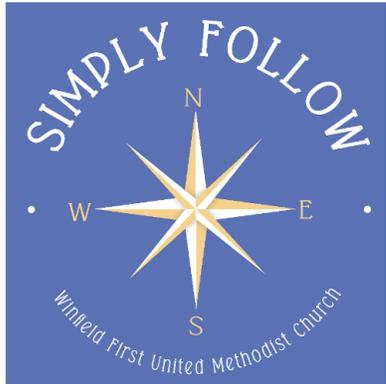


Starting Feb 3rd we are asking that all elementary students that attend Sunday School check-in at the station located in front of Fellowship Hall!

~ ~ ~ Youth News ~ ~ ~



MS and HS Youth will be going to Aviate, a trampoline park in Wichita, on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1-8 pm. The day will include the trampolines, supper, worship and a confirmation mentor meeting. The cost for the day is \$10. Please sign up with Bill if you plan to attend.



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Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 23-27 General Conference in St. Louis
March 8-15 Spring Break
April 14 Palm Sunday
April 21 Easter

Kids' Day In Openings

Our Friday morning Kids' Day In program still has a couple of openings for children ages 2-5 years old. This wonderful fee-based program includes Bible stories, crafts, gym time, storytelling and more. To enroll or for more information, please call the church office, 221-2700, or email director Jessica Bates, jessica@winfieldfumc.org.

Extending Thanks to . . .

Bill & Debbie Bridges and Julie & Dennis Rice for delivering commodities in January!

Thanks for prayers

My deep appreciation for the many prayers offered on my behalf.

Sincerely, Glen Sandbulte

Thank you

From the family of Barbara Seaman: Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and kindness during this time. I appreciate my church family very much.

Sincerely, Diana Klein

Thank you so much for my finals/Christmas care package! I really appreciate it and it certainly got put to good use!

God Bless, Sadie Revell

We are so grateful for your gifts to the Kairos Prison Ministry. Through your donations, the ministry is able to pursue its ministry to those impacted by incarceration. Through the grace of God, and enabled by your gifts, we are working to bring persons lost in shame, guilt, unforgiveness, and hatred to know the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ and a new way of life.

*God Bless you,
Mary Washington
Kansas Kairos Outside*