

First Connection

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Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Time for another miracle!

Our Christmas Eve offering was miraculous! We raised money for over 108,000 meals for hungry people. Now it is time for us to bring that miracle into reality.

JOIN IN THIS MIRACLE—JOIN OUR PACKING EVENT ON MAY 11-12! We need all hands on deck. To sign up for a 2-hour shift on Friday evening or Saturday, go online or call the church office.

Everyone age 5 and over is welcome to join in the fun. There are jobs for all ability levels, including jobs that can be done while sitting.

Sign up today at <https://give.fmsc.org/bluesprings>



May Sermon Series

#Adult: Ancient Wisdom for a Modern World. It's graduation season, and a whole new generation is having to learn how to "adult," the noun that has become a verb in modern parlance. If you've ever felt like you're growing older but not up, you'll want to join us as we look back into our history to find wisdom for our future.

May 5-6: #Adult Isn't Just Your Age, Ephesians 4:14-16

May 12-13: #Adult and Your Relationships, Philippians 1:6-11

May 19-20: #Adult and Your Emotions, Romans 12:1-2

May 26-27: #Adult and Your Stuff, Colossians 2:2-3

Trustees Spring Workday

Saturday, May 19
(previously scheduled for April 21)
9:00am-12:00pm

We'll focus on:

- Trimming bushes
- Mulching/removing debris
- Painting
- Mowing as needed

There will be water bottles and breakfast goodies available. Gloves and supplies are available for planting, moving mulch, and painting. Paper bags will be available for plant debris/refuse.

First UMC's Mission Statement:
Making faithful, hopeful, loving disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



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Dear First Friends,

A miracle is not the end of anything. Often, a miracle is the beginning of a lot of hard work. I shared that thought during my sermon last weekend, in reference to the miraculous catch of 153 fish after Jesus' resurrection. All of those fish were a wonderful miracle, yes, but something had to be done with all of those fish. The disciples couldn't leave the fish lying around while they did other things. No, they had to get the fish to the market or to the place where they could be processed and preserved with salt. The rest of the disciples' day, post-miracle, was full of a lot of hard, fishy work.

Our Christmas Eve offering was miraculous, to say the least. We raised enough money to provide over 108,000 meals! Just last month, one of the children of our church dug into their piggy bank and gave us another \$50 so that we could get even more meals. Miraculous! But now all of those meals need to be packed. On May 11 and 12, we need a total of 500 volunteers working two-hour shifts to pack all of those meals. The miraculous generosity of Christmas Eve now calls for a miraculous outpouring of workers to assist.

Will you be part of our miracle-making? Anyone age 5 and over can join in the fun. There are even jobs that can be done while seated. You can sign up for two shifts if you'd like. You'll see information about how to sign up elsewhere in our newsletter, or you can always call the church office at 229-8108.

Likewise, we stepped out in faith to host a traveling Summer Day Camp on our property during the first week of July. It will be a full day-camp experience, with lots of inflatables and fun camp activities. Best of all, this camp will provide a chance for children ages 6-13 to encounter Jesus in a new way. Do you have friends or neighbors that you feel led to invite to this camp? Be sure to sign them up as soon as possible, before we're full. Scholarship assistance is available if needed, so do not let the cost be a deterrent. I believe this camp offers a great opportunity for us to have an impact on the children of our community.

Yes, being on the receiving end of miracles can be a lot of work. The work is a joyous gift of God, but it is work nonetheless. Will you share in our joy in these coming months? Christ is working miracles through us, and there is plenty of work to go around.

Sally

April 14-15, 2018		
Giving:	2018	2017
One Fund.....	\$9,329	
YTD One Fund	\$261,975	\$329,595
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	362	
Sunday School		
Children.....	47	
Youth.....	10	
Adults.....	104	
Total	161	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 19		
More detailed financial information is available at the information table in the lobby or in the church office.		

April 21-22, 2018		
Giving:	2018	2017
One Fund.....	\$15,222	
YTD One Fund	\$277,197	\$344,417
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	377	
Sunday School		
Children.....	49	
Youth.....	no meeting	
Adults.....	117	
Total	166	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 17		
More detailed financial information is available at the information table in the lobby or in the church office.		

April 28-29, 2018		
Giving:	2018	2017
One Fund.....	\$11,083	
YTD One Fund	\$288,280	\$375,814
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	438	
Sunday School		
Children.....	28	
Youth.....	6	
Adults.....	103	
Total	137	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 25		
More detailed financial information is available at the information table in the lobby or in the church office.		



*First UMC Children's
Ministry*

Weekly Sunday School—Join us every Sunday morning at 9:15 and 10:40. There are classes for 3-year-olds and up. Nursery is available for all worship services, birth through two years old.

IMPACT YOUTH
ministry

Join us:

—Sunday mornings at 10:40 downstairs in the youth room 014 for Sunday School! Fellowship Groups meet on Sunday evenings.

—and Wednesday evenings at 5:00 for youth group!

All are welcome—students and parents!

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First Kids

Contact Michelle Mueller-Hinton at mmueller-hinton@bluespringsumc.org

Wee Singers and Children's Chimers

Power Praise Kids

Wee Singers is for children ages Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 1. They meet on Sundays at 10:15am in room 115. **Rehearsals will resume in the fall.**

Contact Brooke Roskop at broskop@bluespringsumc.org.

Children's Chimers

Children in grades 2 through 5 have the opportunity to develop their musical skills through Children's Chimers (hand chimes). Chimers meet on Sundays at 10:45am in room 154. **Rehearsals will resume in the fall.** Contact Liz Mueller at e.a.mueller@sbcglobal.net.

Power Praise Kids —**Rehearsals will resume in the fall.**

Children in grades 2 through 5 have the opportunity to develop their musical skills through Power Praise Kids (vocal). Contact Linda Cox at lindacox53@gmail.com.

Learning Ladder will be graduating 57 students on Tuesday, May 15. Congratulations to all students, parents, and teachers!

What a Terrific Performance by our Power Praise Kids Last Weekend!



Impact Youth Ministry

Contact Mark Hansher at mhansher@bluespringsumc.org

May:

We are excited to announce that our remodel project is just about done! If you haven't seen the updated youth space, feel free to stop by and check out the awesome work that so many of our volunteers and students were a part of. There are still a few smaller projects that we will be working on, but the space looks great and our students have loved it!

We are also pleased to announce that we will transition at the end of May with our new Youth Director, Erika Braun. We will be meeting with her in the coming weeks to make sure we have a smooth transition into the summer and the coming year! We are excited for what is in store for our youth ministry, and anticipate great things!

Lastly, anyone interested in supporting the Mobile Pack for Feed My Starving Children, we will have a slot specifically for our youth to attend Saturday, May 12, from 9:00-11:00am.



HEALTH CONCERNS

Larry Allen	Doris Brooks	Linda Day
Marti Dietrich	Harry Eilert	Judy Gregston
Maxine Hall	Larry Hillyard	Vicki Kerr
Gloria Kniffen	Tom Mardis	Sandra Meinershagen
Jean Moore	Wayne Ogilvie	Pat Parr
Marvin Rinne	Chere Semple	Keith Sullivan
Steve Young		
Baby Kian Jackson		
Beverly England, friend of Gwen Wheeler		
Bill and Jean Best, per Marisa Gilbert		
Chris Whippo, per Marisa Gilbert		
Cliff Bradenburg, friend of Jim and Linda LaShure		
Darrell Delap		
Doreen Ninemire, Nathan Ninemire's mother		
John Bagley, per Marisa Gilbert		
Karen Gangestad, friend of Gwen Wheeler		
Kelsey Kwapnoski, Kenny and Lenora Stoecklein's granddaughter		
Leila Lenning, Richard Lenning's mother		
Marilyn Callighan, Jean Moore's sister-in-law		
Nadine Nicholls, Trish Hillyard's mother		
Nieko Glesbrecht, per Marisa Gilbert		
Rita and Bill Thompson, per Jean Moore		
Robert Case, per Kenny and Lenora Stoecklein		
Teresa Hankins, per Marisa Gilbert		

MILITARY

Michael Bailey*	Alec Kinder
Sean Batulis	Ben Patillo
Tyler Byrd	Christian Schroeder
Emily Brittingham	Justin Schroeder
Mason Buckler*	Randall Schroeder
Brady Dean	Jason Tisdale*
Tony DeMack	Randall Shaffer
Ethan Endicott	Cole Sims
Robert Gordanier*	Ryan Stacy
Tim Gorsline	Jonathan Tucker
Henry Grubb*	Seth Turman*
Rick Hansen	Brandon Walls
Brenton Jones	Michael Wagner
Drew Kerber	Angela Weigel-DeLuna
	Chase Weber*

Highlighted names—FUMC members *deployed overseas

SYMPATHY

To Joan Williams on the death of her life partner, Pete Shelton, on April 21.

To Alice Nathan on the passing of two aunts (who were sisters) in the past three weeks.

JOYS

To Jim and Sandy Tharp on the birth of a granddaughter, Nellie Rose, on April 13.

To Will and Lana Evans who joined First UMC on April 15. Their sons, Grant and Lucas, were baptized.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Josh Hannah and his boy scout troop for their cleanup of the office patio and flower beds. This was Josh's Eagle Scout Project and we so appreciate their hard work!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Sunday, May 6</u>		
Wee Singers	10:15am	115
Children's Chimers	10:45	154
Youth Fellowship Group-High School Students	4:00pm	014
Youth Fellowship Group-Mid. High Girls	4:00	011
Youth Fellowship Group-Boys	5:30	014
<u>Monday, May 7</u>		
Staff Parish Committee Meeting	7:00pm	103
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00	150
<u>Tuesday, May 8</u>		
Pickleball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Wednesday, May 9</u>		
Impact Youth Group	5:00pm	014
Men of Praise Rehearsal	6:30	150
Worship Team Rehearsal	7:00	Sanctuary
Creative Crafts/Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00	103
Rhapsody Ringers Rehearsal	7:30	154
<u>Thursday, May 10</u>		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Ruth Circle	10:15	112
Altar Guild	2:00pm	Office
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Friday, May 11</u>		
Joy Ringers Rehearsal	9:30am	154
<u>Saturday, May 12</u>		
Worship Service	5:00pm	Sanctuary
<u>Sunday, May 13</u>		
Wee Singers	10:15am	115
<u>Monday, May 14</u>		
Finance Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Office
Church Council Committee Meeting	7:00	103
<u>Tuesday, May 15</u>		
Methodist Men's Lunch	12:00pm	015
Wesleyan Women	1:30	112
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Wednesday, May 16</u>		
Widows' Support Group	11:30am	Tuscany
Impact Youth Group	5:00pm	014
Glorious Spirit Handbell Rehearsal	6:00	154
Men of Praise Rehearsal	6:30	150
Worship Team Rehearsal	7:00	Sanctuary
Creative Crafts/Prayer Shawl Ministry	7:00	103
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Rhapsody Ringers Rehearsal	7:30	154
<u>Thursday, May 17</u>		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Embrace Group	6:30pm	103
Literacy Meeting	6:30	015
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Friday, May 18</u>		
Joy Ringers Rehearsal	9:30am	154
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Saturday, May 19</u>		
Trustees Work Day	9:00am	Lobby
Worship Service	5:00pm	Sanctuary
<u>Sunday, May 20</u>		
Scholarship Recognition	10:45am	Sanctuary

First UMC Missions News



reStart
First UMC prepares and serves meals to reStart residents as one of our community outreach missions. We need volunteers to prepare and/or serve Sunday lunches on December 16. Please contact Kay McCormick at 223-0820 if you or your group would like to participate.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Feed My Starving Children® is a Christian nonprofit committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship these meals to distribution partners around the world.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends to pack these special meals. We will host a mobile pack in our gym on May 11 and 12. There are jobs for everyone from 5 years old to 105 years old!! We need to pack 108,864!

You can register at <https://give.fmsc.org/bluesprings>.

Washcloth Collection Basket for Annual Conference

Churches in the Heartland District have been asked to collect new washcloths to take to our annual conference in early June.

Laundry baskets will be placed near the coat closet to begin collecting these items for those in need.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Mission Trips Coming this Summer!

*A High School Mission Trip team will go to Nashville from June 10-16. Detailed packets for those interested will be available soon.

*A Middle School Mission Trip team will go to St. Louis/St. Charles from July 18-22. We will have an informational meeting soon.

Remember, you join the team on the trip of the grade you just completed. Contact Brooke Roskop at the church office or at broskop@bluespringsumc.org.

Uplift Information

We won't be making trips to Uplift in May or June. Our next scheduled outing will be Saturday, July 14.

Contact Brooke Roskop, broskop@bluespringsumc.org, if you can go or have questions.



Men's Retreat

The Missouri Conference United Methodist Men are having a retreat at the Wilderness Camp and Retreat Center in Lawson, Mo, on May 11 and 12.

More detailed information and registration forms can be found on the information table in the lobby.

Widows' Support Group

The Widows' Support Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday, May 16, at 11:30am

Tuscany
1800 S. 7 Highway
Blue Springs

Contact Joyce Maggard at 229-1300 or Carol Sartain at 229-9753 for reservations or more details.

Scholarship Recognition

We'll be doing scholarship recognition at the 10:45am service on Sunday, May 20.

Graduate Recognition

If you know of a 2018 graduate you'd like us to mention in the June newsletter, please send an email to:

office@bluespringsumc.org.

Attention Golfers!

Due to the closing of Pleasant Hill Golf Course, plans are being finalized regarding this summer's league.

If you are still interested in joining us for fun and fellowship, please call Joyce Maggard at 229-1300 or Kathy Ford at 228-7596 for more information.

All levels of golfers are invited to participate. Further details will be sent by email and church newsletters.



Card shower for Katherine Mayes

Katherine Mayes will be turning 98 years old on May 22.

Birthday cards can be sent to: Katherine Mayes

The Wilshire
600 NE Meadowview Drive
Room 302A
Lee's Summit, MO 64064



District Apportionments

First UMC,

I am taking a few moments to pause and give God thanks for paying in full your District Apportionments. Your extravagant generosity and your timely manner of supporting the mission and witness of our district enable us to fulfill our call - "to lead congregations to people to actively follow Jesus Christ."

By your apportionment giving, you support programs that help strengthen the health, vitality and fruitfulness of congregations in our district, along with campus ministry, camp scholarships, and leadership training for clergy and laity.

Blessings to this congregation during these months to come as we all seek to serve the purposes of Christ in our work together.

With deep gratitude,
James Simpson
Heartland District Superintendent



First UMC-Sponsored Blood Drive

The Blood Drive previously planned for this spring has been moved to the fall. Watch the newsletter for the new date!



Immediate Need at Hillcrest

The current family in our Hillcrest apartment is a mom and dad who have visitation rights with their three children. Since there is no money budgeted for eating out, their case manager, Megan, has asked if our church could provide gift cards to McDonalds or Burger King so the parents would be able to have food and fun with their children during their visit. If you can help with this need, please drop off cards at the church office.

Cancer Survivor Celebration Weekend

June 2-3

Please join us at First UMC June 2-3 as we celebrate our faith in God and the generosity and caring provided by our faith community. During this weekend we have many ways to celebrate.



Saturday, June 2

- **Dedication Service:** Saturday evening at 4:45 on the Faith Walkway, we will dedicate commemorative pavers and lift up all those who have experienced cancer within our faith community.

Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3

All worship services will include prayer time dedicated to remembering those who have had cancer and testimonials from cancer survivors within our faith community.

- **Educational materials and sign-ups for Caring Ministries:** Information regarding ways you can contribute to the caring mission of our church and healthy lifestyle materials will be available for the congregation.
- **Commemorative ribbons and roses:** Cancer survivors will be given ribbons and roses.
- **Refreshments:** The Cancer Support Network will host the hospitality table.

Day Camp UPDATE

We are 48 kids away to making our goal of 100 campers.

Please reach out to your friends, family, small groups you are a part of, and make this an amazing outreach experience for our community.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, there is room for you!!! Go to www.eaglelakecamps.com/FUMCBlueSprings for more information or contact kharris@bluespringsumc.org

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Blue Springs

Ministers

All members who have pledged to uphold First UMC with their prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness.

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes
email:
shaynes@bluespringsumc.org

Rev. Jan Bond
email:
jbond@bluespringsumc.org

Worship

Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 8:15, 9:30, and
10:45am

Office Hours

8:00am—4:30pm
Monday-Thursday
8:00am—12:00pm Friday

Church Office: (816) 229-8108
Church fax: (816) 229-6705

Email
office@bluespringsumc.org

Learning Ladder Preschool
(816) 229-9949

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www.bluespringsumc.org

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Mother's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 5

9:00am, room 117

The United Methodist Men are hosting the annual Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 5, at 9:00am. All women of the church are invited as we take this time to say thank you for all you do for us.

Enjoy a delicious brunch of pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, and drink for \$10 per person. All proceeds go to the UMM/Paul Rand Scholarship Fund.

Our guest speaker will be Joan Brown from Harvesters.

Tickets will be available at the door.


Mother's Day
BRUNCH

