

First Connection

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Day Camp is Coming Soon!

Day Camp is fast approaching! To date we have 64 campers registered and are still praying for that number to reach 100. We are actively looking for volunteer help during camp. All specific volunteer shifts are on www.eaglelakecamps.com/volunteer and on the volunteer board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Harris at kharris@bluespringsumc.org or call 229-8108. Our specific needs are listed below:

- We need campers!
- We need host homes for the counselors who will be in town arriving on June 30 and leaving July 7. Please go to www.eaglelakecamps.com/hostfamily to register or call the church office at 229-8108.
- We need small groups to volunteer to take care of lunch—5 total lunches for about 100 people—meal and/or volunteers are needed to serve the campers and counselors. If this is something your group is interested in doing, please contact Kristi Harris at 229-8108 or kharris@bluespringsumc.org to discuss details. We would also take monetary donations toward the food if you would rather help in that way.
- We need small groups or individuals to volunteer to prepare a meal for the counselors (about 24 people) Wednesday night Bible study. This would need to be dropped off by 5:00 p.m. on July 4. Because of the holiday, this date and time might change.

Please consider donating your time and/or talents to this fun outreach event.

Congratulations to our 2018 Graduates

Blue Springs South

Carlie Baldus
Drew Childs
Laura Crowl
Emma Leppert
Autumn Pacas
Regan Pierson

Grain Valley High School

Kaylee Wyzard

Columbia College

Jessica Harwood, Bachelor of Science, General Studies

University of Minnesota

Kyle Whipple, PhD, Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)

University of Arkansas

Maddie Ludwig, Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Engineering

Park University

Katie Hendricks, Master's--Urban Education

Stanford Medical School

Winston Haynes, PhD, Biomedical Informatics

Congratulations to our 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Inez Dexheimer Scholarship: Kate Davis Julie Wells

Methodist Men Scholarship: Aaron Brewer

Independents' Scholarship: Riley Garrett

Invitational Ministries Scholarship: Riley Garrett

First United Methodist Church Scholarships:

Carlie Baldus Charlotte Leske Kate Ludwig Maddie Ludwig Mallori Morgan Kaitlyn Stacy

First UMC's Mission Statement:

Making faithful, hopeful, loving disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Dear First Friends,

Not being the most graceful person around, I was really proud a couple of weeks ago when I managed not to get too much paint on too many places other than the wall that I was painting. Betty Hartwig, our amazing Trustees Chair, had put out a call for painters after another weather cancellation of a planned church workday. There were a bunch of willing and helpful people who showed up on a Wednesday morning to paint the peeling wall behind the choir room. Thanks to the hard work of those people, the now-lovely beige wall will provide good protection for our building for years to come.

I am so thankful for a congregation that responds to needs as they arise. Painting an exterior wall is simply one example. If you come by our church on most summer weekdays, you'll see a volunteer or two or three mowing our grounds. It's not only our own needs to which we respond. The needs we meet beyond our walls provide many other examples of ways that this church family steps up where we're needed. Several hundred of us gathered on a weekend to pack food, and there are many other ways that we serve the needs of the community. In fact, if you find an agency that serves folks in need in our community, chances are good that you'll find our church people front and center. Truly, we meet so many needs together. I am so proud of this church in so many ways.

This month marks the final month of our current leadership structure. I am so grateful for the selfless service of so many people on so many different committees through the years. On July 1, we'll move to the simplified structure of a Leadership Council that we discussed and voted earlier this year. We'll be working together to meet the ongoing needs of our ministry, although some of the structures will look different.

One significant structural change is that there will no longer be a Trustees Chair upon whom we can dump myriad church tasks. We're going to try something new, which is to create a Tuesday Team. Our hope is that a group of people who like to do a little fixing and doing will gather at the church office on Tuesday mornings from 9-11ish for some coffee and donuts and a "to-do" list of light repairs. You might find yourself changing furnace filters or repairing broken table legs or performing quarterly maintenance on something or other. Under the guidance of John Rosendahl, this group will help keep our 17-year-old facility in tip-top shape. All skill levels are welcome. I envision this group as a group that has some fun while they're doing some good for the church. If you're interested, feel free to ask me or John for more information, or simply show up for the first time, which will be Tuesday, June 19, and weekly after that.

I want to mention one more item in my column this month: SUMMER CAMP, SUMMER CAMP, SUMMER CAMP! We are one month away from summer camp. You might begin to notice that this event will be dominating my announcements during worship. We still have room for campers, and we still need many volunteers. In addition to helping out with the camp itself, we need help with food, and we also need homes for the counselors for that first week of July. You'll see more info elsewhere in this newsletter. If everyone does something, this event will be a breeze! I know how good y'all are at helping when it's needed, so I know we'll have this summer camp under control. Thank you in advance for your generosity of time, energy and resources to help us introduce a new generation of campers to God's love through Jesus Christ. We have a wonderful God to share with the world, and with your help, we can do so!

Blessings, Sally

May 19-20, 2018		
Giving:	2018	2017
One Fund.....	\$52,777	
YTD One Fund	\$373,210	\$420,839
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	329	
Sunday School		
Children.....	38	
Youth.....	5	
Adults.....	96	
Total	139	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 24		
More detailed financial information is available at the information table in the lobby or in the church office.		

May 26-27, 2018		
Giving:	2018	2017
One Fund.....	\$12,559	
YTD One Fund	\$385,768	\$436,823
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	340	
Sunday School		
Children.....	33	
Youth.....	5	
Adults.....	86	
Total	124	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 21		
More detailed financial information is available at the information table in the lobby or in the church office.		

June 2-3, 2018		
Giving:	2018	2017
One Fund.....	\$14,749	
YTD One Fund	\$400,517	\$445,975
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	373	
Sunday School		
Children.....	33	
Youth.....	10	
Adults.....	112	
Total	155	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 20		
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!

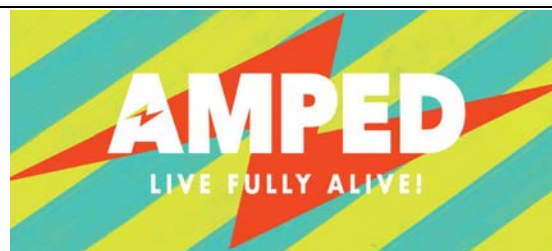
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First Kids

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



Summertime is Fun time in Children's Sunday morning classes. Come have fun with us---volunteer for a week or two this summer. Contact Michelle Mueller-Hinton in person or mmueller-hinton@bluespringsumc.org



All New VBS

July 24-26 9:30 a.m. to noon

Ages—completed Pre-K through 4th Grade

We Love Volunteers!

Contact Michelle at mmueller-hinton@bluespringsumc.org

Impact Youth Ministry

Contact Erika Braun at ebraun@bluespringsumc.org

June:

Hello Newsletter Readers! I am so excited to be here finally and be working with these wonderful youth! I know that God has me here to do His work and I am excited to see where He leads us together! I will be taking the first few weeks to really get to know the youth and the program that is in place for them. I will be taking their feedback as well as parent feedback to make sure the Youth program is the best it can be!

The youth are preparing for our mission trips to Nashville and St. Louis where we will get some real, quality bonding time! I am excited to start in the bustling summer and am happy to jump right in!

We are in need of volunteers to sign up to cook our Wednesday night meal throughout the summer. Please contact me for more information! I look forward to getting to know everyone!

Thank you for welcoming me! Erika



HEALTH CONCERNS

Marge Bradford	Doris Brooks	Linda Day
Marti Dietrich	Harry Eilert	Judy Gregston
Maxine Hall	Larry Hillyard	Vicki Kerr
Gloria Kniffen	Connie Ludwig	Sandra Meinershagen
Jean Moore	Wayne Ogilvie	Pat Parr
Marvin Rinne	Chere Semple	Shirley Smith
Barry Summers	Rosemary Swank	Bobby Tiffin
Steve Young		
Allen Klinger, per Ardith Dorris		
Baby Kian Jackson		
Beverly England, friend of Gwen Wheeler		
Bill and Jean Best, per Marisa Gilbert		
Chris Whippo, per Marisa Gilbert		
Christine McKinney, per Janet Tabler		
Cliff Bradenburg, friend of Jim and Linda LaShure		
Dakota Sawyer, per Marisa Gilbert		
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		
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		
Shirley Allen, friend of Marti Dietrich		
Robert Case, per Kenny and Lenora Stoecklein		
Ted Patena, per Marisa Gilbert		

MILITARY

Sean Batulis	Christian Schroeder
Tyler Byrd	Justin Schroeder
Robert Gordanier	Randall Schroeder
Tim Gorsline	Jason Tisdale*
Henry Grubb*	Randall Shaffer
Rick Hansen	Cole Sims
Brenton Jonea	Ryan Stacy*
Drew Kerber	Jonathan Tucker
Ben Patillo	Brandon Walls
	Angela Weigel-DeLuna

Highlighted names—FUMC members *deployed overseas

SYMPATHY

To Bill and Karen Miller on the passing of Karen's father, Bud Slater, on May 9.

To Myrna Mardis on the passing of her husband, Tom Mardis, on May 13.

JOYS

Congratulations to Murray and Sandy Whitehead on the birth of a grandson, Liam Douglas Schaefer, born on May 10.

To Marie Finke, who joined First UMC on May 20.

Congratulations to Matt and Megan Amaral on the baptism of their son, Ethan Dean Amaral, on May 27.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Sunday, June 10</u>		
<u>Monday, June 11</u>		
<u>Tuesday, June 12</u>		
ROMEO Men's Lunch	11:30 a.m.	Pizza Ranch
Pickleball	7:00 p.m.	Gym
<u>Wednesday, June 13</u>		
Glorious Spirit Ringers	6:00 p.m.	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
<u>Thursday, June 14</u>		
Altar Guild	9:00 a.m.	Office
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30	100
Ruth Circle	10:15	112
Embrace Group	6:30 p.m.	103
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Friday, June 15</u>		
Adult Volleyball	7:00 p.m.	Gym
<u>Saturday, June 16</u>		
Worship Service	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
<u>Sunday, June 17</u>		
<u>Monday, June 18</u>		
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.	150
<u>Tuesday, June 19</u>		
Methodist Men's Lunch	noon	015
Wesleyan Women	1:30 p.m.	112
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Wednesday, June 20</u>		
Widows' Support Group	11:30 a.m.	Responders Grill
Impact Youth Group	5:00 p.m.	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
<u>Thursday, June 21</u>		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30 a.m.	100
Pickleball	7:00 p.m.	Gym
<u>Friday, June 22</u>		
Joy Ringers Rehearsal	9:30 a.m.	154
Adult Volleyball	7:00 p.m.	Gym
<u>Saturday, June 23</u>		
Worship Service	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
<u>Sunday, June 24</u>		
Youth Fellowship Group-High School Students	4:00 p.m.	014
Youth Fellowship Group-Mid. High Girls	4:00	011
Youth Fellowship Group-Boys	5:30	014
<u>Monday, June 25</u>		
Susannah Circle	1:30 p.m.	103
Trustees Meeting	7:00	Office
<u>Tuesday, June 26</u>		
Pickleball	7:00 p.m.	Gym

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.

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.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack

As you have probably heard or read in the last month or so, First UMC hosted a mobile food pack for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on Mother's Day weekend. It was a GREAT success. Everyone who participated had a terrific time. We packed 73,440 meals. That means that 201 kids will have at least one nutritious meal per day for a full year!

We welcomed a wide variety of people into our Family Life Center ranging from longtime church members to families who have never visited us before. Some volunteers watch FMSC's website and attend any mobile packs in the area because they love it so much!! First UMC owes a special thank you to Brad Williams and Williams Lakefront Construction for the use of their forklift. We couldn't have unloaded the semitrailer without it! May 11 and 12 was a great time for First UMC. We had fun together and served God's children at the same time!!! Now that we know what we are doing and we know that it was a fun and meaningful experience, we are going to do it again!! Stay tuned for the details and be ready to invite friends and family so we can feed some more children.

PB&J for Summer School

First United Methodist Church Blue Springs is providing PB&J for summer school. Children enrolled in summer school in Blue Springs are required to bring a "sack lunch" to school every day. Because some forget and many can't afford the food, First UMC is delivering lunch supplies to several schools this June. We will provide peanut butter, jelly, bread, fruit, chips, and something sweet. If you would like to provide any of these items, please contact Brooke Roskop, broskop@bluespringsumc.org, in the church office.

Puerto Rico Mission Trip

Sally is leading a short-term mission trip to Puerto Rico right after Christmas. The team will be leaving on Saturday, December 29, and returning Saturday, January 5. The cost will be approximately \$1,000. The work will probably be construction. There will be more information coming soon. If you are interested, contact Brooke Roskop, broskop@bluespringsumc.org or 229-8108, in the office.

Pray for Mission Trip Teams

Please add our mission trip teams to your prayer list. First UMC is sending groups to Costa Rica, Nashville, and St. Louis this summer. Pray for team members to have a safe, fun, and meaningful experience.

Widows' Support Group

The Widows' Support Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday, June 20, at 11:30 a.m.

Responders Grill
2003 7 Highway
Blue Springs

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



**Dress/Shorts Mission Update
And Thank You!**

First UMC is sending thank yous for the recent donations of fabric (much of it for boys' shorts) which was much needed. Also, thank you for the donation of tee shirts which were cut apart and sewn as boys' shorts, and adorable little dresses, all of which First UMC's mission team will be taking to Costa Rica this month. A total of 120 items will go with the team.

With more ladies sewing, we should have plenty to send with a mission team this fall. More information will be coming.



First UMC Family,
Thank you so much for awarding me the church scholarship. It will be such a blessing to me and my family as I start this new chapter in my life. I have been so blessed to have First UMC in my life as I've grown up and entered adulthood.

Thank you,
Maddie Ludwig

Dear Scholarship Committee,
Thank you for granting me the opportunity to renew my scholarship as I continue my college journey. It's a wonderful feeling to know that my church is still supporting me, from baptism to graduation and beyond.

Thank you so very much.
Charlotte Leske

Dear First UMC Family,
Thank you so much for the scholarship money. It will be so helpful when it comes to paying for my schooling. I am so grateful to be a part of the First UMC family. Growing up within this church has made an impact on my life.

Thank you,
Kate Ludwig

Thank you so much for the United Methodist Men's Scholarship. I, as well as my family, really appreciate the generosity.

Sincerely,
Aaron Brewer

FIRST UMC Guide Book & Directory

Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating the annual Guide Book & Directory for our church. This book will provide helpful information about our church and directory information for our church family. As last year, the book will be provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family, and is being subsidized by the local businesses who advertise in it.

Update Membership Information

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Contact the church (229-8108) or email office@bluespringsumc.org

Note: We are planning to publish personal email addresses. If you do not want your email published, please call or email the church office.



Collection for Community Services League

Beginning the weekend of June 9-10, you'll find CSL collection barrels in the education wing and lobby.

There will be a list of items that CSL is collecting on the information table.



Please note!

The Cancer Support Network will NOT meet in July. The August meeting will be held on August 1 at 6:30 p.m. in room 100.

Come Join the VILLAGE and Make a Difference!

The VILLAGE (Volunteers in Literacy, Learning, and Giving Enthusiastically) had a very successful launch this past spring. We had 22 volunteers and one teacher from our church working with the Difference Makers program of the Blue Springs School District. Volunteers went to 5 different schools, playing literacy games and reading with and to students in kindergarten-fifth grade. Each volunteer gave at least one hour a week to this commitment. Teachers, counselors, and principals all expressed their appreciation for our commitment to their students.

The VILLAGE people plan to continue their commitment in the fall, and we would love to have you join the group! We will be handing out packets of information the weekend of July 21-22 for you to sign up. We have several new people already on the list to begin in the fall, and if you know you want to join us, please let Linda Cox know. (816-898-3608 or lindacox53@gmail.com)

You need to be a member of First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs and complete Safe Sanctuary training (online through the Missouri United Methodist Conference) to participate. Plus, the school district requires a background check every year for all of us. Our goal for next year is 50 people who want to make a difference in kids' lives.

Our thanks to the volunteers in our VILLAGE program so far:

FRANKLIN SMITH—Kathy Bozarth, Teresa Yates

JAMES LEWIS—Gwen Wheeler, Evelyn Ericson, Elaine Rustman, Cathy Tede, Alice Nathan, Joyce Kerber, Janine Gordon

JAMES WALKER—Judy Hallowell, Linda Cox, Sally Haynes, Jo Brown, Kris Allen, Barbara Orrison, Lindsey Solon (teacher)

LUCY FRANKLIN—Amanda Crews

SUNNY POINTE—Patrick Moore, Cheryl Bragg, Elizabeth Braden, Jan Moran, Paul Mitchell, Susan Tracy

We keep a small food pantry for in the church office for those in need of food. We could use the following items:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Peanut Butter

Donations can be dropped off at the church office during regular business house.

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First United
Methodist Church

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
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shaynes@bluespringsumc.org

Rev. Jan Bond
email:
jbond@bluespringsumc.org

Erika Braun
email:
ebraun@bluespringsumc.org

Worship

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
and 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m.—noon Friday

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

Email
office@bluespringsumc.org

Learning Ladder Preschool
(816) 229-9949

Church Website
www.bluespringsumc.org

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Vintage Road Trip Ephemera Sought

For our summer sermon series, "Road Trip!," we want to create the feel of a road trip from back when you were a kid and viewed the road from the back seat of the car. Do you have anything that would help create that space? Perhaps you've got some old Route 66 items, or an old surfboard, or some fun pics that would look fun blown up. If you've got something that you think would help us with our summer sermon series, email Sally at shaynes@bluespringsumc.org.

Tuesday Team

Calling all handymen (and handywomen) who have availability on Tuesday mornings! Would you like to join with a group of others for a couple of hours on Tuesday mornings to do odd jobs around the church?

The first gathering will be Tuesday, June 19, from 9-11ish, beginning in the church office with coffee and donuts.

If you've got questions, check with John Rosendahl or Sally. All skill levels are welcome!

