

# First Connection

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**Please plan to join us for an extraordinary weekend of worship experiences with Dr. Marcia McFee the weekend of July 14-16!**

- Remember how meaningful church camp around the fire was? Remember the way that having time in nature reminded you of God's presence all around you? Even if you never went to a church camp, you may find special connection with God whenever you are in nature.
- Dr. McFee will spend Friday evening, July 14, from 7:00-9:00pm with us on our very own piece of nature—our beautiful property. She will transform it into a special experience that will delight all ages through interactive meaningful activities. If you have a smart phone, bring your headphones for a special guided, recorded prayer walk experience. We'll end it with singing and s'mores around the fire.



Dr. McFee will meet for lunch at noon in room 117 with church leaders and any interested people for a consultation to help us imagine new ways in which we can utilize our acreage for the future. If you love nature, our property, and God, then attend this luncheon and dream along with us.

Please RSVP to Andrea in the office by Thursday, July 13, so that we may have food for you.

We will host area clergy for a learning session with Dr. McFee later that afternoon and will invite them to stay for our 5:00 worship service.

At each of our regularly-scheduled services, Dr. McFee will lead us in extraordinary worship that will incorporate ways of connecting with God through nature. Since we are situated on 24 lovely acres, this weekend is relevant and holds great promise for our future dreams. You won't want to miss this weekend! (By the way, Dr. McFee's presence with us is courtesy of the Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal.)

We encourage you to watch at least one video of Marcia before her visit to get a sense of her style and purpose.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsvxeW-d9DQ> for one example.

 has many other illustrations of worship services and teachings. Search Marcia McFee from the home page.



First UMC's Mission Statement:

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



Dear First Friends,

Summer is definitely here. Have things slowed down for you this summer? My guess is the answer is "no". I don't know about you, but for me every time I think it's going to slow down, the next thing I know, I'm getting involved in yet another project/activity. This is a good thing, but I also realize that all those activities are just activities unless I have taken some time to meditate, reflect, and pray about what's going on in my life.

The good news is that we've been given a tool to help us get through these busy summer days. I am enjoying the daily scripture readings that were given to us just after Easter. Not only is it a great way to get through most of the Bible, but it also is a great way to get centered for all that we will face each day. God's Word is so powerful and can change our heart as it is read or spoken. So, I recommend that if you haven't been reading through the Bible, that you begin to do so in the coming days. (We have more of the daily scripture Bible passages at the information table in the lobby.)

July is packed full of special offerings for all of us to get involved in:

Our Mid. High youth will be going to Northwest Arkansas on a mission trip, July 6-10. Paint-up, fix-up, clean-up projects will be tackled and finished on that trip of serving others.

Vacation Bible School is July 24-26. Kids and adults have such fun learning Bible truths together. There is never a dull moment as activities are built into each lesson that can be taken back home to share with family and friends.

A special time of teaching, learning, and worship will be shared with all of us July 14-16. Dr. Marcia McFee will be our guest preacher that weekend. She is a well-known worship leader who teaches churches how to make worship come alive. She will also lead a family event outside at 7:00pm on Friday, the 14th (See the article on the front page).

Rev. Tina Harris will be our guest preacher on July 29/30. Rev. Harris is the new Conference Director of Missions, Service, and Justice Ministries. Her enthusiastic spirit will capture you as she shares God's Word that weekend.

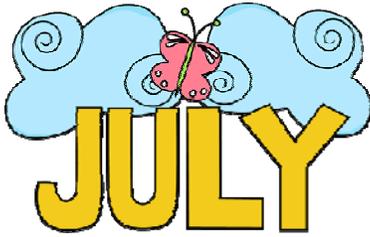
So, summer is a busy time. It is also a fun time with family and church events. Enjoy spending time together and may we become a blessing to others as we participate in these activities.

Agape, Jan

June 17-18, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$10,857	
YTD One Fund	\$488,339	\$463,375
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	284	
Sunday School		
Children.....	24	
Youth.....	6	
Adults.....	91	
Total	121	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 17		
More detailed financial information is available on the wire kiosk next to the coat closet or in the church office.		

June 24-25, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$14,076	
YTD One Fund	\$502,415	\$471,900
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	386	
Sunday School		
Children.....	28	
Youth.....	12	
Adults.....	103	
Total	143	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 18		
More detailed financial information is available on the wire kiosk next to the coat closet or in the church office.		

July 1-2, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$14,841	
YTD One Fund	\$517,256	\$487,640
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	295	
Sunday School		
Children.....	19	
Youth.....	7	
Adults.....	79	
Total	105	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 30		
More detailed financial information is available on the wire kiosk next to the coat closet 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](mailto:mmueller-hinton@bluespringsumc.org)

Vacation Bible School 2017  
Save the Date  
July 24-26  
9:30am-12:00pm



Registration forms are on the desk in the education wing.  
Be sure and look for the donation items needed for VBS on the wall outside room 110.

**Learning Ladder** still has openings for our fall session. Please pass the word that we are a Christian Mother's Day Out/Preschool Program. Our hours are 10:00am-2:00pm, Monday -Thursday. The children we serve are six weeks-Pre-K.

We have openings in several age groups and a real focus on our Steppers. (Must turn two before July 31, 2017). Please share this information or give us a call and set up a tour...229-9949.



## Impact Youth Ministry

Contact Mark Hansher at [mhansher@bluespringsumc.org](mailto:mhansher@bluespringsumc.org)

**July:**

Hey everybody! Wacky Olympics was a huge success! Everyone had fun, got a little messy, and it was a good excuse to just be a little bit crazy!

July is slowing down a bit, but not by much! Our middle school mission trip team will be gone from July 6-10, so there will be no Sunday School or Fellowship Groups on Sunday, July 9.

Our last two local mission projects for our high school students will be Wednesday July 5, and Wednesday, July 12. We would love to have you come out and join us!

The month of July will introduce a new lesson series for our Wednesday evening youth program, "Sin: What is It?" The Apostle Paul writes about sin—why we should learn about it and what it means to us—in the book of Romans. This four-week study is a good introduction to the messy thing called "sin" that we so often hear about, but maybe can't quite define!

Lastly, mark your calendars! We have a tentative date for our overnight lock-in! Friday, August 4, we are looking to host a 12-hour "party" with games, activities, food, and very, very little sleep! More information will soon be coming your way!



**HEALTH CONCERNS**

Doris Brooks	Marcia Curts	Marti Dietrich
Maxine Hall	Pat Hailstone	Terry Hartwig
Linda Hinkle	Gloria Kniffen	Wayne Oglvie
Pat Parr	Joan Petty	Jackie Renfro
Marvin Rinne	Steve Young	

Bill Best, per Marisa Gilbert  
 Christine McKinney, per Janet Tabler  
 Cindy Schnelle, Michelle Sartain's sister  
 Dean Noll, per Michelle Sartain  
 Jane Deacon, Janie Wilson's mother  
 Jasper Melton, friend of John and Jane Rosendahl  
 Judy Gregston  
 Karen Gangestad, friend of Gwen Wheeler  
 Linda Platt  
 Marilyn Fitzpatrick, friend of Linda Carey  
 Officer Wagstaff  
 Paige Rone  
 Rita and Bill Thompson, per Jean Moore  
 Ruby Benner, per Sharon McMullin

**MILITARY**

Tyler Byrd	<b>Ben Patillo</b>	Tim White*
Emily Brittingham	<b>Christian Schroeder</b>	
Mason Buckler*	<b>Justin Schroeder</b>	
Brady Dean	<b>Randall Schroeder</b>	
Tony DeMack	Jason Tisdale*	
Ethan Endicott	Randall Shaffer*	
Tim Gorsline*	Cole Sims*	
Henry Grubb*	<b>Ryan Stacy</b>	
Allison Hope	<b>Jonathan Tucker</b>	
Rick Hansen	Seth Turman*	
<b>Brenton Jones</b>	<b>Brandon Walls</b>	
Drew Kerber	Michael Wagner	
Alec Kinder	<b>Angela Weigel-DeLuna</b>	
Werner Mangosing	Chase Weber*	

**Highlighted names**—FUMC members      \*deployed overseas

**SYMPATHY**

To the friends and family of Louise Ackley, who passed away on June 22.

To Penny Williams on the passing of her aunt, Marguerite Miller, on June 23.

To Barbara Hutchinson and family on the passing of Grace Campbell.

To Jan Harris on the passing of her Aunt Helen on June 25.

To the friends and family on the passing of Betty Thompson, who passed away on June 27.

To the family of Officer G.L. Springs who passed away last week.

**JOYS**

Congratulations to Beth and Kelby Oetting on the birth of a son, Charles Troy Oetting, on June 9. Grandparents are Joe and Janet Tabler.

Congratulations to Joelle Griffiths and David Bell who were married on June 17 in Springfield, Mo.

Congratulations to Keith Reece and Tammy Deeds who were married on June 17.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
<u>Sunday, July 9</u>		
Acts Sunday School Class Potluck	12:00pm	015
<u>Monday, July 10</u>		
Church Council Meeting	7:00pm	103
<u>Tuesday, July 11</u>		
ROMEO Men's Lunch	11:30am	Pizza Ranch
Pickleball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Wednesday, July 12</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
<u>Thursday, July 13</u>		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Pickleball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Friday, July 14</u>		
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	Gym
Marcia McFee Outdoor Event	7:00	Sanctuary
<u>Saturday, July 15</u>		
Worship Service	5:00pm	Sanctuary
Young Adults Game Night	7:00	Offsite
<u>Sunday, July 16</u>		
Young Adults Jesus and Coffee	10:45am	Starbucks
Youth Fellowship Group-High School Girls	5:00pm	014
Youth Fellowship Group-Mid. High Girls	5:00	011
Youth Fellowship Group-Boys	6:30	014
<u>Monday, July 17</u>		
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm	150
<u>Tuesday, July 18</u>		
Methodist Men's Lunch	noon	015
Pickleball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Wednesday, July 19</u>		
Widows' Support Group	11:30am	Clancy's
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
<u>Thursday, July 20</u>		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Pickleball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Friday, July 21</u>		
Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am	154
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Saturday, July 22</u>		
Worship Service	5:00pm	Sanctuary
Young Adults Game Night	6:30	Offsite

# First UMC Missions News



## July Food Collection

In July we are collecting food for the Healthy Foundations program in which First UMC Blue Springs participates. This program provides supplemental food for students at Brittany Hill Middle School and Valley View High School who rely on free and reduced cost breakfast and lunch at school during the week. Our food packs help them make it through the weekend with five meals and snacks. It costs \$200 per student to provide food packs for the school year. We provide specific items in each pack. We try very hard to make the items healthy, shelf stable, easy to open, and appetizing to teenagers. We also provide extras throughout the year such as hygiene items, school supplies, and gloves/mittens. The items that we provide on a weekly basis are –

- Granola Bars
- Cup of fruit (or fresh fruit if the funds are available)
- Can of soup
- Can of green beans or corn
- Cup of macaroni and cheese
- Individual cup of Chef Boyardee pasta
- Package of ramen noodles
- Packet of instant oatmeal
- Individually wrapped snack (cookies, candy, etc.)

Please bring any of these items to the lobby/narthex of the church in the month of July. If you prefer, we will also take monetary donations.



## High School Service Days

The high school students have had two successful service Wednesdays.

We spent Wednesday, June 21, at Community Services League. We spread mulch, cleaned windows, and cleaned the inside of their Blue Springs office. The plan was to stay there all day but our kids are such great and fast workers that we got done before lunch!! After lunch, we tackled some clutter and dirt in the youth room, room 012, and one of the Learning Ladder preschool rooms.

We spent Wednesday, June 28, at Rainbow Center doing several projects. They were so happy to have us and we had a great time.

We will be helping one of our church members with some work at her house on Wednesday, July 5.

On Wednesday, July 12, we will meet at the church to go to Harvesters for a few hours. After that, we will go to do something fun. Not sure what we will do, yet; it depends on how many are going.

Anyone who has finished their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year is welcome to join us for the remaining service days and the "something fun." Invite friends to come with us. This is a great way to earn community service hours for A+, NHS, etc.

Contact Brooke Roskop in the office or at [broskop@bluespringsumc.org](mailto:broskop@bluespringsumc.org) if you would like to participate.



**New Sunday School Class**

On Sunday, August 6, we will be having a reboot of the Revelation Sunday School Class. We invite anyone interested in joining a class who isn't attending, or wishes to look for a different class, to join us.

We are a discussion-type class that has fun and learns at the same time.

All current Revelation class members—mark this date as reboot for our class. The class meets at 9:30am in room 011.

**Disciple I Fast Track Class**

Have you ever wanted to join a Disciple Bible Study but the commitment was too long? Or the time wasn't right? Or you didn't think you knew enough?

Well, this new Disciple I class is right for you!

Come join Todd and Ronda Brewer while we explore the Old Testament, Fast Track Style.

This class will meet every Sunday from 10:45am-noon in room 112, beginning September 10.

**A short informational meeting and book pickup will be held on Wednesday, August 30, at 6:00pm in room 112.**

If you have questions or would like to register, you can contact Ronda at [ronda.e.brewer@gmail.com](mailto:ronda.e.brewer@gmail.com).

**First UMC Guide Book & Directory**

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. 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**

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](mailto: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.**

**Widows' Support Group**

The Widows' Support Group will meet for lunch  
 Wednesday, July 19, at 11:30am  
 Clancy's  
 800 South Outer Road  
 Blue Springs

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



**Worship Schedule  
This Month**

- July 8-9: Jan Bond
- July 15-16: Marcia McFee
- July 22-23: Jan Bond
- July 29-30: Tina Harris



**Save the Date**

Mark your calendars for our Back-to-School Block Party on Saturday, August 19, from 2:00-4:30pm.

Watch for more information in the August newsletter.



Community Services League is gearing up for school supplies!

Here is a list of needed items:

**Pens/Pencils**

- Regular #2 pencils (yellow)
- Packages of colored pencils
- Blue, red, and black pens
- Pencil top erasers
- \*Pencil sharpeners



**Crayons/Markers**

- Boxes of crayons (24-count)
- \*Crayola Classic Washable Markers (broad tip; set of 8)
- \*Dry erase markers (chisel tips, black)
- Yellow highlighters

**Paper**

- \*Packages of loose-leaf notebook paper (wide- and college-rule)

**Notebooks/Binders/Folders**

- \*Spiral notebooks (wide-rule)
- Wide-lined 70-sheet count spiral notebooks
- Two-pocket folders (with and without prongs)
- \*Three-ring binders (1-inch and 3-inch)
- Divider tabs

**Other Supplies**

- Bottles of glue (washable glue 8-ounce)
- Fiskar scissors (blunt or pointed)
- \*Backpacks
- Soft pink rubber erasers
- \*Calculators (basic functions)
- \*Calculators (Texas Instruments 30XA)
- Glue sticks
- Post-It notes (3"x3")
- Index cards (3"x5")
- Plastic school boxes

**\*Items that are most needed**

Donations can be dropped off next to the CSL barrel in the narthex, or they can be dropped off at CSL by August 4. You can pick up a copy of this list on the information table in the lobby.

Community Services League—Blue Springs Office  
200 S. Tenth Street 229-0033

Open: Monday and Wednesday, 9:00am-noon and 1:00-4:00pm, Friday, 9:00am-noon

Dear First UMC Family,

Thank you so much for awarding me with a generous scholarship and for continuously providing me and other members who are in their college years the amazing amount of love and support!



Best,  
Kate Davis

**First Connection**

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  
email:  
[shaynes@bluespringsumc.org](mailto:shaynes@bluespringsumc.org)

Rev. Jan Bond  
email:  
[jbond@bluespringsumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@bluespringsumc.org)

Learning Ladder Preschool  
(816) 229-9949

Church Website  
[www.bluespringsumc.org](http://www.bluespringsumc.org)

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**Vacation Bible School 2017**

**Save the Date**

**July 24-26**

**9:30am-12:00pm**



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Contact Michelle Mueller-Hinton at [mmueller-hinton@bluesprings.org](mailto:mmueller-hinton@bluesprings.org) with questions or to volunteer.