

# First Connection

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### GEARING UP FOR SERVE 2017—October 14

First United Methodist Church Blue Springs will participate in a church-wide serve day on October 14. We will meet at 8:30am in the church lobby for a prayer and a group picture. Three groups will then disperse to their worksites. All three worksites are appropriate for ages five years old and older. Each group will work until noon.



- A group will be in the Family Life Center gym sorting Lego bricks for The Giving Brick.
- One group will go to the Uplift Organization warehouse to help sort through donations for the homeless of Kansas City.
- There will be a group in room 117 assembling greeting cards that will be used by the church office for birthdays, sympathy, etc.

Childcare will be provided for kids younger than five years old. Childcare arrangements can be made by calling Kristi Harris at 520-8168.

Look for the sign-up table in the lobby this weekend or contact Brooke Roskep at 229-8108 or [broskop@bluespringsumc.org](mailto:broskop@bluespringsumc.org).

## **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!! TRUNK OR TREAT**

**OCTOBER 28, 2017**

**SET UP YOUR TRUNKS AT 1:30pm**

**TREATS START AT 2:30pm in the church parking lot!**



First UMC's Mission Statement:

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



Dear First Friends,

During last Sunday's sermon, I spoke about Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, and how he advised Moses to get people to help him with the tasks of leading God's people. When Moses took his father-in-law's advice, much more good was done than Moses could ever do on his own.

This month, the church staff is taking time to say "thank you" to our many volunteers. We're going to have a luncheon and have some fun. (The staff will even get a little silly while doing so.) Why are we taking the time on a lovely autumn Saturday to serve lunch to our volunteers? Our volunteers enable us to do so much more good than our staff could ever do on our own!

This thank-you effort began fairly modestly some years ago. We invited the people who helped out in the office. We invited the money counters, newsletter collators, phone answerers, and bulletin proofers. We invited those persons who helped out with the property, such as our lawn mowers and building fixers. We included those who helped prepare for worship, like our pew angels, greeters, ushers, coffee table workers and communion preparers.

Our list grew and expanded as we considered more and more people who enable our ministry to happen. Our Sunday school teachers. Our liturgists. Our youth helpers. Our caring ministry team, including those who deliver communion to the homebound. This year, our list has grown even larger to include our musicians. Wow! (Is there anyone we have left out? We hope not, but if so, please call the office to let us know.)

We have invited almost 200 people to our volunteer luncheon! Isn't that a wonderful number? Many of those 200 wear multiple hats and volunteer in more than one area at our church. Every week, when we gather for worship, the majority of people sitting in worship have had a part in making our ministry possible. Isn't it nice to know how many people have worked together to make a welcoming space for everyone who comes through our doors?

Truly, we are blessed by the powerful ways that God uses us when we come together! If you would like to get involved as a volunteer in some aspect of our ministry, contact the office, and we'll find the right spot for you. For those of you who are among the volunteers, thank you for all that you have done for Jesus through this church. "Whatsoever you've done for the least of my children, that's what you've done for me." – Jesus.

Blessings,  
Sally

September 16-17, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$8,810	
YTD One Fund	\$711,127	\$686,719
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	286	
Sunday School		
Children.....	36	
Youth.....	No Meeting	
Adults.....	98	
Total	134	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 22		
More detailed financial information is available on the wire kiosk next to the coat closet or in the church office.		

September 23-24, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$22,429	
YTD One Fund	\$733,556	\$702,239
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	354	
Sunday School		
Children.....	49	
Youth.....	11	
Adults.....	109	
Total	169	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 21		
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September 30-October 1, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$12,198	
YTD One Fund	\$745,754	\$723,863
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	335	
Sunday School		
Children.....	55	
Youth.....	6	
Adults.....	111	
Total	172	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 22		
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)

**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.

Contact Brooke Roskop at [broskop@bluespringsumc.org](mailto: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.

Contact Liz Mueller at [e.a.mueller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:e.a.mueller@sbcglobal.net).

Power Praise Kids

Children in grades 2 through 5 have the opportunity to develop their musical skills through Power Praise Kids (vocal). Power Praise Kids meet on Sundays at 4:00pm in room 116.

Contact Linda Cox at [lindacox53@gmail.com](mailto:lindacox53@gmail.com).

## Impact Youth Ministry

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

October:

Come out to the church on October 14, and be a part of Serve 2017! This is a great way to get community service hours, and help out the people of Blue Springs and Kansas City!

Many of you know about our Fellowship Groups on Sunday evenings. As with all new ideas, we'll continue to tweak things until we get them just right! Starting October 8, Fellowship Groups will look a little different.

Our Middle School girl's group will meet an hour earlier, from 4:00-5:00pm on Sunday.

We are now offering an All High School group from 4:00-5:00pm, where we'll focus on various passages of Scripture as they affect our crazy lives of being a teenager!

Our All Guys Group will also meet earlier, from 5:30-6:30pm on Sunday.

If you or anyone you know is interested in being involved in the lives of our students, we are always looking for new mentors!

Feel free to email Pastor Mark at [mhansher@bluespringsumc.org](mailto:mhansher@bluespringsumc.org) for more info!



**HEALTH CONCERNS**

Larry Allen	Doris Brooks	Marti Dietrich
June Gilbert	Maxine Hall	Paul Kerber
Vicki Kerr	Gloria Kniffen	Barbara Landes
Chet Landes	Allen Mobley	Jean Moore
Wayne Ogilvie	Pat Parr	Joan Petty
Marvin Rinne	Chere Semple	Steve Young

Beverly England, friend of Gwen Wheeler  
 Bobby Harvey, Gary Harvey's uncle  
 Charley Moore, Patrick and Edie Moore's grandson  
 Christine McKinney, per Janet Tabler  
 Gabriel DeLuna, per Betty Hartwig  
 Janice Jackson, per Dixie Hays  
 Judy Gregston, per Cyndi Sloan  
 Karen Gangestad, friend of Gwen Wheeler  
 Kelsey Kwapnoski, Kenny and Lenora Stoecklein's granddaughter  
 Marilyn Callighan, Jean Moore's sister-in-law  
 Pat Holman, friend of Jim and Linda LaShure  
 Patricia Redmon, per Fred and Roma Troxel  
 Rita and Bill Thompson, per Jean Moore

**MILITARY**

<b>Sean Batulis</b>	Werner Mangosing
Tyler Byrd	<b>Ben Patillo</b>
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*
Robert Gordanier*	Cole Sims
Tim Gorsline	<b>Ryan Stacy</b>
Henry Grubb*	<b>Jonathan Tucker</b>
Allison Hope	Seth Turman*
Rick Hansen	<b>Brandon Walls</b>
<b>Brenton Jones</b>	Michael Wagner
Drew Kerber	<b>Angela Weigel-DeLuna</b>
Alec Kinder	Chase Weber*

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

**SYMPATHY**

To the friends and family of Marcia Curts, who passed away on September 11.  
 To the friends and family of Jackie Renfro, who passed away on September 16.  
 To Roma Troxel and family on the passing of her aunt, Doris Hughes, on September 27,

**JOYS**

To Angela Weigel-Deluna on the birth of a son, Gabriel.  
 Congratulations to Lydia Kaume and Richard Wanjohi, who joined First UMC on September 23.  
 Congratulations to Mike and Jaime Freeman on the baptism of their daughter, Hannah, on October 1.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Scholarship Committee.  
 Thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. The money has helped me buy books and other things I have needed to begin my college career. Your kindness is appreciated. *Trent Higgins*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Sunday, October 8</u>		
Wee Singers	10:15am	115
Power Praise Kids	10:15	116
Disciple I Bible Study	10:45	117
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, October 9</u>		
<u>Tuesday, October 10</u>		
Married Couples Small Group "With"	6:30pm	103
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Wednesday, October 11</u>		
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 Handbell Rehearsal	7:30	154
<u>Thursday, October 12</u>		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Ruth Circle	10:15	112
Altar Guild	2:00pm	Office
Invitational Ministries Meeting	7:00	103
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Friday, October 13</u>		
Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am	154
Methodist Men's Fish Fry	5:00pm	Gym
Adult Volleyball	7:00	Gym
<u>Saturday, October 14</u>		
Serve 2017	8:30am	Lobby
Worship Service	5:00pm	Sanctuary
<u>Sunday, October 15</u>		
Wee Singers	10:15am	115
Disciple I Bible Study	10:45	117
Children's Chimers	10:45	154
Power Praise Kids	4:00pm	116
Youth Fellowship Group-High School Students	4:00pm	014
Youth Fellowship Group-Mid. High Girls	4:00	011
Confirmation Class	5:00	015
Youth Fellowship Group-Boys	5:30	014
<u>Monday, October 16</u>		
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm	150
<u>Tuesday, October 17</u>		
Methodist Men's Lunch	noon	015
Married Couples Small Group "With"	6:30pm	103
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Wednesday, October 18</u>		
Widows' Support Group	11:30am	Islamorada
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
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## First UMC Missions News



### Church Office Food Pantry

The food pantry in the First UMC Blue Springs office was running very low. The cupboard was pretty bare. First UMC's Impact Youth Group came to the rescue!! They all brought food to their recent bonfire to be added to the shelves. The shelves are now full to overflowing!! Thanks, kids!!



### Flood buckets

We are all watching the recovery efforts in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and other places affected by hurricanes. There are many ways to help. UMCOR, United Methodist Committee On Relief ([www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)), is accepting monetary donations. We can also assemble flood buckets. First UMC has already sent many, many buckets to UMCOR for distribution. We have a history of packing these buckets for flood recovery across our nation and beyond. Bring assembled buckets to the church office and they will be delivered to a collection site to be distributed where needed. The list of items can be found at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) or at the information table in the church lobby.

### Mobile Pack

Save the date!! First UMC will participate in a mobile food pack in Greenwood, Mo, on November 4. This food pack will benefit Feed My Starving Children. That name may sound familiar. Feed My Starving Children® is a Christian non-profit committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. Our Vacation Bible School kids collected money for this wonderful organization. This is a great opportunity for families to work together. The minimum age for volunteering is five years old. For safety reasons, children under the age of five are not allowed to participate in packing sessions. It will be a fun time of packing meals assembly-line style. Each participant will even get their very own hairnet to wear! We need to register for this event, so please mark your calendars and contact Brooke Roskop, [broskop@bluespringsumc.org](mailto:broskop@bluespringsumc.org) or 229-8108.



**Methodist Men's Fish Fry**  
 Mark your calendars for the Methodist Men's Fish Fry on Friday, October 13, from 5:00-7:00pm in the gym.  
 Adults are \$10,  
 Children (under 12) are \$5.  
 Proceeds go to the Paul Rand Scholarship Fund.  
 Tickets can be purchased at the door.

**Wesleyan Women**  
 Wesleyan Women will meet on Tuesday, October 17, 1:30pm, room 103  
 Call Carol Sartain at 229-9753 for more information.

**Volunteer Luncheon**  
 The church is hosting a Volunteer Luncheon on Saturday, October 21, at 11:30am in room 117.  
 If you volunteer your time and we missed getting an invitation to you, please feel free to join us.  
 Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

**Widows' Support Group**

The Widows' Support Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday, October 18, at 11:30am  
 Islamorada Fish Company (inside Bass Pro)  
 18001 Bass Pro Drive  
 Independence

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

**Ushers Needed for all Services!**

Do you have a desire to serve God and your congregation? If so, there is an opportunity for you to do exactly that! Your church needs people to serve as ushers at any of our four weekend services.

If you are willing to serve or have questions about what is expected of those who serve as ushers, please contact Bill Scheerer at 373-9401 or by email at [wjscheer@ieee.org](mailto:wjscheer@ieee.org).

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Ladies' Game Night  
 Friday, October 20, 6:30pm, room 117  
 ALL women are welcome!  
 Bring finger food and a friend for some fabulous FUMC-style FUN!

**New Small Group Beginning October 10**

Married couples are with each other, but are they really WITH each other? Connection is something that takes intentionality and goes beyond proximity. Come join a five-session study designed to help you make the most of your marriage by helping you savor and enjoy your time WITH your spouse . . . and have fun together.

The group starts on Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30pm in room 103. Childcare is available only upon request by calling Kristi at 520-8168. If you don't have a lot of time, there is minimal outside study work and lots of fun activities that can be easily incorporated in your busy schedule.

For more information contact Megan Hartiwg Hayes at 832-3599 and check out the Facebook group at [Facebook.com/groups/withstudy](https://www.facebook.com/groups/withstudy).

**All Saints Bell Tree**

On November 4/5, we will celebrate All Saints Sabbath with our annual "Remembrance Tree."

If you would like to remember a loved one, look for the All Saints Order Form on the tear-off portion of your bulletin beginning the weekend of October 21/22, or stop by the table in the lobby.

The Altar Guild will place a bell on the Tree with a ribbon.





**We Are More Anniversary Celebration**

We are quickly approaching the one-year anniversary of our We Are More Initiative.

Feel free to join us for dessert and an update on what we've accomplished and what we still need to do. We'll gather on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00pm in room 117.

**Blood Drive Coming in November**

Mark your calendars for the Fall Blood Drive to be held on Sunday, November 19, from 8:30 to 11:30am in the Family Life Center.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex soon, but you can go on-line at [www.savealifeflow.org](http://www.savealifeflow.org) and sign up now.

**HAVE JEWELRY YOU NO LONGER WEAR?**

Newhouse Domestic Violence Shelter really needs jewelry for its on-site store. The women do chores to earn "house bucks" which they can use to buy personal items for themselves and their children. Over 80% of the women have an annual income of under \$4,000; so, in addition to having left most of their belongings when they fled, many have no resources to buy anything other than necessities. Donated jewelry is always a store favorite that is in short supply. Look through jewelry boxes and drawers for items that you no longer wear, and bring joy to Newhouse residents. Place items in small plastic bags and put in the Hearts and Hands barrel in the coat area by October 22.

**Cancer Support Network**

The Cancer Support Network meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30. Our goal is to provide support and education to cancer survivors, those currently diagnosed with cancer, and their family members. All are welcome. If you'd like more information, please call the church office.



**Welcome to Our Church Family**

Richard Wanjohi and Lydia Kaume joined First UMC on September 23. Their sons are Alan and Henry.



**Congratulations to**

Mike and Jaime Freeman on the baptism of their daughter, Hannah Marie, on October 1. Big sister is Laura.



**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:  
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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  
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Email  
[office@bluespringsumc.org](mailto:office@bluespringsumc.org)

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Church Website  
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**Trustees Fall Work Day**  
**Saturday, October 7**  
9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-3:30pm  
Our focus areas are:  
Pulling weeds  
Spreading mulch  
Trimming trees  
Wood chipping with a chipper/shredder  
Scraping and painting office window and door trim

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

**Note: We'll send an email if our plans change due to inclement weather.**