

First Connection

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New sermon series

We'll be starting a new sermon series this weekend titled Grateful.

November 4/5—Grateful for Other People. Philippians 1:1-11

November 11/12—Grateful for All Circumstances. Acts 16:25-40

November 18/19—Grateful for the Church. Ephesians 1:15-22



All Saints Service

Please join us this weekend as we honor those who have joined the church eternal in the last 12 months.



2017 Advent Music Fest

Saturday, December 2

4:30-7:00pm

Soup and chili will be served beginning at 4:00pm.

Please bring a holiday dessert to share.

Music will begin at 4:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Kathy Ford at 228-7596 or kathyjdf@aol.com.



Trunk or Treat

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a huge success!

We had about 90 children come through our parking lot on Saturday afternoon.

Here's a picture of our Trunk Decoration Winner themed "Trolls"



Time Change Reminder!

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 4.

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,

This weekend, the bell banners will process in, and we will be surrounded by the sound of tinkling of hundreds of bells. Each bell represents the life of someone whom we have memorialized in past years. The procession will be led by this year's banner, which will be posted in our chancel. Once all of the banners are in place, we will sing together to thank God for all of the saints who have been a part of our world and our own lives. Alleluia, indeed.

This year is one more year in which someone near and dear to me will likely be named. As I write these words, I am sitting next to the bed of a strong and wonderful woman who gave me the gift of her son. Soon, she will join the company of saints. Her legacy will live on through her son (my husband), our children, and all who have loved her. Once again, I am reminded that our All Saints' observance is not just about bells and candles, but about real people who have affected us in real ways. That reason is why this weekend's worship is one of our most meaningful and well-attended worship events of the year.

I am so very thankful that God has given us each other in this world. We can't get through this life on our own; we need one another. I've been particularly aware of that fact these past days of sitting beside my mother-in-law; yet it is equally true outside of the hospice special setting. We need one another. Don't ever believe anything different. We need each other.

For these next three weeks, we'll be focusing on the topic of "Grateful" in worship. For what gifts of God are you grateful? My hunch is that each of us has a lot more to be grateful for than we realize. It's so easy for our attention to get captured by everything that is wrong with our world that we forget to pay attention to all the good stuff. How can we shift our attitude from despair to gratitude? Join us this month as we look closely at this issue.

We'll also have a stand-alone sermon right after Thanksgiving that I'm looking forward to sharing with you. If you had to choose one verse of the Bible to signify your life, what would it be? Maybe you've got several verses that come to mind, or maybe you can't think of a single Bible verse. My hope is that each person will walk out with a life verse to call their own, or at least some good ideas about how to find one.

As we begin these next two months of holiday celebrations, I am thankful to be sharing them with you. I encourage you to tell someone you love how you feel about them today, because they are a gift of God in your life.

Blessings,
Sally

October 14-15, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$10,375	
YTD One Fund	\$783,808	\$762,074
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	325	
Sunday School		
Children.....	51	
Youth.....	5	
Adults.....	101	
Total	157	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 18		
More detailed financial information is available on the wire kiosk next to the coat closet or in the church office.		

October 21-22, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$15,448	
YTD One Fund	\$799,257	\$782,482
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	311	
Sunday School		
Children.....	53	
Youth.....	8	
Adults.....	101	
Total	162	
Wednesday Evening Youth: 6		
More detailed financial information is available on the wire kiosk next to the coat closet or in the church office.		

October 28-29, 2017		
Giving:	2017	2016
One Fund.....	\$13,966	
YTD One Fund	\$813,223	\$794,635
<u>Worship Attendance:</u>		
Worship.....	368	
Sunday School		
Children.....	59	
Youth.....	9	
Adults.....	121	
Total	189	
Wednesday Evening Youth: No Meeting		
More detailed financial information is available on the wire kiosk next to the coat closet or in the church office.		



First Kids

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

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!

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.

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.

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.

Impact Youth Ministry

Contact Mark Hansher at mhansher@bluespringsumc.org

November:

If you've been attending our Wednesday evening sessions, you'll have become familiar with the story of Moses! But who was in charge after Moses? What happened to the Israelites after he died?

Starting with the first two weeks of November, we'll briefly explore the person of Joshua, the guy you probably know for his work at Jericho. But he did so much more than that!

We'll have a week off for Thanksgiving, then we'll end the month by preparing for the New Year. The Church year, that is! Advent is right around the corner, and we're ready to celebrate the coming of Christ!

REMINDER: There will be no youth group meeting on November 22 and no fellowship groups meeting on November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



HEALTH CONCERNS

Larry Allen	Ronda Brewer	Todd Brewer
Doris Brooks	Max Brown	Marti Dietrich
June Gilbert	Maxine Hall	Vicki Kerr
Gloria Kniffen	Barbara Landes	Chet Landes
Allen Mobley	Jean Moore	Wayne Ogilvie
Pat Parr	Marvin Rinne	Chere Semple
Jamey Shackelford	C.R. Wooderson	Steve Young

Beverly England, friend of Gwen Wheeler
 Bobby Harvey, Gary Harvey's uncle
 Dottie Huber, friend of Jim and Linda LaShure
 Charley Moore, Patrick and Edie Moore's grandson
 Christine McKinney, per Janet Tabler
 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
 Rita and Bill Thompson, per Jean Moore
 Susie Phillips, per Nancy Baker
 Virgil South, Joe and Janet Tabler's neighbor

MILITARY

Michael Bailey*	Werner Mangosing
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*
Allison Hope	Brandon Walls
Rick Hansen	Michael Wagner
Brenton Jones	Angela Weigel-DeLuna
Drew Kerber	Chase Weber*
Alec Kinder	

Highlighted names—FUMC members *deployed overseas

SYMPATHY

To Joyce Kerber on the passing of her husband, Paul Kerber, on October 16.

To Janie and Rich Wilson on the passing of Janie's mother, Jane Deacon, on October 17.

To Dick Kading on the passing of his brother.

To Carol Jo Lenning on the passing of her friend, Jean Dougherty, on October 18.

To Brenda Yanney on the passing of her aunt, Milly Shada, in Omaha, NE.

THANK YOU
 Thank you to those who purchased tickets to the Methodist Men's Fish Fry. The funds will be used for our Paul Rand Scholarship.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Sunday, November 5</u>		
Wee Singers	10:15am	115
Disciple I Bible Study	10:45	117
Children's Chimers	10:45	154
Youth Fellowship Group-High School Students	4:00pm	014
Power Praise Kids Rehearsal	4:00	116
Youth Fellowship Group-Mid. High Girls	4:00	011
Confirmation Class	5:00	015
Youth Fellowship Group-Boys	5:30	014
Charge Conference	6:00	Woods Chapel UMC
<u>Monday, November 6</u>		
Staff Parish Meeting	7:00pm	103
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00	150
<u>Tuesday, November 7</u>		
UMW Leadership Meeting	10:00am	103
Romeo Men's Lunch	11:30	Culver's
Married Couples Small Group "With"	6:30pm	100
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Wednesday, November 8</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
Invitational Ministries Meeting	7:00	100
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Rhapsody Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	7:30	154
<u>Thursday, November 9</u>		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Altar Guild	2:00pm	Office
Pickleball	7:00	Gym
<u>Friday, November 10</u>		
Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am	154
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	Gym
<u>Saturday, November 11</u>		
Worship Service	5:00pm	Sanctuary
<u>Sunday, November 12</u>		
Wee Singers	10:15am	115
Disciple I Bible Study	10:45	112
Children's Chimers	10:45	154
Veterans Luncheon	11:30	117
Power Praise Kids	4:00pm	116
Youth Fellowship Group-High School Students	4:00	014
Youth Fellowship Group-Mid. High Girls	4:00	011
Confirmation Class	5:00	015
Youth Fellowship Group-Boys	5:30	014
<u>Monday, November 13</u>		
Finance Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Office
Church Council Meeting	7:00	103
<u>Tuesday, November 14</u>		
Pickleball	7:00pm	Gym



First UMC Missions News



Mobile Pack

Hope you have registered to work at the Feed My Hungry Children Mobile Food Pack in Greenwood this weekend. It is going to be great fun and we will be helping to feed children around the world. After you have worked your shift, will you please send some feedback about your experience? Send an e-mail to Brooke Roskop, broskop@bluespringsumc.org, in the office describing your job, what it was like, and whether or not you would do it again. It will be great to hear everyone's story.

Costa Rica Mission Trip 2018

First United Methodist Church Blue Springs will send a team to Costa Rica again in 2018. The dates are Saturday, June 16, through Saturday, June 23. First UMC has been sending teams to serve with the Costa Rica Mission Projects (costaricamissionprojects.com) for over 10 years. This is a great experience for all ages and skill levels. The cost will vary depending on the number of team members and there will be fundraising opportunities. Please contact Brooke Roskop, broskop@bluespringsumc.org or 816-229-8108, if you are interested or have questions.

Next Drop-in Mission Project

Snack Packs Items Needed

Over the next few weeks, pick up some items to go in the snack packs our church furnishes for food insecure children in a Blue Springs school.

What is needed now:

- packets of flavored instant oatmeal
- snack-size containers of fruit. Because the fruit must fit in a bag with other items, only four ounce pull-top cups are needed.

Please put the items in the Hearts and Hands barrel in the coatroom by November 26.



Widows' Support Group

The Widows' Support Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday, November 15, at 11:30am
 El Ranchero
 1867 S. Highway 7
 Blue Springs

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

Wesleyan Women

Wesleyan Women will meet on Tuesday, November 21, 1:30pm

The home of Carol Sartain

1612 SW Cherokee Strip, Blue Springs

Call Carol at 229-9753 for more information.

Winter is Coming!

Want a little extra exercise?

If you would be interested in helping out on a Saturday night or a Sunday morning clearing snow before church services, please contact Betty Hartwig at 225-9458.



Veterans Luncheon

We would like to honor our Veterans on Sunday, November 12, at 11:30am in room 117.

We'll provide a meal to show our appreciation for your service to our country.

If you are a Veteran, please send your name, rank, and branch of the service you were part of to the church office at office@bluespringsumc.org.



SAVE THE DATE

UMW Christmas Luncheon
 "Old-Fashioned Christmas"
 Friday, December 1
 11:30am, room 117
 Speaker from Della Lamb
 Cost: \$10
 Tickets will be available in the lobby on November 18-19 and 25-26
 We are collecting new gift items for adults served by Della Lamb

"Old Fashioned Christmas"



Fall Charge Conference at Woods Chapel UMC

The Fall Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, at 7:00pm, preceded by a gathering at 6:00pm titled, **Good Talk: Having Christian Conversation**. The purpose of this session is to help lay leadership enable more effective conversation in the church. All are welcome to attend.



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.



Hearts and Hands Stocking Stuffer Items

Now is the time to put hotel/sample size toiletries, gift-with purchase cosmetics, and cosmetic bags in the Hearts and Hands barrel in the coatroom.

These items will be used to create stocking stuffers for women and teens who are in current and former families who have graduated from the Hillcrest Transitional Housing Program.

Items should be in the Hearts and Hands barrel in the coatroom by November 26.

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 this weekend. You can go on-line at www.savealifenow.org and sign up now.

Holiday Events Coming Soon

Breakfast with Santa—December 9, 8:30-10:30am, room 117

The United Methodist Men will be hosting their annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9, from 8:30-10:30am, in room 117. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, and ham will be on the menu. Once again, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in the sanctuary to take the children's lists. The UMM invite you to bring a new or gently used toy to breakfast so they can be collected and sent to area agencies to distribute to children who might not be as fortunate.

Cost of the breakfast is a freewill offering and pictures are \$2. All proceeds go to the Paul Rand Scholarship Fund.

Chancel Choir Cantata—December 9 at 5:00pm, December 10 at 10:45am.



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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

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office@bluespringsumc.org

Learning Ladder Preschool
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Grace Circle Olivewood Sales and Bake Sale

Thanks to your generosity last year, Grace Circle was able to help Christian families in Palestine (Bethlehem and surrounding areas), as well as CSL, Hillcrest, the Backpack Snack program, and UMCOR.

We will be selling Olivewood and Mother of Pearl items again this year on November 4-5 and 11-12. We appreciate your support, and just think of the early Christmas, birthday, anniversary or other occasions you can shop for while you help to support both locally and globally!

And, look forward to December 16-17 for our yummy bake sale!!!

Independents' Nut Sale

The Independents will be selling nuts and snacks in the narthex on November 18 and 19, and December 2 and 3, before and after worship services.

These are great for your holiday baking and gift giving! Proceeds go to the Independents' Scholarship Fund. Pre-orders are welcome and encouraged.

To place an order to have ready for pickup on one of the above dates, please contact Brenda Yanney at blyanney@gmail.com, or pick up an order form in the lobby.