



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church
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OFFICE HOURS:
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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Times of worship

Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
Sunday Family Worship 10:30 am

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services

Jan 11	6:00 pm	14
Jan 12	10:30 am	115
Jan 18	6:00 pm	11
Jan 19	10:30 am	104

CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, January 26 - after the 10:30 service...plan to stay and try the different styles of chili, other soups and various contributions that may be volunteered. There will be something for everyone.

Vote on your favorite dish!
Bring the family and stay for some good food and fellowship!
Any questions call Randy Anderson or the church office 792-1122.

Next month on the 16th, Missions will serve, after the 10:30 worship service, those huge baked potatoes with your choice of yummy toppings. Proceeds will go for missions.

COOKIES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

WEteam will be doing cookies on Feb. 12th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. You could help frost cookies and make up plates...or help with deliveries. Donated cookies, of any kind, are also appreciated. Contact Nina at church in the afternoons if you plan to donate cookies. The cookies will be delivered to our shut-ins and those in nursing homes.

A thank-you note from Charlotte Bunker and Family is posted on the bulletin board near the front desk.

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COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Jan. 26 Matthew 4:18-22 "I will Follow"

The beginning of the calling of the disciples came with the words: "Follow Me". What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ (for the transformation of the world)? What does it mean to be a follower? What can it mean to us individually and as a witness to the world?

Feb. 2 Matthew 5:1-12 "We Were Meant For Joy"

The beatitudes are essentially Jesus' formula for Joy in our lives. But most of all, the message is "Joyful are those who know their need for God". It is not our circumstances that produce joy. It is an inner relationship with our God.

Feb. 9 Matthew 5:13-16 "Being Salt and Light"

What is the church called to do? What are we as individual Christians called to do? Jesus says we are to be salt and light to the world. Are you living that way?

If you are only receiving the complimentary photo from Lifetouch Pictures, you may pick up your picture at the front desk.



Dale and Becci Liechti in the death of Dale's sister.



Please Remember in your Prayers:

- ✓ Darlene Jensen
- ✓ All of our shut ins

Correction: Our congratulations to Kelly and Brad Stütz on the birth of a new baby girl, not boy, as previously published...Sorry!!!

Notes of Interest:

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., National Guard Armory for the American Red Cross.

Missions will meet on Feb 12th at 6:30.
WEteam meets same date and time.
Ad Council meets at 7:30 that night.

The next FRIENDS BREAKFAST will be Feb. 6 at the Family Table. 9:00 a.m. If you need a ride call Sara Anderson (4680) or the church office (792-1122).

The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

Next Messenger: Feb. 3rd

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAILEY

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen to God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track." (Proverbs 3:5-6 in The Message)

When I think about God's guidance, I have to remind myself that God's guidance comes to us when we learn to let go of trying to "figure it all out" and begin to listen. And, maybe even more importantly, when we learn to trust God one day at a time. Even when we need to know the way for tomorrow, God will tell us to take this day only and follow His lead.

I remember reading about a man, John Kavanaugh, who went to work for three months at the "house of the dying" on Calcutta with Mother Teresa's "Sisters of Charity". He was also seeking an answer to how to best spend the rest of his life. Kavanaugh, in his interaction with Mother Teresa, asked her to pray for him.

"What do you want me to pray for?", she asked him. He answered, "Pray for clarity." Mother Teresa looked at him and said firmly, "No, I won't do that." Kavanaugh was taken back and he asked her why. Her answer spoke in a deep way to him. She said, "Clarity is the last thing you are clinging to and must let go of."

When Kavanaugh comment in defense that Mother Teresa seemed to always have clarity, she laughed and said, "I have never had clarity; what I have always had is trust. So I will pray that you trust God."

What a depth of wisdom Mother Teresa had! She was able to help this man understand what God's Word tells us; that our relationship with God is a matter of trust and not always knowing the way. May God help us to trust Him more.

May God keep you in His love.
- Pastor Dennis Bailey -

THE MISSION COMMISSION is excited about the opportunity for our congregation to become a part of an effort to raise funds for renovating the teacher housing at a seminary in Nigeria where Kelly Fischbach volunteered five years ago. Kelly brought this project to our attention when she received emails from her friends in Nigeria. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 toward this project. Donations may be made at any time; Be sure to mark your donation for Nigeria.

Note: The Church Services time of rebroadcast has been changed to the following times on CAAT6:
Wednesday at 8:00 AM Thursday at 11:00 AM Saturday at 5:00 PM

NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.

**CALENDAR FOR
JANUARY 24
THROUGH FEB 6**

SATURDAY	JAN 25
Noon	NA
1:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts - Wolf
6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
SUNDAY	JAN 26
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
11:30 a.m.	Chili Cook-off
MONDAY	JAN 27
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	JAN 28
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
5:30 p.m.	Mini Methodists
6:30 p.m.	BoyScouts-Wolf
WEDNESDAY	JAN 29
	No UM Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30&7:00p.m.	Youth meetings
THURSDAY	JAN 30
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m.	NA
SATURDAY	FEB 1
8:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship Communion
SUNDAY	FEB 2
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship Communion
3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
MONDAY	FEB 3
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	FEB 4
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
WEDNESDAY	FEB 5
	No UM Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00	Youth meetings
THURSDAY	FEB 6
9:00 a.m.	Friends Breakfast at Family Table
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA

Connect with Your Kids

Finding it hard to connect with your kids, but can't find time during the day? Use key moments throughout the day with natural points of connections. Use the following conversations starters to begin, but let the conversation go where ever it takes you!

IN THE MORNING

Is there anything you are looking forward to? Anything you are worried about? Do you know anyone else at school that could use a friend? Is there anything you would like to learn how to do? If you could be the teacher for the day, what decisions would you make? What was the first thing that popped into your head when you woke up? What is your favorite time of the day? Why? What is the one thing you're hoping to finish today? How will you finish it? If you could add one new class to school, what would it be? What would you learn? Why would you need to learn it?

AFTER SCHOOL

How was school? What happened today that made you smile? Laugh? What do you look forward to about coming home? What has been challenging this week? When did you feel like God helped and watched over you today? What moment do you wish you could redo? Can you teach me something you learned today? Who did you enjoy seeing today? Who did you sit by at lunch? What was on the menu? How did that make your lunch time a good or bad experience?

DURING DINNER

If you could open a restaurant, what kind of food would you serve? Why? If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go? Why? If you could ask God any question, what would it be? If you were all grown up and you could have any job you wanted, what would you pick? If you were to write a book, what would it be about? Who could be accurately described as a "hero"? If your friends asked you "How can I become a Christian?" What would you say? If you could travel back in time to witness a famous event, where (and when) would you go?

BEDTIME

Before you go to sleep, is there anything you wish I knew about you? What helps you feel better when you get discouraged? Why is it important to keep doing something even if it's difficult? Who is someone you know in need? How can our family help? What big dreams do you have for the future? What do you like most about being in our family? How would you want your own family to be? The same or different? Describe the person you hope to marry?

Article taken from January/February 2014 Thriving Family Magazine. For more age appropriate, topic specific conversations started look for the Make Every Day Count app available on the iphone.



The Heavenly Bound Book Club is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. February's date is Tuesday the 18th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or 7:00 at church OR come the following Thursday (the 20th) at noon at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

The February book is called "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Windgate. Suzi will get copies from the Public Library so please see her to check them out.

When Iola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out Iola's rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from Iola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper--the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything for Tandi.



We would ask for prayers for the Youth Group as we have 12 of our youth and 3 chaperones heading to Youth Strike for Christ on Friday January 31st and returning on Sunday, February 3rd! Pray for safe travels and that the youth will come home filled with energy to share with the rest of our congregation! I would encourage everyone to find out about Youth Strike and what our kids got from it this year, as they will be greeting, ushering, stepping in as liturgist, and telling a little bit about their weekend on Sunday, February 9th! I know they will be full of excitement and anxious to tell of their experiences!

On Wednesday January 29th, our youth group will be invited to attend a free pre-festival concert for Real Fest at the Carroll Middle School. The band, Bread of Stone will be performing and the guest speaker will be Carl Christiansen of Beauty Amidst the Ashes. Feel free to come join us in attending this event. The concert is at 7:00 and postcards are going out the parents this week with more details. This is a free concert that is leading up to a 3 day Christian Musical Festival - "Real Fest" which is coming to Carroll this summer. I will be attending an informational meeting about this festival this Thursday to see how our Youth Group can help out with this event. Please stay tuned for more details on this great happening right here in Carroll! There should be a great number of big name Christian musical artists in Carroll from July 25-27th.

As always we thank our entire congregation for the great support that you give to our wonderful group of youth! Please continue to lift them up in prayer and let them know that we love them so much! God Bless, Jason

WEteam will be collecting items for the Fairview Village Pantry every month of 2014. Each month will be one or two items. January's items are: **Toothbrushes and toothpaste...any brand.** Collection basket is in back of the Sanctuary.

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WORSHIP

**10:30 a.m.
Sundays**

**6:00 p.m.
Saturdays**