

## PASTOR'S CORNER -

The theme that I feel coming to my heart this month is that of prayer. The Bible reminds us in the book of James that we do not have because we have not asked. This is truly a challenge for many Christians. Do we pray enough? But maybe the first question is "what is prayer?" Prayer means communication with God. This communication takes place in the context of relationship. Our communication is directly proportional to the strength of relationship. Our prayer life determines the state of our relationship with God. God made us as relational beings; therefore, we do not only pray when we have problems; we pray at all times. God invites us to pray continuously, but more so to pray to him when we have burdens. One burden that is bugging God's people this month is that of our church; UMC has a historical decision to make. There seem to be no easy answers. The tension is high, but for the followers of Jesus, we know what to do—we pray. Brothers and sisters, I invite all of you to join in praying for the body of Christ congregating as UMC; that God will truly grant his people wisdom to do that which honors him and to act in obedience. Will you be counted among those who prayed for the body of Christ? Have a prayerful February.  
- *Pastor Susan*

Attention all members! The United Methodist Church worldwide is currently dealing with some difficult social issues. Will the church allow clergy to perform same-sex weddings? Will same-sex weddings be allowed on United Methodist Church properties? Will the church allow for ordination of LGBTQ persons? There is a General Conference to be held in St Louis, Missouri, on Feb.23-26 to address these issues. We are including in this newsletter a sheet with proposals of the three possible plans the United Methodist Church could follow. Please prayerfully examine them.

Mentor Ladies ~ Mentor Ladies met Jan 15, 2019 at 1:30 at McCall Manor. Rene Morrow furnished refreshments. Dorothy Delker brought a article read by DeEtta Larson. The minutes of the December meeting were read. It was decided to give \$50 for the Blessing Box. We are to bring cookies to the February meeting. Soup is being collected for Super Bowl. Barbara Hofmeier will furnish refreshments for our Feb 19, 2019 meeting. - Barbara Archer, Secretary



THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE OUR GROUND HOG SUPPER A SUCCESS! THE 2ND OF FEBRUARY! A LARGE CROWD ENJOYED SAUSAGE, PANCAKES, PIES, AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT. TALK ABOUT FOOD, FOLKS, AND FUN!



Affectionately yours

St. Valentine, a Roman priest, was martyred in 270 A.D. for loving Jesus. Some sources say he performed weddings after the emperor banned them; others say he rescued Christians from Roman prisons. Two centuries later, the pope declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day.

According to legend, the priest signed his letters "Your Valentine." Later, Christians followed suit to honor him. By the mid-1700s, friends and sweethearts exchanged heart-shaped trinkets or sent handwritten notes of affection on February 14.

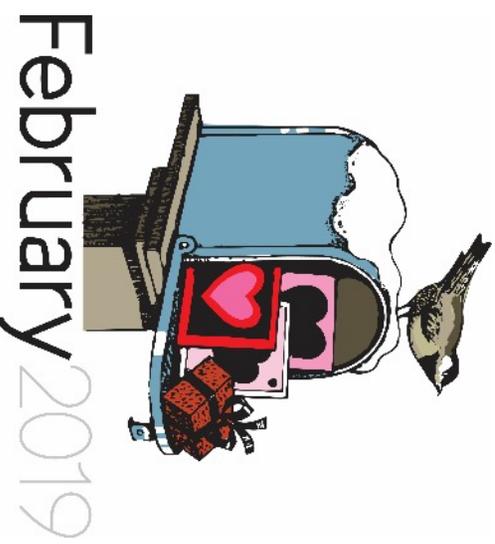
MENTOR UMC

# INFORMER

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Our mission: to be faithful disciples  
who share Christ's love with their  
neighbors and the world.



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### Administrative Council

All the starred committee heads listed above, plus..  
\*Chair Mike Garretson  
Lay Leader Jeff Will  
Treasurer Allen Lindholm  
Member at Large Dennis H  
Pastor Susan Murithi

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb 2 – Jason Wampler (B)  
Feb 3 – Steve Shinn & Rene Morrow (Anniv-1994)  
Feb 3 – Cordrey Wampler  
Feb 4 – Steve Shinn (B)  
Feb 7 – Susan Johnson (B)  
Feb 10 – Travis & Serenity Johnson (Anniv-2010)  
Feb 11 – Grace Wampler (B)  
Feb 12 – Judy Labbe (B)  
Feb 14 – Keith & Bernice Lilly (Anniv-1948)  
Feb 16 – Mark & Susan Johnson (Anniv-2008)  
Feb 16 – Orion Perry (B)  
Feb 16 – Alan Pettijohn (B)  
Feb 25 – Ken Buss (B)  
Feb 27 – Rene Morrow (B)

Have we missed someone? Let us know! We need to update our list.



## January Attendance and Giving

	Attendance Sunday Sch	Attendance worship	Offering Rec'd	Offering Needed
Jan 6	0	21	167	1346.15
Jan 13	19	39	2646.25	1346.15
Jan 20	19	38	3414	1346.15
Jan 27	11	41	827	1346.15
Total for Month			7054.25	5384.60
2019 Yr to Date			7054.25	5384.60
2018Yr to Date			7201.00	5284.60
2017 Yr to Date			8276.00	6516.67
2016 Yr to Date			9796.50	6516.67

LETTER FROM THE GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE TO ALL UNITED METHODISTS:

The United Methodist Church is comprised of people who love Jesus Christ and his message of salvation, peace, love and justice or all humankind. However, as diverse people with diverse gifts and experience, we do not always agree on how to understand or practice this message. One area in which we are not of one mind involves human sexuality—specifically same-gender marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ persons.

More than 850 representatives of The United Methodist Church from around the world are meeting February 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri, for what we call General Conference, to determine at least three issues involving human sexuality: Will the church allow clergy to perform same-sex weddings? Will same-sex weddings be allowed on United Methodist Church properties? Will the church allow for ordination of LGBTQ persons?

While this group typically meets every four years, this conference is a special session called to discuss only one topic; human sexuality. The denomination has discussed human sexuality at nearly all of our general conferences since 1972, so while this topic is not new for us, laws and public acceptance have changed greatly in the past 10 years.

Some people question what decisions made in St. Louis will have on our local churches. The truth is that we do not fully know at this point. One thing we know for certain is that we in our church will continue to work to make a lasting impact on our community.

We will continue to talk about God’s love for all people and of Jesus’ sacrifice for all humankind. We will continue to do what we can to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and stand up for the marginalized in our community.

The worldwide United Methodist Church will continue to race toward areas devastated by natural disasters to meet the needs of people, and we will continue to speak out to help make our world a better place for all people.

The people known as United Methodists do not agree on questions of human sexuality and yet we agree fully that we must continue to preach and teach about the hope available to all through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Please take time to review the enclosed flyer that explains the three plans to be considered at this conference!

# Puzzle!

Love is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Identify another fruit that can make Valentine’s Day — and every day — special. First, write a word that fits each clue below. Then unscramble the letters from the bold, vertical column to find another fruit of the Spirit.

Write it on the blanks below.

<b>LEAVE</b>									
<b>CHAPEAU</b>									
<b>TRANQUILITY</b>									
<b>BECOME MATURE</b>									
<b>RESPOND</b>									
<b>SPHERE</b>									
<b>OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN</b>									
<b>DISCOVER</b>									
<b>CONFIDENCE</b>									
<b>ALWAYS</b>									

Answer: depart, hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: “I find you very attractive.”

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring.