

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JANUARY 2022

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.



From the Pastor's Desk

Here we are, in 2022. I don't know about you, but I'm very glad that we have entered a new year. 2020 and 2021 brought with them enormous amounts of stress. I don't know what 2022 yet holds, but it comes with a promise that God is about to do a new thing. I've got some more writing to do, but I should complete and defend my dissertation this spring and graduate with my Doctor of Ministry degree - something new for me. Nuptials will be shared later this year, and that represents another transformation from single to married.

I look at First UMC and I wonder what new thing God plans to do here in 2022. What will be our stories of transformation? Will it be through the students we serve in the NOW Program? Will it be the new children we are reaching in Kids' Club or the difference we make in the lives of our Refresh students? Perhaps it will be a care receiver who works through a major life event with their Stephen Minister. I hope our jail ministry can resume when it is safe for our ministers to be in small, enclosed spaces with inmates. Our outreach committee will likely dream big in ways that they can help make a huge impact in Robinson. The possibilities have no limits!

I'm grateful for the foresight of our worship committee, who spent the last several months of 2021 putting together our first worship series for 2022, "The Transformed Life." Each week, we'll be looking at individuals, couples, or small groups of people in the Bible who went through a transformation in their life because of God's call, presence, and movement in their spirits. In these two months, we'll have a guest preacher, a student-led worship service, baptisms, professions of faith, and new members to celebrate. Truly, God is doing a new thing here at First United Methodist Church, and I hope you'll be a part of it!

I will see in worship (in-person or online)!



Pastor Jay

Youth Painting Party

Attention Middle School and High School students!!! We are having a "Bob Ross Painting party! that only you are invited to!!!! You only need to sign-up to save your spot and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions! Our own residential "Bob Ross" will guide you through a "masterpiece" and help you through any "Happy Little Accidents"! Spots are limited to 20 youth so you must sign up by January 10th!

When: Monday, January 17, 2022

Time: 10:00am-1:00 pm

Location: FUMC Asbury Hall

Cost: FREE!

Pizza and soda will be provided for lunch!

If you have any questions, you may contact Nina Davis at nineah3@gmail.com or call/text 618-421-2156

Follow this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/RJpRmypF8NZbvPZU8>

We will practice social distancing so masks will only need to be worn if moving around. **This may change if there are changes in the restrictions by the date of the party! **



Second Wednesday Dinner

Couple's Small Group is excited to kick off this year's 2nd Wednesday dinner fundraisers on January 12th! This month we will be raising funds for Kids Club. This month's dinner will have a dine-in option with limited seating or a drive-through option. We will have two seatings, 5:30 and 6:30, with a limit of 32 diners each seating. You will be able to sign-up using the link below, or call the church office to reserve an indoor spot or a drive-through dinner.

Menu:

Lasagna

Garlic Bread

Lettuce Salad

Dessert

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/pDq2jV8pJJHJp11WA>

NOW

NOW Weekend Meal Bagging is back in full swing! We bag, most weeks, on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. We would love to have you volunteer!

The Just-One Item for January will be highlighters! If you would like to donate please drop off your donation in the box right outside the church office!

Schedule for Chancel Choir and Glory Handbells:

Chancel Choir will meet Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30 to rehearse and record 2 songs.

Glory Handbells will meet Thursday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m. to rehearse.

Staff Updates

You may have noticed that we've been advertising for a nursery staff person the last couple of months. Jennifer Boatman, who has been an amazing employee for the last six years or so, has decided to return to being a church member and worshiping with her family. Her last day with us was December 31. Thank you, Jennifer, for your service! We continue to look for someone to replace her and join Anita Cohoon and Marnie Inboden on the nursery staff, so please contact Pastor Jay if you know of potential candidates.

Our other staff update doesn't require a change in personnel, but a shift in job description and title. As you might imagine, Antje Pippin has taken on a number of duties over the course of the pandemic, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee has decided to increase her working hours and title to reflect that shift. As of January 1, Antje will be serving as the Director of Music and Worship Arts here at First UMC. Congratulations, Antje!

Staff Updates

Due to a family move, Gretchen Corn will be moving Holding Hope Counseling out of state. We've appreciated having Gretchen's counseling practice in the building to serve our congregation and community.

We are fortunate that Angie Newlin has begun a counseling practice, and will be moving into the counseling office as of January 1. If you would like more information about Angie's practice, please visit her page on www.robinsonfumc.org coming soon.

Care News from Stephen Ministry

**“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
—Isaiah 41: 10**

The winter months are upon us. We live with shorter days, longer nights, colder weather, barren landscapes, more time indoors, and less natural sunlight. All of these may affect us emotionally. So, is it the winter doldrums or depression?

The “winter doldrums” is a temporary feeling of sadness and lethargy that may occur during the winter season. According to the Mayo Clinic, “a difficult winter across much of the northern and some parts of the southern parts of the United States may affect millions of Americans with a case of the winter blues. While cabin fever and the winter doldrums are significantly different from the more severe seasonal affective disorder or SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), it's clear they have an effect on how we feel.”

Mark A. Frye, M.D. says adopting a healthy lifestyle strategy is key and offers these winter survival tips for supporting our emotional well being especially during these long dark days.

- Get plenty of exercise
- Get outside
- Take breaks during the day
- Open window shades
- Keep social

If you or someone you know is experiencing great swings of emotion, from sadness to happiness and back to sadness again, please contact Pastor Jay. Stephen Ministers are available to provide Christian care.



January Birthdays

1/6 Shelby Koester, Mya Wright
1/7 Pat Campbell
1/8 Larry Quick
1/6 Luke Emken
1/10 Kaitlyn Kubiak
1/12 Katie Aydt
1/14 Karen Catt
1/15 Kaye Damron
1/17 Dustin McDonald
1/18 Sharon Freeland, Jesse Newbold
1/19 Daniel Boatman
1/22 Paul Roales
1/25 Lucas Aydt
1/29 Kurtis Goebel, Katelyn Murrell;
Rev. Louis Youngs

January Anniversaries

1/20 Justin & Katie Aydt

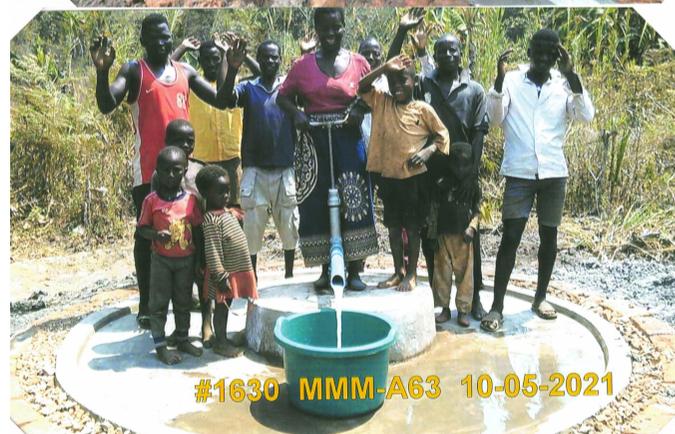
Prayer Requests

Jeremy Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl Blanton; Michael Brady; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Kim Collins; Claudette Mejean; Demmie Long; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough; Sheltyn James Henry; Rick Pritchard; Laurie Vaughn; Wally Leggit; Judy Eckert; Lisa Schaefer; Matthew Williams; Larry Potts; Patricia Hodgson; Pamela Hart; Paul Davis; Kathy Kennedy; Tina Klender; Paul Clinton; Duane Parker; Ruth Fiscus; Jan Riker; Dustin Ikemire; Robin Bray; Greg Faylor; Susan Rodgers; Melinda Ashby; Brad Smith; Leah Buser; Kamillah Rollins; Donna Ferry; Janice Woods; Carl Janney; Lou Bonnell; Cathy Devalle; John Youngs; Heather Karbach; Dan Davis; Gary Null; Nay Owens; Hart Odom; Jennifer Newlin; Eathan Baize; Marsha Strader; Kirtina Carter; Janet Clark; Kay Weger; Bernie Limper, Dick Mitchell; Mark Killian; Anna Marie Miller; Thelma Gifford; Jon Anderson; Melinda Wehrle; Ashley Reed; Nita Stone; Diane Crampton; Mike Emmerich; Pam Hill; Scott Storckman; Margaret Zeleny; Dale Kamplain; Family of Billy Calvert; Raymond Kidwell; Brian Willhite

Marion Medical Mission

Dear Church Family, what a year 2021 has been. We've all had some ups and we've all had some downs yet God has been with us through it all. One of our outreach projects is supporting Marion Medical Mission, putting protected water wells in Africa. God took our donations, multiplied them, and 3 wells later, around 230 of our brothers and sisters in Malawi and Zambia have experienced the love of God and will do so for generations. I have seen firsthand the look on people's faces when they hear that Americans, with all their blessings, took the time to share some of their blessings with the poor in rural Africa. It's something that seems unfathomable to them. Imagine the impact of knowing that you are loved by Christians from half way around the world that you will never meet. Blessings aren't meant to be hoarded, they're meant to be shared. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Sincerely,
Robert Quick



JANUARY 2022

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Z - Zoom

HY - Hybrid; both in-person and Zoom

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