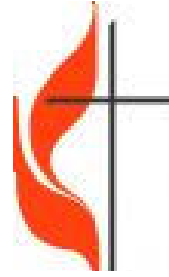


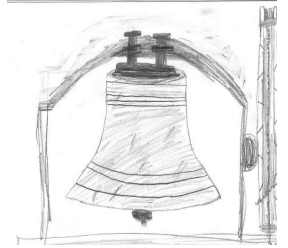
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Prayers Concerns

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Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Shirley Treadway at gwtsea@hotmail.com, so that request can be shared with the prayer chain.

FUMC FOUNDATION

We would like to keep everyone informed of the health of the FUMC Foundation.

The Foundation started 2014 with assets valued at \$193,243.81, and ended 2014 with assets valued at \$196,915.03, which was a \$3,671.22 increase in value after donations, fees, and a \$6,100 distribution to the church. As you can see, giving to the Foundation, whether by cash, stock, life insurance, etc., is a great way of supporting our church now as well as for years to come.

FOOD PANTRY

There are several workers from First United Methodist who volunteer their time at Otterbein United Methodist Church to help with the local Food Pantry. The names of the helpers are listed below.

Shirley Treadway- pm registration
Ken Mattsey-Truck Unloading
Brent Owen-Truck Unloading
Janet Clark, Co Botterbusch and Jan Stuckey help with preparing boxes for food distribution in the mornings.

Patti Murphy is the Food Pantry director after replacing 13 year manager John Gifford. Her number is 544-3773.

Morning hours are 8-9:45 on Mondays and Thursdays. Volunteers are almost always needed from 12:45-2:00 on both days.

You can also help by bringing food for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 1. A collection box is in the entryway.

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

As a follow-up to last month's insert on worship planning, I wanted to share with you a couple of thoughts on communion. I have heard (mostly via the grapevine) that some of us are uncomfortable with the sanitary nature of communion. I want to suggest that there is no perfectly sanitary way for us to receive communion. Whether we all dip our bread into one cup and run the risk of a couple of people dipping their fingers in the cup, or having people touch 4-5 cups as they try to grasp an individual cup, there is always a possibility that germs are spread. The same is true for picking up a piece of cut bread from a pile or tearing off a piece of bread from a loaf others have touched.

We are trying to make communion as sanitary as possible. Communion servers are using hand sanitizer before serving to clean their hands. Rather than having everyone touch the loaf, the servers are the only ones who touch it, and they are tearing off a piece of bread that is big enough that no one's hands should touch. When we serve communion in this way, we are coming the closest to historical practice and theology – one bread and one cup.

We want to help you – so if you need assistance receiving communion or need it brought to your seat, please let one of the ushers or servers know.

I will see you in worship!



Grace and peace,



Thanks to everyone who has brought "Just One" items. We are well on our way toward collected needed items for students in our school district.

During the month of February, please consider bringing just one deodorant stick and place it in the collection bin outside the church office.

A recent week with the NOW program served 82 children and youth. Every item counts and makes a difference!

2nd Wednesday Dinner

Our second Wednesday dinner for February will be on the 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm. The youth will be having a spaghetti supper as a fundraiser for their mission trip. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages will be provided. Suggested donations are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. Thanks for helping to support our youth as they head out to Washington DC this summer!

Committee News

Worship News: We will be needing additional greeters when we are in our new sanctuary. Please let Thelma Gifford know if you would be willing to serve.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be on February 18th at 7:00 pm. It will be a joint worship service with Otterbein and Hustonville UMCs, but will be held at First UMC in Asbury Hall.

Education News: First UMC will have two new short-term educational opportunities coming soon!

Pastor Jay will be leading a study during Lent called "The Disciples' Path." This six-week study will be held on Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm and looks at basic tenets of discipleship from a United Methodist perspective. Classes will start February 22. If you wish to participate, please contact the church office by February 8 so that books can be ordered. The cost is \$12.00.

The Lay Leadership team is working with the education team to give each of us the opportunity to discover our spiritual gifts!

Thank You!

A special thank you to Pastor Jay, Michele Elliott, the NOW program, and members of the FUMC congregation for helping several students at Robinson High School have a special Christmas. Your love and support helped provide six students with a special Christmas shopping day. We also helped provide food and beds for one of these families. A special shout out also goes to Bob Berty's Sunday School class for helping pay the tuition for one of our welding students this semester. Our students and I appreciate your outreach and loving compassion to help lift these high school students up!!! The smiles on students' faces and appreciation was humbling and made for a blessed day.

Thanks,
Janelle Oxford, RHS guidance counselor

Our Prayers Are with You!

Our sympathy to Brent and Joyce Owen on the death of her mother.

Our sympathy to Charles and Nancy Young on the death of his brother. Charlie & Nancy thank you for your prayers, cards and calls of sympathy.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Catherine Rich.

Committee News

UMYF

Sunday, February 1, we will have a Super Bowl party at the parsonage from 5:00-9:00 pm. Bring your favorite snack food or beverage to share!

Sunday-Monday, February 15-16 (Presidents' Day Weekend) we will have a lock-in at the church from 7:00 pm – 9:00 am. Bring appropriate clothing, a snack to share, sleeping bag, pillow, and games. We need a couple of chaperones to help us out, so please let the church office know if you can stay part or all of the lock-in!

Ski trip is February 28! Please let the office know by February 13 if you are going!

Building Committee Update

The following items are still available for individuals and families, if you wish to make a donation toward furnishing the new sanctuary:

- Stained glass windows (4)
- Pulpit
- Sanctuary seating
- Lectern
- Choir chairs
- 4th Octave of Handbells & equipment
- Baby grand piano
- Clavinova
- Rank of organ pipes
- Clock(s)
- Bell Tower music/speaker system
- Sanctuary nativity set
- TVs and wall mounting systems (7)
- Welcome kiosk
- Chairs/benches for narthex
- Building donor plaque
- FUMC Foundation donor plaque
- Altar candleholders
- Altar flower tables
- Rockers for cry room (2)
- Seasonal Banners
- Interior signage
- Exterior signage
- Electronic bell ringer
- Wheelchair lift to the chancel
- Choir robes
- Bibles for seating
- Hymnals and songbooks for seating
- Bibles for choir
- Hymnals and songbooks for choir
- Altar cross

February Birthdays

2/1 Tabitha Seaney
 2/2 Tyler Mefford, Mary Jane Parker
 2/5 Allie Oxford
 2/7 Waneta McCann, Taya Harmon
 2/8 Brenda Graham
 2/9 Krystal Damron, Kurt Magee
 2/10 Jack Frakes
 2/11 Rodney Frakes, Dalton Davis
 2/12 Don Bailey, Dan Inboden, Lori Treadway
 2/14 Dorcas Sills, Martin Williamson
 2/15 Linda Hutchens
 2/16 Keith Christy, Ruth Parrott
 2/18 Walter Conner
 2/20 Katelin Veenstra
 2/22 Mary Stephens, Greg Catt
 2/24 Connie Carter
 2/25 Jane Elliott
 2/26 Trevor Carter, Scott Long



February Anniversaries

2/1 Walter & Margaret Conner
 2/14 David & Mary Correll
 2/16 Guy & Shirley Treadway
 2/28 Larry & Kay Bonnell



Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you to those of you who give to the ministry of the Clothing Center. We so appreciate your thinking of us. May you all be and have a prosperous New Year in 2015.

Sincerely, Ron McCord, Board Secretary

P.S. Looking forward to the completion of your beautiful building.

February 2015

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