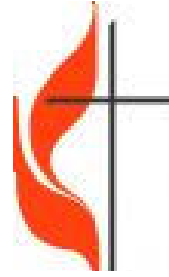


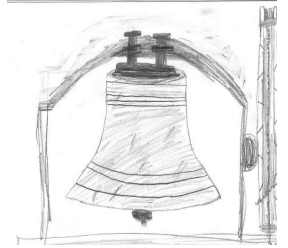
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## **Prayer Requests**

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



Kids' Club continues to work hard on Scripture memory, as well as understanding how the whole canon of Scripture is put together.

A number of our kids earned belts in December and are moving on to a new belt, with new verses to learn.

## **FUMC Foundation**

In this season of giving, the FUMC Foundation would like to remind everyone of the benefits of leaving a lasting legacy. The Foundation has planned for and is ready and able to receive gifts of appreciated stock, which can have significant tax advantages for the donor. Other ways to give might include naming the Foundation as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy. Charitable donations should always be considered during estate planning as a way of decreasing or even eliminating taxes while supporting causes that are meaningful to you.

The Foundation was happy to present the finance committee with \$6,100 which represents the Foundation's 2014 annual distribution. Join with us and help insure that the FUMC can continue God's work for years to come.

The Foundation welcomes our newest board members, Brandon Harmon, Susan Inboden, and Janet Clark will be joining Robbin List, Robert Quick, Susan Carver, and Tyler Veenstra for the 2015 year. Any board member would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Foundation.

## Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year, First UMC! 2015 holds so much promise for our congregation as we continue to grow deeper spiritually, larger numerically, and wider in our outreach ministries. Couple that with the fact that construction on our new facility continues and will be completed this year, and we have lots of forward momentum to achieve our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. As we begin 2015, I want to invite you to reflect, pray and covenant these words of John Wesley with me:

"I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt,  
rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
Exalted for thee or brought low by thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
To thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

I will see you in worship!



Grace and peace,



Thanks to everyone who is donating to the "Just One" items for the NOW ministry. We're off to a good start, but we are short of our goal of having enough shampoo and toothpaste for 90 students. If you can pick up one extra of each of those items, it would be appreciated!

January's "Just One" item is combs/brushes. Please place your donation in the container outside the church office. Thank you!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Dinner

In November, we had the chili soup cook-off. Deb Goff's chili was chosen as the winning soup. This is her recipe, which was given to her by Doris Prier

1# hamburger  
1 med. Onion (chopped)  
1 pkg. taco seasoning  
½ pkg. dry ranch dip seasoning  
1 10 oz. can diced chilies & tomatoes  
(Ro-tel or Ted Gold)  
2 8oz cans tomato sauce  
Plus 2 cans water  
1 sm. can whole kernel corn

Brown hamburger & onion;  
Drain. Add dry mixes, blend, add rest of ingredients, and simmer 30 min.  
Top with shredded cheese (your choice, cheddar, etc. Serve w/tortilla chips.

**In January:** We will have a catered dinner on January 14 at 5:30 pm. Cost should be about \$8 per person. Sign-up sheets will be available the first two Sundays in January. Reservations are due by January 11.

## Committee News

**SPRC:** Staff-Parish has posted the position of Music Director on our church website. We are also continuing to look for additional childcare help in our nursery (what a great problem to have!). If you know of anyone who might be interested in such a position, please direct them to our website for application instructions and position descriptions:

[www.robinsonfumc.org](http://www.robinsonfumc.org).

**Church Council:** The church council will meet briefly after worship on Sunday, January 4. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the budget for 2015. Please let the office know if you cannot attend.

**Finance Committee:** We want to thank you for your faithful giving in 2014! Your generosity enabled us to meet expenses and carry out some new ministries. We encourage you to keep your giving strong in 2015, so that God can do even more great things through FUMC!

## FUMC Building Progress

The building is progressing and we are still on track for Easter. The drywall is installed waiting on the finishers. The painter will follow the finishers and hope to be complete during the second week of January. The north wall windows and glass are installed. The bricklayers are working on the south wall and should have it completed next week, weather permitting. They have installed a tent over their work and heated it so they can continue to work in the bad weather. The door frames and glass are supposed to be here the middle of January.

The committee has chosen Covenant Church Furniture from Ozarks, Missouri to install the seating in the sanctuary. The committee has chosen a combination of padded pews and chairs. The first two rows and the last row will be chairs and the rest will be pews. We also ordered 30 choir chairs. The seating will allow for 280 plus choir.

The new year has great things for us at FUMC – can't wait.

## Youth Mission Trip

Our youth mission trip is scheduled for June 15-21, 2015, to Washington DC. We have already made reservations for housing and are busy finalizing plans for our work, focusing on hunger and homelessness.

If you plan to go (adult chaperones are also needed), you will need to let Pastor Jay know **by February 1** so that we can plan transportation and costs associated with the mission trip.

## UMYF

UMYF is going skiing on Monday, January 5! Cost is \$36 for lift ticket and \$30 for equipment, plus money for two meals. We will depart from FUMC at 9:00 am, and we should return by 9:00 pm.

UMYF will meet on Sunday, January 18, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Paige Roberts, the campus minister at EIU, will be here for "Faith and Doubt" night. Come with questions! We are still looking for a volunteer to provide dinner for 15-20 people.

## From the Library

Your Church Library invites you to check out our Christmas exhibit, displaying items relating to Jesus' birth, located in the foyer area.

Christmas came to the library, and we are excited to add the following DVD titles to the collection, which coincide with Cokesbury's "Reel to Real" Sunday school curriculum:

\* *The Chronicles of Narnia:*

*The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe*

\* *A Walk to Remember*

\* *Men in Black 1 & 2*

Sunday school teachers and parents are encouraged to check out the movie and resource packet from the library and participate with their kids. See how these movies relate to the Christian journey with lessons on temptation, perseverance, hope, and salvation.

## January Birthdays

1/4 Anita Kocher  
 1/7 Pat Campbell, Bill Thomas  
 1/8 Larry Quick  
 1/10 John Rankin, Mary St. John  
 1/13 Willie Legg  
 1/14 Karen Catt  
 1/15 Kaye Damron, Sallay Jones  
 1/16 Fred Finkbner  
 1/18 Sharon Freeland  
 1/22 Paul Roales  
 1/24 Penni Mefford, Kristin Wallace  
 1/25 Cindy Crawford  
 1/28 Susan Carver  
 1/29 Kurtis Goebel  
 1/30 Barbara Bradt



## January Anniversaries

1/20 Richard & Anita Kocher  
 1/29 Richard & Jenny Van Treeese



### Quote - 'Author unknown'

The New Year lies before you like a spotless tract of snow

Be careful how you tread on it, for every mark will show...

### Our Appreciation

We extend our thanks to those who give of their personal time to help with work at the church and parsonage. We are thankful for those who come in to make coffee, set up and prepare for receptions & dinners, take care of the flowers & shrubs, radio, do maintenance and help with office mailings. We are grateful for all your help. Thank you.

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