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# W O R S H I P

Sunday morning worship begins at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary, live on 101.7 WTYE FM or live streamed at [robinsonfumc.org/livestream](http://robinsonfumc.org/livestream). Sunday evenings worship service begins at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. The building is handicapped accessible. A staffed nursery is available for families with children during all services.

## **October 6, 2019**

Theme: *Bearing Fruit: Goodness*  
Scripture: Psalm 15:1-15

## **October 13, 2019**

Theme: *Bearing Fruit: Faithfulness*  
Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:1-8

## **October 20, 2019**

Theme: *Bearing Fruit: Gentleness*  
Scripture: Romans 12:14-19

## **October 27, 2019**

Theme: *Bearing Fruit: Self-Control*  
Scripture: Galatians 5:16-23

## **November 3, 2019**

Theme: *Everyday Heroes: Deborah and Jael*  
Scripture: Judges 4:1-24

## **November 10, 2019**

Theme: *Everyday Heroes: Gideon*  
Scripture: Judges 6:11-32

## **November 17, 2019**

Theme: *Everyday Heroes: Samson*  
Scripture: Judges 15:1-20

## **November 24, 2019**

Theme: *Everyday Heroes: Esther*  
Scripture: Esther 4:1-17

## **December 1, 2019**

Theme: *Getting Ready: Signs*  
Scripture: Matthew 24:3-8

## **December 8, 2019**

Theme: *Getting Ready: Oil Reserves*  
Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

## **December 15, 2019**

Theme: *Getting Ready: Use Your Talents*  
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

## **December 22, 2019**

Theme: *Getting Ready: Seeing Jesus*  
Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

## **December 24, 2019**

Theme: *Getting Ready: The Registry*  
Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

## **December 29, 2019**

Theme: *Getting Ready: Named and Presented*  
Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday Mornings from 10:15 - 11:00

## **Kindergarten - 2nd Grade**

Leader: Sue Roales - (618) 544-9072

Study: *Deep Blue Connects* - weekly scripture, story and craft

Room 2100

## **3rd - 5th Grade**

Leader: Gary Oxford - (618) 544-7857

Study: *Cultivating Generosity*

Additional discussions: Making Robinson FUMC "greener", and ideas on how to make members feel more welcomed at FUMC.

Room 2104

## **Jr. and Sr. High**

Leader: Amy Hartke - (618) 562-7860

Study: *Friends of God*

Room 2103

## **Faith and Friends**

Leader: Janelle Oxford (618) 544-7857

Study: *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton,

*Servant or Sucker: Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor*

Additional info: Faith and Friends will be planning a Christmas  
outing

Room 2102

## **S.P.I.C.E.**

### **(Self-Paced in Christian Education)**

Leader: Nina Davis - (618) 421-2156

Study: *Holy Conversations: Talking About God in Everyday Life*

by Richard Peace

Room 2101

## **Koinonia**

Leader: Jay Regennitter - (309) 235-2697

Study: *The Book of Acts*

Parlor

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## **Kid's Club**

K-5th Grade

Wednesdays 3-5 pm

Leader: Jay Regennitter - (309) 235-2697

Children will rotate through chapel, snack, art, music and recreation each week. Twice a month groups of children from Lincoln Grade School will be taken on short mission field trips to Heritage Health to visit and interact with the residents. They will also be doing fall lawn cleanup for congregation members in need. For more information on the mission field trips, or if you have ideas, please contact Libbi Fearday at (618) 322-4547. Registration forms can be found at: [www.robinsonfumc.org/children](http://www.robinsonfumc.org/children).

## **Refresh**

Jr. & Sr. High

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 am

Leaders: Jay Regennitter - (309) 235-2697

Nina Davis - (618) 421-2156

Janelle Oxford - (618) 544-7857

Brennan Tracy - (618) 554-4432

Breakfast is served from 6:30-7, students then have Bible study until 7:30. Rides are available for students to school after meeting. Registration forms are available at: [www.robinsonfumc.org/youth](http://www.robinsonfumc.org/youth).

## **M.A.T.S. (Moms and Tots Sing)**

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Leader: Antje Pippin - (618) 544-2228

MATS is for parents/caregivers with children birth to PreK. Class includes interactive songs, instrument exploration, take-home activities and snack.

This group meets in the Choir Room.

## **N O W P R O G R A M**

The NOW Program began in January 2013 as a response to a growing population of at-risk children in the Robinson School District. Our three-pronged approach allows students (who are identified by school staff) to receive meals on weekends throughout the school year, lunches three times per week in the summer, and a strong start to the school year. The NOW Program is funded by the congregation of First United Methodist Church and several community partners.

We bag at 4:00 pm every week in Asbury Hall, new volunteers are always welcome, many hands make light work! Here is a list of all the dates, please mark your calendars!

October: 4, 10, 15, 24, 30

November: 7, 13, 21, 26

December: 5, 12, 19

The NOW Tree will be back on Sunday, November 24th! The tree will be decorated with drawstring bags ready to be filled with Christmas gifts for our NOW students. Attached to each bag will be a list of suggested items that are age appropriate to the student who will be receiving the bag! Take the bag, fill it with goodies and bring it back by December 16. The bags will be delivered to the students with their weekend meal bag. We ask that you try to stay within a \$20 budget.

Just One Items:

October: Tooth Paste

November: Bar of Soap

December: Christmas Bags or Items for Christmas Bags

Please contact Kirbie, 618-544-8016, if you have any questions about NOW!



# LUNCH BUDDY

The Lunch Buddy Program is a program in which adults volunteer their time at WES or LGS, and have lunch with a student that is in need of a positive role model. This program allows for our students to form a meaningful relationship with a positive adult role model and studies have shown that even one positive relationship in these children's lives can do a world of difference.

With the 2019-2020 school year starting up, we ask that you please consider donating your time to one of these students by being a buddy! If you don't have the time in your schedule, but want to help out, lunch buddy is always accepting free will donations to help pay for the lunches and the background checks.

Please contact Kirbie, [firstumcrob@gmail.com](mailto:firstumcrob@gmail.com), if you would like to get started being a buddy!

# TRICK OR TREAT

Its that time of year again, we are gearing up for another night of Halloween fun! Since last year was so successful, we are going to be permanently moving inside. On Halloween night, Thursday, October 31st, starting at 5:30 pm, we will be serving hotdogs, a movie on the big screen and of course, ALL THE CANDY! Speaking of candy, we will start collecting donations for anyone that would like to donate large bags of candy or if you can't make it to the store, monetary donations are also accepted. There will be a sign up in the narthex for anyone that would like to decorate a table and pass out candy to trick or treaters! Want to do a table but aren't sure of a theme? This year we have three themes all ready to go, all you have to do is set it up and pass out candy to all the kids! If you have any questions please let us know, we'll answer any questions you might have!  
Happy Halloween!

Kirbie Ackman & Jennifer Boatman



# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a lay care-giving ministry that supplements pastoral care. The program teaches laypersons to provide one-on-one care for individuals who request support. The confidential care-giver and care-receiver relationship, usually conducted by hour-long weekly visits, may continue for months or years. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training led by Stephen Leaders, and at FUMC Stephen Leaders are Pastor Jay Regennitter, Janis Daugherty, Janelle Oxford, and Marcia Schmidlin. The SLs were commissioned during worship on August 18, and the training of Stephen Ministers began August 24.

The 2019-2020 "class" of Stephen Ministers are: Kay Albin, Pam Bell, Pam Cooper, Tom Cooper, Susan Inboden, Linda Null, Gary Oxford, Lois Ulrey, and Becky Veenstra. Stephen Leaders are also completing the training as Stephen Ministers.

Upcoming training:

October 9: 6:30-9:00 pm - module 6A	Assertiveness: Relating Gently & Firmly
October 23: 6:30-9:00 pm - module 6B	Assertiveness: Relating Gently & Firmly
November 13: 6:30-9:00 pm - modules 7 & 8	Maintaining Boundaries, Crisis Theory
December 11: 6:30-9:00 pm - module 9	Confidentiality
December 18: 6:30-9:00 pm - module 10	Telecare

Thank you for your continued support through your prayers and offerings. How blessed and grateful we are for all God does through our ministries at FUMC!

# **B I B L E   S T U D I E S**

## **Disciple Bible Study**

Tuesdays 6-8pm, Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am

Leader: Jay Reginnitter (309) 235-2697

Study: *Christian Believer 2019-2020*

Parlor

## **Couples Small Group**

Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

Leaders: Daniel and Jennifer Boatman (618) 843-0908

Studies: *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas,

*Kingdom Marriage* by Tony Evans

Room 2101

## **Advent Bible Study**

Sundays 10:15-11 in December

Leader: Jay Regennitter (309) 235-2697

Study: *All I Want for Christmas* by James Moore

Adult Sunday School classes will all meet together in Asbury Hall, and children's Sunday School classes will also study this curriculum in their classrooms.

# **O U T R E A C H**

## **FCA**

FUMC will host the Robinson High School FCA on Wednesday, December 18 for their annual Christmas Meeting. Please check the narthex as the date approaches for a signup sheet to volunteer for providing snacks as well as setting up/cleaning up.

## **Heritage Health**

Each 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm, our church is responsible for providing a worship service for the residents & their families at the Heritage Health Nursing Home in Robinson. It is a time when we pray, worship, sing hymns together, read poetry, scripture, & share communion with one another. Please come & join in this valuable outreach ministry of our church. For more information, please contact the church office.

## **Radio Broadcast**

One of our most enduring outreach programs is our Sunday morning airing of our church service from our local radio station, WTYE 101.7 FM at 9:00 am. The cost of the broadcast is \$100. Broadcasts can dedicate a broadcast in someone's honor or memory, for a birthday, anniversary, etc. To sign up, call the church office.

## **Women's Jail Ministry**

This FUMC outreach program continues to visit the women in the Crawford County Jail on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm. Each week, a pair of volunteers go lead weekly devotions, provide listening ears, and participate in heartfelt conversations with women who are often at an all-time low due to addictions, severed relationships, and feeling lost. If you have questions or would like to join this ministry, free to contact Janelle Oxford at (618) 553-9598. Other members in this ministry include Jennifer Emken, Shannon Goebel, Linda Null, Beck Veenstra, and Brenda Graham.

# **OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, October 28 through Friday, Nov 1
- Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 28
- Friday, November 29
- Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

# **FINANCE FUN FACTS**

As the year is winding down, the finance committee wanted to give you an update on where we are at for the year, and how we think the year will end. At our last committee meeting, we discussed our net income through the end of July; at that point, our net income for the year was \$5,777. This is great, considering the fact that we added a new Christian education position this year! We anticipate keeping a positive net income through the end of the year, meaning we will end the year with money to carry over to next year. For several years now, we have ended the year with a positive net income, which is such a blessing! This means we have been able to build up the amount in our operating account, which gives the church room to cover any unexpected repairs, missions, new staff positions, etc. that may come up in the future. And none of this would be possible without each and every one of you! We so appreciate the generosity of our church, as it allows First UMC to continue to meet needs in the community, teach our children how to follow Jesus, and continue making disciples in both our church community and the community as a whole. We look forward to seeing where God leads us in the new year!

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