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Notes for the Journey

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?? Questions ??

Starting Sunday, January 8, the Upper Room Sunday School class will begin a series called, "Questions."

It seems as if everyone has questions about our faith and life. Unfortunately many times we are hesitant to ask. Either we think we are the only person wondering about something or afraid of what others might think of us for asking.

For this series, you can submit your questions privately to Pastor Steve by email or slip him a note. Then each week he will pick one of the submitted questions and list it in the newsletter (anonymously) as the topic for the coming Sunday.

I think we will find that all of us share common concerns and questions and by coming together to look at the scripture, we will be able to encourage each other in our walk with God.

I do not know exactly where this path will lead, but I am looking forward to traveling the road together. Please send your questions to my private email: wing60@frontier.com.

Thought of the Week

Looking back at our Christmas Eve Service, I said something like "Tonight, sit back, relax and take a deep breath." Later someone commented that their "take away" from the service was "breathing in Jesus." I do hope that it was a time to relax and let Jesus fill us with His goodness, love and strength.

Looking ahead, I pray God will minister to us and work with us in such a way that we never get "winded" but are always regularly breathing in Jesus. He is there for us each and every hour of every day.

** Weekend Food Backpacks **

We will be assembling weekend food backpacks for area school children on Thursday, January 5 at 4:00pm.

Please call the church office to let us know if you can help. It takes only about an hour to put the packs together.

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies who meet for Bible Study at the Parsonage will meet Wednesday, January 4 at 6:00pm. All ladies are invited to come, bring your Bible and a snack to share. Note new day and date.

Elijah Men's Group

Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30pm at the Parsonage is the time and place for the next Elijah Men's Group meeting. All men are invited to join us.

We encourage all you men to join us at these meetings for a time of fellowship and encouraging one another in our walk with the Lord.

Lectionary Scripture

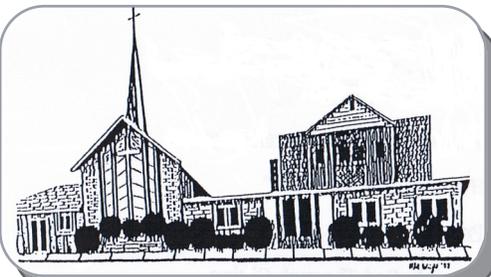
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Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-78, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12



Mission

A community of believers endeavoring to live and love as Jesus taught. Come—Experience Community!

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 1
Christmas Worship Celebration 9:30am
No other services Sunday

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Tuesday, January 3
Elijah Men's Group at the Parsonage 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 4
Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am
Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage 6:00pm

Thursday, January 5
Assemble Weekend Food Backpacks 4:00pm

Friday, January 6
Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Happy Birthday



Bryan Payne..... January 3
Judy Stiverson..... January 3
Quinn Trout..... January 4
Sandy Sager..... January 4
Alex Shanks January 4
Jacob Brinkley January 7
Colton Staples..... January 7
Kyan Nosek..... January 7

Happy Anniversary



Blake & Jessica Chenoweth January 3

2017 Tithing Envelopes Available

Your 2017 tithing envelopes are available on the table in the foyer. You can pick up yours today.

If you have never had a set of envelopes before, but would like a set, please take one of the blank sets, locate the number on the box and place your name next to the corresponding number on the sign-up sheet.

The envelopes are a good reminder to contribute to the work of God's kingdom on a regular basis. Also using the envelopes enables the church to issue you a year-end statement of giving that can be used when you file your Federal income taxes.

Thank You Note

Again, our family is deeply touched by your generous expressions of love throughout the holiday season. We realize that we are deeply blessed to be a part of your church family. Thank you for all your kindness.

The Wingerts

Statistics for December 25

Morning Service	102
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 13,667.28
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria	
Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie	
Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 6,918.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118)	
YTD	\$ 4,971.00

Prayer Needs



Wayne Schnell—health
 Rex Parnell—health
 Paul Doss—health
 Andrew McCormick—health
 Becky Payne—health

Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

New Year's Day

On New Year's Day, we will have our regular 9:30am Worship Service but no Sunday School or other activities that day.

Choir

I am greatly appreciative of all who were a part of our Christmas Choir.

As I look at the calendar, I see it is only 16 weeks until Easter. If you enjoyed singing and would like to do it again or if you missed out and would like to get in on the fun, please let me know. I would love to put together another choir for the Easter season.

Just let me know soon as I will be choosing music shortly.
 Thanks

Miss A Sunday?

If you are unable to be here on any Sunday, remember an audio recording of each week's sermon is posted on our church website each Wednesday along with that week's newsletter. Log on to www.olneyfmc.org—our website.

Sportsman's Banquet

The Annual Sportsman's Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 21. Watch here for more information on time and tickets.