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Notes for the Journey

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Kids' Klub

The next Kids' Klub meeting will be this Sunday, February 11, 6:00pm to 7:15pm. Our theme for the month is **KINDNESS**. Because God is good to us, we should show kindness to others (Titus 3:4-7). Activities and lesson will be centered around our theme—**KINDNESS**.



Valentine projects will enhance the Biblical theme.

New Chairs

NEW CHAIRS ARE HERE!! 100 new chairs for the fellowship hall were delivered last week!

Our present chairs have been in use since at least the 1970's. While they have served us well, we have recently found a very good deal on new padded chairs. The new chairs are only \$25.00 each but were not included in this year's budget.



We are asking for as many folks as can to assist us in the cost of purchasing these new chairs. If you can help, please clearly mark "chairs" on your budget envelope with the amount you wish to contribute. So far, a

total of \$1,137.00 has been given.

The new chairs will be much more comfortable and will allow us to move our current folding chairs to the new garage to be used for events there without having to haul them back and forth each time. Thank you so much for your help with this project.

Thoughts

Wednesday, February 14 is the first day of Lent. Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and preparation to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Many times we think of giving up a particular food, meal or activity during the season to aid us in focusing our attention on God.

I recently ran across these words that were attributed to Pope Francis that direct us to fast from certain attitudes and actions.

- ◆ Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- ◆ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- ◆ Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- ◆ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- ◆ Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- ◆ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- ◆ Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- ◆ Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- ◆ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- ◆ Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- ◆ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Good thoughts as we enter into the season.

Board of Administration Meeting

Thursday, February 15
at 6:30pm

Lectionary Scripture

(February 11, 2018)

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 11

Morning Worship	9:30am
Sunday School	10:40am
Kids' Klub	6:00-7:15-m
FMSM	6:00pm

Monday, February 12

Narcotics Anonymous	7:00pm
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Tuesday February 13

In This Together	6:30pm
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Wednesday, February 14

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library	10:00am
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Thursday, February 15

Board of Administration Meeting	6:30pm
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Friday, February 16

Narcotics Anonymous	7:00pm
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Friday and Saturday, February 16-17

"BLITZ" for Middle School	7:00pm-7:00am
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Statistics for February 4

Morning Service	115
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 5,559.81
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,500) YTD	\$ 1,137.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$7,332) YTD	\$ 87.00
Chair Fund	\$ 1,137.00

Prayer Needs



Todd Aarnes—back issues
 Family of Eva Ryan
 David Varner—health
 Bob Couch—health
 Angela Coyle—health
 Geri Franklin—health
 Unspoken needs
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

Middle School "Blitz"

Free Methodist Church is the host for the 2018 "Blitz," an event for Richland County middle school students. We will start here at our church at 7:00pm on Friday, February 16 and end here at 7:00am on Saturday, February 17.

We will have lessons, games, fun and pizza at the middle school at midnight. Lots of fun for those attending.

"Breaking Away 35"

This is an annual "lock-in" event for grades 6-12 sponsored by Wabash Student Ministries. It is scheduled for March 9-10, 2018 in Indianapolis. Registration is due by February 25. Lots more information will be coming soon. See Stacy for details on registration.

2017 Tithing/Giving Statements Available

Your Tithing/Giving Statements for 2017 are now available on the table in the foyer. Please take a moment and pick up your statement.

Also, a few 2018 tithing envelopes are still in the box in the foyer. Please pick those up as soon as you can.

Bus Drivers Needed

We are currently in need of persons to drive our church van to pick up people needing a ride to our services. If interested, contact Pastor Steve or John Kramer for more details.

Happy Birthday



Vanessa Nixon..... February 11
 Anita Westall February 11
 Kay Conour February 12
 Miranda Dowty February 16
 Bonnie Roddy February 17

Happy Anniversary



Paul & Janette Linder..... February 11
 Doug & Sandy Franklin..... February 12

Thank You for WIC Donations

Thank you for all of your kind donations to our WIC program. We are currently taking donations for this program. Items needed are sleepers, blankets, outfits (3 to 6 month size) and gift bags.

If you would like, you can make a monetary donation to the WIC Program at the church. Make sure your donation is marked for the WIC program.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Trout at 618-302-1300.