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Notes for the Journey

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2018 Society Meeting

Our Society Meeting for the election of delegates to our annual conference and appointment of local ministries positions will be held Sunday, January 28 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will begin around 5:30pm with a light meal. Please bring sandwiches or desserts to go with the soup that will be provided.

While everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, voting is reserved for those who are full adult members of the church.

We hope all of you will be able to attend.

Thoughts

We all know that life can be difficult. Sometimes we experience those difficulties personally; sometimes we watch as friends and acquaintances go through rough places and struggle to get traction in life. In the closing words of what is known as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He says if we will listen to and act upon His words, we can and will endure the storms of life.

Those words are recorded in Matthew chapters 5-7. Over the next several weeks we will examine those in our Sunday morning worship service, not only to apply them to our lives to give us strength, but also to make sure we are strong enough to help others.

As we endeavor to follow God in being a blessing to others, to provide them with the nourishment of God's word, we need to be sure our lives are full. We cannot dispense what we don't have.

Please be with us this Sunday as we begin our journey by looking at the section called the Beatitudes-Matthew 5:3-10.

New Chairs

NEW CHAIRS ARE COMING!! Yes, we have ordered 100 new chairs for the fellowship hall!

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.

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.

We are asking for as many folks as can to assist us in the cost of purchasing 100 new chairs. If you can help, please clearly mark "chairs" on your budget envelope with the amount you wish to contribute. Thank you so much for your help with this project.



Relay for Life Kick-Off Fundraiser

This Sunday, January 28, our church's Relay for Life Team will have tables in the hallway loaded with some delightful tasty treats available for you to sample after the morning worship service. (Donations will be accepted but not expected.)

The Team would welcome anyone who is interested to participate in the important activities of Relay for Life to join us. See Barb Ernst or Kathy Slichenmyer for more information about Relay for Life.

Lectionary Scripture

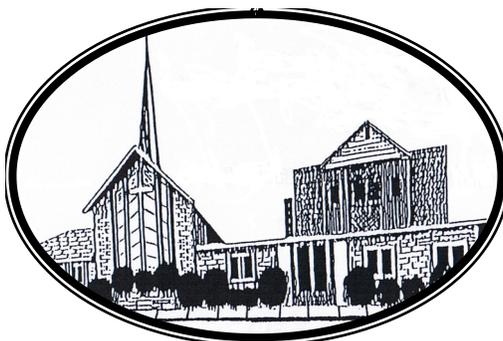
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Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 28

Morning Worship 9:30am
 "Walk & Stroll for Relay for Life" (after morning worship)
 Sunday School 10:40am
 Society Meeting (light meal at 5:30pm) 6:00pm
 No FMSM

Monday, January 29

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Tuesday January 30

In This Together 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 31

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am

Friday, February 2

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Happy Birthday



Matt Schonert..... January 28
Andy Thomann..... January 28
Debbie Robinson..... January 28
Nathan Franklin..... January 29
Aaron Trout..... January 32
Cody Smith..... January 31
Trey Nosek..... February 1
Jennifer Kramer..... February 2

Happy Anniversary



Abe & Phyllis Struble..... February 1

2018 Tithing Envelopes

Your 2018 tithing/offering envelopes are available on the table in the foyer. Please pick yours up as soon as you can. If you have never had envelopes before, and would like a set, please take one of the blank sets, locate the number on the box then follow directions 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.

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.

Statistics for January 21

Morning Service	97
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 3,029.75
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,500) YTD	\$ 557.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$7,332) YTD	\$ 22.00
Love Care Offering	\$ 400.00

Prayer Needs

Geri Franklin—health
 Dan Grove—recent surgery
 Kay Franklin—health
 Michael Trout—broken collar bone
 Dean Garrett—health
 Ron Hinkel—health
 Bill Harrolle—health
 Unspoken needs



Please continue to pray for needs previously listed.

Middle School "Blitz"

"BLITZ" 2018 will be here before you know it. BLITZ is an overnight event for Middle School students where we go to 6 different locations throughout Richland County. We will have lessons, games, fun and pizza at the middle school at midnight. This event runs from 7:00pm on February 16 to 7:00am on February 17. Since we are the host church, we will start and end at the Free Methodist Church.

There are only 60 spots available for each grade so make sure to go online and order your ticket now at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blitz-2018-tickets-41770228879>.

Please make sure when registering your child you use your CHILD'S name so it will be easier for the day of the event. If you have any question, please let Stacy know.

In This Together

This is just a reminder of the support group for those who deal with anxiety, depression or other forms of mental illness—we meet on the second, fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and find encouragement.