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Notes for the Journey

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Mission Trip News

For the past 4 months, the Youth Group Mission Team has been preparing their hearts and minds for their upcoming trip to South Carolina. Already they have shown a great determination to raise funds to be able to go on this trip and they have a great church family to help thank for that. So, for myself and the youth group, we truly thank EVERYONE who has helped out in any way for making this possible. With that being said we still have 6 more months to go before we leave so I wanted to let everyone know some fundraiser that we have planned for the next few months.

● **SOUP DINNER**—a soup dinner will be held in the fellowship hall after Sunday School on January 22. Menu consists of vegetable and chili soup and desserts. So, come out for a great time of fellowship. A free will offering will be accepted but not required. We are also going to make available for you to take soup home as well. Please let Stacy know if you are interested in that.

● **OLNEY DISCOUNT CARDS**—Mission Trip Team will also be selling Discount Cards with local business discounts on them. Each card is \$10. Please see a member of the Mission Team or Stacy to purchase a card.

● **MUDLOVE**—In February we will be selling MudLove products. We will be selling their mugs and bracelets; pictures will be shown on the order forms. The great thing about MudLove is that with this brand every item they sell they provide 1 week of clean water for someone in need. So with every item you buy you are not only helping our Mission Team but also providing a week of water for someone in need.

Once again I truly appreciate everyone who has helped make this trip happen. If you have any questions about the fundraisers or how else you can help with this Mission Trip, please come and talk with me.

Thanks, Stacy

Thought of the Week

This past Sunday we looked at two scriptures, Psalm 127:1-2 and 1 Chronicles 28:5-9. From these we were encouraged to do three things in 2017.

1. **Seek.** Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, open your heart to seeking God and allowing Him to lead and guide.

2. **Submit.** Let go of our plans so we can follow His, knowing that He knows us and our future better than we do.

3. **Commit.** Determine to be intentional about seeking and submitting. Seek, Submit, Commit—three things to lead and guide us into the new year.

Personal and Spiritual Growth

We currently have several small group options available throughout each month to assist folks in growing personally and spiritually.

The folks who are involved in them have come to appreciate the friendship and support in their spiritual journey gained by something more outside of Sunday morning worship.

We would like for more folks to have similar opportunities but realize that current times, dates, topics, etc. may not fit everyone's schedules or needs.

So, if you are interested in being a part of a bible study, spiritual growth or support group, please contact Pastor Steve. He will be endeavoring to form more opportunities in the near future.

Lectionary Scripture

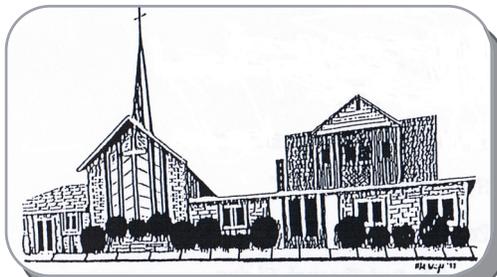
(for January 8, 2017)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 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 8

Morning Worship 9:30am
 Sunday School 10:40am
 Mission Trip Meeting 5:00-6:00pm
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Wednesday, January 11

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am

Friday, January 6

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Happy Birthday



Kyle Dowty January 8
 Jacob Taylor January 9
 Bentley Stovell January 9
 Addison Ridgely January 11
 Peggy Turner January 11
 Madison Weems January 11
 Klay Wheeler January 14
 Chris Wagner January 14
 Ken Myers January 14

2017 Tithing Envelopes Available

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

If you do not have envelopes and you would like to have a set, select one of the boxes without a number and then write your name next to that number on the paper provided.

Gifts to Take on the Mission Trip

When our youth set out on their Mission Trip to South Carolina in June, they would like to take with them some very much needed gifts for the Homeless Shelter near the mission where they will be headquartered.

They would like for our church and the community to be involved with helping provide the gifts. The main items they would like to take are tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, and socks (primarily adult size).

If you can help with this special endeavor, you can bring your donations from now until we leave on the trip. A special container will be available in the foyer where you can deposit the items. Thank you so much for your help with this effort.

Statistics for January I

Morning Service	96
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 25,891.38
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria	
Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie	
Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 485.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118)	
YTD	\$ 58.00

Prayer Needs

Norma Fore—surgery
 Paul Doss—health
 Becky Payne—health
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



Thank You Note

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful Christmas Cards. I am so blessed to get to work with the children and youth of this church and to have a GREAT church family that supports these ministries in so many ways.

Thanks, Stacy

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 at 6:00pm at the Holiday. See Pastor for Steve tickets.