

February 2019



From Your Pastor

If you haven't been in worship the past three weeks you've missed the beginning of the sermon series, "With Courage and Hope: Living without Fear." In the first two weeks we've covered a lot of material, but there is SO much more to learn. Do not worry if you've missed a week or two, you will still get a lot out of the sermons coming up.

Here are the sermon titles for February:

02.03.2019 "Fear of the Other" Gen. 4:8-9, Jeremiah 22:3, 1 John 4:18

02.10.2019 "Chicken Little Fear" Ps. 46:1-2a, 6-7, Romans 12:18-21

02.17.2019 "Personal Failure and Fear" Rom. 8:28, James 1:19,
Matt. 5: 11-12a, 7:12

02.20.2019 "Fears of Meaninglessness and Being Alone"
Matt. 22:37-40. Micah 6:8

We all have fears. This series can help us deal with them by helping us to look realistically at what scares us to see if things are really as bad as we think they are, and by helping us to connect more deeply to God who is with us in all things.

On another note, I want to ask you to step up your prayers for our United Methodist denomination as we approach the specially called General Conference Session, Feb. 23-26, to decide how we will move forward in ministry with our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. Some groups are calling for a church split. Many others are saying we can continue in unity even though we do not agree on all things. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to be present with the delegates and attendees that we might find a way to work together for the sake of our mission and ministry.

Please know that regardless of how things turn out at this General Conference session we at First United Methodist Church of Concordia will seek to continue in ministry, living out our purpose: "We will work to provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples."

Thank you for being such a great congregation! May 2019 be a year filled with joy ministry with one another and our community!

Pastor Melanie

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

Office Info/UMW

UMW News

February

Altar Flowers- Nonnie Steinert

Executive Meeting: February 21st @ 12:15 pm

General Meeting: February 21st @ 1:00 pm

Program: Spiritual Growth by Wendy Holt

Hostess: Evening Cluster

HUGE THANKS
to everyone that has helped
keep the church clean
during the month of
January!
Phil & Connie Bentz
Randy & Marcy Johnson
Jim & Ann Lanoue
Patty Mosher
Loren & Joyce Swenson
Marsha Wentz
Youth

Mark Your Calendar



Trustees: February 5th @ 7:00 pm

Finance: February 11th @ 7:00 pm

SPPRC: February 19th @ 7:00 pm

New Adult Group Social

The first get together of our New Adult Group (yet to be named) is scheduled for Sunday, February 10th at 7:00 pm. Please pray for this group as they embark on a journey of bonding and preparation for future leadership within our church. Email invitations have been sent. If you are between the ages of 30 and 65 and would like to join us, please contact Lisa in the office, 785-243-4560.



Secret Prayer Sister News

It's SECRET PRAYER SISTER time again!!

We will be meeting on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 9:30am in the Crusader's Room.

Please encourage your FUMC women friends to participate in this program. The more women we have participate the more likely you are to get a different sister each year.

This is an opportunity to focus on brightening someone's day. Be creative!! Send a card, acknowledge her birthday, wish her a speedy recovery, or a sympathy card because her pet passed away. This is as fun as you want to make it. Be a bright light in someone's day.

So fill out a SECRET PRAYER SISTER CARD located on the table outside the sanctuary and bring it with you on Saturday, February 23rd.



Save The Date

It's time for a Church Potluck!!!! The hospitality committee will be hosting the first potluck of 2019 on Sunday, February 10th following worship. Bring a dish to share, your own table service and an appetite as we join together for fellowship, food, laughter and more food. Bring a friend.



IMPACT STOCKHOLDER

All Stockholders will be invited to the Post-Mission Trip appreciation event.

Your support towards our Mission Trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin in June is appreciated!!

LEVEL	INVESTMENT	RETURNS
DIAMOND	\$80	5 GIFTS
PLATINUM	\$70	4 GIFTS
GOLD	\$55	3 GIFTS
SILVER	\$40	2 GIFTS
BRONZE	\$20	1 GIFT

Chocolate Covered Strawberries and Valentine's Cookies ~ February

Surprise your sweetheart with heart-shaped, freshly baked and frosted sugar cookies surrounded by strawberries bathed in melted chocolate. Treats will be delivered February 10th-12th.

Italian Dinner for 2 ~ March

Enjoy an Italian dinner for two which includes a salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and a delectable dessert. Meal will be served at the First United Methodist Church March 24th following Sunday service (11:45 am - 1:00 pm).

One Dozen Cinnamon Rolls ~ April

Let us help you prepare for breakfast Easter morning. Order 1 dozen cinnamon rolls topped with cream cheese frosting. Rolls will be delivered April 16th-18th.

Pallet Sign and Bath Salts ~ May

Show a special mother in gifts with a hand-crafted, hand-painted pallet sign and homemade bath salts. Gifts will be delivered May 6th-8th.

Car Wash and Interior Detail ~ June

Start Summer off fresh with a clean vehicle inside and out. Cleaning will take place by appointment May 29th - June 4th.

Order forms are available in the church office or on the hallway bulletin board. For more information contact Jason Johnson or Kathy Poore.

IMPACT News

First of all, it goes without saying that the support our group receives from all of you is amazing, welcomed and appreciated. February will bring new excitement and energy to our IMPACT Group. Allow us to bring you up to speed on happenings thus far this year and what to expect in the future.

January was a great month for IMPACT. We had 15 youth participate in our first ever 30 Hour Famine. The program was developed by World Vision and was designed to unite youth around the globe in learning about and experiencing how hunger and poverty affect our world. IMPACT amazingly made it 30 hours without food and without withering away. Many of them were not sure they could do it all and expressed feelings of hunger throughout the event. A lot of lessons were learned and all of the kids have a new found appreciation of not having to want for food or basic necessities in life. A huge "THANK YOU" goes to Monte and Nancy Wentz for volunteering to make us a breakfast to break our 30 Hour fast. Eggs, bacon, tater tots, fruit and muffins have never tasted so good!!!

We started a new lesson series in January during Table Talk time. We are piggybacking off of Pastor Melanie's current sermon series on conquering fear. Wednesday nights have been full of discussions on the topic of FEAR.

Now onto February! We are beginning to ramp up our preparations for our Mission Trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin in June. We have been brainstorming fundraising ideas and have come up with several activities that will be coming during the Spring. We'll be rolling out our "IMPACT Stockholder" fundraiser in February. Throughout the month of February (and possibly beyond) the youth of IMPACT will be selling "IMPACT Shares". You can purchase as many or as few shares as you like. What is the return on your investment? There are several different "Returns/Dividends/Luxury Items" to choose from when you invest with us. February Dividends: Chocolate covered strawberries and cookies delivered to you. March Luxury Item: An Italian Dinner for Two served by IMPACT on March 24th. April Returns: A dozen Cinnamon Rolls for Easter morning delivered Easter week. May Dividend: A hand-crafted Mother's Day gift delivered before the special day. June Return: Car Wash and Detail (by appointment only). More information and an order sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by the office or see Lisa in the church office. These make great gifts for yourself or for others. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to either of us.

Thanks again for all of your support!!

Jason Johnson and Kathy Poore.



Spotlight on Janessa Ade

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Janessa Ade, Age 18, Senior at Clifton-Clyde High School

What activities are you involved in at School: Cheer, Band, Forensics

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: 6 Years

List church activities you have participated in: Haunted House, IMPACT Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Random Acts of Kindness

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: “My favorite part is meeting every Wednesday night and the memories we make together.”

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: Always playing Sardines. “You get pretty creative with hiding places after being here so long.”

What does church mean to you: Church is a place you can go to feel your closest to God.



Spotlight on Taryn Mosher

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending:
Taryn Mosher, Age 18, Senior at Concordia High School

What activities are you involved in at School: Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Friends of Rachel, Tennis and Band

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: 6 Year

List church activities you have participated in: Haunted House, IMPACT Youth Group, Random Acts of Kindness, Vacation Bible School

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Learning about God

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: Hiding in the church while playing Sardines

What does church mean to you: Meeting new people and being with friends.



Spotlight on UMW Label Collections



Box Tops for Education

Many General Mills items include a box top that can be clipped. Each box top is worth 10 cents. Box tops collected are donated to our local Concordia schools.

For more information, visit www.boxtops4education.com.



Best Choice Labels

For the first 1,000 labels collected each year, the UMC receives \$60. Every additional 1,000 labels is worth \$30. About \$90 is collected each year and is used for UMW Missions projects.

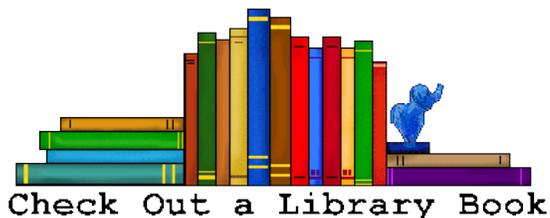
For more information, visit www.bestchoicebrand.com/save-a-label.

Please place labels in the donation box in the parlor.

Spotlight on Church Library

Looking for a good read? Our Church Library has 15 new books to explore. It's a great time of year to curl up with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate, next to a roaring fire.

Happy Reading!!!



Mission Buckets

In January, we collected \$68.07 for the Human Relations Day special offering. If you would still like to give to this offering, please return your gift today!

We will pass the Missions Buckets on February 19th – watch for an announcement about how the money will be used!

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **February 6th from 8:00 – 11:00 am**. Help is needed to unpack boxes, remove barcodes, and stock items. To volunteer, contact Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.

Special thanks goes out to Tonya Merrill and Brandi Eubanks. They have supplied us with boxes for Commodities and provided food to restock our stash for The Little Pantry. It is a pleasure to work hand in hand with these 2 women to help feed Cloud County.



Boiler Update

Thank you for your support to replace the original boiler. The new boilers have been installed and are running great. We have already seen a decrease in our gas bill! *We are currently several thousand dollars short of raising the money to fund this project in full. Please consider an additional gift toward this project.*

The 1965 Boiler



New Boilers



Little Pantry

Winter is here! Please do not leave items in the pantry that could freeze when the weather is predicted to be extremely cold. In particular, canned goods can freeze and spoil. Ideas for items to leave in the pantry include: crackers, rice meals, macaroni and cheese, hot chocolate, popcorn, and beef jerky.



If you have extra items, please place them in the food box in the church entry – these items will be used for the pantry and the CCRC Food Bank. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry through the CCRC Food Bank.

Thanks for Giving and Volunteering

Thank you for your donations of 9 jackets/coats, 3 pairs of shoes, 6 pairs of pants, 41 pairs of socks and 23 pairs of underwear! These items have been delivered to the Concordia Elementary School.

Thank you for your donations of 18 pairs gloves, 11 hats, and 3 scarves! These items have been delivered to the Cloud County Health Department WIC Program.

116 individuals received Commodities during the January distribution event! We had 20 volunteers from our church, DVAK, SNO (Student Nurses Organization of CCCC), and the American Legion Auxiliary! A soup lunch with delicious cinnamon rolls was served to the participants.



FUMC Volunteers



February Heroes

Worship Volunteers	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Greeters	Poore's Lori Raccagno	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	Nonnie Steinert	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer
Media	Mark McConkey	Lisa Brewer	Mark McConkey	Lisa Brewer
Sound				
Worship Leader	Jason Johnson	Charity Brown	Angie Gable-McConkey	Loren Swenson
Liturgist	Harry Adams	Christy Hasch	Judy Edwards	Cindy Kocher
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Bill Thompson	Pam Campbell	Puppets
Fellowship Hosts	Angie McConkey Donna Reedy	Potluck		
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Nading	Potluck	Amy Gerber	Lisa Valcoure
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)		Potluck		Lisa Brewer
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Peggy Nelson	Potluck		Connie Bentz

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	Randy & Marcy Johnson
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	Marvin & Eudora Petersen
Bathrooms	Marsha Wentz
Nursery	
Parlor & Kitchen	David & Judy Edwards
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	
Halls/Stairs	
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 5:00 FPU	4	5 7:00 pm Trustees	6 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	7 9:30 am UMW Morning Cluster	8	9 Fresh Expressions workshop in Topeka
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To A Friend of the Church



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Concordia First United Methodist Church

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