

January 2020



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

From Your Pastor

Happy New Year! As 2020 dawns I am working on a process that will help us as a congregation determine our way forward together in ministry. As I am writing this, I am not yet sure which way to go as far as the process is concerned. There are several ways we can do this:

One is a Bible Study designed to help us discern a faithful future. If done in the way suggested it would be a 12-week process which by the end we would have clarity as to our direction for the future. This study would be open to our leadership and anyone interested.

Another way of discernment could be taking the above-mentioned study and condensing it into fewer, but longer gatherings. This might be a good option for us.

Still another way could be to do a process called R360 which involves surveys and a strategic planning team with the potential for an outside planning coach.

The bottom line is: we WILL be working together to discern the faithful way forward for us as a congregation. We have already begun work on our worship time, but that is just one part of the process. I am excited to see what the process will reveal to us!

Please be in prayer for our church and its leaders. Be in prayer for yourself as a member or friend of our congregation. I am interested in your feedback as to your preference for one of the choices for discernment. And remember: your church needs you as we move forward. As members we have promised to uphold our church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. And I thank you for your commitment!

In Christ ~ Melanie

Bittersweet Farewell.....

As most of you know, Dave and I have had our house on the market for several months. It hasn't sold as of the day I write this but we are hopeful it sells soon. We have found our newest forever home in Shawnee, Kansas. I will be moving on February 1, 2020 and Dave will join me after our house here sells. We have spent months praying for guidance and working out the logistics of this huge life change and we ask for your prayers and blessings.

My last day at FUMC as your Administrative Assistant will be January 31, 2020. I am hoping that a five week notice of resignation will allow time to find my replacement and train that person before I leave.

I want to thank you for 28 months of laughs, joy, tears, sorrows and making me feel a part of the family. You have been so patient while I learned that certain decisions must go through committees and during my first few months of fumbling my way with limited computer skills. I will miss this church family and plan to visit whenever I'm back in town. Farewell, my friends ~ Lisa

Un-Hanging of the Greens

As sad as it makes us.....

We must take down the Christmas Decorations.

Please join us on January 5th immediately following
worship (11:30 am).

The more hands we have the quicker and lighter the
work. Thanks in advance!!

Not trying
to be a
Grinch...
but it is time
to take
down your
Christmas
Lights.



Worship Boot Camp

Worship
Training
for Children's
Moments,
Greeters,
Liturgists,
Media, Sound,
Ushers,
Worship
Leaders



We are having a "Boot Camp" for Worship Volunteers!!!! This training session is designed to help our Worship time flow more smoothly, answer your questions about your duties and to help us move forward in our journey to rework how we worship. Join us on January 12, 2020 in room 203.

The training is for Children's Moment presenters, Greeters, Liturgists, Media Techs, Sound Techs, Ushers and Worship Leaders!!

Cookie Day



Huge "Thank You" to everyone who donated cookies and/or volunteered their time to make Cookie Day 2019 a success. 61 boxes of cookies were sold!!



Meetings and Office News

Worship: January 6th @ 5:30 pm

Trustees: January 7th @ 7:00 pm

Boot Camp: January 12th @ 11:30 am

Finance: January 13th @ 7:00 pm

Missions Team: January 19th @ 11:30 am

ADCO: January 20th @ 5:30 pm

Healthy Congregations: January 26th @ 11:30 am



UMW News

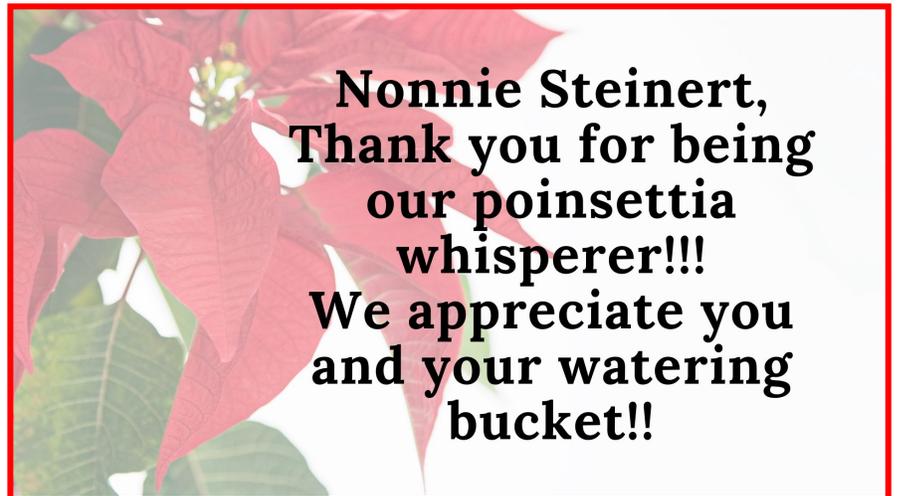
Altar Flowers- Nonnie Steinert

Executive Meeting: January 16th @ 12:15 pm

General Meeting: January 16 @ 1:00 pm



We are searching for volunteers to help keep our church clean. Please see the January volunteer sign-up sheet located on the hallway bulletin board.



IMPACT NEWS



"Christmas Hope"

Cast:
Mom: Maddie Johnson
Daughter: Carly Brown
Son: Jagger Johnson
Mary: Peyton Johnson
Joseph: Josh Bray
Angel: Naveah Valcoure
Isaiah: Aidan Poore
Prophecy Reader: Dylan Bray

Time Christmas Program
Sunday, December 15th ~ 10:30 am

Another year has come to a close and the annual Christmas program is in the books. IMPACT would like to thank each and everyone of you for the support, prayers and unwavering grace shown to us. We're excited to see what this New Year brings and we have 2020 vision going into the future.

Happy New Year ~ Kathy & Jason

Commodities Day

Commodities Day is scheduled for **January 22nd**. I know!, they switched the week on us. Regardless, we are looking for volunteers to help unload the truck and pack boxes. Please be at the church by 10:10 am, dress warm and bring a pocket knife if you have one!!



Mission Buckets

In December, we collected \$400 for the Cloud County Resource Center Holiday Baskets! This collection helped prepare food baskets for 12 families.

We will pass the Missions Buckets on January 19th for the Human Relations Day Special Offering. Learn more about this offering at <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/human-relations-day>.

Little Pantry

Winter is coming! 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.

The pantry continues to experience high traffic flow with multiple visits each day to both add and take items. **Please consider leaving extra items during the holiday season when families have children on school break and students who are staying in the dorms at CCCC may be in need of food.** 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.

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Several volunteers from our church helped children shop and wrapped gifts at the CCRC Holiday Store. This year 148 children participated in the project!

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **January 8th 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.

Healthy Congregations

Yoga Classes

January Yoga Class will be held on:

Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 pm

Classes are held in the Fellowship Hall. Participants of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate (including beginners). Bring a mat or towel for the floor; you may want to bring a small pillow or towel to sit on.



Quarterly Tip

Stay Hydrated in the Winter

It is important to stay hydrated in the winter. At a minimum, dehydration can make us feel foggy, tired or fatigued, and irritable. While it can be hard staying motivated to drink all the water your body needs, try the following tricks to keep you hydrated through this winter.



- 1. SKIP THE ICE CUBES** Skip the ice and drink your water room temperature or slightly warm to make it more manageable when it's cold outside.
- 2. SIP HOT FLAVORED WATER** Most of us reach for hot coffee/tea in the winter. Holding a hot mug between your fingers and sipping on a steamy beverage when it's freezing out just feels so right. Take a break from your third cup of coffee and give hot flavored water a try. Try adding these flavor combinations to your hot water: lemon slices, lemon slices + ginger, fresh mint leaves, raspberries + fresh rosemary sprigs, pear slices + cinnamon, apple slices + cinnamon.
- 3. EAT MORE SOUP** Eating soup is a sneaky way to get more water into your winter diet. Since broths are water based, soups can add an additional cup or two of water to your daily intake. Loading up on healthy, low sodium soups is a great way to stay hydrated and feel full at the same time.
- 4. DRINK WATER WITH YOUR COFFEE OR TEA** Drink 16 oz of water BEFORE your cup of coffee/tea and 16 oz of water AFTER your coffee/tea to make sure you are getting enough water to stay hydrated.

Missions Tree

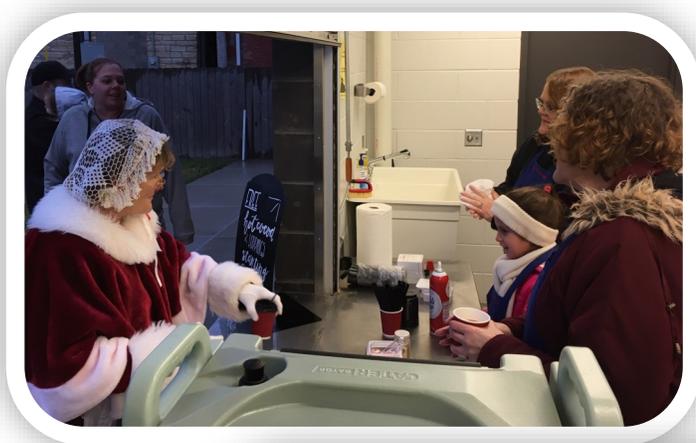
Thank you for your donations of 120 food items and 12 toys for the CCRC Holiday Baskets! These donations made it possible for the CCRC to provide Holiday Baskets for many families in need during this holiday season.

We are still collecting cold weather accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, earmuffs) for all ages through **January 5th**. All items collected will be donated to the CCRC.



Hot Cocoa Bar

The weather was frightful, but the Hot Cocoa was delightful! Hometown Holidays on November 29th was a success despite the damp conditions. Thank you to all who volunteered. Over 10 gallons of Hot Cocoa was served to 200 people. Great community outreach, thank you Monte and Nancy for spearheading this project.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing



FUMC spreading
Holiday cheer and
ringing for the
cause.
17 volunteers and
tons of fun!!



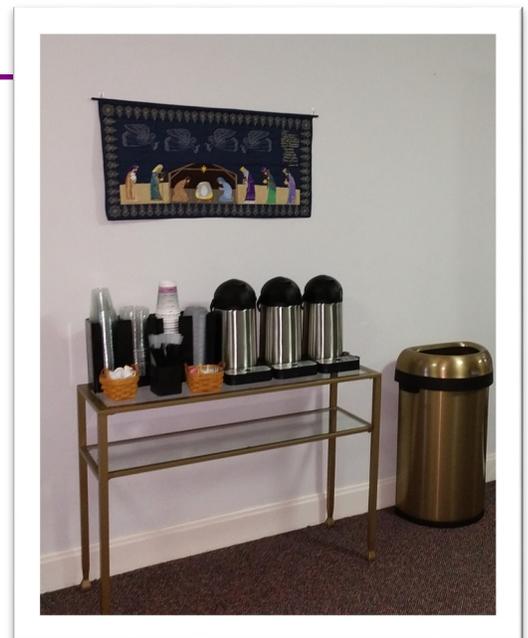
New Coffee Bar

Have you tried the Hot Cocoa?

If not, you should.

**Our Coffee Bar opens at 10:00 am every
Sunday. Come enjoy a cup of coffee or
cocoa with us.**

**Special thanks to the family of
Carol McKenna for helping to make this
goal a reality!!**



January Heroes

Worship Volunteers	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26
Greeters	Judy Kircher	Nonnie Steinert Pearsons	Linda Culley Julie Cory	Ann Lanoue Jim Lanoue
Media Sound	Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz	Janice Swenson Mark McConkey	Janice Swenson Jason Johnson	Lisa Brewer Mark McConkey
Worship Leader	Loren Swenson			Angie Gable- McConkey
Liturgist	Cindy Kocher	Lori Raccagno	Susie Haver	Mary Thoman
Children's Moment		Cindy Kocher		Phil Gilliland
Fellowship Hosts		Angie McConkey Donna Reedy	Connie Bentz	



Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	Randy & Marcy Johnson
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	
Bathrooms	Christy Hasch & Angie Gabel-McConkey
Nursery	
Parlor & Kitchen	Phil & Connie Bentz
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	Jason Johnson
Halls/Stairs	Cindy Kocher (1st-15th)
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed Happy New Year	2	3	4
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Return Service Requested
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740 West 11th Street

To A Friend of the Church

Sunday Services
 Adult & Youth Sunday School at 9:30 am
 Worship at 10:30 am
Table Talk every Wednesday Evening (during the school year)
 Dinner at 6:00 pm
 Classes for all ages at 6:30 pm

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 Administrative Assistant: Lisa Brewer
 Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore
 Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson
 Choir Director: Renata Knox
 Organist: Pam Campbell
 Nursery: Jan Novlan

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