## February 2020



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# **From Your Pastor**

Happy February everyone!

Maybe you are like me, you are always happy that January is over. We are closer to spring!

I just wanted to say a word about the upcoming General Conference Session of the United Methodist Church. There is a lot of uncertainty and anxiety as to what our denomination will look like following the May General Conference (meeting from May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>). I know many of you join me in praying for a United Methodist Church that includes all, including those with whom we might disagree on a whole range of topics. We also know that there will likely be some leaving our denomination. And while that isn't what we've worked for, we do pray they do well as they seek to serve Christ according to their convictions.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, said, "If your heart be as my heart, give me your hand." Diversity, while we have not always done it well, has never-the-less been a crucial part of our denomination. In our best moments we seek to work side-by-side with one another.

This is what Jesus calls us to do, as well. He did not ask people if they agreed with him before he spoke to them, before he ate with them, before he taught them, OR before he healed them. Jesus reflected the love of God which is not bound by human constraints and died for the sake of that love.

My advice is to pray for the Holy Spirit to be present with the delegates to General Conference and to not be anxious. My advice is also that we continue our work as the great congregation we are, inviting, welcoming, sharing and caring in the name of Christ. ~ Melanie

# From Your New Administrative Assistant

I am blessed to be the new Administrative Assistant of the Church. I have some pretty big shoes to fill as Lisa exits the position. I feel thankful that Lisa has been willing to teach me some of her duties. I come from a background, and experience of many years in Office Management, Community Service, while being an active member of a congregation. I look forward to learning more, working with Pastor Melanie, the Board, ALL those who serve in addition to getting to know each Member of FUMC. Dee Ann

# **Meetings and Office News**

Trustees: February 4th @ 7:00 pm

Finance: February 10th @ 7:00 pm

Missions: February 23rd: 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 February volunteer sign-up sheet located on the hallway bulletin board.

Thank you to those RockStars that kept our building clean in January:

Marcy & Randy Johnson,
Christy Hasch,

Angie Gable-McConkey, Jim & Ann Lanoue, Phil & Connie Bentz, Jason Johnson, Cindy Kocher and Mary Thoman.

# Final Words from Lisa.....is there such a thing?

My heart is heavy as I write this note.....it's Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:32 am. I'm sitting at my desk in the church office jamming out to "Lady" by the Commodores. Today is the last day I'll be running Commodities, this will be the last newsletter I publish, next week will be my last at FUMC, February 1st I begin my new life in Shawnee. So many changes and I'm navigating them with tears and determination.

You all have made an impact on my life, please know that I treasure the friendships made and I cherish the memories from my 28 months here. You embraced my energy, my crazy ideas, my Davey and my family.

Thank you for sharing part of your life journey with me.....!'ll always look upon my time at FUMC with fondness. Hugs and love ~ Lisa Brewer

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#### **Potluck**



THE HOSPITALITY
TEAM IS HOSTING A
POTLUCK ON
FEBRUARY 9TH
AFTER WORSHIP.
COME ONE, COME
ALL...BRING
SOMETHING TO
SHARE AND YOUR
TABLE SERVICE.

# **Secret Prayer Sister Coffee**

The secret sister coffee/reveal will be held Feb. 22nd. at 9:30 am in the parlor.
Please remember to bring your card with you for the new year.



# **Change the World Sunday**

Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Change the World event is coming on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>! If you have a project idea, please let any member of the Missions Team know! Team members include: Melanie Adams, Pam Campbell, Julie Cory, Cindy Kocher, Bruce Nutter, Marvin Petersen, and Nancy Wentz.



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#### **Lenten Boxes**



**Lenten Boxes** will be available starting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Proceeds from Lenten Boxes** will go to Mission Agency Support.

### **Muffins for Missions**

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD BEFORE WORSHIP



On Sunday, **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the Missions Team will host the annual **Muffins for Missions** event. Money collected will go to **Missions Agency Support**. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to <a href="www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport">www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport</a>. If you would rather make a monetary donation, Missions Buckets will also be passed.

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#### **IMPACT NEWS**

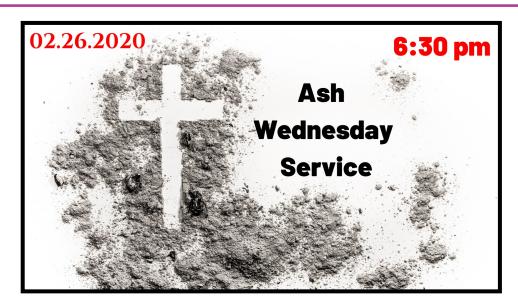
January 2020 is coming to a close and before we know it school will be out for summer break. We have so much to accomplish before May. IMPACT spent so much of the fall semester in a whirlwind of activity on the Haunted House that we never really had a chance to settle into a routine. However, we started 2020 with a renewed focus, settled into our new normal, and dug into our lessons. We have been learning about the origins of the Bible and how it is still a viable book to us in today's culture.

Jerrica Snyder was our fall semester points winner. IMPACT members earned points throughout the semester by bringing their Bible to Table Talk, inviting a friend and by participating in games/activities during our Wednesday evening gathering. Jerrica won a game night collection!!

February shall be a fun month for IMPACT. On the 9th, we will be hosting and presenting the entire Sunday morning service. Please make plans to attend to show support to our youth and to see this dynamic group in action. Lessons will continue as we move onto a new series revolving around Genesis. Discussing God's creation and relationship with us as humans as well as the beginning of what would become God's people/follower is our focus.

Thank you for the kindness and support your show our youth and to us leaders! ~ Kathy & Jason

# **Ash Wednesday Service**



Don't want to get out in the dark for Ash Wednesday Service?

Trinity United Methodist will be having a service at 4:00 pm for Ash Wednesday.

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#### **Mission Buckets**

In January, we collected \$60.15 for the **Human Relations Day Special Offering**.

Learn more about this offering at <a href="http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/human-relations-day">http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/human-relations-day</a>.



# **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.

The pantry continues to experience high traffic flow with multiple visits each day to both add and take items. 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**

Thanks for your donations of 40 cold weather accessories (hats, scarves, gloves) for the Cloud County Resource Center!

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **February 5<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com">ccrc@nckcn.com</a>.

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# **Healthy Congregations**

Yoga Classes

February Yoga Classes will be held on:

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

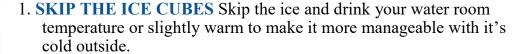


Classes are held in the Fellowship Hall. Participants of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate (including beginners). Bring a mat or towel for the floor; you may want to bring a small pillow or towel to sit on.



#### 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.



- 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.



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# **Commodities Day**

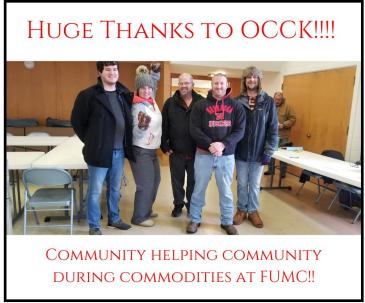








25 Volunteers, 92 people served and tons of fun on a cold winter day.





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# **January Heroes**

Worship					
Volunteers	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	
Greeters		Pearson			
		Pearson			
Media			Dee Ann Lightfoot	Nancy Wentz	
Sound		Mark McConkey	Mark McConkey	Monte Wentz	
Worship Leader					
Liturgist	Marcy Johnson	Angie Gable- McConkey	Nevaeh Valcoure	Christy Hasch	
Children's	Mary Thoman	IMPACT	Jason Johnson		
Moment					
Fellowship Hosts		Joyce Swenson	Angie		
			Donna		

Area to Clean	February Volunteers		
Sanctuary	Randy & Marcy Johnson		
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	Phil & Connie Bentz		
Bathrooms	Marsha Wentz		
Nursery			
Parlor & Kitchen			
Classrooms/Choir Room	Pam Campbell		
Fellowship Hall	Jason Johnson		
Halls/Stairs			
Youth Room	Youth		
Kitchen			

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# February 2020

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Church Phone: 785-243-4560

Pastor's Cell: 308-920-0917

Parsonage: 785-262-4224

Website: www.concordiafumc.com

Classes for all ages at 6:30 pm

Adult & Youth Sunday School at 9:30 am

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Worship at 10:30 am

Mursery: Jan Movlan

Organist: Pam Campbell

Choir Director: Renata Knox

Sunday Services

Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson

Administrative Assistant: Dee Ann Lightfoot

Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore

Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams

Email: concordialumc@gmailcom

Table Talk every Wednesday Evening (during the school year)

To A Friend of the Church

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