



The Messenger

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COME & WORSHIP

8:00 & 11:00 Traditional
9:30 Praise Worship

Sunday

February 5, 2012

"Knowing the Way"

John 14:1-6

Sunday

February 12, 2012

"Producing a Joyful Life"

John 15:1-11

Sunday School

All Ages – 9:30 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Monday,

Tuesday & Wednesdays.

Hello Friends,

In the midst of what is supposed to be a New Year, it is getting old very, very quickly. Already January is gone and we're looking toward February and the beginning of the Lenten Season that will push us toward Easter. I can already hear the sound of paper rustling as people have begun lining up last year's financial documents to take to their accountants and tax preparers. With it being a political year, politicians who have already thrown their hats into the ring, and more to come, will be mounting their political stumps in an effort to win our votes. And as always, in a political year, we have some choices to make. Oh, not about who will be the next President. While our votes may or may not determine who will be the next POTUS (President of the United States — *and I understand that the Electoral College really chooses the POTUS*), we get to vote with our hearts and spirits each day about other matters more significant than who will be the POTUS. While others are opening their ears wider, listening more closely to hear who has the most promising stump speech to win our political votes, God is inviting us to open our hearts to listen with a more discerning ear to the Spirit of God concerning what God will have us to do. While others are shuffling financial papers to see how they can get the best tax break (and perhaps a refund) from the IRS, God is inviting us to sift through the treasury of our hearts to see what gift we can give to others. We get to choose Jesus over all of the other seemingly high priorities in our lives.

At times, I believe it may be easier to hear what the politicians are saying than to hear the voice of Christ over the chatter of the world and rustling of financial documents. And yet, that is what our options are. We are invited to listen more closely to the voice of God than we are to those other matters in life. Now, perhaps we could go to Scripture as a guide for our lives and remind ourselves to *"seek first the Kingdom of God ..."*. That is a good idea, but only points us in the right direction. As we get closer to the season of Lent, we will be looking toward things to give up that will make us feel good about our commitment to Christ, if only temporarily. But while it is still early, I'd like us to think instead about giving something during Lent as opposed to giving up something. I'm asking now, because Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and is right around the corner.

What if during this coming Lenten season we meditate on giving ourselves to God in more intentional ways. I'm thinking now of something that Jesus was quoted as saying to the Pharisees about a tax issue that made his answer a little more comprehensive than taxes alone. He said, *"Then give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give God what belongs to God."* (*Matthew 22:21 - CEB*)

It may be too soon to begin thinking about Lent and all that it's supposed to mean. It could easily get crowded out by our concern about taxes and elections. And sometimes we don't take enough time to really reflect on what it means to be in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Then again, maybe it wouldn't hurt to think about what belongs to God and making sure that we truly give to God what belongs to God.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Ron



“Worship with Jesus, Worship Today”

Sunday, February 5

- Kindergarten – Geography and Games
- 1st & 2nd Grade – Drama
- *4th Grade – Computer
- 5th & 6th Grade – Audio Visual

Sunday, February

- Kindergarten – Arts and Crafts
- 1st & 2nd Grade – Geography and Games
- *4th Grade – Drama
- 5th & 6th Grade – Computer

***Learning to Use the Bible:**

3rd-graders will be meeting in the Library from February 5 through March 4. Vickie Hammons and Sherry Hutchison will be leading the class. **Please bring your new Bibles and your notebooks every Sunday. You will have music time at the normal time in the Chapel.**



Notes from Children’s Ministry

Children’s Sabbath

Thank you to everyone who helped make Children’s Sabbath a special Sunday. A special thank you goes to Fred Henik for helping with the battery-operated candles, and to the Youth who participated as ushers and greeters along with the children.

Mark Your Calendar

Coming this Lenten Season

Sunday, March 25, 2012, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Family Seder
(Learn how Jesus celebrated the Passover as a child.)

Bible Study with Pastor Ron

Come join Pastor Ron on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in Room 304 for weekly Bible study.

Sympathy

To Margaret Willson and family, on the death of her mother, Blanche Caldwell, on January 13, 2012.

The family of Theda Lewis, on her death January 16, 2012.

Debbie Thomas and family, on the death of her mother, Mildred Farmer, on January 18, 2012.

Thanks

Such a wonderful turnout for the potato bar lunch last Sunday! Thanks to all who were able to come and help make for a fun time together. Because of you we will be able to donate over \$200 more to missions this year.

United Methodist Women

from the library...a quiet ministry

I Discovered Missing Joy at Our Church Library

by Earl Smith

Just before this winter, while enjoying heartfelt fellowship with a mentoring guest late one evening, I began sharing some of my frustrations. I had originally meant to be a good listener, for our guest, and provide whatever appropriate encouragement to him at the time. Instead, I ended up being blessed through our guest's reminder that God wants each one of us to experience His joy throughout our lives. This led me to our church library, where I rediscovered numerous great books that helped me renew my joy and God intended contentment on my soul. Some of these books were *The Joy of Understanding Your Faith* by Cecil G. Osborne, *Faith Works* by James MacArthur and *The Positive Power of Jesus Christ* by Norman Vincent Peale.

Stop by the library to see the beautiful puzzle--a rendition of the Nativity --that has been completed by congregation members as they stop by and add a piece here and there! We will soon box it up and have another puzzle out, ready to complete.

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care

Are you going through a difficult time--emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, talk with Margie Voiles at 631-6836.

SUPERBOWL SUB SANDWICHES:

It's that time of year again! Whether you watch the game or not, why not treat yourself February 5th to a delicious sub sandwich? This is a fundraiser to support youth summer mission trips. Cost is \$15 per giant sub and you have your choice of many meats, cheeses and veggies- design your own creation on an order form and turn in to the youth or office, then pick up subs Sunday morning, February 5th between services. (If anyone would like to donate or has contacts who may donate supplies (food, wraps, bags, etc.), please see Steve D'Amato, Youth Fundraising Coordinator or Nancy Carson, Director of Student Ministries (shawneeyouth@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support. Enjoy the sandwiches!

Thank You

We would like to say thank you to all who called, sent cards or came to the visitation at the loss of our former daughter-in-law. Your caring meant so much to our entire family. *Charles & Liz Goslin*

CHURCH CALENDAR

February 5 - 19, 2012

Sunday, February 5

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
8:00 a.m. Youth Sub Sandwich Fundraiser, Gym
9:00 a.m. Youth "Sunday Morning Live", Gym
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class, Room 306
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 p.m. Sunday School
1:00 p.m. God & Me, Room 300
3:00 p.m. God & Family, Room 300
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304

Monday, February 6

4:45 p.m. Mission Bells, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Chancel Chimes, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3297, Den 13 Meeting, Gym
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, February 7

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Class, Room 304
4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Yoga with Robin Jaffe, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development Meeting, Library
7:30 p.m. UM Men Executive Board Meeting, Parlor
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, February 8

6:00 p.m. Physical Fellowship, Gym
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Vesper Chimes, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Evangelism, Communication, Hospitality & Outreach Committee Meeting, Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, Room 307

Thursday, February 9

6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
7:00 p.m. UM Women Unit Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 10

10:00 a.m. Living Your Strengths, Room 308

Saturday, February 11

Sunday, February 12

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:00 a.m. Youth "Sunday Morning Live", Gym
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class, Room 306
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 p.m. Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304
5:00 p.m. UM Youth Fellowship, Gym, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 13

11:30 a.m. Ambassadors, Fellowship Hall
4:45 p.m. Mission Bells, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Chancel Chimes, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, February 14

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Class, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Yoga with Robin Jaffe, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Room 305

6:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders Meeting, Library
7:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Rooms 304, 306
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, February 15

1:00 p.m. Mary Ruth Circle, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Physical Fellowship, Gym
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Vesper Chimes, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Diabetes Support Group, Room 308
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, Room 307

Thursday, February 16

1:00 p.m. Martha Circle, Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Prayer Quilt, Room 304
6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3352 Adult Committee Meeting, Room 308
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Room 304
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl, Parlor

Friday, February 17

10:00 a.m. Living Your Strengths, Room 308

Saturday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Early Birds Circle, Room 307

Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Scout Sunday Lunch Prep, Kitchen
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:00 a.m. Youth "Sunday Morning Live", Gym
9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class, Room 306
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 p.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Luncheon, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304
5:00 p.m. UM Youth Fellowship, Gym, Fellowship Hall

Attendance & Offering

January 15, 2012		January 22, 2012	
8:00 a.m.	87	8:00 a.m.	82
9:30 a.m.	57	9:30 a.m.	61
11:00 a.m.	98	11:00 a.m.	130
<i>Total</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>273</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>- 245</i>	<i>Sunday School-</i>	<i>149</i>
<i>Offering</i>	<i>- \$8,957.97</i>	<i>Offering</i>	<i>- \$6,853.95</i>
<i>Retire the Debt</i>	<i>- \$70</i>	<i>Retire the Debt</i>	<i>- \$50</i>
<i>Capital Camp.</i>	<i>- \$17,990.40</i>	<i>Capital Camp.-</i>	<i>\$4,062</i>

TUNE UP YOUR INSTRUMENTS!

Let's get together and combine our talents to make a joyful noise! On Sunday, February 19th, Scout Sunday, the SUMC Band will play for the 8:00 and 11:00 services. Adult and intermediate and secondary student instrumentalists are encouraged to join us. Rehearsals will be Wednesday, February 15th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., and bright and early at 7:00 a.m. sharp on Sunday morning, the 19th. Scott Fears will be directing the band. You may contact him at (913) 927-2453 if you have any questions.

AMBASSADOR NEWS

The Ambassadors, a senior adult group, will be meeting Monday, February 13, 2012 at Shawnee United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall. The potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. The program will be Bill Nicks presenting a reenactment of Dwight Eisenhower, former president and Kansas resident, when a boy. Bring a covered dish, table service and \$2 donation. Bread and beverages will be provided. Remember to bring pop tabs and paper goods for the Ronald McDonald House. The nurses from the Johnson County Health Department will check blood pressure from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for a 50 cent donation. All senior citizens are welcome. First-time visitors are not expected to bring food. For more information, call Fred or Erlene Henik, 913-631-5804.

COMING UP--

It's time to be thinking about clearing those shelves of any books you feel you can do without and reserve them for the April 13-14 Book Sale. The "little red wagon" will appear in the hall towards the end of February, ready to collect your books.

The Jewelry and Accessory Sale was such a success last spring that we are going to do it again! This time it will be on May 11-12, just in time for Mother's Day. Do you have items that you would like to contribute to the sale? UMW would love to have them! We will begin to collect items in early April.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS ANNOUNCED!

Registrations are out and all youth currently in grades 7-12 are invited to both offerings this summer. June 9-17 we will be traveling to Henderson Settlement, a United Methodist outreach in the Appalachian mountains near Frakes, KY. There we will work on the homes of families living in the hills and hollers as well as some tasks around the center in their thrift store and with their day care. Cost is \$280 per person for lodging and meals, plus participation in group fundraising to cover the costs of transportation, insurance and building materials. Our second summer mission opportunity will be a local "Mission Days", staying here at the church and working with agencies such as Crosslines, ReStart, Della Lamb, Ronald McDonald House and more, as well as a day trip to Reading, KS to do tornado relief work. The dates of the "Mission Days" is yet to be determined. Extra registration forms are available on the youth bulletin board and in the office. Deposits to reserve spots on the trip are due February 26. If you have any questions regarding these two youth mission opportunities, please see Nancy Carson, Director of Student Ministries (Shawnee youth@yahoo.com).

SHAWNEE UNITED METHODIST MEN

Make plans to join our United Methodist Men's group on Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Shawnee's new police chief, Larry Larrimore. All are invited to attend.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Tuesday morning Lectionary Class is again collecting donations of school supplies for kindergarten - 8th grade, SMSD, now through February 29. A concise list is available in the Church office or email Sherry Ferguson at sferguson2@kc.rr.com for the list. Most anything offered at Walgreens, CVS, Big Lots, or K-Mart as school supplies is acceptable. There is a box marked SCHOOL SUPPLIES near the Chapel door. Thanks!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our members:

Jack Christiansen
The Theda Lewis Family
Dorothy Utterback
Rose Ham
The Mike Helmer Family
Margaret Willson & Family
Debbie Thomas & Family
Prue Basel

Please pray for our friends:

Eric Robb
Scott Vinson
Matt McNitt
Elma Webster
Tamara Harris
Susie Baird & Family
Jennifer Jeffries
Don Waddell
Lou Atherton
Bill Johnson

Please pray for our homebound members:

Mabel Hollingsworth
Hadley & Wanda Wolfrum
Genevieve Humphreys
Lois McAlister
Bob & Harriet Guthrie
Arlene Mayhew
Beth Crane
Lois Higbee
Ruth Lund
Bob & Lorene Cobb

Messenger News...

The next *Messenger* will be mailed out on Wednesday, February 15. All articles need to be received in the office or email julie@shawneemc.org by Monday, February 13, 9:00 a.m. **Keep in mind that all time sensitive articles need to be 10 days or more after the date of the newsletter.**

SUPERBOWL SUBS ON SALE NOW!

ORDER YOUR SUPERBOWL SUB SANDWICHES TODAY!

★ One Form Per Sandwich Please ★

Sub sandwiches will be sold and prepared by the Youth to support 2012 Mission Trips. Order yours now! Cost is \$15 per sandwich, including all dressing. Pickup will be after worship services on Superbowl Sunday, February 5th.

* * * * PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH PAYMENT * * * *

Make checks payable to "SUMC"

★ One Form Per Sandwich Please ★

Meat:

(choose up to 3)

- Beef
- Ham
- Turkey
- Salami

Cheese:

(choose 1)

- American
- Provalone
- Pepper Jack
- Swiss

Dressing:

(choose as many as you'd like!)

- Mustard
- Ketchup
- Mayo
- Tomato
- Lettuce
- Pickle
- Onion
- Jalapenos
- Black Olives

Select Pickup Time:

- After 8:00 worship service
- After 9:30 worship service
- After 11:00 worship service

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Thank you
for ordering!**

Contact Steve D'Amato at 913.268.1278 or sdamato@groebner.com with any questions.
You may also place your order by phone or email by contacting Steve.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR SANDWICHES ON FEB 5th!



“YOUTH LINE”: 742-0004 (up to date info / messages)
Nancy Carson, Coordinator of Student Ministries
e-mail: shawneeyouth@yahoo.com

Wed. Feb. 1- NO Physical Fellowship 6:00-8:00

Sun. Feb. 5- “1st Sunday Special”: Sub-building- Youth report 8:00, Sunday Morning LIVE! 9:00, SS 9:30,
FIRST Confirmation Class 9:30- Room 306, (No UMYF)

Wed. Feb. 8- Physical Fellowship 6:00-8:00

Sun. Feb. 12- “Sunday Morning LIVE!” 9:00, SS/CC 9:30, UMYF 5:00-7:00

Wed. Feb. 15- Physical Fellowship 6:00-8:00

Sun. Feb. 19- “Sunday Morning LIVE!” 9:00, SS/CC 9:30, UMYF 5:00-7:00

Wed. Feb. 22- Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30, (NO Physical Fellowship)

Sun. Feb. 26- MISSION TRIP DEPOSIT DUE! (\$125) “Sunday Morning LIVE!” 9:00, SS/CC 9:30,
UMYF 5:00-7:00