



The Messenger

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Our mission: Connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ
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COME & WORSHIP
8:00 & 11:00 Traditional
9:30 Praise Worship

February 22, 2015

Mark 1:9-15

"God's True Purpose"

March 1, 2015

Mark 2:23-28

"An Everyday God"

Sunday School
All Ages – 9:30 a.m.
Youth – 11:00 a.m.

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Hello Friends,

Have you ever thought about what a win-win situation truly is? I believe that's what making disciples for Jesus Christ truly is. However, it is at the same time the most important and the most difficult work in the life of the church. Christ's mission for us was set out at the beginning of our call to be disciples and is what has come to be known as the great commission. Jesus said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 – NRSV)

Since his command is given to all of us, the obligation isn't optional. It is primary to who we are. Of course, our church has stated this a little differently. We've understood that God's mission for our church is to:

"... connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ."

The issue for each of us, whether we hear Christ's command to those 1st century disciples or whether we hear Christ speaking to us in a 21st century language, is to place Jesus Christ in the center of our work and to make disciples or to connect people in that relationship with him. What makes it difficult to make it a win-win situation is usually our approach to doing it.

We might be afraid to tell others about Jesus Christ. We aren't sure exactly how to raise the subject of Christ in a conversation with others and so our typical response is to say nothing, making it a win-lose scenario. There may also be the additional fear of saying something wrong that might offend others, or we think that bringing up Jesus will offend others. An even more contemporary thought is that because people of different religions are now all around us, we need to be respectful of other's beliefs. Sometimes **we think that we have to convince someone to accept Jesus Christ.** We feel that if we tell others about Christ and they refuse to believe what we believe that we've failed in our responsibilities to do make disciples. Or, **we think that we have to do this all by ourselves.** While there is strength in numbers, the idea of having someone with us to tell others about Christ reminds us of an all too familiar group that shows up at our door in pairs on Saturday mornings with a pamphlet and desire to enter our homes uninvited. The image of that is distasteful to us, and so, again, we choose to do nothing.

However, it might be helpful to remember that telling others about Christ is as simple as sharing stories of our own faith. It is God's (and our) unembellished truth about God's relationship with us — our testimony about what Christ has done for us in our lives. When we are afraid to tell others about Christ, it's usually because we aren't sure that our story is good enough. Our story is always good enough if told with integrity.

Second, we don't have to convince anyone to accept Jesus Christ. We sometimes forget the biblical example that, *"If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."* (Mark 6:10-11) Even in Jesus' day, he didn't expect that everyone would believe. There's also two other very important points. Jesus said: *No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me (John 6:44); and ... remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matt. 28:20)* God already knows those whom God is calling. What we do, we do with Christ with us. We are not alone. It could just be that making disciples is hard because we make it that way. If Christ is with us, what couldn't we accomplish? It's a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Ron



Notes from Children's Ministry



The Children's Sabbath has been moved to April 19th. The Kindergarten through 6th graders will be participating in the service and we are preparing for it during Sunday School. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate our children!

A blessing to pray over your child -

May you know that our God is the one and only God.
May you always turn to Him for everything you need.
Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2015

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Imposition of the Ashes

Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Sanctuary

TIME FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

This is the season when the Lectionary Bible Study has its tissue (Kleenex and all brands welcome!) Drive for Merriam and Raymond Marsh Elementary Schools. We have been told that the fall school supplies of tissue are often depleted by this crucial time of year. All other **school supplies are also needed** as there becomes a need for them at this mid school year time. Please make sure any notebook paper is **wide line** paper. Look for the school supply collection box in the Chapel hallway, under the bulletin boards, February 1 – March 1. Thanks!!

GIFT-CARD MINISTRY...

Our Youth Ministries program uses \$5 gift cards as incentive rewards, prizes and appreciation gifts. We are in need of a variety of cards, \$5 in value, from all sorts of businesses: movies, fast food, gas station, specialty stores, etc. If you're out and about and want to donate some \$5 gift cards for this purpose, please place them in Nancy Carson's box in the church office. Thank you!

Sympathy

To Susan Fears and family on the death of her father Edward Schmiedeler who died January 27, 2015.

To the family of Rev. Max Wright who died January 26, 2015.

UM Women Collecting for Bluejacket-Flint Elementary School

UMW is collecting healthy snacks for the Special Ed and first graders at Bluejacket-Flint such as pretzels, Goldfish, Teddy Grahams or other healthy snacks. UMW would appreciate any contributions. They can be placed in the Bluejacket box in the Narthex.

From the library...a quiet ministry

A recent addition to our library is Max Lucado's BEFORE AMEN, a book consisting of nine short chapters, and subtitled *The Power of a Simple Prayer*. A discussion/reading guide for each chapter is included. The author has written this little book keeping in mind the fact that even Jesus's disciples struggled with wondering how best to pray--and that in today's busyness we may be struggling with our manner and consistency of prayer. He stresses that, "Prayer is simply a heartfelt conversation between God and His child" and offers a simple six line prayer.

February Reading Group

In February the Reading Fellowship Group will read and discuss MRS. LINCOLN'S DRESSMAKER, by Jennifer Chiaverini. This work of historical fiction tells the unlikely and amazing story of the friendship of Mary Todd Lincoln and her dressmaker, Mrs. Keckley, a free black woman with a successful business, patronized by well-known Virginia and D.C. ladies, including Jefferson Davis's wife! We will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor on February 26. Join us for good discussion during Lincoln's birthday month!

Next month: SUM IT UP, by Pat Summit, retired women's basketball coach.

New Time, New Look!

As you plan ahead for Spring, you will want to put April 17 and 18 on your calendar for the church Book, Jewelry, Bake and Breakfast Extravaganza! We are combining the Jewelry, Book and Bake Sale (April 17 and 18) and the Methodist Men's famous breakfast will be held that Saturday morning.

Start saving books and jewelry that you would like to donate and recipes you might want to bake. More information will be coming as the time draws closer!

COME EAT WITH US! Reminder

WHO: Everyone is invited to the monthly community dinner on the 4th Sunday of each month.

WHEN: Begins immediately after 3rd service - 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING: If possible, bring a main dish and either a side, salad or dessert. If everyone brings this much, we should have enough to feed whatever additional community members we have.

REMINDER:

All meetings held in the church need to be on the church calendar in a timely manner in order for the heat to be turned on for your particular area.

CHURCH CALENDAR

February 22 – March 8, 2015

Sunday, February 22

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Classes, Room 308
10:30 a.m. Youth Brunch Bunch, Gym
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour
12:30 p.m. Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. God & Me, Room 301
3:00 p.m. God & Family, Room 300
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304

Monday, February 23

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3352 Tigers, Room 307
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall, Gym

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Youth Workers Unite, Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Room 304
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Rooms 304 & 306
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 3352 Bears, Room 300
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 p.m. UMYF, Gym, Lounge
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Revelation), Annex

Thursday, February 26

1:00 p.m. Reading Group, Parlor
6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Keystone Class Home Bible Study Group,
Howard & Elaine Keling Home
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Romans), Annex

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3127 Blue & Gold Ceremony,
Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 1

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Youth "Brunch Bunch", Gym
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Classes, Room 308
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour
2:00 p.m. KC District Youth Event, Atchison, Kansas
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304

Monday, March 2

7:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting, Library
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Yoga with Robin, Room 303
6:30 p.m. CONALD Meeting, Library
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, March 4

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
6:00 p.m. UMYF, Gym, Lounge

6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Room 304
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Revelation), Annex

Thursday, March 5

10:00 a.m. UM Women Executive Meeting, Room 308
1:00 p.m. Prayer Quilt, Room 307
6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Keystone Class Home Bible Study Group,
Howard & Elaine Keling Home
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Romans), Annex
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl, Parlor

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Room 305
9:00 a.m. Bread Baking & Shut-In Visitation, Kitchen,
Fellowship Hall, Stage & Room 308
10:00 a.m. Gideon Meeting, Room 307

Sunday, March 8

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Classes, Room 308
10:30 a.m. Youth Brunch Bunch, Gym
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour
3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, Room 304

Attendance

February 1, 2015		February 8, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	49	8:00 a.m.	84
9:30 a.m.	67	9:30 a.m.	85
<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>	<u>109</u>
Total	185		278
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>– 128</i>	<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>–</i>

"SAVE THE DATE": ALL-CHURCH EVENT SUNDAY, APRIL 19!

This year's annual basket-auction/dinner/show promises to be bigger and better than ever! This is an event you'll want to invite friends and family to attend with you! Our entertainment for the evening will be Christian Magician Keith Leff! Dinner for donations and the basket auction will precede the show. Plan now to attend Sunday, April 19th 5:00-7:30 p.m. (Classes and small groups are asked to contribute gift baskets for the auction)!

Newsletter News...

The next *Messenger* will be mailed out on Wednesday, February 25. All articles need to be received in the office or email julie@shawneeumc.org by Monday, February 23, 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.**

Weekly Prayer List

Please pray for our members:

Kathy Madison
Dennis Brown & Family
Judy Petersen
Wilma McReynolds
Bob Waller
Gus Gosch
Don Kennett
Jess Clark
Susan Fears & Family
Bailey Larkin
Clena Wilson

Please pray for our friends:

Gloria Benson
Nancy Morando
Christie Goebel
Rich & Barb Sussenbach
Francis Schumacher
Norma Moore
Dennis Newsome
Linda & Mickey Houser
Don Waddell
Mike Daniel
John Daniel
Jeanne Hoffman
Zoya Stephens
Family of Lynn Moore
Family of Rev. Max Wright
Megan Gutierrez & Family
Richard Pina & Family

Please pray for our homebound members:

Lois McAlister
Bob & Harriet Guthrie
Beth Crane
Lois Higbee
Ruth Lund
Lorene Cobb
Virginia Hubbard
Prue Basel
Earl Love
Gifford Spaugh
Berneta Neese
Jack Richter
Doris Cathey
Darrel LaRue

Please pray for our church, that God would:

- Enable us to be successful in achieving God's mission for our church to connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ, ▪ Send laborers for the harvest (evangelism) *See Luke 10:2*
- Make clear God's vision for our church,
- Enable Shawnee United Methodist Church to become a House of Prayer (*See Isaiah 56:1-8*), and reveal any other prayer needs in the life of our church.

Coats/Scarves

Coats and jackets are still needed, as are scarves, hats and gloves. Do you have items you no longer wear? Winter still has time to come. The wardrobe continues to be available as well at the entrance to the chapel. Shawnee Community Services and Cross-Lines continue to be recipients of SUMC donations this winter. Thanks so much for your donations.

United Methodist Women, SUMC

Name Our Bear!

Our Library Bear has gone into hibernation until Spring. Kids...will you help him have a name when he wakes up? Leave your suggestion, with your name as well, in the "honey pot" next to our bear, outside the library. You may have more than one suggestion. A vote will decide the name in the Spring.

BUILDING POLICY REMINDER

Groups/persons leaving the building after 8:00 p.m. are expected to insure that doors are secured and lights off. If it is before 8:00 p.m. and you are the last group/person to leave the building, make sure the doors are locked and lights turned off. In that same thought mode, *please* remember to shut lights off *anytime* of the day or evening if you are the last one to leave a room, or a particular area of the building. High utility costs affect us ALL! Thanks.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Please check the 2015 Flower Calendar, posted outside the church office. Think of all the ways you can honor loved ones and family: birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and memorials. This is a very special way of participating in the life of the church, and the beauty of our worship experience. Pick a date, fill out an order form, and turn it in at the church office. It's that simple!!

REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th.



Nancy Carson, Director of Student Ministries
Contact us on Facebook: Nancy SUMC
Facebook group: "Shawnee United Methodist Youth"
E-mail: shawneeyouth@yahoo.com

WED. FEB. 18- NO UMYF (Ash Wednesday Service 6:30)

SUN. FEB. 22- Praise 9:30, Brunch Bunch, CC 10:30, Youth SS 11:00

WED. FEB. 25- UMYF 6:00-8:00

SUN. MARCH 1- Praise 9:30, Brunch Bunch, CC 10:30, Youth SS 11:00, KC DISTRICT SPRING
EVENT: "Extreme Underground" 2:00-7:00 \$19 (sign up by Feb. 18!)

WED. MARCH 4- UMYF 6:00-8:00

SUN. MARCH 8- Praise 9:30, Brunch Bunch, CC 10:30, Youth SS 11:00

WED. MARCH 11- UMYF 6:00-11:00

(MARK YOUR CALENDARS: "Young Christians Weekend" @ Silver Dollar City is coming March
27-29 sign up by February 25... Youth Basket Auction/Dinner/Show Sun. April 19- all church small
groups/classes are asked to donate a basket!)