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Office Hours

Monday—Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

Vision Statement

Reach out to people wherever they are and receive them as they are.

Relate people to God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Nurture and equip people for Christian discipleship,
community and world.

Chili Supper

The United Methodist Women are again sponsoring a CHILI SUPPER on Friday, February 10th, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$7; \$3 for ages 6 – 10; and under age 3 are free.



In addition to the homemade chili, ala Methodist style, there will be plenty of homemade pies and a choice of beverages.

The entire proceeds from the CHILI SUPPER will again be going for missions. Last year the recipients were ECHO, Flint Street Food Pantry, People Helping People, UMC Youth, and Boy Scouts.

Please purchase your tickets as soon as is possible so we'll have a better idea as to how many people to expect. Also, in case of inclement weather the RAIN DATE has been set for February 17th. Come one, come all and bring your family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances. Tickets are available from UMW members or from Ticket Chair – Shirley Lykins.

Scout News

I always say that it's a busy time for the scouts, and it always seems to be true, we always seem to have a lot of activities going on! The scouts are having a chance go to the North Arkansas Community College in Harrison for classes. Some of the scouts have settled on a course in Computers, while many of the older scouts jumped at the chance to study Automotive Maintenance. They are also gearing up for our annual winter campout coming up in February, so that means a lot of new training and reviewing on cold weather camping! Speaking of cold weather, weather permitting there will be a few outdoor adventures on weekends coming, having to do with hiking and rock climbing. They are also looking to spring break and making plans to go "canoe caving", which is exactly what it says. We will be going up to the Current River in Missouri and actually paddle into caves! Keep in mind that all of this planning is done by the scouts themselves, with a little help and guidance from their leaders. It's a great way for them to learn the organizational skills they will need as adults!

Finally I would like to thank the Methodist Women for the generous and thoughtful pizza party they provided for the scouts, it was much appreciated! Hope to see you all on Scout Sunday, Feb. 12th We really do appreciate all of your help and support!

Bruce Bieschke, Scoutmaster

Welcome New Member



We welcome to our congregation Nancy Whitcomb who joined our church family on Sunday, January 22.

Prayer Concerns

Don Cole	Jim Kelley	Barrie Martin Fedosa
Staci Folker	Tom Marler	Brooks Cloninger
Betty Adams	Dave Arnett	Kay Halper
Vernon Allen	Clare Allan	Mimi Wilson
Heather Smith	Jim Tabor	Holly Schroeder
Noelle Rodwell	Janey Chapu	

People in pain
 Larry Tanzyus, Dave Dunn's brother-in-law
 Kellye Mullins, Sherry Kerr's daughter
 Gerald and Carmen Fletcher, friends of Nancy Wood's
 Ann Buchanan, Nancy Wood's sister
 Steve Acord, Woodie Acord's brother
 Charles Bess, Pam Hitchcock's friend
 Allison and Reno Pawlowicz
 Debbie Dodson, Gwyn Gandy's niece
 Keith Horton, David and Sandy Dunn's friend
 Lew and Betsy Brummond
 Tom and Sherry Lord
 Ted and Jackie Dean
 Leah White, Woodie and Jane Acord's daughter
 Our men and women in the service

Financial Information

as of January 24, 2012

<u>January's Goal:</u>	<u>Contributions to Date:</u>		
\$18,428.92	\$13,724.31		
	<u>Building Fund</u>		
	Original Loan	478,000	
	6/30	9/30	12/31
Loan Balance	448,000	443,700	439,600
Total Received	26,620	17,809	11,598



United Methodist Women

Lucie Clark/Ruth Circle

Thursday, February 2 1:00 p.m.

Helen Wilson Circle

Tuesday, February 21 9:30 a.m.



Happy Birthday to those born in March!

Happy Birthday to those born in February!

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| 1 Sara Helms | 1 George Kay |
| 2 Barrie Taylor | 4 Griggs Covington |
| 3 Kim Westphal | 6 Edie Christians |
| 10 Marlene Coiner | 8 Jared Christians |
| 11 Linda Gray | Holly Freehling |
| 12 Mary Muller | Marge Stephenson |
| 13 Curtis Epley | 10 Frank Cook |
| Gerry Toler | 11 Louie Knapp |
| 14 Joe Luker | Keith Westphal |
| 16 Ryan Grassel | 15 Christopher Epley |
| Ross Marsh | Lindsay Folker |
| 17 Carol Myers | David Williams |
| 21 Sue Jones | 16 Cary George |
| 22 Stan Adams | 17 Patti Marler |
| Abby Pieper | 18 Jennifer Holloway |
| 23 Shazda Pederson | 20 Laura Covington |
| 24 Pete Hackley | 23 Connie Featherstone |
| Jean Schwarz | 24 Ashley Knapp |
| 25 John Muller | 25 William James Ward |
| 27 Sara Knight | 27 Linda Sprenger |
| | 31 Kaitlyn Kelley |

Youth News

Youth Group will be meeting every Sunday except February 5th. Veritas is February 24th - 26th of this month and is the annual youth conference for Arkansas. This year it is in Rogers, AR.

During the month of February and March we will be taking requests from all in the church who would like help with odd jobs or who know of a community need that we can help meet. Contact Doug douglassnall@gmail.com or 417-773-2741 for more information on any youth events.

Doug

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee is looking forward to the New Year, and we have some new members. Gwyn Gandy will be co-hosting with D Rude, and Tom and Susan Scantlin also joined us.

So, enjoy the Sunday Morning Fellowship with us each Sunday and sign up to bring some goodies for all to enjoy.



The Hospitality Committee



Worship and Outreach on Sunday Nights Need You!

Our Casual Worship Service on Sunday nights from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm offers a free meal with inspiring live music to everyone in our church and community. From 6:00 to 7:00, there is a worship service with more music, scripture and a spiritual message.

If you haven't had the opportunity to be part of this blessing our church is offering, please join us to see what this is all about. A way you can be a blessing is to help this mission work once every two months by getting on our volunteer schedule. We are really needing your help.

Each Sunday night, two people are needed to help set-up the meal and then clean up after the service. Usually the meal consists of sandwiches, chips, cookies, and a drink. On these sandwich nights, the kitchen volunteers help prep the sandwich makings, setup the paper plates and drinks and do the cleanup after the service.

On nights that volunteer cooks prepare the meal (giving us a break from sandwiches!), usually the cooks do the food set-up and the kitchen volunteers prepare the drinks, set-up the plates, etc and cleanup after the service which includes washing the plates and any pans used in food preparation.

If you haven't done this before, someone will be available to teach and aid you as needed.

We are needing helpers either as kitchen volunteers or cooks. Please consider helping our Casual Worship Service by getting on a 2-month schedule to be a volunteer helper in the kitchen. We have a wonderful kitchen with space and opportunity to bless so many people and we would be blessed to have you join us as a volunteer in this mission.

Please contact Nancy Wood, Casual Worship Service coordinator, for more information, questions, and to get on the volunteer schedule. 981-0482 or nrwood@cox.net

"I have no pleasure in any man who despises music. It is no invention of ours: it is a gift of God. I place it next to theology. Satan hates music: he knows how it drives the evil spirit out of us."

-Martin Luther

Perhaps Luther was more aware of the devil than are 21st century people. The legend tells while translating the Bible into German, how Luther threw his ink bottle at the devil he saw in person. Perhaps, we all have "seen or felt" the devil at some time in our lives. That may be the time to call on music/hymns as God's gift to drive out Satan.

Marie Sathrum

FLINT STREET FOOD BANK

I just took our contributions to the good folks at Flint Street Food Bank (the third Monday in January). We had two wonderful monetary donations. A BIG "THANK YOU" to those who did that. We took a small amount of food and some much needed empty jars.

Please put a reminder on your calendar for the February delivery. Again, they need any size oatmeal; small cans of tuna; soups - tomato, vegetable, and chicken noodle; any kind of canned beans.

You have been so generous in the past. Let's keep up the good work in 2012.

Thank you,
Patsy Brooks
253-8857

P.S.: It looked like they could use good used clothing, too. I'm sure they would appreciate whatever you could give. Please take that directly there. Thanks!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Youth Group		9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Jubilee Ringers	10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class	5:00—8:00 p.m. ECHO Clinic	8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee 10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class 4:00—7:00 p.m. Chill Supper	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Boy Scout Sunday		9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00—9:00 p.m. Ozarks Chorale Practice	10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class		8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee 10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Jubilee Ringers	10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	5:00—8:00 p.m. ECHO Clinic	8:30 a.m. Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee 10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class	
26	27	28	29			
		9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Jubilee Ringers	10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class			
Youth Group—Veritas						

Each Sunday
 8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 8:55 a.m. Equippers Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Children's Sunday School
 Adult Classes & Youth Class
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group
 5:30 p.m. Free Meal
 6:00 p.m. Casual Worship

1
 10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class

2
 1:00 p.m. Lucie Clark/
 Ruth Circle

3
 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 9:00 a.m. Coffee
 10:30 a.m. Walking in the Spirit Class

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Youth Group to Veritas in Rogers, February 24—26

Joseph Update

We just received word that Joseph has received his package, and we were sent several photos, too, which will be posted on one of the bulletin boards. It's absolutely amazing to see how much he has grown over the last two years!

He was quite delighted with his package. With the money we were given we bought him a pair of Reeboks (guessed at the size), as well as a Razorback shirt. Pastor Edward Magumba, who is in charge of this mission, writes that the shoes fit extremely well. In addition to what you may have seen in the sanctuary that we sent to him, he also received many school supplies—notebooks, pencils, graph paper, writing paper, colored pencils, drawing paper, rulers and so on. There were socks, several shirts, two hats, and a pair of jeans (which look quite good on him!). For toys there were lots of little things. In particular we sent a jump rope, a game of Yahtze, and also a game of Dominoes, as well as other small toys. There was also a copper ring for him with a crown of thorns. Without your generous donations, this would not have happened. Thank you so much!

The UMW has participated in this ministry for the last two years, sponsoring Joseph financially each month, as well as by letter and prayer. This past December a decision was made to use that money for Arkansas missions, such as Camp Aldersgate and others. This was a great decision, and one that we had talked about for a couple of years. We know that money will be very well-used.

The UMW did commit to continuing support of Joseph with love, prayers, and letters, which are so important! There are a few women who want Joseph to continue to be financially sponsored as well, so we made personal decisions that we would give additional money for this. The cost is \$35 per month. If any of you feel this is a ministry you would like to support in this way, your donation of a month's sponsorship would be most welcome. This \$35 covers school tuition, room and board, food, books, medicine, and probably other things I've forgotten. To us it would seem like a bare bones amount, but to the children—Joseph in this case—it means the world to them, because it provides so many new opportunities. If you would like to sponsor Joseph for a month, please give your check to Shirley Lykins, the UMW Treasurer, who will continue to send the support money. Prayers and letters are always welcome too!

Pastor Edward Magumba, who began this mission in conjunction with Central United Methodist church, will be visiting our area during February. We do not yet know the dates, times, OR places we will be able to meet him. Still, we wanted to give you a "heads up" so you will know what's happening when you hear the announcements about Pastor Edward. We hope—whatever the specifics of the meeting will be—that you will be able to meet this very interesting man, who has given so much to so many.

Again, thank you so much for your generous gifts to Joseph. We know they mean a lot to him. I pray that you too are blessed by your generosity--I know I certainly am.

Blessings,
Sara Knight
"Joseph" Mission Coordinator

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My Feet, My Path

**My feet, my feet, search a path to go,
Finding a Christian way, not just to or fro.
The Bible wants to guide my feet,
As it offers so much that is beyond discreet.**

**It wants of me a solid commitment,
Taking steps toward ultimate fulfillment.
Now a left step, then a purposeful right,
As I honor the Lord, He's now in my sight.**

**I must always remember what Jesus did,
To save our souls and Satan forbid.
The power of prayer along my way,
Leading to exultation on judgement day.**

**The steps I've taken as down the path I roam,
Ensure opening the gates to my heavenly home.
My feet then have found the proper course,
Salvation will be mine without any recourse.**

**George Kay
December 26, 2011**