



The MESSENGER

➤ *Bible Study* – You are welcome to come read through the short Letters of Paul (currently Titus) on Wednesdays at noon in the Conference Room. Jim Warren leads the study.

➤ *Love Boxes* – We are preparing to send our annual Love Boxes, so please submit the name and address of your college student or military personnel to Dawn in the church office (office@blmfcc.org) by January 24. Also, please see the poster near the Information Center which lists needed items to fill the boxes.



➤ *Block Party Planning Meeting* – Julie Robinson has prayerfully decided to continue as our Block Party Chair from an administrative role! There will be restructuring with many short-term jobs available. We have 6 other partner churches. The first planning meeting for 2018 will be Tuesday, January 30, at 6:00 PM. If you have gifts in the areas of volunteer coordinator, fundraising, health screenings, social service, entertainment, publicity, administration, food, or entertainment, then you are invited to our first meeting!

➤ *Disciples Women's Ministries* – Our first meeting of 2018 will be held on Thursday, February 1, at 1:00 PM. We will begin our new study: "Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts." Please read the Forward and Introduction in the book and the Preface and Symbols of Gifts in the workbook. We will begin with Chapter 1 in the book and Session 1 in the workbook. Mary Helen Haskell and Kim Rott will be leading our study. Also, we are preparing to send our annual Love Boxes to college students and military personnel (see article above). Please pass this information along to others who might have someone to be included. If possible we will pack those boxes after our February meeting. It will not take long and will avoid having to schedule an additional time to gather to do this. Thank you to all who participate in this annual project. Stay warm, and see you on February 1.



Witness of the Faithful

Attendance: 1/7: 118, 45 1/14: 140, 31
Offering: \$39,559.52
2018 General Fund Pledge Campaign Update:
142 pledges = \$472,610

Prayer Concerns

Treatment: Sharon Warren
Awaiting Tests/Surgery: Kathy Dailey
Aftercare: Bob Corbett, Lori Craig, Dave Eyman, Peggy O'Neal, Mary Smart, Jim Underhill
Hospice: Harold Goyen, Marilyn Thompson, Virginia Warren
Assisted Living: Alma Samuels (Taylors' home)
Nursing Homes: Blm. Rehab -- Marilyn Thompson
Heritage, Blm. -- Paul Cope, Merle Murray, Virginia Warren
Heritage, El Paso – Sonna West Heritage, Nrm. – Harold Goyen Liberty, Clinton -- Corena Meyer
Martin Health -- Dave Dungan, Marlyn Mahannah, Lois Murray, Barbara Thatcher Sugar Crk -- Bobbie Blomgren
Military: Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA); Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)
Sympathy to: ... Steve (Lori) Craig and family on the January 6 death of his mother, Marilyn Craig
... Susan Hinrichsen and family on the January 11 death of her brother-in-law, Johnny Hinrichsen, of Florida

Thank You

Notes posted on the Centrum bulletin board have been received from: Vicki Hall and Mary Lou Mercier (health/cards).






Inclement Weather


Please listen to WJBC radio, check our Facebook page, or go to the church website for information regarding cancellations.

Gifts for Another Table

During January please continue to bring the following items to church which will be given to Ministry & More Food Pantry: canned fruits & vegetables, boxed meals (macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper), canned soup with pull-top opening lids, crackers, cookies, cereal, and peanut butter & jelly.

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 10:15 AM Youth Sunday School 2:00 PM Christian Motorcycle Association 5:00 PM Youth Group	29 10:30 AM Bridge 6:45 PM Bridge 8:45 PM Voice Lesson	30 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM NA 5:15 PM Music Connections 6:00 PM Block Party Meeting	31 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 5:30 PM Hand Bells 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	1  1:00 PM Disciples Women's Ministries 3:30 PM Private Voice Lessons	2 	3 12:30 PM Seedling
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Upcoming Youth Special Events

- January 20-21 -- Mid-Winter Retreat in Eureka
- February 25 -- Altitude Trampoline Park
- March 11 -- Serving a meal at Safe Harbor (TBD)
- April 15 -- Swim Party
- May 20 -- Cook-Out at Maxwell Park

The youth will be leading worship at the 9:00 AM service on February 18, and the theme is "A Place at the Table."

A Pastors' Class for 6th graders preparing for baptism will be held on Sundays at 11:30 AM for 5 weeks in the Founders' Room beginning Feb. 18. Lunch provided.



➤ *Congregational Meeting* – This Sunday, January 21, 2018, 10:00 AM, in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of approving the 2018 budget.

January 2018 congregational meeting	Budget	Year End actuals	Proposed Budget	Change from 2017 actuals	% change from 2017 actuals	Comments
	2017	2017	2018			
Income:						
General Offering	\$494,681	\$523,632	\$507,490	-\$16,142	-3.1%	
						This is an increase from 2017 actual pledged giving
Pledged	\$463,501	\$469,545	\$480,490	\$10,945	2.3%	
Non-Pledged	\$28,470	\$51,347	\$25,000	-\$26,347	-51.3%	Reflects shift of non pledged to pledged giving
Other General Offering	\$2,710	\$2,740	\$2,000	-\$740	-27.0%	
Christian Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Youth Ministries	\$2,500	\$2,255	\$1,800	-\$455	-20.2%	
Interest	\$14,000	\$16,010	\$14,000	-\$2,010	-12.6%	
Building Use and Miscellaneous	14800	\$16,505	\$9,000	-\$7,505	-45.5%	Reflects loss of Wellspring building use and reduced storage space for Region.
Total Income	\$525,981	\$558,402	\$532,290	-\$26,112	-4.7%	
Expenses:						
Administration/B&G	\$76,500	\$70,180	\$79,490	\$9,310	13.3%	Reflects increased utility costs and HVAC maint.
Administration/ PPR	\$386,750	\$379,476	\$390,000	\$10,524	2.8%	
Administration / Office	\$18,000	\$18,489	\$19,000	\$511	2.8%	
Worship - Worship	\$2,550	\$4,304	\$2,550	-\$1,754	-40.8%	Some items purchased in 2017 for future use
Worship - Music	\$4,000	\$4,354	\$4,000	-\$354	-8.1%	
Care for Each Other	\$2,300	\$1,996	\$2,300	\$304	15.2%	
Minister to/with Children	\$4,800	\$2,044	\$4,800	\$2,756	134.8%	Anticipating increased children's activity in 2018
Minister to/with Youth	\$9,000	\$7,693	\$9,000	\$1,307	17.0%	Anticipating increased youth activity in 2018
Spiritual Growth / Ed for Adults	\$1,430	\$1,491	\$1,430	-\$61	-4.1%	
Reach Out / W.O.	\$18,000	\$17,998	\$18,000	\$2	0.0%	
Reach Out / Evangelism	\$1,100	\$139	\$1,100	\$961	691.4%	
Faithful Stewards	\$50	\$9	\$50	\$41	455.6%	
Total Expenses	\$524,480	\$508,173	\$531,720	\$23,547	4.6%	
Total Income minus Expenses	\$1,501	\$50,229	\$570			Planning for a slightly positive balance

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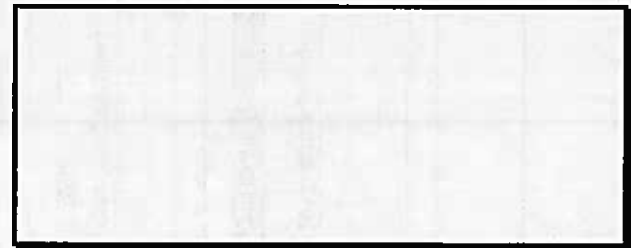


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Serving Sunday, January 21

Mailed: January 17, 2018

Acolyte: Charlie Campos
Child Care: Logan family
Deacons: 9:00 Todd & Corin Chapman 10:15 James & Libby Nussbaum
Jr. Deacons: Sadie Newton, Drew Logan
Drivers: Ralph Lehmann, Gary Thompson
Elders: Joe & Sue Bandy
Homebound Elders: John Hensley, Susan Cleaver
Fellowship Hosts: Robyn Loftin, Holly Rocke
Fill Candles: Mark Gramley
Greeters: Art & Camille Taylor; Bill, Susan, and Tom Chaney
Information Center Host: Kathy Dailey
Scripture: Bob Trefzger **Time for Children:** Matt Chapman
Sound Tech: Brian Metz **Video Tech:** Austin Metz
Worship & Wonder Greeter: Corin Chapman
Pulpit: Jim Warren -- *The Reluctant Preacher* -- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
The story of Jonah ... Why are we reluctant to follow God's call?

Serving Sunday, January 28

Acolytes: Evelyn Kosier, Given Kosier
Child Care: Trish Logan, Kim Cox
Deacons: 9:00 Matt & Amy Nichols 10:15 Holly Rocke, Robyn Loftin
Jr. Deacons: Bryce Reed, Taylor Gramley
Drivers: Darrell Arvik, Gary Thompson
Elders: Kathie Chapman, Naomi Kosier
Homebound Elders: Joe & Sue Bandy
Fellowship Host: Betty Steinlicht, Susan Hinrichsen
Fill Candles: Mark Gramley
Greeters: Brian Metz, Austin Metz, Mark & Michelle Gramley
Information Center Host: Jan Dyer **Time for Children:** Tamara Shields
Scripture: Holly Rocke **Video Tech:** James Nussbaum
Sound Techs: Brian, Paige, and Austin Metz
Worship & Wonder Greeter: Kim Cox
Pulpit: Jim Warren -- *How Fast Is Immediately?* -- Mark 1:14-20
The sermon will explore how we come to follow Jesus.

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM
One and All Worship 10:15 AM
Sunday School for all ages 10:15 AM
Sunday Youth Group 5:00 PM

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