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**All Committee Chairs should kick off the new year
and hold a committee meeting by early February.**



FUMC COVENANT
GROUPS TO BEGIN IN
FEBRUARY

Beginning in February (and each week during Lent) our goal is to have each adult member (age 21 and up) of FUMC as a member of a covenant group. Each covenant group of 9 to 12 persons will meet weekly in February and March to encourage one another in their spiritual walk with Christ. You will be invited to discuss "where Christ is leading you in your Faith" and each person will reflect upon goals for themselves in order to deepen their relationship with Christ. The goals that you set for yourself will not be set by the covenant group, but by you alone. The purpose of the covenant group is to provide support and encouragement toward your goals. Talk with Pastor Joe, Jeanna, or call the church office to become a member of this two month covenant group. Covenant groups will take place on Sunday evening, Tuesday evening or on Tuesday morning.

Pastor Joe



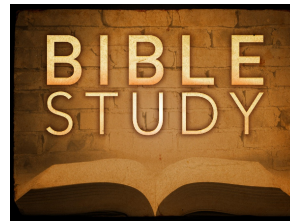
United Methodist Women

UMW Officers

President Pam Anthony
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Circle Chairpersons

Aunt Pearl Doris Huss
Lola Allran Ruth Gaston
Callie Beam Nancy Catena
Vera Eaker Susan Beam



We will resume our **Wednesday Fellowship meals** followed by a Pastor's Bible Study beginning January 31. The meal will begin at 5:30 PM for UMK's and their parents. We will begin serving at 6:00 PM for adults and families. *Any organization within the church interested in preparing and serving a Wednesday night meal, please contact the church office.* Cost is my donation.



In case of inclement weather / dangerous road conditions, First UMC **WILL ONLY HOLD THE 11:00AM**

WORSHIP SERVICE (Pastor Joe will be here to lead the service). Please realize that the church parking lot / sidewalks could still have ice or snow on them. Do not attempt to attend if you deem that travel to the church is unsafe. We will advertise any changes to our regular worship schedule on WBTV, channel 3 or WSOC TV, channel 9 as well as on the church website www.firstmethodistcherryville.com.



Stewardship update: We are off to a great start with our 2018 pledge campaign and a special thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge card.

We have received 62 cards totaling \$201,620.00. If you have not turned in your pledge card and wish to do so, please place it in the offering plate.

Financial reports for 2017 indicate the following:

◆ 2017 Giving	\$382,453.69
◆ 2017 Expenses	\$367,634.16
◆ Surplus	\$ 14,819.56



A Time of Remembrance ...

Community Memorial Service: The Cherryville Ministerial Association is hosting a community memorial service on Sunday, February 4, at 3:00pm to remember those in the community who passed away during 2017. We will be the host church for this service this year.



2018 Offering Envelopes can be picked up on the table outside of the church office.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

In January, the youth will be going to Gatlinburg, TN, for our annual winter conference. In the past we have experienced God's presence in a mighty way. Many youth have given their hearts to the Lord or rededicated their lives to him at this conference. Please pray that God's Spirit will draw the youth into a closer relationship with Him. Pray that the youth and leaders will grow in our Spiritual well being and become better soul winners for God's kingdom.



Valentines Day is just around the corner. Make plans to attend the annual Valentine's Banquet on Sunday, Feb. 11.

This is a great time to share a meal and some entertainment with your valentine, and to help the youth raise support for upcoming youth activities and mission projects.



On Wednesday nights during the month of January, the children will be learning about Noah and how he obeyed God. They will learn that God always keeps his promises no matter what. Please support our children and workers with your prayers.

Hey Kids, do you love puppets? We have some new characters that you can meet in children's church. Be sure and be at worship every Sunday, so you don't miss meeting the new character crew.



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

2018 began with a bang - literally from the guns of the New Year Shooters and from Mother Nature with the really cold temperatures - and figuratively here at Kingdom Kids! It is so hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through this school year.

The children are growing in so many ways and most of them have discovered that learning is fun! This month we begin working even harder to be sure that our four year class is well-prepared for kindergarten.

Early registration for the next school year will begin on February 15 for children of church members, as well as current students and their siblings. Remaining spaces will be opened to the public on March 1. I have already been getting calls from people asking if I can reserve a spot for their child. It's so exciting to know that a place at our school is in such demand!

God is blessing Kingdom Kids! I am so very thankful for the wonderful ladies that work here at our school and for all the support we receive from FUMC members, as well as our school families!

Ms. Millie

IN HONOR

*We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the
church in honor of:*

BOB AUSTELL

J. L. Beam Men's Bible Class

BEN BALLARD

J. L. Beam Men's Bible Class

SUSAN BEAM

Libby Ballard (Backpack Ministry)

KACI & ETHAN BECK

Bess Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

JACK & JUDY BINGHAM -

53rd Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 3

Chad & Michelle Bingham

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Bess Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

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Jan. 28 Maria Pruitt Susan Fraley

January Birthdays

3	Margaret Webb
4	Haley Alexander
4	Pat Yount
5	Anna Burleson
5	Bess Thornburg
6	Jalie Creech
6	Steven Spangler
7	Kristen Husen
7	Jim Maxey
8	Shafer Rupard
8	Clay Thornburg
11	Jack Bingham
12	Robin Norwood
13	Ilene Dellinger
14	Tad Huffstetler
15	Kenan Fowler
16	Bob Elmore
17	Bill Sneed
17	Melanie Thornburg
22	Lindsey Cartee Hetrick
22	Frankie Dellinger
22	Keith Gardo
23	Annie Norwood
23	Gunnar Shedd
24	Roy Pursley
25	Jim Beam
25	Eric King
25	Margaret Starling
26	Charlie Smith
27	Tabor Elmore
28	Joanne Carpenter
29	Megan Emerson
29	David Huss
29	Jeanna Spiker
30	Blaze Dedmon
31	Cameryn Bell
31	Michael Catena
31	Ed Pierce



If your birthday is in January and not listed, please contact the church office.



Peggy Gardo
Carolina Care Center
111 Harrilson Rd.
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, January 7

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, January 8

2:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle
6:00pm - Callie Beam Circle
7:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle
7:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle

Wednesday, January 10

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

Friday - Sunday, January 13 - 15

Youth to winter retreat

Sunday, January 14

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship

Monday, January 15

Church Office closed

Wednesday, January 17

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

Sunday, January 21

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, January 24

5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

Sunday, January 28

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:

Proverbs 3:5-8

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

7 Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

8 It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.