

**THE MESSENGER**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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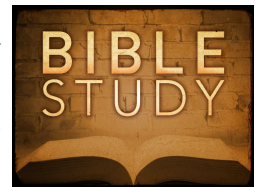
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 FUMC Weekday Preschool Dir.

Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup> and begins the 40 day period of Lent. During Lent FUMC is offering two adult classes to assist in our spiritual growth. The first class is our Wednesday evening **Bible Study** which will focus in depth on **The Sermon on the Mount** (Matthew 5-7) which is the longest teaching discourse Jesus makes in the Gospels. I am confident that you will be blessed by this study and grow in your knowledge of Christ and His Kingdom.



The second class offered are two **Covenant Groups** which will kick off Tuesdays (February 6) at 10:00 am and on Sundays (February 11) at 6:30pm. The Covenant Groups will provide prayer and support as we set goals for our “Life in the Spirit.” Each person will discern (in the weeks ahead) what God is calling them to pursue (what one feels the need to let go of and what one feels the need to pick up in Faith). As pastor I hope you are willing to give the Covenant Groups a try (7 weeks). Sign up by calling the church office.

Pastor Joe



**Ash Wednesday Service**  
 will be held on February 14,  
 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

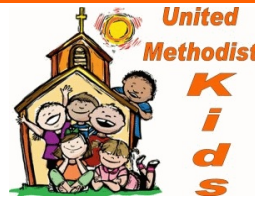


In case of inclement weather / dangerous road conditions, First UMC **WILL ONLY HOLD THE 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE** (Pastor Joe will be here to lead the service). Please realize that the church parking lot / sidewalks could still have ice or snow on them. Do not attempt to attend if you deem that travel 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](http://www.firstmethodistcherryville.com).



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

at 5:00pm. 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. Menu will be lasagna, salad, bread and dessert.



The children have been learning that God always keeps his promises through a study about Noah. They have learned: 1-No matter what other people think, we need to be obedient to God.

2-We all have sin that needs to be washed out of our lives. 3-God wants us to learn patience so we can wait for his best. 4-God promised to make a way to save the whole world from sin.

We would love for your child from ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to come out on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will feed your child food for the body and food for the soul.

## **YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS**

Winter is a time of year where we like to stay inside where it is warm and cozy.

But NOT the youth! They like to go on adventures in the snow. In January, we went to our annual Winter Conference in Gatlinburg. God blessed us with uneventful travel to the event. While we were wondering the streets seeing the sights, it began to snow, reminding us that even though our sins were as scarlet, God washes us white as snow. We had spirit filled music and worship, with some good, sound Biblical teaching. Our journey home had an extra surprise: we had a blow-out. In spite of being delayed about three hours, our youth saw the good in the bad situation. They were happy to get to spend a little extra time together by playing "Bean-boozled" in the tire shop waiting area. This is a game of chance involving flavored jelly beans; some taste really good and some not so good. What a hoot! In life we are dealt some 'not so good tasting' situations, but God's word says that He uses those situations for our good.

If you have not been to youth in a while, we would love to see you. We meet on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 pm. We also have youth Bible study on Wednesday nights. Come eat supper with us at 5:30, then join us downstairs from 6-7:30 for Bible study. We are currently going over the Way of the Master II. This is a curriculum that helps us to share the Gospel with confidence.



## **KINGDOM KIDS KORNER**

What a month January has been! Cold! Snow! Ice! Sickness! So many of our little ones have been sick and some of our teachers, as well. Pray that February is kinder to us.

During February we will be visited by dental staff in observance of Dental Health Month and we will enjoy the fun of Dr. Seuss Week, as well as celebrate Valentine's Day. Each month we are visited by our local librarians who read and sing with all the children, and we have chapel each Wednesday.

We are currently completing assessments for each child to ascertain their strengths and weaknesses. This will help us to focus on specific needs as we work to prepare them for the next level of learning.

Registration for the next school year begins on Thursday, February 15 for the children of FUMC members, as well as current students and their siblings. Our classes fill up quickly and any spots not confirmed by March 1 will be opened to the public.

We continue to be grateful and thankful for all the support our school receives! May God bless us all!

Ms. Millie



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

*In loving memory in the month of their birthdays:*

**IRENE P. BEAM**

**ROXANNA B. HODGKIN**

Cathey B. Casalini  
Kenni Beam  
Anna Hodgkin Julian  
Robert Hodgkin

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Bob & Caryl Austell  
Betty Jane Robinson

**In memory and in honor of C. GRIER BEAM**

*January 15, 1906 - March 20, 1993*

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Amy Tallent  
C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)  
Chad & Crystal Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)  
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg  
Young At Heart

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Jack & Judy Bingham  
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown  
Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)  
Larry & Juanita Gunnell  
Clarice Harrelson  
Ray P. McSwain

**GLENDIA JENKS MONK**

Matt & Lori Gibson & Cooper

**DAVID C. MOSS**

Hazeline Moss (Youth Missions)



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT JAN. 28, 2018**

January Offering . . . . . \$25,285.00  
Needs To Date. . . . . \$28,380.52

**ATTENDANCE – JANUARY 28, 2018**

Sunday School. . . . . 88  
Early Service. . . . . 53  
Worship. . . . . 105  
**Total . . . . . 158**

**PRAYER LIST (Members)**

Bo Baity, Sara Baity, Gail Beam, Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Buzz Eaker, Peggy Gardo, Lori Gibson, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Debbie Payseur, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, Mary Etta Stephenson, C.V. Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

**PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)**

Bill Allen, Kristen, Seth & Micah Austin, Shaunda Camp, Jim Maxey, Morgan Drum Morrow, Lorin Tidick, Mary Wheatley, Jack & Linda Whitworth and our loved ones in the military.

**LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:**

#Ethan Beck, #Jake Dellinger, Aron Dickerson, Kenny Greene, Jessica Lovell, \*Travis Kiser, \*Cody Spiker.


# Church Member; \*Stationed in the Middle East

**FEBRUARY USHERS:**

Keith Gardo, Van Dellinger, Kirk Thornburg, Billy Crews, Royal Norwood

**NURSERY WORKERS:**

	<b>8:45am Service</b>	<b>11:00am Service</b>
Feb. 4	Jenny Emerson	Bess Thornburg
Feb. 11	Chrystal Harmon	M’Shel Bowen
Feb. 18	Emilie Pope	Sandra Beam
Feb. 25	Robin Wilent	Kelly Brown



Those wishing to donate to the Crisis Pregnancy Center should turn in their “baby bottles” (with coins or money enclosed in the bottle) to the church office by Wednesday, February 14.

**NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:**

1 The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it,  
the world and its inhabitants too.  
2 Because God is the one who established it on the seas;  
God set it firmly on the waters.

Psalm 24:1-2



**Our Christian Sympathy** is extended to the family of Nora Heavner following her death on January 11, 2018; and Margaret Smith following her death on January 12, 2018.

## February Birthdays

1	Sam Smith
2	Amber Grace Brittain
2	Hayden Rupard
5	Elizabeth Putnam
5	Paige Yount
5	Jennifer Wilent
6	Martha Allen
6	Freida Clawson
6	Kathy Pantan
6	James Putnam
11	Dennis Bradley
12	Johnny Brown
14	Maria Pruitt
14	Bobby Putnam
16	Caryl Austell
16	Will Elmore
18	Cindy Dellinger Swisher
19	Ben Ballard
20	Kay Bumgarner
20	Terry Moss
21	Aiden Sneed
22	Lauren Carnes
22	Martha Cornwell
22	Bennetta Dellinger Dunning
22	Rita McGinnis
23	Rita Lorrey
23	Chad Thornburg
24	Shaina Anderson
24	Lynne Collins
24	Aidan Harmon
24	Haley Wilent
27	Morgan Drum
27	MeKenzie Drum
27	Katie Walls
28	Kathy Craft
28	Zack Fraley
29	Hudson Beam
29	Barbara McGinnis
29	David Smith



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



Mrs. Fran Putnam  
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**Sunday, February 4**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
12:00pm - Youth Snow tubing  
3:00pm - Community Memorial Service at FUMC  
5:00pm - Covenant Group

**Monday, February 5**

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

**Tuesday, February 6**

10:00am - Covenant Group  
7:00pm - Worship Committee meeting

**Wednesday, February 7**

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

**Thursday, February 8**

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

**Sunday, February 11**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
5:00pm - Valentines Banquet  
6:30pm - Covenant Group

**Tuesday, February 13**

10:00am - Covenant Group  
7:00pm - Missions Committee meeting

**Wednesday, February 14**

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

**Thursday, February 15**

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

**Sunday, February 18**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth  
6:30pm - Covenant Group

**Monday, February 19**

7:00pm - Church Council meeting

**Tuesday, February 20**

10:00am - Covenant Group

**Wednesday, February 21**

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

**Thursday, February 22**

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

**Sunday, February 25**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth  
6:30pm - Covenant Group

**Monday, February 26**

7:00pm - Evangelism Committee meeting

**Tuesday, February 27**

10:00am - Covenant Group

**Wednesday, February 28**

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

**Thursday, March 1**

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

**Sunday, March 4**

8:45am - Early Worship  
9:45am - Sunday School  
11:00am - Worship  
6:00pm - Youth  
6:30pm - Covenant Group