

*From The Desk of...  
The Director of Ministry  
...Susan Hurlley*

*Wednesday, February 7th at 5:30pm in the Youth Room, we have scheduled another session with the Directors of the Royal Family Kids Camp. This is a camp for children ages 11 years and younger. They are children who have been placed in foster care because they have been emotionally and/or sexually abused. Royal Family Kids Camp is a nationwide program with Arkansas having three camps annually. Johnson County is fortunate enough to have one of these camps which this year is scheduled for the last week in June. The needs for this camp range from monetary to agreeing to be a prayer partner for a specific child during their time at camp. This is a ministry that many of our organizations and/or members could help with. Just as we came together for the Pack Shack events—I encourage you to learn more about his camp. There is truly something that each and every member all ages can help with.*

*PrimeTimers in February. On Friday, the 23rd we will be going to the Catfish N in Dardanelle. Deadline to sign up is Monday, February 19. Plan on leaving the church at 3:30pm.*

*VBS dates have been set—July 23-27. Those who wish to assist as volunteers and parents with VBS aged children, please mark these dates on your calendars.*

*Feb. 14 is Ash Wednesday. We will be having an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6:00pm. This will be replacing Prayer and Communion service.*



**KID'S CLUB...** We are averaging around 20 kids for Kids Club each week. Kids Club is a fun after school program on Wednesdays providing children with music enrichment, bible stories snack and social activities. If you would like more information please contact Liz Hull at (479)979-7171.

UMY will be having a Super Bowl party at the home of Chris and Ramanda Chappell (1700 CR 4418, Clarksville) on Sunday, February 7. The bus will leave the FLC (Youth Room) at 5 p.m. and return to the church as soon as the game is over. Youth will not be allowed to ride with other youth in personal vehicles unless Ramanda has talked with a parent. Special prizes will be awarded for "Most Spirited," "Best Sportsmanship," and "Best Prophecy." Anyone in grades 7th - 12th are welcome to attend. Text or call Ramanda Chappell for more information (479)754-8404.



**February Birthdays**



- 2/2 Lee White
- 2/4 Joyce Sykes
- 2/5 Nancy White
- 2/5 Kennedy Grace Debusk
- 2/7 Arek Hanuska
- 2/11 Lesley Krohn
- 2/14 Brett Stone
- 2/14 Sophie Ryan Stone
- 2/15 Sue West
- 2/16 Danna Schneider
- 2/17 William Landrum
- 2/19 Loyce Ann Taylor
- 2/19 Randy Kersey
- 2/19 Lou Chapman
- 2/21 Leighanne Kimbrough
- 2/21 Shelby Hanuska
- 2/22 Dick Bishop
- 2/22 Sue Wollenberg
- 2/24 Eileen Stumbaugh
- 2/24 Virginia McCracken
- 2/24 Cheryl Pledger
- 2/25 Janice McVey
- 2/26 Kaleb Jacobs

The Mustard Seed Board of Directors are pleased to report that 2017 was our



best year ever. Glory, praise, and honor to God! We had total receipts of \$83,507.46 and we were able to give back \$70,906.15 in grants to our community and to hurricane relief. We are thankful for God's goodness, the generosity of our donors, our dedicated and hard working volunteers, and our wonderful customers. If you would like to be a part of our family of volunteers, please come by the Mustard Seed and fill out an application, or talk with Karen or Lori.

The Administrative Council met Sunday, Feb. 21 and approved the 2018 church budget. The group also discussed the opportunity to participate and host an event during the Johnson County Peach Festival. Our next meeting will be Sunday February 25, 2018. This will be a working meeting with no reports needed.



<b>* SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
Youth Bells Practice	3:45 PM
Youth Choir	4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5</b>	
Pack Mtg Bobcat/Awards Ceremony	6:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Royal Family Kid's Camp	5:30 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8</b>	
Glory Circle (Dixie White's house)	6:00 PM
<b>*FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9</b>	
Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet	5:45 PM
<b>*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11</b>	
<b>SCOUT SUNDAY (11:00AM)</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
Youth Bells Practice	3:45 PM
Youth Choir	4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13</b>	
UMW Meeting	11:30 AM
Blood Drive (FLC)	12:00-6:00 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Ash Wednesday Service (sanctuary)	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15</b>	
Grace Circle	10:00 AM
Power Circle	2:00 PM
Finance Meeting	5:30 PM
<b>*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17</b>	
MOF	8:00 AM
<b>*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
Youth Bells Practice	3:45 PM
Youth Choir	4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19</b>	
Den Meeting	6:00 PM
<b>*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20</b>	
UMW Missions (FLC)	10:00 AM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
<b>*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25</b>	
Worship Service (Sanct)	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sanct)	11:00 AM
Ad Council (working meeting)	2:00 PM
Youth Bells Practice	3:45 PM
Youth Choir	4:30 PM
United Methodist Youth	5:00 PM
<b>*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26</b>	
Leadership Unleashed (FLC)	6:30-8:30 PM
<b>*WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28</b>	
Kid's Club	3:30 PM
Kid's Bell/Chimes	4:30 PM
WNL	5:00 PM
Joyful Sound Practice	6:00 PM
Prayer & Communion	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM



# The Focus

## Clarksville FUMC Newsletter

*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*  
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### **On Track With Bro. Larry...**

...Pastor Larry Kelso

*February is an odd little month anyway, but this year February contains an even odder juxtaposition – Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day.*

*In 2018, the day that honors a Roman saint and celebrates romantic love is also the day that marks the beginning of Lent and our penitent preparation for the Easter celebration. Perhaps we can use the calendar coincidence as the start looking at Lent differently. Perhaps, instead of giving something up for Lent this year – chocolate or soft drinks or cell phones – we could find a way to just give something of ourselves, a “valentine” for people who need to know that God loves them. Maybe a commitment to visit one of our shut-ins each week. Maybe making sure we have groceries in our cars all the time, so that, whenever we see the Blessing Box nearly empty, we could fill it. Maybe becoming a volunteer at the Mustard Seed or the hospital auxiliary or one of our local charities. Maybe ... well, you’re a grown-up adult who can come up with your own ways of showing your love for God and God’s love for the world. Have a great Ash Valentine’s Day!*

*Grace and peace – Bro. Larry*