

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

As we end 2017 and begin 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who volunteer their time, skills and energy. Without all of you, it would be impossible to accomplish all that FUMC does.

December was both hectic and wonderful. We were blessed with good weather and great attendance at most of the special services. There were over sixty children and youth involved in the Christmas program that was held on the 17th. At the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service we had 250 in attendance!

January 7th we will be starting a new Confirmation class. We ask that you keep the youth, parents, and mentors in your prayers during this journey.



Our AD Council voted at their last meeting for First United Methodist Church to become the Charter for Cub Scout Pack 76, and Boy Scout Troop 76. Both groups are now meeting in the Family Life Center. We welcome this opportunity to connect with our community in this way.



On January 6, our UMW is hosting the Northwest District UMW training. All unit officers are expected to attend the event. UMW Sunday is Jan. 21. We will still have our regular meeting on Jan. 2 at 11:30a.m.

Please remember our Blessing Box in the coming year. Let's do our best to keep it filled.



We are enjoying all kinds of things in Kids Club. Many of the kids are involved in the Chime and Bell choir. Kids Club is also collecting quarters to buy a goat from Heifer International, there is a tube in the youth room for the quarters. If you are interested in your children participating please contact: Liz Hull at (479)979-7171.

January Birthdays



1/3 Jacque Skiles
1/3 Dana Frizzell
1/4 Jane Pitts
1/5 Yvonne Broyles
1/5 Jack Scaccia
1/6 Andrea Davis
1/6 Madison Pennington
1/9 India Lenard
1/9 Laurie Fisher
1/10 Bonnie Starkey
1/13 Rosalie Colley
1/13 Elli Gazenko
1/14 Amy Scaccia
1/16 Geraldine Morgan
1/16 Katey Blamey
1/16 Allison Ober
1/17 Kathryn Jones
1/18 Pat McElmurry
1/19 Pauline Williams
1/19 Martha Allen
1/20 Cathy Meador
1/22 Wesley Stockton
1/22 Joey Pintado
1/24 Mary Sweeney
1/25 Melissa Johnson
1/26 Roy Horne
1/27 Don Chappell
1/28 Betty Stockton
1/30 Dr. Richard McKelvey
1/31 Cindy Jacobs
1/31 Debbie Cooper
1/31 Carol Holman



To everyone who participated in the recent Blood Drive. There were 48 donations which is the best we have done in a long time. This is a reflection of the true spirit of giving. Our next Blood Drive is Tuesday, February 13.



Power Circle will meet Thursday, Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m., at the Falcon Crest restaurant.



* MONDAY, JANUARY 1
Office Closed for New Year's Day

*TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
UMW Executive Meeting 11:30 AM

*WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
No Activities

*SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
UMW District Training (FLC) 8:00-3:00 PM

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
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

*MONDAY, JANUARY 8
Cub Scout Meeting (FLC) 6:00 PM
PEO (Parlor) 7:00 PM

*WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
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

*THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
Power Circle (Falcon Crest Rest.) 11:30 AM
Glory Circle (Parlor) 6:00 PM

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
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

*WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
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

*THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
Grace Circle 10:00 AM
Finance Committee 5:30 PM
UMW Fall Luncheon (FLC) 11:30 AM

*SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
MOF 8:00 AM

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
UMW Sunday
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

*MONDAY, JANUARY 22
Pack Mtg Bobcat/Awards Ceremony 6:00 PM

*WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
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

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
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

*WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
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



The Focus

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On Track With Bro. Larry...

...Pastor Larry Kelso

There is a story about a monk who rode an ox into town. The people noticed that he was looking all around, as though he were seeking something. They asked him what he was looking for.

"I'm looking for an ox," said he.

The townspeople laughed at this foolish man.

He went into two other neighborhoods and people in each place asked him the same question: "What are you looking for?"

Again he answered, "I'm looking for an ox."

Finally, someone said to him, "This is ridiculous. You are a man riding on an ox and yet you are looking for an ox."

The monk answered: "So it is with you looking for God."

The New Year is a time of resolutions and new beginnings, of course, but it is also a time of continuing in our celebration of and commitment to "Emmanuel" – God with us.

Happy New Year!

Grace and peace – Bro. Larry