



# Columns

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The youth will host a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 28th from 5:30 –7:30 pm. Come on out and support our Youth and enjoy a night off from preparing dinner!



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## Ash Wednesday Service

We will have a special Ash Wednesday Service on March 1st at 7:00 pm. The focus text is Psalm 51:1-17. Please join us for this special service where we will prepare our hearts for the season of Lent.



While enjoying your "Souper Lunch" visit our small group tables around the room and learn where you might like to participate!

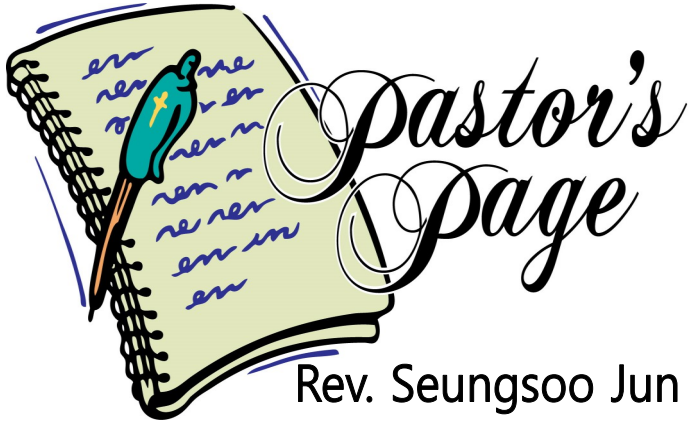
## Thank you!

We have 2 very heavy bins filled with your donations for Soup for Seniors.

## Let's celebrate!

Plan to join our "Souper Lunch" following the 11AM service on Feb. 5





# Celebrating Our Love Through Communion

We celebrate the Lord's table, the first Sunday of each month. We call it the Lord's table because Christ has redefined the meaning of the rite of Passover, to remember Christ's sacrifice. Our participation in this meal rekindles our heart and soul to follow our Lord.

**Thanksgiving:** We come to this table with Thanksgiving. Eucharist is another name for this sacrament. Eucharist comes from a Greek noun *εὐχαριστία* (eucharistia), meaning "thanksgiving." We come to the table with gratitude of the love of Jesus Christ, redeeming us from all iniquities. We also thank our Lord for God's hand to work in our lives. We come to the table with a heart of thanksgiving.

**Companionship:** Jesus promised to be with us to the end of the world. However, many times, we lose sight of the presence of our Lord. Through communion, we remember the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, which continues to grow in our lives. The word communion comes from a Latin word '*communio*,' which means sharing in common. When the believers come around the table to partake in the Body and Blood of Jesus we commit to love one other through the mission of God.

**Commitment to Service:** Christ sacrificed his life for the redemption of our souls. In the same way we partake of this holy sacrament by committing to live in a lifestyle following our Lord. We commit ourselves for service to the world. That is why the communion liturgy ends, by saying, "By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world," not only that we confirm our companionship with Christ and each other, but also we commit ourselves to be part of the ministry to the world.

There are many ways to commit ourselves to 'be part of the ministry to the world.' We can serve the world through our time, compassion, and many forms of service. On top of all the good service we provide to the world, let me introduce another opportunity to be part of this mission.

Recently, we have experienced a surge of people coming to our church seeking various types of assistance. We have just launched our 'Feed America' ministry, registering as a distribution center in the Roanoke area. However, there are times when people need financial assistance. The United Methodist Men heard our need, and donated \$500 to replenish our Church's Discretionary Fund. We want to extend this opportunity to the entire church by collecting a 'Love Offering' after the Lord's table, as an act of our Worship.

The Love Offering collected during each communion will be used specifically for the relief of our neighbors and the world. We will make sure that all funds collected are designated for this purpose only.

*Please join us as we revive this beautiful tradition of committing our service to the world.*



# Thank You!

## Volunteers for February

|                          | February 5   | February 12  | February 19  | February 26   |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Acolytes</b>          | Bryce Tackett<br>Emily Shockley                                  | Luke Barrette<br>Reid Donihe   | Caroline McGimsey<br>Meredith McGimsey                                     | Keira Realmuto<br>Julia Vaughan   |
| <b>Children's Time</b>   | Emily Nester   | Steph Dickenson  | Patsy Wingfield  | Ellen McGimsey  |
| <b>Early Greeters</b>    | Larry & Steph<br>Dickenson                                       | Shockley Family  | Andy & Judy Thornton   | Danny & Becky Gee<br>Charlie & Karen Dale   |
| <b>Facility Security</b> | Mark Seiler  | Mark Seiler  | Mark Seiler  | Mark Seiler   |
| <b>Fellowship Time</b>   | Souper Bowl Luncheon   | Kathi Hufnagel   | Gladys Munsey  | Georgia Seiler  |
| <b>Finance Office</b>    | Julie Wheeler  | Steve Gross  | Linda Wright   | Rob Vaughan   |
| <b>Late Greeters</b>     |  | Gross Family   |  |   |
| <b>Liturgists</b>        | David Tanner   | Janice Phillips  | Larry Dickenson  | Louise Miller   |
| <b>Nursery</b>           | Realmuto Family<br>Sarah Stephens                                | Vaughan Family<br>Janice Phillips<br>Caroline McGimsey                                     | Patsy Wingfield<br>Emily Nester<br>Becky Gee                               | Julie Barrette<br>Lynn Donihe<br>Kelly Silva  |
| <b>Nursery Ushers</b>    | Georgia Seiler   |  |  |   |
| <b>Transportation</b>    | Carl Cress   | Carl Cress   | Carl Cress<br>Tommy Whitaker   | Carl Cress  |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Tim McConchie<br>Mark Seiler<br>Brad Stephens<br>Patsy Wingfield | Jake DiLauro<br>John DiLauro<br>Stew Hubbell<br>Greg Huffman<br>Trace King<br>David Tanner | Kathy Arritt<br>Ken Arritt<br>John Coleman<br>Shelby Dickerson<br>Jay Inge | Louise Miller<br>Roy Miller<br>Debbie Reid<br>Robert Reid<br>Julie Wheeler<br>Mitch Wheeler |



The Executive Council and SPRC are pleased to announce that we have created a new paid position for a worship leader for our First Light Service. The goal is to eventually expand the First Light Service to every Sunday and, after much prayer and deliberation, it was decided that in order to do this we needed a new staff person. Please share this job opening with anyone you may know who would be interested in this position

Contemporary Worship Leader - 10 hours per week

The Contemporary Worship Leader envisions, organizes, and implements the First Light service, ensuring it is a quality modern worship program/service for Raleigh Court United Methodist Church. This includes leading, staffing, directing, and organizing a growing vital worship ministry for this contemporary service, which transforms people into fully committed followers of Christ. This person should possess a strong faith in Christ and a clear calling to contemporary worship leading and directing. They should also be a musician with vocal and instrumental skills (keyboard or guitar) and should be skilled in how to use worship and music technology.

A full job description can be found at [www.rcumc.org/jobopening](http://www.rcumc.org/jobopening)



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**Summer Camp 2017 Registration is OPEN!**

Check out [www.altamons.org/summer-camp](http://www.altamons.org/summer-camp) for the complete brochure, registration form, and online registration! We hope to see you there!



## Praying and Talking to God

Each Monday night at 7:00pm in the Church Parlor, Intercessory Prayer is held to pray for our church, our community, and our world; for healing and for those who grieve; for special needs and for our church outreach. There are several members of the Prayer Ministry Team that faithfully meet each Monday evening to offer prayers of intercession. Prayers are also prayed one by one for each church family member by name. These specific prayers are prayed for each person to personally experience spiritual renewal and a renewal of faith. Please come and join in this meaningful time together. We can assure you that you will be blessed by the experience.

## Beginner's Yoga

All are welcome to attend the Beginner's Yoga Class on Tuesday evenings at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Extra yoga mats and props are available. Advanced notice of attendance is not necessary.

The rate is \$10.00 per class or a class card may be purchased for a discounted rate of \$36.00 for four classes (to be used within two months).

**Gift certificates are available.**

For more information, call Rebecca Talbot, Certified Integral Yoga Instructor, (540) 342-0545 or



**Open Table**  
RALEIGH COURT  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A COMMUNITY MEAL  
OPEN TO ALL  
6:30 PM  
WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 22

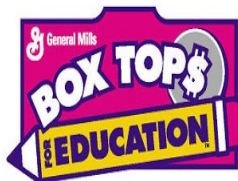
## We Collect Used Stamps and Box Tops for Education!

THANK you for the Box Tops for COP. We do collect them from the basket in the Gathering Area and deliver them. COP is very grateful for your donations.



Please continue bringing your used stamps to church. Trim stamps 1/4 inch around the edge.

You can place them in the basket in the gathering area or give to Becky Gee.



The proceeds are used to help fund UMCOR.

Please put them in the basket on the lower shelves in the gathering area.

# United Methodist Women

## RCUMC Circles

**Sunday Evening Fellowship** met on Sunday, January 15, 2017, at Lisa Pence's home for an evening of fellowship.

In December we prepared twelve gift bags with fun items to cheer our beloved Martha Nicholas. One was delivered secretly each day from January 13-January 24 as a Twelve Days of Christmas observance.

Our group this month is donating health kits for UMCOR. Luci Wright called attention to this need due to the large number of disasters that have occurred in 2016.

Our fellowship also brought white elephant items from our homes. After each member selected items, Louise Miller took the majority for the spring sale at the Hermitage. If anyone in the congregation has items they wish to de-clutter from their homes, please see Louise about donating them for this sale. Someone from our circle would be glad to carry them out of your home if assistance is needed.

Our next meeting is Sunday, February 12, 2017, at 6:30 in the church library. We will decide on the missions that will receive the pecan sale profits. ALL women are welcome to join us. Janice Phillips 725-1358.

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### Frances Allen Circle

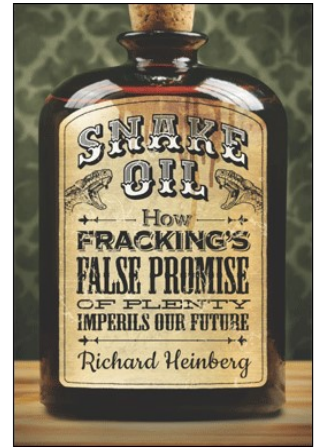
**The Frances Allen Circle** will meet Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the church at 10:30AM. Gladys Munsey will be doing the Program. Bonnie and Becky Gee are hostess. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer, scripture, and refreshments. Come check us out and enjoy an hour and a half! For more information or questions contact a member or Bonnie Dickerson 774-1870(h) 309-0141c or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net.

**All women are welcome to join us at any of our meetings and enjoy the fellowship, faith, and love in action of United Methodist Women.**

## Reading Program

Are you concerned about environmental issues? Then you might be interested in the book *Snake Oil: How Fracking's False Promise of Plenty Imperils our Future*.

This is a controversial topic as energy companies try to meet the demands of consumers and citizens raise concerns about water quality and increased earthquake activity. Read and decide for yourself where you are on the issue between these two opposing interests. Be sure to check it out off of the UMW shelf in the library.



## United Methodist Women Calendar

**February 2, 2017 - United Methodist Day** at General Assembly in Richmond.

**February 11, 2017** at 9:00 AM District **UMW Leadership Training** at Green Memorial UMC, Roanoke. Specialized UMW leader training will be provided.

**Weekly Prayer Focus****The Lord's Day****Monday****Let's take the Bishop's challenge to read the Bible in one year!**

As you read through the Bible this year, you may come to some passages that are difficult to comprehend even with the footnotes in your translation. There are numerous resources in our church library such as commentaries for individual books, the Interpreter's Bible and overall resources for approaching scripture with the historical-critical method of interpretation. Any of these titles can be checked out by noting your name and the book title in the notebook on the desk.

**Pray for safety and strength for all those who work so hard to offer us protection each day in their jobs (policemen, firefighters, EMS personnel, US military, etc.)**

5 Leviticus 14-15  
**IHN WEEK**  
 8:30 AM First Light Worship  
 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
 9:40 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:15 PM Souper Bowl Luncheon  
 12:15 PM Small Group Fair  
 12:30 PM BELLievers  
 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring

6 Leviticus 16-18  
**IHN WEEK**  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Praise Band  
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**Pray that our church staff will seek God's guidance, and that He will provide them the strength that they need to complete their daily tasks.**

12 Numbers 3-4  
 8:45 Breakfast  
 9:40 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:15PM BELLievers  
 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring

13 Numbers 5-6  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Praise Band  
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**Pray to God, as you waken each morning, and ask Him to be by your side all day long. As you go to sleep at night, thank Him for loving you and watching over you as you sleep.**

19 Numbers 18-20  
**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
 8:30 AM First Light Worship  
 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
 9:40 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:15PM BELLievers  
 1:30 PM Youth Praise Band  
 4:00 PM Mission Team  
 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring  
 6:30 PM Sunday Evening Fellowship

20 Numbers 21-22  
**Columns Deadline**  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Praise Band  
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

**Pray that God will lead you to a life that serves Him daily.**

26 Numbers 35-36  
 8:30 AM Next Generation Meeting  
 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
 9:40 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:15PM BELLievers  
 1:30 PM Youth Praise Band  
 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring

27 Deuteronomy 1-2  
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Praise Band  
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Saturday</b>  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Follow along on this calendar! Add your name to the gathering area list of daily readers.   | 1 Leviticus 1-4<br>7:00 AM Scrambled<br>5:30 PM Mosaic<br>6:30 PM JuBELLation<br>6:30 PM Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM Boy Scouts<br>7:30 PM Chancel Choir                            | 2 Leviticus 5-7<br><br>United Methodist Day at General Assembly in Richmond | 3 Leviticus 8-10<br><br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous   | 4 Leviticus 11-13  |
| 7 Leviticus 19-21<br><b>IHN WEEK</b><br>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's<br>7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's<br>10:30 AM Frances Allen Circle<br>5:30 PM Trustee Meeting<br>5:45 PM Yoga Class<br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous | 8 Leviticus 22-23<br><b>IHN WEEK</b><br>5:30 PM Mosaic<br>6:30 PM JuBELLation<br>7:30 PM Chancel Choir   | 9 Leviticus 24-25<br><b>IHN WEEK</b><br>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl               | 10 Leviticus 26-27<br><b>IHN WEEK</b><br>6:00 PM Parent's Night Out<br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous<br><b>YOUTH WESLEY</b> | 11 Numbers 1-2<br><b>IHN WEEK</b><br>District Leadership Training at Greene Memorial<br><b>Y WEEKEND</b> |
| 14 Numbers 7<br><br>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's<br>7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's<br>5:45 PM Yoga Class<br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous   | 15 Numbers 8-10<br><br>7:00 AM Scrambled<br>5:30 PM Mosaic<br>6:30 PM Boy Scouts<br>6:30 PM Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM JuBELLation<br>7:30 PM Chancel Choir                        | 16 Numbers 11-13  | 17 Numbers 14-15<br><br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous   | 18 Numbers 16-17   |
| 21 Numbers 23-25<br><br>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's<br>7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's<br>5:45 PM Yoga Class<br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous   | 22 Numbers 26-37<br><br>7:00 AM Scrambled<br>5:30 PM Mosaic<br>6:30 PM Boy Scouts<br>6:30 PM Girl Scouts<br>6:30 PM Open Table<br>6:30 PM JuBELLation<br>7:30 PM Chancel Choir | 23 Numbers 28-30<br><br>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl                               | 24 Numbers 31-32<br><br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous   | 25 Numbers 33-34   |
| 28 Deuteronomy 3-4<br><b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b><br>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study<br>Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's<br>7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's<br>5:30 PM Pancake Supper<br>5:45 PM Yoga Class<br>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous                            |  <h1 data-bbox="711 1829 1406 1927">February 2017</h1>                                     |   |   |  |





These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. — Deuteronomy 6:6-9




**Parent's Night Out**  
 Friday, February 10  
 6:00-9:00 pm  
 Dinner provided - Infant—11 years old  
 Register online at rcumc.org

**Wesley Weekend Youth District Retreat at Virginia Tech**



February 10-12 - Cost: \$15/person  
 We'll leave the church at 5:00 pm on Friday and return Sunday afternoon.  
 See Emily for more information.

**Youth Mission Fundraiser**  
 We'll have our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 28.  
 Be at the church at 4:30 pm to begin preparing the meal.



**Next Generation Committee Meeting**  
 Sunday, February 26  
 8:30 AM



**Weekly Wednesdays at 5:30 PM**  
**Dinner served at 6:30 PM**  
**Adults, Youth & Children all have groups or activities!**

Our current Wednesday evening adult options include The Story, What On Earth Am I Here For? and Financial Peace University along with handbells and choir!  
 Nursery provided.

**The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group** will meet

Thursday, FEBRUARY 9th and 23rd at 10 am at the church. All are welcome to join us as we knit and crochet.

**Don't know how to knit? We can teach you.**

For more information or questions, please contact Carolyn Cotton at 772-4825 or email her at cbcotton@cox.net.





# MUSIC NOTES

## MUSIC IN WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

February 5 8:30 AM - Youth Praise Band, 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir and JuBELLation  
February 12 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir and Children's Choir  
February 19 8:30 AM - First Light Praise Band, 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir and BELLievers  
February 26 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir and Cherub Choir

New

As we gear up for many special events this Spring, now is a great time to join a musical group!

Here is what is happening in our Music Ministry.



Choir Members  
Welcome!

**Chancel Choir** – In addition to singing regularly on Sunday mornings at our 11:00 service the Chancel Choir will be preparing a cantata for Good Friday, April 14th. The cantata will be accompanied by orchestra. If you can't commit to the choir on a weekly basis, but would like to sing for the Good Friday cantata please let Debra know so she can tell you which rehearsals to attend. We practice on Wednesdays at 7:30 – 9:00 and the group is open to adults and teens. **Free childcare is available in our nursery during Chancel Choir rehearsals!**



**Children's Choir and Cherub Choir** -. The children will be singing in church periodically throughout the Spring with the big highlights being our Easter service and our children's musical that will be presented on May 14th during the 11:00 service. The musical this year is "Table for Five...Thousand" which tells the story of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Not only do the children have fun preparing the musical and learning to sing and act, but they also learn valuable biblical lessons! The Children's Choir (for children in K-5th grade) rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:00—6:30 and the Cherub Choir (for preschoolers) rehearses during Sunday school on Sunday mornings.

**JuBELLation** – Our adult handbell choir will play in church many times this spring and will attend a bell festival in Clemmons, NC in April. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6:30 – 7:30.



**Ringers For The Lord** – This handbell choir is for children in 2nd through 5th grade. We play in church once a month finishing with Easter. They are learning how to ring and read music. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00.

**BELLievers** – This handbell choir is for youth in grades 6 through 12. We will play in church about once a month finishing with Youth Sunday in May. We meet after the 11:00 service on Sundays, where we share a lunch together then practice. It is a great time to combine fellowship and making music together!

**Youth Praise Band and First Light Praise Band** - These groups provide music for our First Light service. We are in the process of hiring a new First Light Worship Leader, so we expect even more to be happening with these groups and this service in the spring. The youth praise band practices the last two Sundays of the month at 1:30, and the First Light Praise Band practices on Mondays at 6:30 PM. These groups welcome singers, guitarists, and other instrumentalists.

**We will also have opportunities for instrumentalists to share their gifts with our church this spring through our orchestra for the Good Friday musical and our Brass Group on Easter. Please let Debra know if you play an instrument and would like to participate.**

# Executive Council News Corner

## The Raleigh Court United Methodist Church Executive Council met on January 10, 2017.

If you have questions, comments, or recommendations please feel free to email Sue McCoy, Executive Council Chair ([mamamccoy@aol.com](mailto:mamamccoy@aol.com)) or Will Adkins, Executive Council Scribe ([adkinw@gmail.com](mailto:adkinw@gmail.com)). Additionally, you may place them in Sue McCoy's or Will Adkins mailbox located across from the church office.

## Congregational Care Committee

- ◆ Visitation team made 21 visits.
- ◆ Telephone Team made 28 calls.
- ◆ Card Ministry mailed 10 cards.
- ◆ Judy T. met with Rev. Jun and Terri Urquhart mid-December to discuss visitation over Christmas for several church members.
- ◆ With Rev. Jun's help, we visited 11 church folks on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve that would need/appreciate a visit.
- ◆ In addition, Michelle Horne has volunteered to head the "Meals to be Provided" team and will contact those as needed.

*Our church family continues to do wonderful work at RCUMC and abroad! Here are a few highlights.*

## The Missions Committee

- ◆ There is an ongoing collection for the LOA's Soup For Seniors drive through the month of January. Some of our members will also help with the sorting, bagging and delivering of soup the first week of February, February 6-10.
- ◆ There will be a Souper Lunch celebration on Sunday, February 5, in the Fellowship Hall following the 11 am service.

## The Next Generation Committee

### Youth:

- ◆ Wesley Weekend Retreat at VT – Feb 10-12
- ◆ Shrove Tuesday Meal – February 28

### Children

- ◆ Valentine's Parent's Night Out - Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ New Next Generation Committee established to better serve the Family Ministry Needs of the church. First meeting planned for January 8 following worship.

Mandatory Training is being planned for all Children and Youth Volunteers. Two training sessions will be held in January. Training will cover Safe Sanctuary policies, emergency preparedness, general responsibilities and teaching to specific age levels.

We will begin doing background checks for certain volunteers within the Children's and Youth departments.

## Small Groups Committee

- ◆ New Bible study being offered at Mosaic began Jan 11, titled "What on Earth are you here for?" by Rick Warren. Being led jointly by Stephanie Dickenson and Christina Hayes.
- ◆ Small group neighborhood dinners being organized by Terri Urquhart
- ◆ Beginning meetings of Small Groups Leaders in January that will continue during 2017. Will be focused on defining the qualities and expectations of a Small Group and Small Group Leaders. Also look at coordinating Small Groups curriculum with worship themes, like was done during Advent 2016.
- ◆ Organizing a "Small Groups Fair" to showcase different groups and give them a chance to connect with church members not currently engaged in a Small Group. Preliminary target date of Feb 5 in connection with "Souper" lunch.
- ◆ Mid-week Youth Bible study continuing during the winter, being held at Emily Nester's home. Seems to be meeting need for now.

## The Trustees

- ◆ Kitchen ice maker has been replaced. Thanks to Steven McConchie for locating one and he and Tim McConchie doing the installation.
- ◆ Replaced two lights in ceiling outside Gathering Area entrance
- ◆ Replaced all eight flood lights in ceiling of main entrance. Probably will have to go to LED's (expensive) when need to replace again. Replaced light in choir loft and adjusted focus.
- ◆ Boilers and Memorial Hall heat pump and a/c units have been repaired.
- ◆ Parsonage furnace went out and was fixed.

**The Next Executive Council meeting is on February 28, 2017 at 6:00pm, following Shrove Tuesday, pancake supper at 5:30pm.**

- ◆ Replaced toilet in men's bathroom under narthex. (Many thanks to Terri (Mrs. MacGyver) for catching it. It had already used several thousand gallons of water above normal usage.)
- ◆ Couple of problems (one major) with elevator.

**Plan for next two months:**

- ◆ Finish repairing and replacing ceiling lights
- ◆ Hope to have columns at front of church repaired.
- ◆ Finish repairing and replacing ceiling lights

**The United Methodist Men**

- ◆ Dinner meeting held on October 18<sup>th</sup> to examine the Methodist Men's connection with scouting and what ways we can deepen our relationship with our own troop 8
- ◆ October 19<sup>th</sup> the men cooked and served dinner for Trinity youth outreach
- ◆ November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> the Men prepped and cooked Brunswick Stew that raised \$2500 for our Men's mission and outreach. Also utilizing a popular community event to bring exposure to our church and Men's Ministry. A new banner was purchased to bring awareness that proceeds from the stew would go to mission outreach.
- ◆ December 10th Fellowship Breakfast was held with devotion and discussion about 2017 Goals. Decisions from these discussions will be listed under New Business
- ◆ January 24<sup>th</sup> will be a Men's dinner with speaker. The speaker is JT Clark who lost his brother and sister in law to a traffic accident that was determined to be the fault of the other driver. JT has a powerful message about how God led him to lobby for the other driver's charges to be dropped and began a crusade for forgiveness that led to his organization " My Brother's Crossing" being formed.

**The United Methodist Women (UMW)**


- ◆ UMW had its Annual Christmas Tea on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. There was good attendance and the speaker from CHIP Inc. was given very positive reviews. The Salt and Light Ladies gave the monies they raised at their bake sale during the Christmas parade to CHIP Inc.
- ◆ The Sunday Evening Fellowship will be meeting on January 15 and they are answering the call from UMCOR for health kits.
- ◆ The Frances Allen Circle met on Jan. 3rd, the first Tuesday of the month.
- ◆ The Girl Scout Troop that meets on Monday nights are looking for another venue to meet. We don't have storage space they need. The Wednesday night group is "Daisies" and they are hoping to grow. They will be holding an open



*First Light*

Did you know that we have a casual worship service? It is called First Light and we meet on the first and the third Sunday of every month at 8:30 am.

Hope you will join us Feb 5 & 19!



**February 12**

**Meet for Breakfast** Join us in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:45 to 9:45 am for coffee and good eats! This month's breakfast is **February 12**. There will be sausage gravy, egg casseroles, ham biscuits, and muffins! Then on the other Sundays, we will have coffee and fellowship time at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

house on Wed, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> for parents and girls. Bonnie Dickerson is quite proud of the work these leaders are doing. They are presently learning "Promise and Law" and working towards various awards in this program.

**Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee**

- ◆ Beginning search for First Light Worship Leader
- ◆ Reviewing job descriptions for lay & clergy staff
- ◆ Looking at S/PPRC goals & meeting dates for year

**Additional Notes**

- ◆ Those that use the kitchen, please make sure if you use the dishwasher, please make arrangements to come back and empty the dishwasher at a later time.
- ◆ Also, please be on the lookout for updated kitchen rules and recommendations.



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 our prayers,  
 our presence, our gifts  
 and our service.*

|               | Jan. 1  | Jan 8      | Jan 15     | Jan 22   | Jan 29 |
|---------------|---------|------------|------------|----------|--------|
| Worship       | 118     | 159        | 181        | 177      | 198    |
| Sunday Groups | 29      | Snow       | 74         | 63       | 85     |
| Wed. Groups   | n/a     | 1/11<br>68 | 1/18<br>71 | 1/25     |        |
| Giving        | \$8,930 | \$2,947    | \$11,133   | \$15,793 |        |

## February Birthdays

|      |                  |      |                    |
|------|------------------|------|--------------------|
| 2/2  | Diane Sowder     | 2/14 | Benny Harris       |
| 2/2  | Phyllis Wampler  | 2/14 | Eric Olsen-Gordon  |
| 2/3  | Mia Harig        | 2/15 | HK Kim             |
| 2/3  | Susan Loveman    | 2/16 | Bettye Carolyn Via |
| 2/3  | Suzanne Meredith | 2/18 | Kate Harrell       |
| 2/5  | Cathy Bryan      | 2/18 | Jacquie King       |
| 2/5  | Diana Smith      | 2/18 | Katherine Vaughan  |
| 2/8  | Zach Hayden      | 2/23 | Rich Bongrazio     |
| 2/8  | Rob Urquhart     | 2/23 | Shannon Miller     |
| 2/9  | Seth Foley       | 2/23 | Cameron Snyder     |
| 2/10 | Greg Huffman     | 2/23 | Mat Talbot         |
| 2/11 | Woori Kwon       | 2/25 | Cat Conover        |
| 2/14 | Jennifer Hansen  | 2/29 | Ian Cliff          |

**HAPPY  
 BIRTHDAY!**