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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Information

The 2016 financial statement has been completed and we are pleased to report that we came in under budget by \$1,149.97. That amount has been transferred to the Memorial fund to pay back funds previously borrowed. Thanks to everyone who contributed to help us stay on track and meet our budget needs for the year. It is greatly appreciated!! The goals budget for 2017 was also adopted as our working budget during the annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 22nd 2017. The pledges that were received totalled 79.5% of the 2017 budget. The remainder of funds needed, come in through loose offerings and by members who prefer not to pledge. And as always, we continue to closely watch expenses so that we are good stewards of what is entrusted to us for the work of God's church. The Stewardship Committee

Faith Circle

Join us on February 9th at 10:00 am to visit our shut-ins.

Thank You

The staff and students of Edison would like to thank Faith United Church for the donation of hats and gloves from The Mitten Tree. They will be put to good use and we appreciate it greatly.

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C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts. This month we will be meeting in the fellowship hall on February 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Chronological Bible Study

Join us as we start back up of chronological bible study on Monday's from 6:45-7:45 pm, starting February 6th.

Brotherhood

We invite all the men of the church to come join us. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday February 21st.

OWLS

We will be meeting at LaPeep's for lunch at 11:30 am.

Welcome our new members to our church family!

Rudy (not pictured), Angie, & Beth Hernandez; Mark Carpenter;
Nico Martinez, and Kimberly Dilley with their sponsors



From The Pastor's Desk

“CHANGING DIRECTION”

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12: 2, ***“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*** It seems everywhere we look we see people following the trends so that they can “fit in.” When we were in Atlanta for the Catalyst Conference, it seemed that everywhere we looked we saw young men with similar haircuts, young ladies all wearing the same type of shoes, and everyone drinking trendy coffee and using like terminology in their conversations. It’s like their lives were on auto pilot and that there was no other way “to be”!

I compare that to riding in an airplane that is set on automatic pilot to fly east. If you decide to reverse and head west, you have two possible ways to change direction. One way is to grab the steering wheel and physically force it to turn and fly in the opposite direction against what the plane is programmed to do. By sheer willpower you could overcome the autopilot, but you would feel constant resistance as the plane would be constantly trying to correct itself. Eventually you would tire from the stress, let go, and the plane would revert back to heading east. This is what happens when we try to go against the flow and change our lives with willpower. It will produce a short-term change, just like when you were trying to change the flight of the plane, but eventually you will get tired and revert back to what feels easier and more comfortable.

Paul says that the best way to “change the direction” in your life is by changing the way you think! The New Testament calls this shift repentance, which in the Greek literally means, “to change your mindset.” You repent when you change the way you think from your mindset to God’s mindset. You take on Christ’s outlook and perspective. We do that by reading God’s Word, attending Bible studies, worship, Quiet Times, prayer and fellowship with fellow believers. You see when you give up trying to be what the world wants you to be, you find yourself where God wants you to be. And as we know from His Word, when you are where God wants you to be, the blessings will begin to come to you.

So here we are at the beginning of 2017, our theme is to ***“Do Something.”*** Start thinking about how you can take on new habits that will help you think more like God does. If you do this, God will transform you and use you in ways that will bless you immensely. You will find that the more you try to emulate God, the more you will want to do something for His Kingdom, and the more you will receive blessings that you cannot fathom!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Pictures of New Construction



VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 12TH 2017

Join us for a festive Valentine's Day lunch right after the worship service.

You will be hosted by the Faith United Church students



Calendar of Events

Feb 6 th -	Chronological Bible study starts 6:45 pm
Feb. 7 th -	Visitation Committee 11:15 am
Feb. 12 th -	Valentine Dinner at service 11:30 am
Feb. 14 th -	Food Kitchen Team #4 5:00 pm
Feb. 16 th -	Leader's Night 7:00 pm
Feb. 17 th -	OWLS Luncheon @ LaPeep's 11:30 am
Feb 21 st -	Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Feb. 23 rd -	C3 Night 7:00 pm
Feb. 25 th -	Cake Wars 2:00 pm

Communion Assistants

Feb. 5 th -	Rose Mary Seuell & Carole McClellan
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Acolytes

Feb. 5 th -	Jordan Hill & Montana Frakes
Feb. 12 th -	Brodie DeSchepper & Josh Oswald
Feb. 19 th -	Rawlins Brant & Jordan Hill
Feb. 26 th -	Montana Frakes & Brodie DeSchepper

Van Drivers

Feb. 5 th -	Corey
Feb. 12 th -	Roy
Feb. 19 th -	Brent
Feb. 26 th -	Corey

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Dec. 25 th -	\$5,913.00	\$2,565.00
Jan. 1 st -	\$3,927.00	\$340.00
Jan. 8 th -	\$1,664.00	\$80.00
Jan. 15 th -	\$ No service	\$ No Service
Jan. 22 nd -	\$3,272.50	\$1,875.00
Totals:	\$14,776.50	\$4,860.00
<u>\$11,860.00</u> needed each month to meet current expenses.		

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Dec. 25 th -		-
Jan. 1 st -	54	-
Jan. 8 th -	72	31
Jan. 15 th -	No Service	-
Jan. 22 nd -	95	-

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all you ways submit to him, and he will make your path straight."

Proverbs 3: 5-6

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's continued presence in the World & never absent; Friendships formed through our relation to God and his Son, Jesus Christ! – For the six new members who joined our church family on Sunday Jan. 22nd.

Cancer Patients: Rob Gregory; Rita Hughes (friend of Trudy Lewis)-diagnosed Melanoma; co-worker of Janis Arn's 3 yr. old granddaughter-brain cancer; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Travis Owens (local firefighter) stage 4 liver; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Glen Spitzer's friends- Janelle, Ethal, Jack Faulkner, Keith & Frieda Shuell; Mary Lou (friend of mina's); 2 of Donna Wood's friends sons in their 50's have been diagnosed; Angie Hernandez's friend, Doug- possible Leukemia & sleep apnea; Jill Cobb's cousin- Eric Woolley has colon cancer & has 2 young children at home; Barb Miller (friend of the Johnson's)- colon cancer has spread to liver; Teresa Kidwell's brother- prostate cancer- surgery to remove prostate; anonymous friend- recently diagnosed with cancer and very distraught.

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Wilk Catron; Elizabeth Shoenlaub- on Hospice; Donna Brooks- health issues; Donita Sutherland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Lenard McCall's cousin- Barb Swank; Dianne Venable (Debbie Demuth's sister) dementia, has come back about 90%; Carole McClellan's brother- Gary Battelle & cousins (husband & wife)- suffering from dementia & friend, Joyce Rhodes (St. Louis)- serious pneumonia complicated by hereditary lung condition; Pastor John Middleton- Hope church, Cosby, MO- health issues; David Hamilton; The family of Linda Trapp; Jim long- fell off an 8ft. ladder & broke several bones; Pastor Jim's Aunt Margie-knee replacement infected & on long term antibiotics; Dwight & Sandy's granddaughter- receiving a new medical procedure that may restore her hearing completely.

Traveling Mercies:

Sympathy: The family of Lloyd Fugit, George Fischer's brother-in-law who passed away Saturday morning in Beloit, KS; The family of the Kansas City Royal's ace pitcher, Yordano Ventura, killed in a car accident in the Dominican Republic

Finally: prayers for our city, our country and the world; Faith United church- all our people; Safety during construction on new addition to our building; our church staff & their families; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- "love one another as I have loved you"; be open to compromise and **DO Something!**