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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 19th at the church. All men of the church are welcome to attend

In Context Bible Study

Please join us as we study the New Testament on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith Circle

Come join us on Thursday, February 14th, at 6:00 pm At Bandana's for our annual Valentine's Dinner. Please let one of the ladies from Faith Circle now if you are planning to attend.

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Join us on Thursday, February 28th, at 7:00 pm for fun, fellowship, and crafting.

Women's Fellowship

We will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be given by Steve Gingery on the Civil War Fort Smith, in St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a brief meeting after the program to elect officers for the 2019-20 year. Refreshments will be served.

Annual Membership Meeting

Our Annual Membership Meeting has been moved to February 3rd immediately following the service. A potluck luncheon will follow the meeting. Please plan to attend and bring 2 covered dishes for the meal.

Food Kitchen

If anyone is interested in helping on one of our four teams that work at the food kitchen or if you would like to change the team you work with, please let Steve Pulley or the church office know.

Trudy Lewis' 80th Birthday

Trudy's 80th Birthday is on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. If you would like to wish her a Happy Birthday, you can call her or send her a Birthday card, her address is:
324 Johnson Place
Palmyra, MO 63461

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Communion Services

We will have a separate tray with gluten free crackers for those who need them during our communion services. Please note they will look different from the bread squares.

Souper Bowl Sunday

We will be holding our annual Souper Bowl canned food drive for the food pantry on February 3rd. Please bring your canned goods and place them by the team you want to win this year's Super bowl. A table is already set up for you to start bringing your canned goods.

Van Drivers

We are looking for more volunteers to be van drivers. If you are interested please let Corey Vulgamott or the church office know.

Recharge

Our Wednesday night service led by Steve Haskey will be returning on February 27th. Please plan to attend and get recharged!

Pop Can Tabs

The collection of the aluminium tabs on the top of pop cans is ongoing here at Faith United Church. These tabs are collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City. The money they receive from the tabs allows them to offer more services to those who have very ill children and require long-term in-patient or out-patient care in the area hospitals. So, before you toss or recycle your pop can, remove the tab and place them in the Ronald McDonald houses or in plastic bags and bring them to church and place them in the large blue tub in the Lobby.

From The Pastor's Desk

“ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD”

Romans 8: 28 says, “*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*” I mentioned in last month’s article that we had pledged nearly 93% of our 2019 budget and since that writing it has gone up to 96%. If there is one thing “**we know**” God has continued to show Himself to us year-in and year-out and we should continue to strive to seek and follow His lead as we grow together as the body of Christ.

In a world where we don’t know a lot of things...like what curveball life is going to throw at us the next day, or if the team we are rooting for will win. We don’t even know what another individual is thinking at any given time, even if it is someone who is very close to us. The Apostle Paul adds in vs. 26 of Romans 8, “*we don’t even know what God wants us to pray for.*” But there are 4 things that Paul wants us to know that we can be sure of from vs. 28:

1. **God is at work.** God is always busy behind the scenes. He hasn’t checked out or moved on to something, or someone, else. He is ceaseless and tireless. He never stops working.
2. **God works for the good.** Not always necessarily for our comfort or entertainment, but God is always working for our ultimate good.
3. **God works for the good of those who love him.** Here is an awesome benefit for loving God! Make his story your story, and your story takes on a happy ending. Guaranteed. God will write a salvation theme into your biography.
4. **God works in all things.** The Greek word here is *panta*. *Panta* is defined as “all inclusive.” God works, not through a few things, or through just the good things, or through the best things, or even through just the easy things. God works in “**all things.**”

hands of a living, loving God. We are not a random collection of disconnected short stories. Our lives are a crafted narrative written by a good God, who is working toward your supreme good.”

Our God is good, and at work, and only wants the best for us, both as individuals and as His church. 2018 was an incredible year for our church not only financially, but more importantly through the events we were able to host in order to show God’s love to His world. I am so looking forward to seeing where God takes us in 2019. God is going to continue to lead people through our doors every week, just like he did last year. Why? Because God is always at work! In the movie, “*Chariots of Fire,*” Eric Liddell, a 1924 Olympian and a devout Christian born to Scottish missionaries in China, sees running as part of his worship of God’s glory. In fact when he is questioned by his sister why he continues to run when there is so much work to be done his response is simple. He tells her, “*When I’m running I can feel His presence.*” When we are using the gifts that God has given us for His service, we too can feel God’s presence. For me, there is nothing that can make me feel more “fully alive” than feeling God’s presence. So let’s continue to work for the glory of God and His goodness. I can’t wait to look back on this year and see how God has used us in great and glorious ways for His good! For this, is something I KNOW!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Max Lucado says that our lives are “not like puppets in the hands of fortune or fate. We are in the

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 3rd - Annual Membership meeting
- Feb. 3rd - Souper Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 3rd - Communion Sunday
- Feb. 5th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Feb. 12th - Food Kitchen Team #4 5:00 pm
- Feb. 14th - Faith Circle Valentines Dinner 6:00 pm
- Feb. 17th - Youth to Snow Creek 2:00 pm
- Feb. 19th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Feb. 21st - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Feb. 27th - Recharge 6:15 pm
- Feb. 28th - C3 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Communion Assistants

- Feb. 3rd - Rose Mary Seuell & Carole McClellan

Acolytes

- Feb. 3rd - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
- Feb. 10th - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- Feb. 17th - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
- Feb. 24th - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald

Van Drivers

- Feb. 3rd - Corey
- Feb. 10th - Roy
- Feb. 17th - Brent
- Feb. 24th - Roy

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Dec. 30 th -	\$2,038.25	\$45.00
Jan. 6 th -	\$6,316.00	\$2,360.00
Jan. 13 th -	\$6,586.00	\$35.00
Jan. 20 th -	\$1,562.00	\$25.00
Totals:	\$16,502.25	\$2,465.00

\$11,598.75 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Dec. 30 th -	81	31
Jan. 6 th -	104	41
Jan. 13 th -	65	30
Jan. 20 th -	86	28

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's amazing love; 96% of our purposed budget has been met with incoming pledges; Beverly Miller is improving from pneumonia

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart) – is in remission with an inoperable brain tumor; Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; Lance (Julie Oswald's cousin in Houston, TX) – brain cancer; Steve Hall (48) – (brother-in-law of Steve Haskey) – diagnosed with colon cancer; Sean Abersold- cancer & starts radiation; Miranda Nill starting chemo (friend of Angela Cobb); Jo (friend of Donna Wood) – cancer returned & spread throughout body; Missy West's sister's mother –in-law – just diagnosed with aggressive bone cancer; Emily (Teresa Kidwell's niece) 36 yr. old- mastectomy 11/5/18; Krystal Blessing- terminal cancer (friend of Debbie Demuth)

Other: Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Debi Haskey- chronic health issues; The Catron Family; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Ashley West – teaching in Russia; Edison School – need shoes for pupils – child size 5 thru men's adult size 9 ½; Leonard McCall's aunt Evelyn- not taking meds, disoriented, not doing well; Ace Wilton McFall (grandson of C.W. Townsend)- in NICU at Children's Mercy; Debbie Demuth- macular degeneration diagnosed; Tom Taylor- having heart surgery soon; Scotty Sharp's Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Mina McCall- Procedure on back; Cindy Stucker- very ill with the flu; Steve Pulley- very ill; Moe Meyers- dropped a weight on his toe and broke it, may need to have pin inserted; Robin- (friend of the West's)- has a popliteal aneurysm in his right leg; Melissa's (our nursery attendant)- daughter & boyfriend in accident on I-29; Rick Koenig- heart problems- a-fib; Bryson's friend Vance & wife Marty & family- making end of life decisions

Traveling Mercies: All traveling back to school and on snowy roads

Sympathy: Tom Johnson's Uncle Herschel Sone passed away; Jim Rost's family in his sudden passing; Scott Berten & family in the death of his grandmother

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; In Context Bible Study; living more **Fully Alive**; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

Ephesians 6:10

