

First News United Methodist Church aCross from the park

Our Vision is: *Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus*



Discipleship

The end of December 2011 is a time for us all to reflect on our journey as members and friends of First Church. No doubt 2011 shall go down in the annals of the congregation as a period of change especially in our pastoral leadership. And with that we start a new but really that old process of Discipleship. Let's refresh our memory with His command:

And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' - Matthew 28:16-20

Making Disciple for the transformation of our community shall be the focal point of our conversation during the New Year as people called by God to be in Ministry and Mission at this time; in this place; for the enlargement of God's Kingdom.

It is said that being a disciple encompasses much more than just asking Christ in, and goes far beyond baptism. Our conversion, our acceptance of Christ as Savior, our election, is the beginning, the entrance, into the faith and Christian life.

The Christian life is strengthened and prolonged as and when we focus on a process of discipleship; a process that is both challenging and comforting. Someone once said that in most churches, people are encouraged to accept Christ or make a profession of faith. Then, they are congratulated, put on the membership role, and then quickly forgotten. Is this an accurate assessment of our First Church view of church growth?

Sadly, the Church has forsaken discipleship, and has left its members to figure out these spiritual growth things on their own. In doing so, it causes many to give up on Christianity, while others become confused, calloused, or complacent, or they are swept away by false doctrines and cults because they do not know the difference.

During the New Year will you be a member of our church-wide team of disciples determined to get involved in the process of making disciples for the transformation of the world? Remember:

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Matthew 28:16-20

***Our Mission is
Embracing,
Equipping
and
Empowering
persons to
Evangelize
through Jesus.***

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SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Sunday Services -

Blended Service

8:00 am

Contemporary Service

9:15 am

Traditional Service

10:45 am

Sunday School -

9:30 am (all ages)

Nursery provided

For worship services

& Sunday school

A.W.E. -

Alternate Worship

Experience for children

Kindergarten—Grade 4

Room 102—10:45 worship

Worship broadcast -

9:30 am & 6 pm Sundays

1:30 pm Thursdays

Time Warner channel 6

Adult Bible Class

Broadcast -

10:00 am Fridays

DVDs -

Copies of the worship

services are available in

the church library to

borrow. To purchase, see

Susan

ADULT CELL GROUP

January 9, 16, 30, Mondays

7:30—9:00 pm, church

MEN'S PROGRAMS

Tuesday Men's Study

Conference Room 6:00 pm

Wednesday Breakfast

For a Buck

7:00 am, Dining Room

Wednesday Discussion

8:00 am, Conference Room

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January Preaching Schedule

January 01	Epiphany Sunday/Communion Matthew 4:18-22 Simply Stated: Make Disciples
January 08	Baptism of the Lord Acts 19:1-7 Remember Your Baptism
January 15	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany I Samuel 3:1-10 Speak Lord: I'm Listening
January 22	3rd Sunday after the Epiphany Jonah 3:1-5 Jonah and the Nineveh Saga
January 29	Youth Sunday – Gus Preaching Mark 1:21-28 Trust Him...He Is ABLE

WRITE A PRAYER

This is for everyone Children Youth Young Adults ... Older Adults ... everyone!

Would YOU write us PRAYERS to be used during worship? We believe you could if you put your heart to it. As part of our worship we pray in unison and all the time they are written prayers and we do want to encourage members and friends to write prayers that we could use. It may appear very impossible for some of us but; please remember that YOU plus God all things are possible!

Prayer is so important among Christian believers and yet it's a challenge to most.

Prayer is not a mysterious practice reserved only for pastors and a few within the church.

Prayer is simply communicating with God—listening to and talking to God.

Believers; should pray from the heart, freely, spontaneously, and in their own words.

Believers of First Church; are you willing to write us a prayer... to be used during worship

... and if we have a good number submitted create a FIRST CHURCH PRAYER BOOK!

Please submit your written prayers to the church office in person or through the mail or the

web – firstchurch@wcoil.com

THANK YOU AND BE BLESSED

MISSION MOMENT - GOT FOOD?

MANY IN OUR WORLD DO NOT! Thousands die daily for lack of food. How sad!

One of the projects undertaken by your Mission Team is entitled "**2¢ a Meal**" - a hunger project. It works like this: Each family is encouraged to place a jar or a decorated cardboard box on the table to receive your donations of 2¢ a meal.

On the last Sunday of each month, bring your contributions to the church and place them in the container (house) near the pulpit. Or, you can put them in a plastic bag and lay it near the house. Nickels, dimes, and quarters are also acceptable!



This is a good family activity promoting caring and sharing, a part of our Christian commitment. We can make a difference!

Esther M. Ley, team member

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGE

Where do I find information with the new format of the newsletter? Please refer to the side bars for schedule of events; meetings, Bible studies, staff directory, child care schedule, prayer list.

WOMEN'S TEAM MINISTRIES

Ladies of the church - Would you be interested in helping Women's Ministry with any of the following: Working at funeral dinners, donating a dessert for funeral dinners, working at bake sales, knitting prayer shawls, lap robes or baby blankets? Would you be interested in joining a circle group? Please contact Jeanne Zeigler (238-4047) or Lisa Dunn (238-3360) to volunteer your time and talents, we know you're out there! We would love to have you join us.

Sarah Circle would like to say THANK YOU for another successful Angel Tree year. Thank you to all who purchased gifts, Mark Scheidt, the volunteer drivers and the youth who delivered the gifts, Marilyn Bebout for getting the information into the bulletins and Jana Thompson for putting the maps together. We served 72 children and 34 families.

UPCOMING - Teddy Bear Sunday will be February 12.

CHANGES

When you change your phone number, please notify the church whether it be your land line or your cell phone number. If you change your address, please let us know as well. It helps us keep in touch as needed. Thank you for your cooperation. Please call the church office at 419-238-0631, ext. 0.

JANUARY GREETERS: Jon and Nancy Rhoades, Dick and Jan Waters.

BAPTISM

Bentley James Merriman, baptized on December 11, 2011. Parents are Andrea and Dennis Merriman.

THANK YOU

We want to thank our church family for the love and support shown to us by the celebration of our 69th wedding anniversary. The cards and well wishes have been a joy to us. In His Love, Wayne and Mary Compton.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

January 11—March 14 from 5—6 p.m. supper will be served in the church dining room.

CHURCH WIDE LEADERSHIP RETREAT— January 7th, from 9 am—4 pm.

The purpose of the 2012 Leadership Retreat of our congregation is to plan together as we implement God's vision for our ministries and mission activities for the periods 2012-2014.

WETZEL MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Thank you to the Wetzel Motorcycle Club for an \$800.00 check for the 5th Quarter expenses.

CHURCH POTLUCKS FOR 2012

February 12, June 24, and October 7.

SCHEDULE

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Women's Programs

Wednesday Women's Study—4:00 pm,
Conference Room

Women's Bible Study -
8:00 am, Conference Room

Women's Team
1st Thursday of the month

Lydia Circle -
2nd Tuesday of the month,
Noon, Church Kitchenette

Sarah Circle -
3rd Monday, 7:30 pm
Conference Room

Knitting Circle -
3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm

Martha/Ruth Circle -
Not meeting January,
February, or March

Sewing Circle -
Contact Helen Huston
238-5713

Water Wednesdays -
Summer only

ADULTS

Tuesday Prayer Group
10:30 am, Conference Rm

Apprentice Series -
7:00 pm, Tuesdays,
Room 102

A Moment With Scripture—Noon,
Wednesdays,
Conference Room

4th Day Emmaus Group
Noon, 4th Sunday

Visitation -
4th Sunday, 9:00 am
Conference Room

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SCHEDULE

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Children

Cub Scouts—

6:00 pm Mondays

Boy Scouts—

7:00 pm, Mondays

Mustard Seed Sessions—

After school Wednesdays
until 5:00 pm

Kindergarten—Grade 4

Impact -

After school Wednesdays
Until 5

Grades 5

Joyful Noise Singers -

Wednesdays during
Mustard Seed

Joyful Noise Ringers -

5:20—6pm, Wednesdays,
Sanctuary

Weekday Preschool -

3 and 4 year olds, Monday-
Thursday, am

JUNIOR HIGHS

Boy Scouts—

7:00 pm, Mondays

Sunday School -

9:30 am, Youth Room

Youth Fellowship -

6:30—8 pm, Wednesday
Youth Room

SENIOR HIGHS

Boy Scouts—

7:00 pm, Mondays

Sunday School -

9:30 am, Youth Room

Cell Group -

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
Burchfields, 1083 Madison

Youth Fellowship -

Sundays, 6:30—8:30 pm
Youth Room

SENIOR CHOIR

Rehearsal—Wednesdays
7:30 pm, Sanctuary

ADULT HANDBELLS -

Rehearsal, Wednesdays
6:30 pm

Our Winter session of Mustard Seeds (Grades K-4) and Impact (5th grade) will be starting back up on January 11th and will meet every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm-5:00 till March 14th. Come and join us as we explore the Bible in a fun kind of way!



FIRST CHURCH WINTER 2012 MUSTARD SEED SESSION

PLEASE REGISTER BY JAN. 6TH, 2012

CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____

_____ I WANT MY CHILD PICKED UP AT THEIR SCHOOL EACH WEEK

_____ I WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR MY CHILD

_____ I CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR OTHER CHILDREN

_____ PARENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PHONE # WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED DURING SEEDS SESSIONS

PLEASE LIST ANY KNOW ALLERGIES, CONDITIONS, OR SPECIAL NEEDS THAT MAY AFFECT PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES:

_____ I CAN HELP OUT AT SEEDS SESSIONS

_____ I GIVE MY PERMISSION TO USE MY CHILD'S IMAGE IN CHURCH

ADVERTISING.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY STUDENT'S BEHAVIOR AT ALL TIMES AND THAT I AND MY STUDENT ARE EXPECTED TO TREAT ALL STAFF MEMBER/VOLUNTEERS OF FIRST CHURCH WITH RESPECT.

_____ I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE TO COME **INSIDE** TO PICK UP MY STUDENT AT THE JEFFERSON STREET ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

*PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY FEE PAID _____ DATE _____

January "Bible Family Fun"

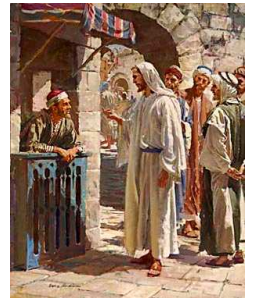
Bible Verse – Luke 5:32 – "I have come to get sinners to turn away from their sins."

For everyday – Jesus said, "Come Follow Me"....
will you follow Him?

Rotation Staff – Christ Child Chapel – Lois Gehres
Joseph & Son Hardware – Carol Taylor
Starlight Theater – Mark Verville

Virtue – Initiative – seeing what needs to be done and doing it

Song – "Wherever you will go"



Youth Schedule



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULE— JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January 1 NO YOUTH

January 8 Program will be at the church at 5:00 discussing New Year's resolutions. Supper following at 6:30. Pick-up at 7:00.

January 15 Ice Skating in Ft. Wayne. Schedule will be announced

January 22 Program to be determined by youth interest. Meet in youth room at 5pm

January 29 Visit a church in Ft. Wayne. Schedule will be announced

Teresa

SENIOR HIGH PROGRAM SCHEDULE—JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January 4, Wednesday - - We all meet at St. Mary's Catholic Church with their youth group. Topic is addictions. Mark Scheidt will give a short talk on his addiction to alcohol. Dr. Jeff Easley will close the evening with a message.

January 8, Sunday - - No Meeting

January 13, Friday - - 5:30 pm Mike Tipps, who heads up our Bread and Bowl asked if we would help serve those that come to our church for a hot meal. Fantastic opportunity to serve - to be the hands and feet of our God. Don't miss this. As I have said in the past - - you will thank me.

January 15, Sunday - - We all meet at church and take vehicles to Ft. Wayne to go ice skating at Headwaters Park. Cost is \$5.00 to enter and \$2.00 for skate rental. If you have never skated, like me, now is the time to learn! Should be a great time.

January 22, Sunday - - Meet at church for talk and food. Topic to be announced.

January 29, Sunday - - I have wanted to do this for a long time. I'm bringing in my father to ask "tough" questions about what we believe and why we should hold fast to our faith. I want all of us there because this is the stuff that we should be talking about. Come prepared with your hardest question.... Mark



Melissa Lou Ann Joseph is the subject of this month's Sleuth Jr. report. I found that Missy (as most people call her) is the only girl that belongs to her mom and dad (Sammi & Kirby), however, she does share her parents with big brothers Daniel and Michael. She is the proud owner of Brownie (her pooch) and 2 fair fish that she has taken very good care of....cause they are still alive! She is a kindergartener at Crestview Elementary and enjoys hobbies such as: Gymnastics, playing with her brothers, playing with her dolls, and riding her bike. She wishes to become a nurse someday so that she can "help people". Missy was able celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this past month...which just happens to be her very favorite Bible Story. You can find Missy throughout the church throughout the week as she takes part in many of our worship opportunities...if you see her smile and say, "hello!"! As for me...until next month...I'm signing out!



Lisa

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 Jeanne Zeigler
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 Denny Schumm
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 Jean Auld
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 Paula LaRue
 Tony Allesandrini
 Susan Stoller

Class of 2013

Jim Covey
 Jim Snyder
 Kris Snyder
 Tom Kalkreuth
 Kendra Kalkreuth
 Fred Hartwig

Class of 2014

Al Arnold
 Cindy DuVall
 Eric Hurless
 Sammi Joseph
 Ned Compton
 Sandy Anderson

**OPEN JOB POSITION FOR
CHURCH SECRETARY**

The First United Methodist Church will be accepting resumes from now until January 20, 2012 to fill the job position of Church Secretary. It is a salaried, full time position. Candidates are to be proficient in typing and the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, have excellent organizational, communication and people skills, and be fully knowledgeable and supportive of the functions of the church. If anyone is interested and meet these qualifications, please submit your resume to the Church Office by January 20. For more information about the job responsibilities and expectations, a written job description is available in the church office.

Marilyn Bebout is retiring on March 2, 2012 after 22 years of service as Church Secretary at First United Methodist Church. We extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to Marilyn for her many years of dedicated work and services to our church and we pray for God's many blessings on Marilyn and Steve as she begins her retirement years!



DVDs of past worship services are available to borrow, in the library. Copies to keep are available for a donation in the Technology Office.



2010-2011
 Choir
 Anthems
 available
 on DVD



This past summer, a DVD was made with Jana Thompson interviewing Paul Hoverman our senior choir director for Jana's Chat Room a portion of which was aired over the local cable station. 12 choir anthems were recorded on the DVD from the 2010-2011 choir season.

The anthems include: *To Love Our God, How Great thou Art, Swing Low, Sweet chariot, Let All the World in Every Corner Sing, Give Me Jesus, When I survey the Wondrous Cross, Changed Mah Name, Down to the River to Pray, Softly and Tenderly, I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry, The Lord Loves a Laughing Man, and Let's Have Some Old Time Religion.*

If you would like a copy, please let Susan know. A donation to the Television Ministry would be appreciated.

Tired of forgetting your checkbook or your offering envelope?

The church has the ability to automatically deduct your offering from your bank account. We have had requests to offer this service and it is now a reality. Here's how you do it.

1. Fill out the form below and turn it into the office or to Jana Thompson.
2. Be sure to indicate what day of the month you want us to deduct the amount from your bank account. Also, indicate if you want the deduction taken on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis.
3. Any questions, please contact Jana Thompson at 419-238-0631 or jthompson@wcoil.com.

Authorization Agreement for Direct Payments to First United Methodist Church

Company Name: First United Methodist Church

I (we) hereby authorize **First United Methodist Church**, herein after called **First UMC**, to initiate debit entries and to initiate, if necessary, credit entries and adjustment for any debit entries in error to my (our) { }Checking or { }Savings account (select one) indicated below and the depository names below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to credit and/or debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provision of U. S. law.

Depository Name (Bank Name) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Your Account Number _____

Amount to withdraw \$ _____ Withdraw (choose one) Weekly

Bi Weekly Monthly

If monthly, what day of the month _____

If weekly or bi-weekly, withdrawals will occur every Friday.

Please begin withdrawals on (write in a date) _____

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until First UMC has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford First UMC and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name _____ Envelope Number _____

Please Print

Date _____ Signature _____

FINANCIALS

November Income: \$33,929.00

November Expense: \$35,094.00

Expense over income: \$ -1,165.00

YTD Income: \$412,590.00

YTD Expense: \$416,153.00

YTD Expense over Income: \$ - 3,563.00

Mortgage Balance as of December 1: \$354,566.00

NEWSLETTER

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Deadline: the 15th of the month for the next issue

Please direct any suggestions, corrections and/or articles for consideration to:
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CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

January 1

Nursery infants—2

10:00—Johnson Family

Preschoolers—Johnson Family

January 8

Nursery infants—2

8:00—Steve & Cindy Du Vall

9:15—Smelsers

10:45—Christie Wendel family

Preschoolers—Ruth Ann & Bruce Dowler

January 15

Nursery infants—2

8:00—Julie Burenga

9:15—Smelsers

10:45—Darla Dunlap family

Preschoolers—Anjie Hanicq

January 22

Nursery infants—2

8:00—Deb Moser

9:15—Smelsers

10:45—Jake & Ali Sawmiller

Preschoolers—Jeremy & Jen Best

January 29

Nursery infants—2

8:00—Shad & Kelly Foster

9:15—Smelsers

10:45—Ric & Nancy Kelly

Preschoolers—Neil & Teresa Shaffer

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

HEALTH CONCERNS: Arla Allen, Marilyn Baker, Mary Bebout, Nancy Beckman, Kay Bevington, Vicki Burley, L.J. Compton, Wayne and Mary Compton, Rhonda Crosley, Carla Doner, Rick Donovan, Jerry Dunlap, Robert Dunn, Judy Feeney, Lana Gillespie, Trinity Goins, Derek Hill, Jason Hoffman, Katherine Hoverman, Matt Huse, Gary Keysor, Marcia Kline, Harold Kreisler, Kelly Dixon May, Gina McComber, Ruby McCoy, Chad McGue, Dean McComber, Jean Mendenhall, Paul Miller, Deb Pearson, Sarah Robeson, Pat Shaffer, Martha Sidenbender, Dick and Karen Smith, Dorothy Stemen, Rebecca Strickler, Eric Taylor, Joy Thomas, Jerry Worthington.

MILITARY: Nathan Clay, Paul Grutsch, Caleb Kreisler, J. R. Price, Brad Russell, Ben Derry. Families of military who have been wounded or killed in action, Jobs for veterans, POWS, Refugees of war.

MISSIONARIES: Gaston & Jeanne Ntambo-Congo, Jose Luise Ramos and family, persecuted Christians, missionaries around the world.

GLOBAL CONCERNS: Refugees and victims of natural disasters, floods, droughts, famine, fires, earthquakes, terrorism, and wars, world leaders.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETINGSAdministrative Board

Leadership Retreat

January 7, 9 am—4 pm

Trustees

January 11

7:00 pm

Finance Committee

January 19

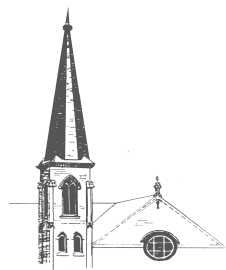
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January Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 2 | Nathan Gillespie | 18 | Diane Thatcher |
| 3 | Adam Osenga | | Martha Balyeat |
| 4 | Tom Rupert | | Cindy Dickson |
| | Cara Apperson | 19 | William Kelly |
| | Mark Scheidt | | Daniel Joseph |
| | Kendall Cummings | 20 | Fern Wermer |
| 5 | Cynthia Lorton | | Jim Showalter |
| | Korey Oechsle | | Matt Wise |
| | Mitchell Stoller | | Nick Stoller |
| | Bradford Stoller | | Joel Penton III |
| 6 | Dolores Keysor | 21 | Nathan Gearhart |
| | Karen Butler | 22 | Kathy Muse |
| | Shanann Jackson | 23 | Luther Cox |
| | Tiffany Spray | | Nathan Berkebile |
| 7 | Jack Spry | | Jesse High |
| | Marcia Osenga | | Cody Houser |
| | Mari Young | 24 | David Nuce |
| | Ethan Best | | Mar Smart |
| 8 | Lucy Berkebile | | John White |
| | Warren Foy | | Kent McCracken |
| | Jon Leiendecker | | Renee Thatcher |
| | Amy Koontz | | Kalen Miller |
| | Anita Zuber | 25 | Clair Thatcher |
| | Rob Gamble | 26 | Karla Dix |
| | Evan Falk | | Abbygaile Jackson |
| 9 | Margaret Prichard | | Tristan Berkebile |
| 11 | Holly Riley | | Stephanie Berkebile |
| 12 | Lydia Runyon | 27 | Tillman Karl |
| | Jack Boley | | Ashleigh Smith |
| | Gary Miller | | Jayden Taylor |
| | Jana Thompson | 28 | Max Kreisler |
| | Mollie Crummey | | Lee Valle |
| | Leah Schaffner | | Landrie Koontz |
| | Brad Miller | 29 | Al Sink |
| 13 | Peggy Penton | | Bob Gamble |
| | Robert Spath, Jr. | | Brent Harman |
| 14 | Frances Imler | | Morgan Smelser |
| 15 | Denise Gutierrez | | Jared Shaffer |
| | Tim Hoverman | 30 | Bill Scott |
| 16 | Jennifer Williams | | Denny Miller |
| 17 | Louise Dull | | Nicholas Miller |
| | LeAnn Bruno | 31 | William Tipps |
| | Diana Tomlinson | | Kyleigh Cummings |
| | Jessica Hirzel | | |
| | Rafe Caruthers | | |

Happy Anniversary to these folks married in January

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|----|-----------------------------|
| 2 | Sara & Robert Spath |
| 5 | Lisa & Dale Butler |
| 12 | Janet & Harold Merkle |
| 15 | Elaine & Lewis Price |
| 22 | Diane & Larry Mengerink |
| 27 | Michele & Steven Mendenhall |



First United Methodist Church

JANUARY 2012

FIRST CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Making Disciples

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship & Communion	2 Office Closed Holiday 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Men's Study 7:00 Cooperative Ministries—Trinity UMC 7:00 Apprentice Study	4 See box below	5 8:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Praise Band	6 6:00 Bread/Bowl	7 9-4:00 Leadership Retreat-Dining Rm Administrative Board Mtg. following retreat
8 9:30 Family Bible Fun-Krout	9 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Adult Cell Group	10 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 11:45 Preschool Staff 12:00 Lydia Circle 5:30 Preschool Bd. 6:00 Men's Study 7:00 Apprentice Study	11 See box below 3:30 Mustard Seeds/Impact 5-6:00 Family Meal 5:20 Youth Ringers 7:00 Trustee Mtg.	12 8:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Praise Band	13 6:00 Bread/Bowl	14
15	16 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Sarah Circle 7:30 Adult Cell Group	17 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Men's Study 7:00 Apprentice Study	18 See box below	19 8:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Finance Mtg.	20 6:00 Bread/Bowl	21
22 9:00 Visitation Meeting 12:30 4th Day Group	23 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Group 6:00 Men's Study 7:00 Apprentice Study	25 See box below	26 8:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Praise Band	27 6:00 Bread/Bowl	28
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8,9:15,10:45—Morning Worship
Coffee Bar open—9-10:30 am
9:30 am—Sunday School Classes
6:30-8:30 pm—Sr. High UMYF

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

7 & 8:00 am—Men's Bible Study
12:00 Noon—Bible Study
3:30 pm— Mustard Seeds/Impact—starts 11th
4:00 pm—Women's Bible Study
5-6:00 pm— Family Meals—starts 11th
5:15 pm—Apprentice 2010
5:20 pm—Youth Ringers-starts 11th
6:30 pm—Handbells
6:30-8:00 pm—Jr. High UMYF
7:30 pm—Senior Choir/Twenty Something Plus/Sr. High Cell Group-Burchfield's Home

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WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Announcing Discovery for 2012!

In 2011 we read through the major themes of the Bible with our “A Moment With Scripture” reading guide. In 2012 we embark on a four year journey called Discovery Extra written by Scripture Union USA. It follows a similar format as last year. You read a few verses each day—should only take you a few minutes and over a four year period we will read through the entire Bible. There are several ways to do the reading:

1. You may simply print off this sheet and read the verses.
2. You may go to <http://www.scriptureunion.org/e-book/discoveryextra-bible-reading-guide> and download the guide to your computer.
 1. You can have the readings sent to your e-mail address everyday. Go here for this: <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>.
 2. The printed guides will be at each entrance of the church by quarter. (They will be near the Friendly Visitors.) These guides will include study questions—similar to what we did with “A Moment With Scripture.”

We will continue to offer the noon Bible Study with Pastor Gus and Jana to study a scripture from the weekly list. This groups begins on Wednesday, January 4th in the conference room.

January

The Original Evil

- 1 Psalm 90
- 2 Genesis 1:1—2:3
- 3 Genesis 2:4-25
- 4 Genesis 3:1-24
- 5 Genesis 4:1-26
- 6 Genesis 5:1—6:8
- 7 Ephesians 2:1-10

Taking Care of Business

- 8 Psalm 6
- 9 Genesis 6:9—7:24
- 10 Genesis 8:1-22
- 11 Genesis 9:1-29
- 12 Genesis 10:1-32
- 13 Genesis 11:1-32
- 14 Matthew 24:32-44

“Sorry” Isn’t Always Enough

- 15 Psalm 117
- 16 Luke 3:1-20
- 17 Luke 3:21-37
- 18 Luke 4:1-13
- 19 Luke 4:14-21
- 20 Luke 4:22-30
- 21 Isaiah 61:1-11

Friends Helping Friends

- 22 Psalm 119:97-112
- 23 Luke 4:31-44
- 24 Luke 5:1-11
- 25 Luke 5:12-16
- 26 Luke 5:17-26
- 27 Luke 5:27-39
- 28 Proverbs 8:1-21

There Goes the Judge

- 29 Psalm 116
- 30 Luke 6:1-11
- 31 Luke 6:12-26