



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 27

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

8:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Epworth & Cherub Choirs

Sunday, November 3

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8:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Chancel & Epworth Choirs

Nursery/Preschool care all morning.

9 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation.

Children's Worship at 10:15 a.m.

for K-4th



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JON

Romans 12:18 - If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

A few weeks ago there was a big dustup because Ellen DeGeneres, a popular TV host who sits on one side of the political aisle, was seen at a Dallas Cowboys game with former President George W. Bush, who comes from the other side politically. What struck me the most was the contrast of a former Republican President and a self-described "Hollywood liberal" over against the backdrop of our national elected officials spending their time pointing the finger at each other across their political chasms from the Left to the Right.

Now President Bush and Laura are active United Methodists (in Dallas!), so I'm a little biased. But, what would the world look like if everyone took the attitude that he and Ellen displayed so publicly? It makes me think of Paul's instructions in Romans 12 to, as

much as it's possible from our end, live peaceably with everyone.

I'm trying in my little corner of the world to live out the kindness, gentleness, and peaceability that Christ modeled and that he gives to me when I get out of his way. I hope you'll join me in showing Christ to the world, too.

Blessings,

Jon



NEW CIRCLE FORMING



Ladies, a new evening United Methodist Women Circle is being formed! The Circle will meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm in the parlor, so the next meeting will be Monday, October 28. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Demeter at 740-334-9290 or lindademeter@hotmail.com or Cathy Faber at CVFaber@yahoo.com. All are welcome to come!!



The widow's mite is a well known story from the New Testament. A woman gave all she had to live on, only a pair of small coins, back to the church, back to God. She knew of God's love and care for her. It was as if she had heard Christ speak as he began his ministries in Galilee, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matt 6:26). As Christ often did, the widow turned conventional wisdom on its head, exercising control in her life when so much was beyond her control. She had determined where to place her coins. She gave cheerfully, without compulsion, as Paul later exhorted the Corinthians to do. The widow knew that God pays special attention to those people that most others overlook, the least and the lost. So why not return a portion of what God had provided her? Her coins alone may not have amounted to much, but when combined with her story they showed God's MIGHT, an unstoppable force.

God has provided blessings to each of us, along with the free will to determine how to use those blessings. When we return a portion of those gifts back to God He again multiplies them, increasing their impact, loosing His Might through creation, locally and across the earth. As we begin this year's stewardship campaign take time to reflect on the blessings God has provided you and how they may be able to bless others through giving to First Church. First Church provides a collection point and becomes a conduit to amplify the impact of our individual gifts of time and money. Throughout the year we have heard many examples of the impacts we, First Church, have made in our community, country, and across God's creation. Please be a part of our continuing efforts, God's Might!

Going Strong

November - First Church member, Michael Taucher, will present a program on Thursday, November 14, at 1 pm. Michael divides his time between computer guided graphic design and a project called Planetterarium, bringing the outdoors into your home, office, or place of business with custom designed open and enclosed gardens.

December - Make your reservation now for the annual Christmas Luncheon at the O'Neil House on Thursday, December 12. The church vans will leave at 11:15 am to transport you there as parking is very limited. The cost of the lunch is \$30 and registration forms with menu options are available at the Welcome Center.

Christmas Poinsettias... Although it seems too early, now is the time to order your poinsettias which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. We are using a new florist and they have a much earlier deadline for orders than the last one. The plants are \$8.50 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the Christmas Eve church bulletin. Please make your check out to First Church and return it with the order to the church office by noon on Monday, November 11.

Donor _____ Phone _____



In memory or honor of (circle one) _____

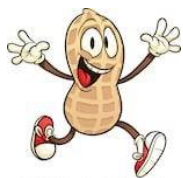
All Hallow's Eve Party Donations... We are in need of items for the All Hallow's Eve Party on Wednesday, October 30. We are in need of candy - no nuts please - and small prizes for the party. We typically have about 50 kids. There are sticky notes at the welcome center of specific items we need please bring them in by Sunday, October 27.

5th Quarter... Are you a 6th - 12th grader? Join us for our annual 5th Quarter overnighter. This will take place after the final home football game on November 1. There will be fun, food, and fellowship for everyone. The cost is \$5 per person, and permission forms are due Monday, October 28. Bring a friend or friends if you like!



Methodist Nuts

The UMW is sponsoring the 2019 nut sale. Sale of the nuts will start on Sunday morning November 17 and run through December 22. The nuts will be available after and between services in Asbury Hall. They will also be available for purchase in the office during regular office hours. Please remember that payment needs to be made by cash or check.



This year, there will be an opportunity to preorder if you'd like, so you can ensure the selection and pick-up week you need. Preorder forms will appear in the bulletin on October 27 and November 10. Payment of preordered nuts will be at the time of pickup.

The nuts we will be selling are: Deluxe Mixed Nuts, Whole Cashews, Whole Pecans and Healthy Mix (raisins, raw sunflowers, raw shelled pumpkin seeds, raw cashews, raw almonds)--available in 1 pound bags.

Proceeds go to various local and church-supported missions.

Altar Flowers

We are now taking orders for altar flowers in 2020. The cost is \$35 and the church takes care of ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at cmeyers-fallsumc@gmail.com or Ext. 210.



The Walk to Emmaus

Are you interested in making the Walk to Emmaus? Don't let the name fool you, there is not a great deal of walking done during the weekend. The name comes from the book of Luke, and the story of Jesus appearing to travelers on the road to Emmaus. These are events designed to help people grow their faith journey with our Lord and Savior. The weekends also help grow and develop leaders for people at their home church. The fall walks are taking place this month. The spring walks will take place April 16-19 for men, and April 23-26 for women. Please see Pastor Mike for more information regarding these once in a lifetime opportunities.

Care Committee Needs

If you've ever lost a loved one then you know how important it is to have a nice meal and a place to gather with friends and family after a funeral. Our Care Committee offers this gift of comfort to members and their families. We are in need of more help in this area. If you feel called to this important ministry and can help with set up, clean up, donations of cookies or fruit, or as a coordinator, please call Christy Meyers at Ext. 210.



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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Ralph Adair**.

Our Sympathies to **John and Hilda Gullion** and family on the death of his sister, **Glenna Stevens**, on 10/6; to **Lynda Schmidt and Nicole and Chris DeFrange** and family on the death of husband and father,

member **Bill Schmidt**, on 10/8; to Glenn and Shirley Smith and family on the death of their granddaughter, Morgan Smith, on 10/10.

Did You Know? We will be glad to publish (space allowing) milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births and other special events in your family if you send a note c/o Kathy Kuzas, call us at 330-923-5241 x212 or email kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.

Thank You Expressions: From Juanita White... The flowers are so appreciated and beautiful. I have placed them on the shelf by my door. People walking by can enjoy them also. Thank you.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Support Group

Do you or a family member or friend have a diagnosis of MS? More people have MS than other people know. Interest has surfaced about forming an MS support group, much like the Alzheimer's support group. Sharing problems, solutions, troubles, suggestions, and answers can be a joy for those afflicted and/or caregivers and supporters. If you would like to see an MS group formed, please notify the church office or Bob Capes so that we can gauge interest. Thank you in advance.

The deadline for the next FCN is **Friday, November 1**. Please submit your articles to Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 or kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.