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Sweet Thoughts

BY PASTOR CRAIG

I imagine that you've already picked up a 2020 calendar and that you have been thinking ahead as you imagine the upcoming year and making notes about special days and events. Yesterday afternoon as I was reflecting on the annual renewal of our covenant with God I realized all over again that we can get so tuned in to what we are doing and what is happening in our lives that we miss all that is happening in the lives around us. It is very easy to allow our focus for living to get zeroed in on our own feet as we walk the path of our lives, instead of looking up at the amazing things happening around us, let alone looking the eyes of the one we are walking with. Take the chance this new year to keep your focus forward into the living out of your faith relationship with Jesus as you walk with him each day.

I would also like to say Thank you to everyone who made our Candlelight Christmas Eve worship services happen and for the 251 who joined us in the three services. I am grateful and appreciative of each of your commitment and sharing as we together savored the beauty of the night.

See you in Worship,

Pastor Craig

Upcoming Dates:

Leadership Sunday
JANUARY 19TH

Music Sunday
FEBRUARY 2ND

Scouts Sunday
FEBRUARY 9TH

One Service with
Mardi Gras Feast
Following
FEBRUARY 23RD AT
10AM

Ash Wednesday Service
FEBRUARY 26TH AT
5:30PM

Girl Scout Sunday
MARCH 9TH



A note from the United Methodist Women

BY CAROLYN SCOTT

2019 UMW Cookie Walk and Bazaar

Thank you to all bakers, crafters, helpers, and customers who participated in the Cookie Walk and Bazaar. With your help, UMW raised over \$2,750.00 to be used for mission projects in 2020. That total included over \$250 the M & M's group earned from sales of their craft projects when they were invited to participate in Clark Lindsey's Craft Vendor sales prior to the Cookie Walk and Bazaar.

All of these funds will be used toward items in the 2020 UMW Budget of \$4,905.00. Local budget items include Mahomet Helping Hands and tray favors throughout the year for nursing homes and homebound including our Christmas Joy bags here at church. Residents of Bridle Brook and Glenwood are remembered at Easter and 100 tray favors are delivered to residents of what was formerly known as the Champaign County Nursing Home for Valentine's Day, Easter, July 4th, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

UMW presents a children's Bible to each second grade student in the fall and recognizes all graduates with a book in the spring. Funeral dinners to support our church families have always been a mission of UMW. We continue to organize and financially contribute to that mission with the help of many from the congregation.

On the conference level, we support Cunningham Children's Home with our regular donation, a donation for the Guardian Parent program and with our annual Cunningham Connection Brunch, as well as Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis that assists both children and elderly. A donation is also given to Ganta UM Hospital in Liberia.

We would welcome all ladies who would like to join us in our mission work and share in our fellowship. Our next meeting will be Thursday February 6th at 1 pm in the church library.

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KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us the first Sunday of each month 9:30 - 10:30am.



January 5th 9:30AM

2020 FAMILY GOALS
Let's welcome the New Year together!
Parents and children of all ages will reflect on 2019 and make a plan to make 2020 the best year yet! Hope to see you there!

February 2nd 9:30AM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Stay tuned for more information.



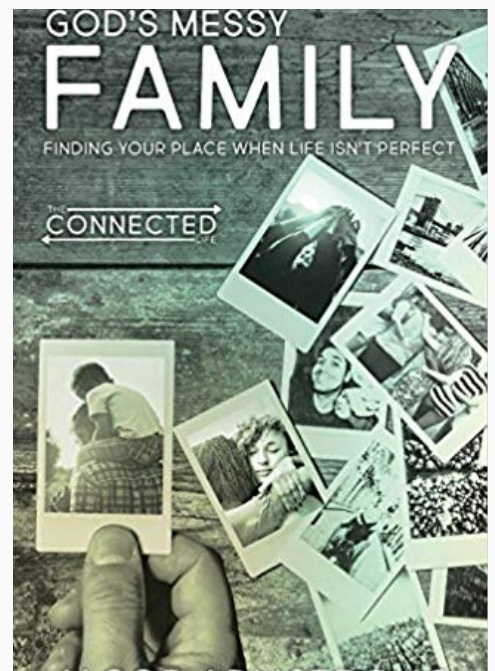
March 1st 9:30AM

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Parents, to enroll in text reminders regarding Sunday School and other events for KIDS: MUMC KIDS text @mahometu to the number 81010.

ADULT STUDY

The Discipleship class will start a study called 'God's Messy Family: Finding Your Place When Life Isn't Perfect' on January 12th at 9:30am. Join us as we trace the ancestry of our faith family. Pastor and author Jacob Armstrong takes an in depth look at our faith lineage, focusing on messy family dynamics found in the book of Genesis. As we begin to understand the life stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Esua we find that their pattern looks a lot like ours—we are called, we mess up and God continues to redeem us.



Thank you...



Thank you so very much
for the great Xmas bag.
It is so nice to be thought
of by the church members.

Juanita Grove

What a joy to open a package
of cards from so many of the
Methodist members. As
I read each name, I could
remember the faces of those
I knew from the 50 years I
was there. Thank you all.

Marta Sivier

Dear Volunteers,
Thank you all very much
for the wonderful lunch
you served for the Friends
and Family of Tony
Parkhill's. We so
appreciate each and
everyone of you.

BUD PARKHILL

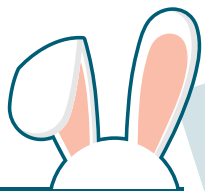
Thank you so much for
providing us lunch on
Wednesday. That was very
thoughtful of your church.
We wish you all a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
New Year.

LINCOLN TRAIL
ELEMENTARY OFFICE
STAFF

K - 5 T H
G R A D E R S

PROGRAM DETAILS

REGISTRATION HAS REACHED CAPACITY AT 60 KIDS
 IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:30PM
 BUS TRANSPORTATION FROM SCHOOL TO THE CHURCH
 SNACK PROVIDED
 BIBLE BASED CHARACTER BUILDING LESSONS
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR



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C A R N I V A L
4 / 8 5 : 3 0 - 7 P M

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* 22 *	* 19 *	25	* 15 *	20
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WOW TEAM

IT ISN'T TOO LATE TO JOIN THE WOW VOLUNTEER TEAM FOR 2020! WE WILL PLACE YOU IN A VOLUNTEER POSITION THAT FEELS COMFORTABLE TO YOU AND YOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED. TEENAGERS, THIS IS A FUN WAY TO RACK UP SOME VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. EMAIL MUMC@MUMC.ORG TO JOIN THE TEAM!