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Easter Cards for Shut-Ins

Once again, it is time to think about sending Easter cards to all of our members who are not able to be at church with us. If you would like to send a card to someone listed below, NO POSTAGE is required. Just write the name on the outside of the envelope and drop it off in the collection box located in the Narthex by March 25th. That will give us time to sort the cards and deliver them before Easter.

We will need some volunteers to help coordinate the gathering and distribution of the cards. Please call Kelly in the office if you would like to help.

Here is the list we have for this year, if you feel as though we have omitted someone, please contact Kelly at 358-2577 to let us know.

Freda Bailey	Lena Larson
Gina Bass	Marguerite Lyon
Joel & Betty Bell	Janis McGill
Jackie Brown	Glen Minshev
Lon Burr	Rev. Chris Oetting
Eunice Carter	Ruby Pearman
Carol Dyer	Jan Rife
Dolora Elam	Jackie Riley
Fran Faulkner	Joanne Sanders
Phyllis Gatliff	Dorothy Sharp
Elizabeth Harrison	Norma Havely
Betty Jo Heck	Floyd Stiles
Barbara Howell	Martha Tillock
Beryl Kingsbury	Doris Wardlow

Lenten Study

Last Sunday, the Wesleyan Sunday School Class began a Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor of The Church of the Resurrection, Kansas City, Missouri. This study entitled "Creed" will be presented during the Sunday School hour each Sunday during Lent. The video presentation and interaction lasts about 40 minutes. Everyone is invited to this very informative and inspiring study.

The Missions Committee Needs HELP!

During the month of March, the Missions Committee will be collecting used eyeglasses and gently used, closed toe shoes. These items will be sent to the Festival of Sharing along with the other packs. **I need someone to be in charge of organizing the collection of the shoes.** This person would need to tell the congregation about the project and explain how and where to take the shoes and after they have been collected, will need to box them for shipping. That's all! Making announcements at the beginning of worship service would be a good idea. To volunteer, contact Carolyn McCombs. Text or call: 417-621-8348 or email cmccombs44@gmail.com. Thank you very much!

Tacky Quilters

You are invited to join the quilting group, which meets every Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Right now, we are working on tacking small quilts for children, for the Festival of Sharing Backpacks of Love project. Also, you could make 36"X45" quilt tops at home and bring them in to be tacked. That would be very much appreciated. The group is always working on hand quilting projects for individuals in the church or community. Meet us in the big room on the north end of the second floor. Last week, someone brought a CD player and played Rock n' Roll music! It's fun! Questions: Call Marjorie Bull 417-358-6301.



The UMW Executive Board will meet on March 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Hope to see you there!

New Bible Study

Good news! There is a new study starting Wednesday, February 28. This is a great time to join the Wednesday Night Bible Study group as we begin a study of the book of Acts. The stories and narrative come to life on screen in this Visual Bible version of Acts. The narrative is a word for word dialogue from the NIV translation of the Bible – brought to life by the actors portraying the stories.

We will watch two chapters per week using the video and follow with discussion. No homework is required unless you want to read the chapters in advance before you see them come to life.

The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Wesleyan Sunday School Classroom in Harris Hall.

Friends of the Homebound

Thank you so much to each of you who are visiting people in either their homes or the nursing home each month. You are helping them to know that they are not forgotten and are loved. Also, I would like to have you begin letting me know when you have made a visit to someone. This will help us to better stay on track with our visits. I can then give updates on the number of visits we are making each month. You can text me at 417-438-4310 or email me at nanny9@suddenlink.net. Thank you so much for your help! I know that some of you have lost the person you were visiting; if you would like to start visiting someone else, please let me know.

Mary Thorn
Friends of the Homebound Coordinator

UMW Spring Tea

It's UMW Spring Tea time!!! HATS!!!! HATS!!!! HATS!!!! We are going to explore hats! Since when did we wear hats? Why do we wear them now? Why don't we wear them so much anymore? Let's wear hats! We will make hats and wear them while we drink our tea and eat our "scones". Come join our fun and fellowship on March 13th at 1:30 p.m. in Harris Hall. See you there!!!



for our Annual Tea!

A Special THANK YOU

***We apologize for not getting a newsletter out yet in 2018. Consequently, we have a quite a few cards of thanks from the past couple of months!



Thank you volunteers for our Veteran's Day Luncheon. The food was delicious as usual, and I appreciate all the donated desserts as well as the faithful workers and clean-up crew that stayed most of the event. Honoring our veterans is one of the most important days that I love in which to be involved. Thank you again for remembering our true heroes.

*With Love,
Nancy Sanders*



Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely package of goodies. I was so excited to see that I had a package from you all, and even more excited when I saw what was inside! The treats will be so nice to have next week for finals – extra energy is always needed! Thank you for all your support.

*Love,
Katie Griffiths*





With warmest thanks, grateful hearts and deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness. Thank you for allowing our group to continue to use your rooms for our Thursday night meeting, after the sale of the Annex. We appreciate your generosity.

The Downtown Group



Dear Church Members,

What a wonderful Blessing you are to so many! Because of your generous gifts, there are many students in our school district who are warm in coats you've provided. Each year, you have given so that children in the Migrant Program experience the love of Jesus through our gifts. May God continue to bless as you serve Him by caring for "the least of these".

In His Love,

*Rhonda Wyrsh
Carthage R-9 Migrant Liaison*



We would like to thank everyone who sent us Christmas cards. They were greatly appreciated and we enjoyed hearing from people we don't hear from or see much anymore.

Joel & Betty Bell



Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards and words of encouragement! Thanks to Jane Crawford for the great visit and also bringing a tray of candy. So good! My prayers to each of you.

Love, Martha Tillock



Dear Church Family

Thank you for the lovely Christmas cards. It is wonderful to be remembered by friends and it brightened the season. And James – thank you for the sermons on DVD! That is such a blessing – makes me feel closer to my church family. Thank you and God bless.

Joanne Sanders



Thank you for the Christmas cards. I appreciate being remembered and enjoyed looking at the cards and remembering the people. Hopefully I can get back to the church and see everyone

Jan Rife



Kelly & Church members,

Thanks, peace and Merry Christmas!

Linda Nekula

(This lady received assistance from us and sent us a note of thanks!)



Hello!

I just received the snack care package you all sent me! What an awesome surprise! I have been really busy but these snacks will help me with my late nights at the library. I gave some to my friends and I think it brightened up their day too! So thanks for all the support you guys give me. Truly thankful for my church family. - Hadley Lyon





Pastor James & Church Family,

It is with my utmost gratitude that I write you today, for I am perpetually thankful for your contribution to further my education. While up at Columbia, its rather easy to get stuck in a day-to-day grind with school and student organizations. That being said, it is always nice to receive Christmas goodies and kind notes from home. I could not be more thankful for your support the last four years.

God bless,

Tyler Howrey



Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you so much for the care package of snacks I received in the mail this week. Those snacks were much needed, especially with finals week coming up. I am so appreciative of the gesture and continued support I receive from everyone at home. I'm thankful for everyone at Carthage FUMC, especially as I begin to wrap up my time here at Pitt State. Once again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Brett Collier



Thank you for allowing us to use the fellowship hall to host our Phipps Christmas!

Anthony & Henri and family



Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for the wonderful dinner that you made for us. We heard comments that it was better than a buffet at a high-end restaurant.

And it was.

Sincerely, The Leland Still Family



My FUMC Family,

Thank you so much for the care package. The snacks came at the perfect time at the end of the semester to eat while studying. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness at this time.

Thank you,

Alyssa Rockers



Sometimes we realize how much family and friends mean to us. Thank you seems a small thing to say for the grace and love extended to me and my family at Bill's passing. But..thank you for a wonderful dinner. It was greatly appreciated.

Love, Benita Shields



Prayer Concerns

Bliss Allmoslecher	Chuck Lathum
Rayna Ayres	Doris Ann Lombard
Freda Bailey	Carlyle McCaskill
Joel & Betty Bell	Tim McCrea
Nan Borg	Janice McGill
Lon Burr	Hershel Meister
Kim Burras	Glen Minshev
George Butler IV	Jennifer Elliff Nichols
Eunice Carter	Chris & Gail Oetting
Debbie Cochran	Anthony Phipps
Margaret Dale	David Prier
Ben Dulin	Edna Prier
Sara Fortin	Jan Rife
Phyllis Gatliff	Logan Sanders
Elizabeth Harrison	Joanne Sanders
Angela Hill	Carol Stark
Barbara Howell	Kurt Swartz
Judy Johnson	Roger Sweet
Beryl Kingsbury	Cheryl Stump
Phillip Kyte	Emily Snyder
Grayson Knight	Martha Tillock
Landry Knight	Grant Trent
Milton Lawrence	Maggie Williams
Carthage Crisis Center	Tom Wiseman

Cancer Treatments

Gina Bass, Cecil Brill, Jean Dodson, John Essman, Sally Karns, Bob McCombs, Debbie McPherson, Tom Moore, Tom Nenadal, Mike Reed, Floyd Southern, Carolyn Steinbrook, Chuck Taylor, Josh Valenti, Linda Valenti, Will Wallace, Mike Whorlow

Prayers For Those In The Military

Benjamin Arnold, Caleb Hager, Kamil Hager, Josh Hall, Michael Howard, Scott A. Johnson, Raymond Kirklin, Michael Murrell, Allen Vaughan, Ethan Williams

Our Sympathy To:

Family & Friends of Joann Satterfield (Mother of Cheryl Jones)
Family & Friends of Troy Mondt (Father of Terry & Taylor Mustain)
Family & Friends of Violet Stark (Sister of Elmer Thorn)
Family & Friends of Wilma Meister (Sister of Glen Smith)
Family & Friends of Sonya Bloom (Sister of Don Koehn)
Family & Friends of Leland Still
Family & Friends of Bill Shields



The Life Of The Church

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

Scouting Sunday

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Monday, February 26, 2017

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2017

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Practice
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (*Wesleyan Class*)
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (*HH*)

Thursday, March 1, 2018

9:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board (*Conf*)
9:30 a.m. Tacky Quilters

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, March 5, 2018

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild (*HH*)
4:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers Practice
6:30 p.m. Bible Study (*Wesleyan Class*)
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (*HH*)

Thursday, March 8, 2018

9:30 a.m. Tacky Quilters

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Super Sunday

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service





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| 3 Matthew Riley | 22 Bill Barksdale |
| 5 Maureen Comotto | 22 Gail Oetting |
| 5 Erin Harris | 24 Lucy Peterson |
| 5 Floyd Stiles | 25 Eunice Carter |
| 8 Donna Maggard | 25 Roger McKee |
| 10 Lyman Burr | 26 Dan Wakefield |
| 15 Barbara Archer | 28 Don Davis |
| 15 Vernetta Gardner | 28 Helen Hunter |

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