

# THE PARISH NEWS

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## Child-Parent Relationship Training

As a part of our local mission efforts, we are offering a 10-week parenting class this Fall for at-risk families, beginning September 11. This class, Child-Parent Relationship Training, has a high degree of success in improving parenting skills and we are excited for our church to offer it to our community.

Here's what we need:

- 10 people/families/groups to provide a meal for the families for one night during the 10-week class
- 3 or 4 volunteers to provide childcare on Tuesday nights for the duration of the class

Are you ready to help with this mission? We provide a much-needed service and have fun while we do so! If you will help, please let Nancy know. Thank you!



PARENTING  
CLASS

## Diapers, Diapers, Diapers For Feeding Inc.

During the month of September, please bring diapers to be distributed by Feeding Inc. They are experiencing a great need at this time. Some babies here in Carthage are left in soggy, wet conditions for hours because they don't have any fresh, dry diapers! This is unacceptable. Leave your donations in the box in the Narthex. Thank You!  
– Missions Committee



## Trivial Pursuit Fundraiser

Lois Prier is planning a Trivial Pursuit Fundraiser for the evening of September 15 in Harris Hall to benefit the Mozambique Initiative. Table/Team captains are needed. More details to follow. If you are interested, please contact Lois Prier.



## Church Wide Bazaar

Saturday, November 10, 2018

Start creating your items immediately for this very special day in our church! It will be here in **Eleven Weeks!** Why are we having a Bazaar? We want to raise money to provide support for people in need. Because this church family cares about people who are in desperate situations. We care about people who don't have enough food, who don't have proper medical care, about people who don't have clean, safe water to drink, about people who cannot get an education. If we don't step up to help them, who will? We care!

## UMW Executive Board Meeting

The UMW Executive Board will meet on Thursday, September 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. Our main business will be preparing to host the District Fall Meeting on October 13th at our church. Hope you can be there for this important meeting!



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## UMW General Meeting

**Hey, Gals!!** I have some questions for you. Did you read to your children? Do you read to your grandchildren? Your great grandchildren? Did you enjoy it? On Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in Harris Hall, the United Methodist Women will be hosting Mary Kerby, Larry Hartman and Judy Pace of Carthage Family Literacy Council, who will talk about their project "Little Libraries" and what it means for children. Come join us for food for thought, food for the stomach, and food for the soul!!



## New Church Directory!!

The new church directories are **HERE!** If you had your photograph taken by Lifetouch for the new directory, part of the package was you received a free 8x10 along with a copy of the directory for your family. Those of you who had photos made will find your directory copy on the table in the Narthex. If you did not get your photo made and would like a copy of the directory, we do have some extra copies, please contact Kelly in the office for more information.

## TACKY QUILTERS

First UMC quilters do a lot more than tack quilts.

\*Create and tack baby quilts and lap robes, which are distributed locally as well as by Missouri Festival of Sharing.

\*Take requests for hand quilting, mostly full-sized quilts, donation encouraged.

\*Create and tack quilts to be used as bedspreads for the Crisis Center.

\*Create and tack sleeping bags for the homeless, with packets of personal grooming products included.

Come and help with these very important projects. Tacky Quilters meet every Thursday, in Room 206 at 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. *No experience necessary*, on-site training available.

## Dresses For Girls In Haiti Orphanage

Our hand-made "Little Girl Dresses" are now on display in Harris Hall. Many ladies in our church and in our community are helping to make these beautiful dresses. Children in Haiti are lucky to have worn out and tattered clothing. Isn't that sad? Through this effort of providing new dresses for them, we are helping to improve their self-esteem, helping to keep them safer by wearing clothing, and helping to improve their chances of a better future. With donated fabric and volunteers doing the sewing, we do not have any expense associated with this project. If you would like to help make dresses, contact anyone in the Quilting Group.



## Wednesday Night Bible Study

The final session of the book of Matthew study will be Wednesday, September 5. After a break in September, the group will resume with a new study in early October. If your schedule permits, please consider adding the Wednesday night bible study to your weekly routine. More updates will be provided as the next study is selected and scheduled.

## Greeters Needed!

If you would like to be a greeter on Sunday mornings, more volunteers are definitely needed! Greeters are posted at the front entrance and the entrance to Harris Hall each Sunday. You will be meeting folks as they enter for Sunday service. Having a friendly face to greet them is an important job! If you would like to be a greeter, please contact Kelly in the office at 417-358-5940. I hope you will consider this worthwhile duty!



## Super Sunday is Back!

Since we have gone back to school, it is time for Super Sunday to start again! September's Super Sunday will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We invite all children from Pre-School to 6th Grade to join us in the Youth Room at 9:00 a.m. We will move to Harris Hall at 10:00 a.m. for snacks. We will have lots of fun playing games, doing crafts, and learning about Jesus. Parents may pick up their children in Harris Hall after Worship Service. See you there!



## Express Your Gratitude

by UPPER ROOM ADMINISTRATOR

### Today's Reflection

MANY PEOPLE FIND WRITING about what they are thankful for in a journal is a great way to practice gratitude. Others vocalize their gratitude in a small group or with a spouse or friend. I know a young mom who expresses her own gratitude and teaches her children to do the same by naming something for which she is thankful every evening before dinner. I know a retired military officer who places his hand over his heart every morning and expresses his gratitude for his own life and for the lives of others. I know a young college graduate who compiled a gratitude list that includes the sound of rain, the smile of a stranger, access to running water, watching a puppy play, and the tenderness of his grandparents holding hands.

Gratitude expands our capacity for delight. Delight, joy, and happiness are gifts God wants to give us in all circumstances and in spite of our circumstances. When we express gratitude — when we find delight in God's goodness — we are freer to love and serve others.

– Rebecca Swight Bruff

### Loving the World with God

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### Today's Question

Find a way to express your gratitude. Share your thoughts.

### Today's Scripture

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17, NRSV

This Week: pray for those who are receiving cancer treatments. Submit your prayer to The Upper Room Living Prayer Center or share it in the comment section.



Scouting News

## **Troop 9**

Troop 9 has a new Scoutmaster. His name is Mike Hole. He is Jeff's oldest son. Jeff was Scoutmaster for Troop 9 for 10 years. Mike's oldest son, Wyatt, just crossed over from Pack 9 in May of 2018. That means members of the Hole family have been in Troop 9 for 3 generations!

The Troop sent 10 scouts and 3 leaders to summer camp in Oklahoma in June and are still adding up the number of merit badges that were earned. In July, we held a Court of Honor to give the scouts the merit badges they earned along with earned rank advancements. They are planning a camping/fishing trip to Roaring River this upcoming weekend, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be participating in the dessert auction with Pack 9 in November and will also be selling the fresh pine greenery in October for their fund raiser. The scouts still continue to sell gift cards that can be purchased from various companies for shopping locally or to give as gifts. We appreciate your continued support of scouting.

## **Pack 9**

The Cub Scouts of Pack 9 are getting ready to start another year of meetings. We are having a carnival on August 30, 2018, at the church to recruit new scouts. Flyers are being distributed to all the schools to let the students know about joining Cub Scouts. We had a busy summer with an archery day in June, camping/fishing weekend in July and a day of bowling in August. We will start selling popcorn in September as our fund raiser and in November will be the combined dessert auction for the Pack and the Troop, which will be held the Monday night before Thanksgiving (November 19<sup>th</sup>).

## **Pack 9 Popcorn Sales**

Pack 9 will begin their annual popcorn sale beginning September 22 and continuing through the weekend of the Maple Leaf Festival. If you would like to order popcorn, please see one of our cubs, (Lucas Talbott) or the scouts selling popcorn at our local retailers on the weekends. You may order from Marilyn Hole as well. Thank you for supporting the Cub Scouts!

## **Prayer Concerns**

Patty Adams	Chuck Lathum
Bliss Allmoslecher	Doris Ann Lombard
Rayna Ayres	Mary Ellen Lyon
Freda Bailey	Carlyle McCaskill
Mary Barksdale	Tim McCrea
Sami Bayless	Janice McGuill
Joel & Betty Bell	Hershel Meister
Nan Borg	Glen Minshew
Lon Burr	Jennifer Elliff Nichols
Kim Burras	Rev. Chris & Gail Oetting
George Butler IV	Anthony Phipps
Eunice Carter	David Prier
Debbie Cochran	Edna Prier
Jim & Jeannie Crocker	Debbie Ralston
Ben Dulin	Travis, Melissa &
Sara Fortin	Baby Arianna Rockers
Phyllis Gatliff	Logan Sanders
Virginia Glossip	Joanne Sanders
Betty Heck	Carol Stark
Elizabeth Harrison	Kurt Swartz
Angel Hill	Jim Swearengen
Barbara Howell	Roger Sweet
Judy Johnson	Cheryl Stump
Beryl Kingsbury	Emily Snyder
Grayson Knight	Ervin Thorn
Landry Knight	Martha Tillock
Milton Lawrence	Grant Trent
Carthage Crisis Center	Maggie Williams
	Tom Wiseman

## **Cancer Treatments**

Gina Bass, Cecil Brill, Mike Cochran, Jean Dodson, John Essman, \*Stephanie Hensley, Sally Karns, Phillip Kyte, Bob McCombs, \*Doris McConnell, Debbie McPherson, Tom Moore, Tom Nenadal, Mike Reed, Floyd Southern, Carolyn Steinbrook, Chuck Taylor, Josh Valenti, Linda Valenti, Will Wallace, Doris Westbay, Mike Whorlow

## **Prayers For Those In The Military**

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

\* Denotes a new addition to the list.



## The Life Of The Church

### **Sunday, September 2, 2018**

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### **Monday, September 3, 2018**

*Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed*

### **Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (HH)

6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### **Thursday, September 6, 2018**

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

9:30 a.m. Tacky Quilters

7:30 p.m. Downtown Group

### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Super Sunday!*

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### **Monday, September 10, 2018**

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Kathleen Crane

1:30 p.m. UMW General Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

4:30 p.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Bell Choir

6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

### **Thursday, September 13, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Tacky Quilters

7:30 p.m. Downtown Group

### **Saturday, September 15, 2018**

6:30 p.m. Trivial Pursuit Fundraiser

### **Sunday, September 16, 2018**

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Dear Church Family,

I just received this package due to a mail mix-up at school! But thank you so much! These snacks will come in handy this summer as I am working as a Nursing Research Assistant. I hope that VBS goes well this summer and all the other wonderful things that the church is doing are going good as well. Thank you for always supporting us college students. It helps with missing home and stress! It really makes a difference!

Love,

Hadley Lyon



In appreciation –

I want to thank you, for the phone calls, visits, and cards, that I have received since the death of my sister – Edith Downey. May the Lord bless you!

Sincerely,

Martha Tillock





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| 3 Carter Thompson     | 13 KC Boothe          |
| 3 Chase Thompson      | 13 Sophie Collier     |
| 4 Barbara Graue       | 15 Jackie Riley       |
| 7 Jim Bracht          | 16 Raymond Gardner    |
| 7 Richard Miller      | 17 Bill Griffiths     |
| 8 Beth Barksdale      | 17 Doris Wardlow      |
| 8 Jenny Brummett      | 20 Marty Lown         |
| 10 Bobbie Adams       | 20 Chris Oetting      |
| 10 Darren Collier     | 23 Helen-Louis Elliff |
| 11 Jennifer Barksdale | 23 Josi Moffatt       |
|                       | 26 Herbert Winslow    |

No anniversaries this month. If you have an anniversary and would like us to add it to our calendar, please contact Kelly at 417-358-2577.



**Love**  
the Lord your God  
with all your HEART  
and with all your SOUL  
and with all your MIND  
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV