



Grace Courier

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Red Bird Mission in Kentucky our Mission Focus

Kari Collins, Executive Director of Red Bird Mission, Beverly Kentucky:

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.” Isaiah 11:1,2, 3b-4a

Jesus still inspires righteous ministry and justice to the poor and needy through Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic on daily basis.

The deaf hear again because audiologists give their time and others give funds to provide hearing aids.

Healing flows from our dental clinic because we have a dentist again and funds are available to provide care for those with desperate dental needs.

Library Donation

A 24 book series has been donated to our Library, which is located in the lounge.

Home To Heather Creek is a Guideposts series which follows Charlotte Stevenson, who is raising her grandchildren on the family farm in Nebraska after a tragic accident changes all of their lives forever. With the help of her husband Bob and a close-knit circle of friends, she will do whatever it takes to keep this fragile family together. See how God, who

Thousands of hungry people are fed through our food pantries and meal programs because churches and individuals are donating funds and food that supplement base funding of other organizations. The elderly and children have safe, warm housing because volunteers give of their time and money to make essential home repairs through our Work Camp ministry. Children and youth have opportunity to break the cycle of poverty because generous people support our work to form Christian leaders at Red Bird Christian School.

We praise God for all of these blessings! Even though great ministry is happening here through Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic with the help of our partners, we have seen a decline this year in charitable giving.

If you have given already this year, we are grateful. If you haven't yet given financially this year, please support the ministries that help to bring salvation and life in the name of the Messiah.

makes the sun rise and the crops grow, watches over our lives, too.

The books have been placed on the credenza in the lounge. Each book is numbered. Feel free to begin reading this entertaining series.



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Dates to remember:

Feb. 3 & 17
Club Rock

Feb. 19
Mission Sunday ~
Red Bird Mission

Feb. 20
Presidents Day ~
Office Closed

Feb. 21
Newsletter Deadline

From the pastor...

February is upon us. Already the year is moving quickly. I was talking with someone during one of my regular coffee breaks at the Northwoods. He thought February was kind of a blah month. Not much happens; there are no big holidays. I reminded him that there is Presidents Day. Of course, we cannot forget Groundhogs Day, February 2nd. We will be anxiously waiting for word on whether or not the groundhog sees his shadow.

But did you know that February 2nd is also a Christian holiday or holy day? It is known as Candlemas or the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus. This celebration arrives 40 days after Christmas. (There are those traditions that leave Christmas lights up until this day.) On this day we observe the presentation of Jesus in the temple.

We find this story in the second chapter of Luke's Gospel. Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple. The law said that every firstborn male would be designated as holy to the Lord. They offered the required sacrifice: a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

There was a man there. His name was Simeon. He was righteous and devout. He was looking forward to the salvation of God. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die before he had seen that salvation...before he had seen the Messiah.

Simeon saw Jesus and proclaimed, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

I guess what I notice in this is Simeon did not say he had seen the Messiah. He said he had seen God's salvation. Seeing Jesus is seeing God's salvation for all people...all people! Simeon's life was then complete. He was at peace.

So on February 2nd, while the rest of the country nervously waits to see what the groundhog sees, we will pause and look at Jesus. And we will see God's salvation. God's salvation is for us. In Christ we are made complete. In Christ we find peace.

Happy Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Day.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

Purchased something for the church?

To get an accurate count of giving to the church, please let us know if you have purchased something for the church but have not asked for reimbursement. We will list that purchase on your giving statement as a "gift-in-kind" so it will show on your contribution statement and the church knows how much is being given.

If you have any questions, please contact **Linda Ploog** 651-257-3323.

Online Bill Pay

Do you use your computer to pay your bills on-line? If you do, you may want to send your church offering/pledge through the same on-line bill pay service. You can set up an automatic payment plan or a one time contribution. It's easy:

- * First, login to your bill pay account
- * Select *Add a Bill*
- * Select *Create an account without an account number*
(use the address and phone number below)
First United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 688
Lindstrom, MN 55045
651-257-4306

Please see **Greg Oien** or **Scott Lecy** if you have any questions.



Birthdays!



Gerry Gaudette.....February 1
 Terry Kopp.....February 3
 Joshua Anderson.....February 8
 Bruce Larsen.....February 10
 Josh Salaba.....February 12
 Darlene Christie.....February 14
 Katie Leadholm.....February 14
 Erin Thorvaldson.....February 15
 Steve Oehme.....February 21
 Christine Anderson.....February 23
 Paula Oehme.....February 28

Happy Birthday!

Prayer Requests from the bulletin:

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Jim McDermott;
 Roxy Bahn; the family of Travis Fagan

New Addresses

Chris & Kristin Anderson
 N4446 Tunnel Hill Rd.
 Elroy WI 53929
 608-462-5451

Marilee Fredrickson
 10910 282nd St. #101
 Chisago City MN 55013
 651-257-6497

Blessings ~

Tripp Allen Webber was born Jan 3 to **Bailey Webber and Amber Hultman.**

Tripp is the grandson of **Alan and Verna Hultman** and great grandson of **George Hultman.**

Amber played Mary in the Living Nativity last December.

All are doing well!

Pastoral Care

Hospitals no longer telephone churches, because of the privacy act, to let us know that one of our members have been admitted.

Please notify the church office, 257-4306, if you desire pastoral care for illness, hospitalizations, or surgeries.

2017 Leadership

Church Council Chairperson: Terry Keesee

Lay Leader: Craig Stockel

Lay Member to Conference: Kay Oien

Church Council Secretary: Bob Determan

Youth Directors: Scott & Cheryl Lecy

Children's Ministries: Laurie Doughty

Missions Chairperson: Nancy Grossmann

Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson: Jim Caldwell

Trustees Chairperson: Lloyd Jones

Finance Chairperson: Scott Lecy

Financial Secretary: Linda Ploog

Treasurer: Carol Schmidt

Communications Chairperson: Erin Thorvaldson

Foundation Chairperson: Donn Arnold

Nursery

We are pleased to be able to provide a Nursery during the worship service. It is designed for infants through 2 years.

Children are always welcome in the worship service.

Unidos en Cristo weekends Experience New Testament Christianity

Unidos en Cristo (formally Cursillo) is a 3-day learning, sharing and inspirational experience of living in a Christian community. During the three days of a week-end, a person experiences authentic Christian fellowship and the joy of being part of a genuine Christian community.

2017

#283 Men's: February 16-19
#284 Women's: February 23-26
Held at Faith Covenant, Burnsville

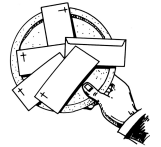
#285 Men's: June 8-11
#286 Women's: June 15-18
Held at Arlington Hills UMC, Maplewood

If you would like to participate in an Unidos en Cristo weekend or would like more information, please contact **Scott or Cheryl Lecy**, 651-462-5725.

Prison Ministry...if you're interested in Charis Prison Ministry, please contact **Jim or Connie Buelow**, 651-465-3024.

Monthly Giving update

Our General Fund Budget for 2017 is \$184,405. which becomes \$15,208 per month.



General Fund giving for December was \$17,273.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!

Worship Attendance in January

January 1—76

January 8—105

January 15—96

January 22—88

January 29—97



Valentine's Day word search



Z O U K D Y P O G M M F S E P
C H O C O L A T E I E D N G I
F H S Y F H E R N N R I X N H
E E F R T A R E S A T B V I S
B A E Z E I R E C N A M O R D
R R G L A W S R E L F K O A N
U T L G I S O L O N F S H H E
A I E O I N A L S W E E T S I
R J V K V V G F F S T F I G R
Y S G U H E R S G I V I N G F



*Jesus
Loves
You!*

Word list

Valentine
Arrow
Friendship
Heart
Romance
Love
Roses
Be mine
Flowers
Feelings

Chocolate
Sharing
Kisses
Hugs
February
Merriage
Gifts
Cards
Sweet
Giving



*Jesus
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Church Council Minutes

January 17, 2017

Present: Pastor Dan, Terry Keese, Jim Caldwell, Donn Arnold, Erin Thorvaldson, Nancy Grossmann, Cheryl Lecy, Peter Leadholm, Laurie Doughty, Bob Determan, Sarah White Clark

Meeting opened with a Prayer

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Adult Ministry – Bible Study on Revelation is going good. Approximate 25 in attendance.

Children's Ministry – Moving to 3 classrooms is working out very well. Commented that the new tables and chairs were very nice for the classrooms. Attendance in all age groups has been very good.

Finance – 2017 budget was presented to the council. **MMSP on 2017 budget.** 2016 budget seems to have worked well and met all needs. 2017 budget has been reduced by \$3,741.74 from 2016. Committee was confident the 2017 budget should work fine.

Foundation – Last year ending balance was \$153,000. YTD the account is at \$162,000. Discussion that close to 10% of the fund could be used as follows: 5% toward scholarships, and 5% to other worthy activities. For 2017 a new application form has been designed and is now ready for use. New form should be used moving forward. We encourage all to find needed projects and fill out a new form. The new form will be put in newsletter to let all know about it.

Hospitality – Juanita not present, but it sounds like she has been very successful getting others to sign up for Hospitality duty on Sundays.

Missions – Handout distributed for mission in 2016 and 2017. December missions Wycliffe Bible Translators and Gideons will alternate every other year. The July UMC- Reach, Renew, and Rejoice will be the last year this year. Need to find alternative moving forward. Methodist Cemetery Fund was suggested.

Pastor – March 1 begins the next season of Lent with the Ash Wednesday service that evening. March 7-14 Pastor Dan will be gone. Paul Prokosch will be preaching March 12.

Publicity and Social Media – Live Nativity drew a huge Facebook following. All other activities are going well.

SPRC - Carol Schmidt will be taking over making the Sunday Slides. She will be training over the next few weeks to become familiar with the process. All employees saw a positive pay adjustment in 2017.

Trustees - No Report

Youth Ministry – Club Rock - Club Rock attendance has been down considerably due to many that have attended are now in high school and have school projects etc. so find it hard to attend. Cheryl continues to work hard at Club Rock and all that attend enjoy. Youth Groups will be studying the 13 most important Bible studies during the year. Last year 11 people attended Summer Camp. Estimated 11 + will be attending in 2017. Fund raisers will used to fund attendance fees for Summer Camp. There is \$475 of funds rolled over from 2016 to help pay for 2017 fees for attendance. The deadline to set up for Summer Camp is April 1 to qualify for a discount. Dates for Summer Camp 2017 will be communicated later.

Special Groups -

Hope Circle: No Report

Adult Bible Study: Still in the Book of Revelation. Large attendance at the classes. If anyone wants to see the Bible Studies, you can see on-line at the FUMC website.

Special Events/Projects

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Very well attended

Service of Remembrance: Will return in 6-7 years

Living Nativity: Was attended very well for as cold as the weather was. Great thanks to all who organized and participated in the event. Some discussion about backup date if event has to be cancelled because of weather in the future.

Upcoming Events:

Praise Fest scheduled for the last of June. Discussion about a Bazaar Craft event tied into Praise Fest.

Easter Carnival scheduled for April 8. Katie Leadholm will organize and head up.

Kids Bell Choir is a success and enjoyed by all. Thanks so much for all their hard work.

Festival of Culture event is being discussed with youth group participating in the event.

Closing prayer

Respectfully submitted by Bob Determan

Next meeting February 21, 2017



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

Feb. 1—Marvin Hultquist
Feb. 2—Michelle Gillespie
Feb. 3—Greg McCarthy

Feb. 6—Joe Rystrom
Feb. 7—Ron & Juanita Morgan
Feb. 8—Gary & Marna Gerke
Feb. 9—Bonnie Vastka
Feb. 10—Marvin Hultquist

Feb. 13—George Hultman
Feb. 14—Cindy Kopp
Feb. 15—Larry & Shirley Knopf
Feb. 16—Donn & Sharlene Arnold
Feb. 17—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Feb. 20—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie
Feb. 21—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum
Feb. 22—Gary & Marna Gerke
Feb. 23—Georgia Burg
Feb. 24—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Feb. 27—Ron & Juanita Morgan
Feb. 28—Carroll Keller & Grace Schmidt

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinators:
Carroll Keller, 257-2225
Juanita Morgan, 257-9268



Tech Ministries Schedule

Feb. 5 – Sound: Bruce Larsen
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Feb. 12 – Sound: NEEDED
Accompanist: Kay Oien

Feb. 19 – Sound: Scott Lecy
Accompanist: Kay Oien

Feb. 26 – Sound: Bruce Larsen
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, Feb. 9 at 9:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited!



Prayer Chain

If you would like a request for prayer to go out on our Prayer Chain, please call **Connie Buelow**, 651-465-3024, or **Lois Anderson**, 651-213-1036, or the church office, 257-4306.

Would you like to be a part of the Prayer Chain? Please call the church office for more information.

Can we be of help?

Church Office Hours:
Monday – Friday,
8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Pastor Dan is available to help you with your spiritual journey and the door is open most mornings. Please give us a call at 257-4306 if we can be of help to you in any way.

Church email address:
firstmethodist@usfamily.net

Pastor Dan's email address:
dan.d@usfamily.net

Printed Sunday Messages available

Pastor Dan's Sunday messages are printed each week following the Sundays on which they have been delivered. You may pick up a printed copy in the church foyer.

Please contact the church office, 257-4306, if you'd like a copy of a previous message not available in the foyer.

You can also read previous Sunday messages online at www.lindstrommethodist.org.

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First United Methodist Church Pastor Dan Doughty

Practicing Grace Until We Are Perfected In Love

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Deadline: the third Tuesday of each month for inclusion in the next month's publication.

Articles received after this date will not be printed. Place articles in the secretary's mailbox, on the desk in the office or email them to the church. The editor reserves the right to edit any material submitted for publication.

We welcome you to worship with us!

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Children leave for Sunday School during Worship

Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activities:

5:00p Family Dinner

5:30p Children's Bell Choir

6:00p Adult Bible Study

7:00p Choir

8:15p Worship Team

Our Ministry Team:

Pastor...	Dan Doughty (dan.d@usfamily.net)
Administrative Secretary / Treasurer...	Carol Schmidt
Children's Coordinator...	Laurie Doughty
Choir Director...	Kay Oien
Church Council Chairperson...	Terry Keesee
Custodian...	Cheryl Hultquist
Finance Chairperson...	Scott Lecy
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Lay Leader...	Craig Stockel
Lay Member to Annual Conference...	Kay Oien
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