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Red Bird Mission in Kentucky our Mission Focus in February

Red Bird Mission, Inc. and Red Bird Clinic, Inc. have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

The Education ministries are carried out through a PreK-12 school. These education ministries provide the opportunity for the children and youth of this community to get a quality education in a loving Christian environment empowering these young people with tools that will help them escape this cycle of poverty in which they are exposed to and live in daily.

Health and Wellness ministries are provided through medical and dental clinics providing quality health and dental care in an area that is chronically under served. In addition to in-Clinic visits, our providers travel to the homes of our patients to provide care to those that are home-bound.

The other three areas of ministries provide a wide variety of services to the residents of this area. Volunteers in mission service come and help with the refurbishment of homes, low-cost clothing and furniture is provided through the community store and local crafter's wares are marketed to a wide area through the craft marketing ministry. A wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women and children, and youth make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives a bit more livable.

Please give generously!

Youth Led Super Bowl Worship!

Get ready for the first ever "Youth led Super Bowl Sunday Worship Service"!

The youth at FUMC will be leading the entire worship service on Sunday, Feb. 4th.

In addition to leading the service, the kids will be serving soup (Soup-er Bowl) during fellowship time as a fundraiser for camp.

Come dressed in your favorite team attire and get ready for some fun!

Please see **Erin Thorvaldson** or **Wendy Vanderwerf** if you have any questions.

Special Offering: As part of the youth service, we will be having a **"Noisy Offering"**. Please bring any spare change as we make a joyful noise during the offering! The youth wish to donate this special offering to Family Pathways for the School Backpack Program.

This program provides eligible children with a back pack of food every Friday that will help keep the kids fed through the weekend until they return to the free breakfast and lunch program at school on Monday.

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Dates to remember:

Feb. 4
Youth led Super Bowl
Worship Service

Feb. 14
Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18
Mission Sunday

Feb. 20
Meeting Night +
Newsletter Deadline

From the pastor...

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

This month begins the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, February 14, is the first day in Lent. We will gather that evening at 7:00 for worship. Lent consists of forty week days, the final day this year being March 31. Lent is a season of preparation. Followers of Jesus prepare themselves through prayer and repentance and self-denial.

That “self-denial” thing is a big one. People often give up something for Lent. What people usually give up is some kind of luxury...something they could do without anyway. When Jesus set out for Jerusalem for the final time, he invited those who wanted to follow him to deny themselves and take up their own cross. It was a cross that awaited Jesus. Denying ourselves is so much more than giving up something; it is doing what Jesus did. Jesus was equal with God, but he emptied himself and took on the form of a servant. Denying ourselves is emptying ourselves before God.

During Lent, we will follow Jesus to the cross. This journey will end with a time of worship on Maundy Thursday, March 29. We will celebrate Holy Communion, and we will observe the passion of our Lord.

We will walk the path Jesus walked. As we do, we will, as the author of Hebrews wrote, “Fix our eyes on Jesus.” Jesus endured the cross. He endured the cross for the sake of the joy that awaited him on the other side of the cross. The cross demonstrates for us just how much God loves us. Jesus endured it. So let us develop some tunnel vision and fix our eyes only on Jesus. Really. Let’s do it.

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

Easter Carnival March 24

The Easter Carnival is on Saturday March 24th.

We are looking for new games this year and need the congregations help and creativeness.

If you have a game idea that you would like to make for this community event please put your game on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall and speak with **Katie Leadholm**.

We also will need many volunteers and eggs filled for the event so put it on your calendars!

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.

FUMC Foundation Funds

The Foundation Board would like to inform you that if you are involved with a church related activity and need some funds to help finance an event, we may be able to assist you. To get more information, talk with **Donn Arnold** or any other board member.

Applications for the grants are available in the church office or from **Donn Arnold**.

In Our Prayers...

Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Olga Determan;
Babe Anderson; Jon Determan

Address Change

Bob & Olga Determan
2980 210th St.
Luck WI 54853

Our deepest sympathy~

Our Deepest Sympathy: to the family of Les Palank, who passed away Dec. 30. Les was the son of Valeta Palank, a long time member of First UMC. A Celebration of His Life was held Saturday, Jan. 20 at Grandstrand Funeral Home.

From Trustee's:

Our church building turns 50 years old this fall, and with that said, there are a few things around the building that need to either be repaired or updated: the parking lot, fellowship hall floor and some windows.

Trustees have been looking at this and we feel the parking lot is our top priority. We did receive two bids with Bluhm Construction coming in with the lowest bid at \$65,000. Our goal would be, if funds can be raised, to complete this project this spring.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Thank you
Lloyd Jones
651-213-3110
joneskids@hotmail.com

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.

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 Von Lange.....February 23
Paula Oehme.....February 28



Happy Birth Day!

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.

2018

#291 Men: July 19-22
#292 Women: July 26-29
Held at The Well Church, Rosemount MN

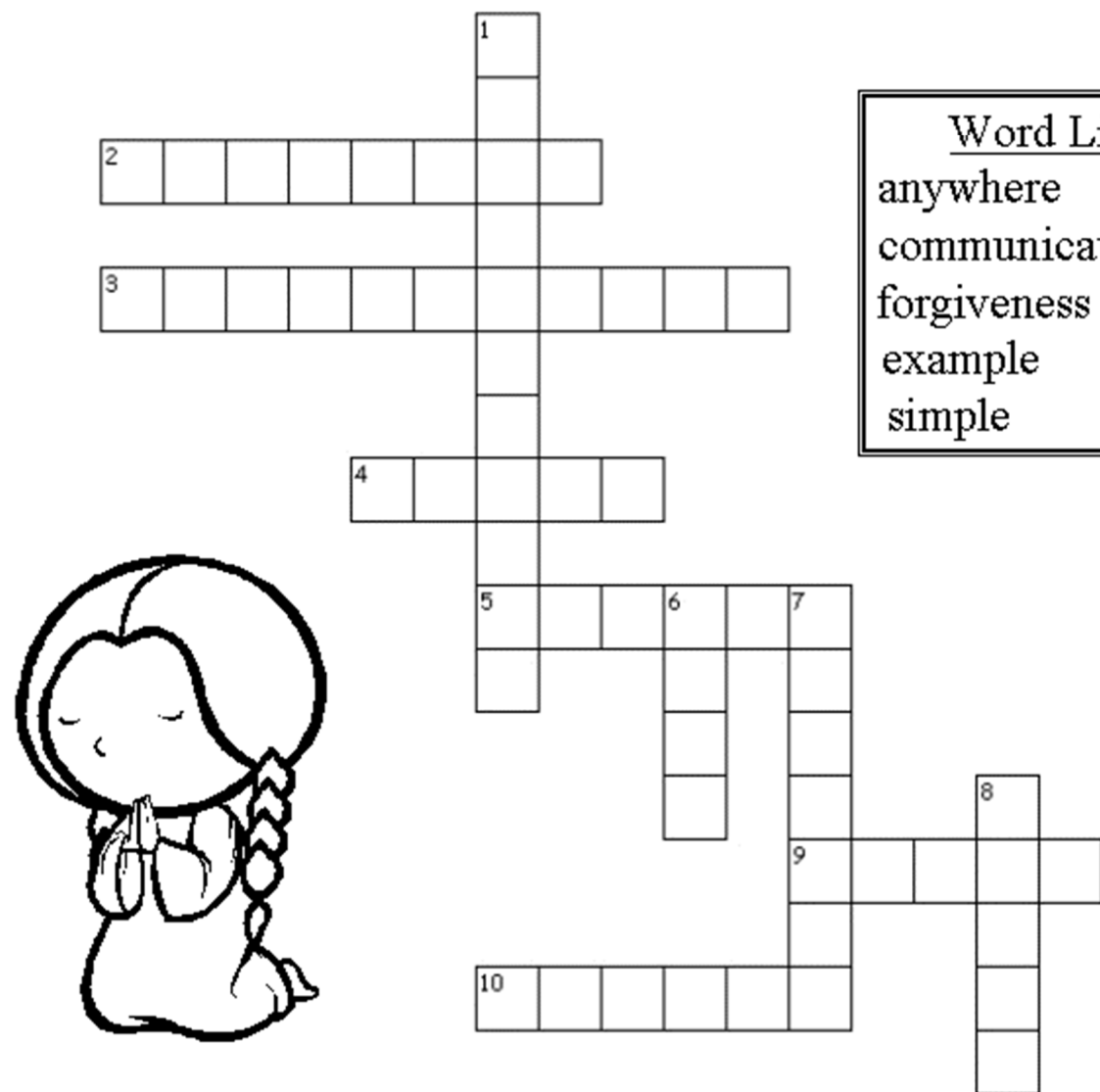
If you would like to participate in an Unidos en Cristo weekend or would like more information, please contact **Scott or Cheryl Lecy**, 651-462-5725.

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

Worship Attendance in January

January 7—65
January 14—91
January 21—88
January 28—77

Lord's Prayer Crossword



Across

2. We can pray anytime and ____.
3. Prayer is the special way we ____ with God.
4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it's best to keep it this.
9. Praying has a lot of this because God can do anything.
10. Include this in your prayer to God because he deserves to hear it.

Down

1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
7. The Lord's Prayer is an ____ so we can know how to pray.
8. God always ____ us when we pray.

Church Council Minutes

January 16, 2018

Present: Pastor Dan, Terry Keesee, Lloyd Jones, Donn Arnold, Sandy Gaudette, Erin Thorvaldson

Meeting opened with a Prayer by **Pastor Dan**

Finance: 2018 Budget was presented. **Lloyd Jones** made the motion to accept, **Donn Arnold** seconded. Vote passed, budget accepted.

Adult Ministry: Adult Bible Study to start on January 17, 2018. Expect a good turnout.

Worship Design: This year Advent season was excellent. Christmas Eve service at 4:30 was a success with a very large attendance, and enjoyed by all. On Sunday February 4 the church youth group will be conducting the Sunday service. This will be Super Bowl Sunday. Communion will be moved to Sunday, February 11. Plans are being made for the upcoming Lent Service. Ash Wednesday services will be February 14 at 7:00pm. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be combined on Thursday, March 29. Easter services will be on April 1.

Children's Ministry: Sunday School is going very well with many children attending. **Katie Leadholm** is heading up the annual Easter Carnival. She is planning additional carnival games and events to give it a true carnival experience for all the kids attending. Anyone wishing to help please give Katie a call.

Club Rock-Youth Ministry: The first meeting had 8 people in attendance. **Scott and Cheryl Lecy** are continuing to work with our youth.

Trustees: It was reported the railing in front of the sanctuary is being powdercoated and will be installed in the next week or two. It was noted that the boiler had a small leak recently that is being fixed. Thanks to **Mark Vanderwerf** for all his hard work and attention to monitoring all the equipment. Lloyd will be putting together a list of upcoming things that will need repairs in the future. The Trustees have set a goal of having the parking lot resurfaced this year. Also they will be working on a 5 year plan of projects that will need to be addressed moving forward. It was also reported that all the funds for the carpet project were reached this week.

Foundation: The Foundation met on January 14. They have divided funds up into a few accounts for

future needs. They are also looking at putting a Mission Statement together for the Foundation. **Pastor Dan** suggested he would assist them in this project allowing all Mission Statement to align to benefit the end causes.

Hospitality: No Report

Lay Leader: No Report

Missions: **Sandy Gaudette** will be taking care of the Missions responsibility. January mission will be for ABWK. There was discussion about July since there was no mission designated yet. There were thoughts shared about a cemetery mission to allow funds to go toward keeping the cemetery maintained. Further discussion will follow.

Publicity and Social Media: **Erin** reported that there has been many hits on social media for all the events at our church. The Live Nativity received most of the hits with much publicity about a great event. Also she has been told that the hits on social media were many, but the sharing by social media users of these events has been very successful.

SPRC: No Report

Hope Circle: No Report

Women's Bible Study: They are currently starting their studies on the book of James. There are 12 people attending the study led by **Cindy Kopp**.

Upcoming Events: Praise Fest is scheduled for Sunday, June 24.

Meeting was ended with a prayer by Pastor Dan.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Determan

Monthly Giving update

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

General Fund giving for December was \$18,136.05.

Thank you for your support of our ministries!



Meals on Wheels Deliverers

Feb. 1—Michelle Gillespie
Feb. 2—Greg McCarthy

Feb. 5—Marvin Hultquist
Feb. 6—Ron & Juanita Morgan
Feb. 7 Gary & Marna Gerke
Feb. 8—Bonnie Vasatka
Feb. 9—Dick Berglund & Wally Ostlie

Feb. 12—George Hultman
Feb. 13—Grace Schmidt & Erma Broecker
Feb. 14—Larry & Shirley Knopf
Feb. 15—Donn Arnold
Feb. 16—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Feb. 19—Georgia Burg
Feb. 20—Cindy Kopp
Feb. 21—Lois Anderson & Judy Pierre
Feb. 22—Marvin Hultquist
Feb. 23—Harold & Jan Lovaas

Feb. 26—Phil & Joan DeMunck
Feb. 27—Jan Gravelle & Diana Westrum
Feb. 28—Jim & Joyce Stafki

Meals on Wheels Co-Coordinator:
Juanita Morgan, 257-9268

Tech Ministries Schedule

Feb. 4 – Sound: Craig Stockel
Accompanist: Youth

Feb. 11 – Sound: Craig Stockel
Accompanist: Kay Oien

Feb. 18 – Sound: Scott Lecy
Accompanist: Kay Oien

Feb. 25 – Sound: Bruce Larsen
Accompanist: Sue Hanvey

Hope Circle meeting...

Hope Circle will be meeting Thursday, Feb. 8 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.

February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:00a – 2:30p				1	2 Presentation of the Lord 5:30p Club Rock	3
4 9:00a Worship Youth Super Bowl Service Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship	5 NO Bell Choir	6 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church	7 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Youth Bells 6p Adult Bible Study NO Choir 7p Worship Team	8 9:30a Hope Circle	9	10
11 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School Communion 10:15a Fellowship	12 6p Bell Choir	13 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church	14 Ash Wednesday 7p Worship Service 	15	16	17
18 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00a Worship/ Sunday School 10:15a Fellowship Mission Sunday~ Red Bird Mission/ Kentucky	19 President's Day Office Closed 6p Bell Choir	20 9:15a Women's Bible Study @ church NO Trustees 7p Finance 8p Church Council Newsletter deadline	21 5p Family Dinner 5:30p Youth Bells 6p Adult Bible Study 7p Choir 8p Worship Team	22	23	24
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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 & Youth leave for Sunday School
during Worship

Coffee fellowship 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Activities:

5:00p Family Dinner

6:00p Adult Bible Study

7:00p Choir

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
Financial Secretary...	Linda Ploog
Foundation Chairperson...	Donn Arnold
Lay Leader...	Craig Stockel
Lay Member to Annual Conference...	Kay Oien
Mission Chairperson...	Sandy Gaudette
Staff/Parish Relations Chairperson...	
Trustees Chairperson...	Lloyd Jones
Worship Team Leader...	Beth Lunsford
Youth Coordinators...	Scott & Cheryl Lecy

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