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UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Jan. 26, 2025 8:45 am IGNITERS FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am PARLOR FELLOWSHIP 9:00 am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 am WORSHIP 11:10 am THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP 11:10 am CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

SCHOOL 5:00 pm YOUTH

Monday Jan. 27, 2025 9:00 am T.O.P.S. 6:30 pm BOY SCOUTS Wednesday Jan. 29, 2025 6:30 pm YOUTH MEET

7:00 am NIFTY/FIFTY

Friday Jan. 31, 2025 OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday Feb. 1, 2025 8:00am MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Jan. 28, 2025



Sign up for Sunday flowers on the poster in the Narthex.





Hey Friends! Since our last Newsletter, 2025 leadership meetings have been continuing in the New Year. On Sunday, January 19th, the Administrative Board met. The meeting offered us a report of how ministry finished in 2024; carry-over needs for 2025, and a discussion of where we are as a church in ministry at the beginning of 2025. Let me share a few thines:

Financially, how'd we do in 2024? We finished well for the calendar year 2024, with income exceeding expenses by \$11,960. Compared to 2023, that was a \$32,985 shift financially. In 2024, we ended the calendar year in the red to the tune of <\$21,025>. For 2024, the congregation gave approximately \$15,000 more in dollars, and the church expensed less in the approximate amount of \$17,000. In 2024, F.M.C. had 125 financial givers. For the 2025 Pledge Campaign, 61 folks offered a Pledge Card. In 2024, F.M.C. had 22 givers to the church who did not complete a Pledge card, but gave regularly. Your church received approximately \$60,180 from givers who did not complete a Pledge Card. Lastly, the average general budge gift to F.M.C. in 2024, on a weekly basis, was \$63.25 (\$63.25 x 52 week's x 125 givers).

What are our carry-over needs from 2024 to 2025? The SPRC is still working to fill some staff positions...Part-time custodian; Part-time Children's Director, and Part-time Organist. At this time, interviews have been happening and continue to take place with the Custodian and Children's Director Positions.

Where are we as a church in 2025? The discussion was open and candid with regard to First Methodist Church ministry. We as a church are actively in the midst of what is called 'Attrition.' Attrition is the process of decrease through loss. We are not in a process of growth, and plateau is beginning to slip. A discussion point was raised that we are at a 'Tipping Point' as a congregation in 2025. In short, our congregation has to embrace the call to reach out beyond ourselves to the unchurched of our community. I am hopeful that in the days ahead, as you hear from leadership about this particular matter, you will have already been at work reaching the unchurched that are a part of our community. I am actively sharing with Leadership teachings on Evangelism in today's culture. BUT...the most important Evangelism the congregation can offer anyone is to have a passion in our hearts to 'Invite Someone Personally' to be a part of your church. It doesn't matter how old or how young they are...Invite them and join them!

Remember...Jesus' mission is our mission... "To seek out and save the lost." (Luke

19:10)

In Service to Christ, Bro. John Verciglio

Attendance & Contributions

Jan. 19, 2025

Sunday Worship Attendance	e91
Online Attendance	
Budget Contributions	\$8,085.00
Budget YTD Contributions	

Special Prayer Request

Jan Towers
Olen Bryant
Terry Horne
Tammy Moody
Harold Caine
Beverly Lawley
Ronnie Duncan
Wanda Towers

Alan Brown
Marilyn Brown
Stuart McCrorie
Shirley Jones
Nancy Goodwin
Mike Linholm
Nedra & Bill Isbell

Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the John Swiney family at the passing of John's sister Helen Elaine Hartley.



PAINT CLASS.... Thursday,

We will be painting this Valentine Gnome, 6:00pm, \$18.00 ea. Let Laurie Mc. know if you would like to come. 205-401-3124



Not the same Lane, But the Same Race



Reading Through The Bible

It's that time again friends to make your plans to Read through the Bible in a Year. The new reading plans are located in the Narthex, West Entrance and Church Office. If you would like to read along with other church members, simply pick up a schedule and join the reading. We will be using the Rose Publishing reading plan in 2025.

LEADERSHIP MEETING DATES

Trustees (6:30pm-1st, Tues.)
January 7 May 6 Sept. 2

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Childcare Board (6-7pm) Feb. 6 Aug. 7 May 8 Nov. 6 SPRC (4:00pm, 2nd Sun.) January 12 July 13 April 13 October 12

July 13 October 12

October 14

on/or close to 3rd Sun., 4:00pm January 19 July 20 April 27 October 19

Administrative Board

Finance (6:00pm-2nd Tues.)
January 14 July 8

April 8

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

BUDGET— In Honor of Belle Cheatham on her 100th birthday. By Jack & Nancy Moon.

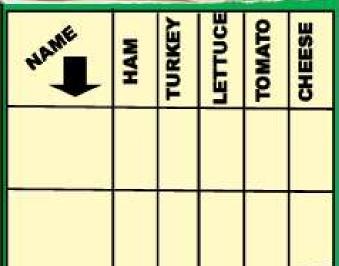
BUDGETE— In Honor of Mike Linholm, The Brown family, Sharon Sellers, John Swiney & family. By Jeri & Jimmy Harris.

RED BIRD- In Honor of Earnie & Brenda Franklin. By Scott & Lisa Edmonson.

GROUNDS— In Memory of Helen Elaine Hartley. By Cheryl Finch.

SUPPER EOWI SUBS FUNDRAISER

Feb. 9th pick-up 4-5pm.\$15.00 ea. meal- Sandwich, chips, cookies. DEADLINE IS FEB. 5TH.



This is a fundraiser to support our youth mission work for Summer. Please pray for us as we decide where our destination for ministry will be in 2025.

