

First Things

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Giving

With the completion of our Church's request for financial giving, we would like to share our thoughts about what giving means to us.

We believe that there are many types of giving that makes a Church strong. We understand that financial giving is necessary to maintain programs that reach out to members of the Church, both in our Church and in our community. Financial giving also allows our Church to provide excellent staffs that carry the message of our Church and helps us understand how our faith plays a role in our daily lives.

We believe a Giving Church needs passion for the Church, and when that passion becomes a part of your daily life with prayer, commitment, volunteering, serving and giving, then we obtain unity in our Christian life and in our Church membership. A faithful financial commitment should be based on a person's heart and financial capabilities and must become a part of that passion. A Giving Church must have members who never feel uncomfortable greeting new members or embracing the members of the Church for whom they are.

This comes with a realization that sometimes the opinions of others may differ. A willingness to listen to others strengthens a Giving Church. A Giving Church has members who give of their time and finances to support programs of the Church and lead with the mindset of what can I do to help our Church. A Giving Church has members who value attending Church on a regular bases, and it becomes a priority in their life. A Giving Church has members who carry the message of the Church to the community, invite others to come and visit, and a Giving Church serves its community. Passion within a Giving Church unites its members, thus providing the opportunity to choose the path that a Church will follow. This includes all of the aforementioned opportunities to give. A Giving Church thanks God for the opportunities we have at First Church and the blessings bestowed on us each day.

So if we add all of that up, then we find the true value of being a member of a Giving Church. What is your passion? What is your gift? What is your total?

Keys and Melanie Fillauer

Scout Sunday Observance is February 2nd

Next Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, we will honor the 100th anniversary of the partnership between the Methodist church, Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the USA. We will celebrate the occasion with the presentation of the Cross and Flame award to both Jackie Shipwash and Rachel Oxendine for their outstanding record of service to children and youth. We will also present the United Methodist Youth Good Samaritan award to Corrine Bailey, Jake Cheney, and Claire Gibson. Everyone who is active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is encouraged to wear their uniform to a worship service that day.

Youth Video Game Pajama Super Bowl Party

On February 2 in the youth loft, there will be a Video Game Pajama Super Bowl Party, or VGPSBP for short (try and pronounce that)! It is almost exactly what it sounds like. Youth are invited to bring their favorite (church-appropriate) video games and consoles to the Loft after church, as well as their pajamas. There will be snacks, lounging about, and gaming, and we will watch the football game when it starts. All said, it will be a fun and lazy day! Youth grades 7-12 invited.

We Are Forming a New Young Families Sunday School Class!

Beginning Sunday morning February 2nd at 10:00 a.m., a new class will begin in room 305. This class will be geared specifically for families or individuals with younger children and will be taught by Rev. Chris and Julie Black. The group will focus on studying scripture together, fellowshiping inside and outside of church, and supporting one another on our journey of being disciples and parents. If you are interested in this class or have questions about it, please don't hesitate to call Chris in the church office or email him at cblack@fumcor.org. (There are also classes for children while the parents are in any class!)

A New Year for Music!

After a fantastic Christmas concert, the Music Ministry is back to work preparing anthems for traditional worship, praise and worship sets for contemporary worship, and instrumental offerings in both services. Our kids, junior, and youth choirs have all seen an increase in numbers this year, and we hope to keep adding to them! We are always looking for more participants throughout the week in all of our groups. We have opportunities for kids choir, junior choir, youth choir, adult choir, and handbells. For more information, contact Seth at sokegley@fumcor.org. If you or your students are interested in being a part of the kids or youth praise band in contemporary, contact Jeff at jkile@fumcor.org. All groups in the Music Ministry welcome newcomers with a lot of experience, a little experience, or even no experience! Come join us as we offer praise and worship through music and song. Hope to see you soon!

Worship for January 26

Sermon Series: Caring for God's Creation

8:45 & 11 am Traditional Service

Sermon: "The Church and Not the Government Must Lead Creation Care"

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11, Romans 12:1-2

Rev. Mark Flynn, lead pastor

11 am Contemporary Service

Sermon: "The Church and Not the Government Must Lead Creation Care"

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:1-10

Rev. Chris Black, associate pastor

Pastors

Mark Flynn, lead pastor

Chris Black, associate pastor

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In Sympathy

We extend love and sympathy to Larry & Pat Frye in the death of Larry's brother, Jim Frye, on January 18.

Our Prayers:

Discharged: Carolyn Henderson, Janis Kopp

Our Gifts

Offering this Week	\$35,143
2020 Year to Date	\$118,333
2019 Year to Date	\$97,661
Mission Special Offering	\$970

Thursday Lunch Crew Needs Help

Could you be free one Thursday every month from 9:30-1:30 pm to feed some high schoolers lunch? If the answer is "yes," consider joining one of our Thursday Lunch volunteer teams! Each Thursday when school is in session, FUMC provides a ministry of meals for ORHS students with off-campus lunch. This lunch provides a more affordable option for students who want to venture out for lunch, and it draws 80-100 students each week! Our lunch ministry consists of four teams that prepare a rotating menu of meals on Thursdays, and each team needs at least 4 members to function comfortably. If this is something you are free to do, and you'd like to join a team and help out with our youth ministry at FUMC, then please contact Kayla Carico at kcarico@fumcor.org.

First Steps is Hiring!

First Steps Child Development Center is in dire need of teachers. If you or someone you know might be interested, please email the Director, Elizabeth Bonner, at ebonner@fumcor.org.



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Valentines for Our Homebound Members

Our youth and UMW unit are teaming up to bring some love to our homebound members. You can support them, or even join them, on Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 pm in making "valentine bags" that will be delivered to our members who are no longer able to attend church regularly. The bags will be filled with personal items such as lip balm, small bottles of body lotion, soap, Kleenex packs, and of course some valentines candy! If you are willing to donate these items, please bring your gifts to the church office on or before February 2. If you want to join the team at 2:00pm you are most welcome to do so. Our "neighbors-to-neighbors" group will deliver bags on or before Valentines Day.



Souper Bowl of Caring

This year, the youth group will continue its annual tradition of collecting donations on the day of the Super Bowl. The Souper Bowl of Caring was founded with a goal of tackling hunger while harnessing the energy of game day. Look for our youth in the hallways between services on February 2. They will be holding large soup pots! All donations will go to Tabitha's Table and our own Community Meal. Last year, our church raised \$1,257! Let's keep it going this year!

Schedule for January 25 - February 1, 2019

Saturday, January 25

No activities scheduled

Sunday, January 26

8:45 Traditional Service, Sanc.
10:00 Sunday School
10:15 Abiding Worship, Chapel
11:00 Traditional Service, Sanc.
11:00 Contemporary Serv, MPR

Monday, January 27

9:30 MOM's Group, FH
11:00 ROMEO's, 202
5:00 Keystone Board Mtg, 204
6:15 Threshold Choir, 106
6:30 Scouts

Tuesday, January 28

8:15 Weekly Communion, Chpl
9:00 Staff Mtg, 207
10:00 UMW Exec. Meeting, 205
12:00 Centering Prayer, Chpl
5:15 Music Future Mtg, 204
6:00 Connecting w/God, 203
6:00 Stephen Minister Training, 205
6:30 Church Council, FH
6:30 Ballroom Dancing, MPR
7:00 Stephen Ministry, 207
Wednesday, January 29
9:00 Small Group, 202

9:30 SET, 204
10:30 First Things Folders, 207
1:00 Connecting w/God, 203
3:30 Sisters in Spirit, 202
4:30 Collette Meeting, 207
5:15 Music Future Mtg, 205
5:15 Kids Choir, 106
5:15 iStudy Torah, FH
5:30 Community Meal, MPR
5:45 Wonderful Wednesdays
6:00 Youth Choir, 106
6:00 Chrismon Class, 204
6:15 Nonviolence Study, 207
6:15 iStudy Torah, FH

7:00 Youth Group, Loft
7:00 Adult Choir, 106

Thursday, January 30

11:20 Thursday Lunch, MPR
10:00 iStudy Old Testament, FH
6:00 First Steps Staff Mtg, FH
6:00 Children Future Mtg, 207
6:15 Basketball, MPR

Friday, January 31

8:00 Women's Small Grp, 202
5:00 England Choir Camp
Saturday, February 1
8:00 England Choir Camp

Keystone & First Steps—M-F