

February 28, 2019



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reflections on General Conference...

The United Methodist General Conference met in St. Louis earlier this week to address the differing perspectives within the church concerning human sexuality, our understanding of scripture and the unity of the church. After extended prayer and many very divisive debates, General Conference voted by a narrow margin to maintain our current positions on homosexuality and to expand the accountability for those who violate those positions.

Responses to this decision vary greatly. Many are deeply hurt by the decision, while others believe passionately that this is the best path forward for the denomination.

As I said before they met, the decisions of General Conference will not change our congregation's love for one another or our commitment to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The scriptures affirm the sacred worth of all people, no matter our race, gender, nationality, political preferences or sexuality. We are all God's children and we will continue to welcome all people into our congregation. People need Christ's saving grace and the world needs God's life-giving love as much as ever.

Please pray for our Clinton UMC, the United Methodist Church in Missouri and the United Methodist Church around the world. No matter what General Conference decided, people were going to be hurt by its decisions. So, please pray for God's healing and hope for everyone in the church as our Bishop and others lead us forward.

If you have questions or concerns about General Conference, feel free to call me at 492-3060 or stop by my office to talk. I want you to know that I love each of you and value every one of you as a part of this church.

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This Sunday

Gathering Music:

8:15—Frances Harvey
10:30— David Cummings

8:15 Song Leader:

Zac Maggi

8:15 Ushers:

Jim & Sandi Cox

8:15 Greeters:

Fred & Carolyn
McAllister
Kent & Mary Jo Cable

8:15 Acolytes:

Eli Lewis & Ethan Johns

Continental Breakfast:

Ralph & Linda Sites &
Karen Erickson

10:30 Greeters:

Larry & Joyce Dawson
Rocky & Kathi Austin

Children's Time:

Kelli Jenkins

Bus Driver:

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Ash Wednesday

The beginning of Lent is almost here. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday,

next Wednesday, March 6. We will have special Ash Wednesday Services in the Chapel at noon and 6 pm. These 30-minute services will include both the Imposition of Ashes and a celebration of Holy Communion. Everyone is invited!

Time to Think About Summer Camp!

Lots of fun choices at several camps—Camp Galilee, Camp Wilderness and other conference camps. Camps for ages elementary through high school are available. It's time for games, God and good friends, with swimming, hiking and crafts! Themed camps for horses, theatre and more! See Jennifer for more information.



Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

Sunday

John 6:1-13
Give thanks for the difference one person can make

Monday

Matthew 4:18-22
Ask God where He's calling you to be a blessing

Tuesday

Exodus 3:1-15
Give thanks that God can use us despite our weaknesses

Wednesday

Joshua 1:1-9
Pray for the courage to answer God's call

Thursday

John 21:15-17
Pray for those who lead in the church

Friday

Acts 9:9-19
Give thanks for God's transforming power

Saturday

Philippians 4:10-13
Confess those times you've doubted God's possibilities.

Prayers are needed for:

Jill Bernard, Betsy Owens, Matt Palmer, Charlsie Shoemaker, Ted Bolich, Wilbur Slocum, Maxine Evans, Ryan Bitler, Virginia Wood, Danny Miles, Karen Partridge, Nancy Pavlik, Ford & Daniel Inbody, Jeremy Thomas, Earlene Hull, Jim Bilbruck, Jarrod Boyles, Donny Burton, Tom Ross, Caroline Wilson, Melvin Dennis, Arnie Drendel, Vickie Sims, Sharlene Wirsig, Norma Grimsley, Jean Ann Sidwell, Chastity Gillen, Margie Best, Rick Wolf, Mike Lester, Rosie Banfield



Coming Up!

Sunday, March 3rd

8:15—Early Worship
9:00—Fellowship Time
9:30—Confirmation
9:30—Sunday School

Monday, March 4th

5:00—Ukuleles
5:15—Pickleball & Ping Pong
5:15—Learner Bells
6:00—Bells
7:00—Guitars

Tuesday, March 5th

8:30—Pickleball & Ping Pong
1:00—Visitation

Wednesday, March 6th

10:15—Women's Bible Study
12:00—Ash Wednesday Service
3:00—Middle School UMYF
3:30—Angelus Choir
5:00—High School UMYF
6:00—Ash Wednesday Service
7:00—Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 7th

8:30—Pickleball & Ping Pong

Friday, March 8th

9:00—UMW Meeting

Saturday, March 9

Late -Turn Back Clocks!

Road Trip!

Members of the Outreach Committee are planning a road trip on Saturday, March 9, to tour

the Veterans Community Project (VCP) of tiny homes being built in Kansas City. VCP is a 501(c)(3) Missouri non-profit organization founded by Kansas City veterans who were frustrated by the rampant homelessness throughout the veteran community. The co-founder and CEO of Veterans Community Project is Chris Stout, the husband of Jane Adkins' granddaughter.

He and his team have completed the first phase of the build which consisted of 13 tiny houses and the next phase of the build is scheduled to start March 1. We are going to tour the project to gather more information on their needs and see if this is an outreach project our church might be interested in.

We will be leaving from the church at 8:30 a.m. to meet with Chris for a tour of their project and plan to stop on the way home for lunch. Who in the Methodist Church doesn't like to eat, too, right? If you would be interested in going, just call the office or sign up on the Connect Card Sunday. If you would like more information on the VCP, their website is veteranscommunityproject.org

Let's fill up the bus!!



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UMW Happenings

Grab a friend and join us for a double feature on Friday at 9am, March 8, 2019 in the Fellowship Hall. Janet Parks, Claire Lowe, and Ryan Pitts will discuss highlights of their Jamaica Mission Trip. Also, Treva Jones will show us how to make Kombucha tea as part of her program "Awareness of Wellness: Self Care."



Commit To Fit

Join this community wide program this Saturday, March 2 from 9-11 AM at the Benson Center.

This 12 week program is a weight loss challenge based on the percentage of weight lost.

All entrants are eligible for prizes. Weeks 1-6 are a step challenge and Weeks 7-12 are a water intake challenge. The program ends on June 1st.

Sponsored by Everyday Fitness, Henry County Health Center, Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare, Clinton Parks & Rec, and the University of Missouri Extension.

Questions? Contact Bree Smith at 660-890-8451 or Kayla Meads at 660-885-8193.

Mark Your Calendars!

Looking ahead on the calendar, these are some dates you might want to jot down,



March 6—Ash Wednesday Services at noon & 6:00

Lent services will continue at noon on Wednesdays.

March 31—Church Potluck Lunch

April 18—Maundy Thursday

April 19th—Good Friday

April 21st—Easter with

Youth Pancake Breakfast and Children's Easter Egg Hunt

April 28th—Angelus Choir Spring Program at 10:30

July 22-27—Missoula Children's Theatre

Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive urgent prayer requests by



email, please mark the Connect Card, call the office or email the office.

Likewise, if there's someone that needs urgent prayers, call or email the office and we will send out an alert through our prayer chain emails.

