



THE ENVOY

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Coming up in worship

Sunday's message will be:

Basic Bible: "The Great Flood"

This sermon will serve as an introduction to the Basic Faith Study and the first unit on Basic Bible. How do we as United Methodist read and understand the Bible? What about Biblical literalism and the authority of the scripture in our faith development? Communion will be served at all three services.

"Wednesday Night Live" adds new program

There will be a program beginning Wednesday, March 1, from 6:30-7:45, for children preschool through 1st grade. These little ones will meet in Room 111 with Connie Turnipseed and Sherri Woodward for 12 weeks filled with games, projects, crafts and a video each week.

"Looking Ahead"

Mark you calendars

Listed below are several special services and concerts that you may want to mark on your calendar:

Friday evening, March 24, 7:30 p.m.

John Mann and Friends Fine Arts Recital; percussion, men's vocal quartet, dance and visual art display by area college artists.

Sunday morning, April 2

Chancel Choir Cantata "We Were There"

Sunday afternoon, April 2, 3:00 p.m.

Raytown Community Choir concert

Sunday morning, April 9

Palm Sunday services with special music by Cornerstone/Kids-on-a-Mission

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday afternoon, April 14 Noon-3:00 p.m.

Traditional Service of "7 Last Words Spoken From the Cross"

Sunday morning, April 16

Easter Sunday Services with choir, orchestra and bells

Sunday afternoon, April 30 - 4:00 p.m.

Music/Arts Institute of Independence Children's

Choir Concert directed by Amy Landsberg-Parent

Making the most.....

I was so excited to experience the Youth Sunday presentation of “Testify to Love.” The youth shared a message that was so relevant to the world we live and the life of the church. It really got me thinking about what I can do to testify of the love of God in my day-to-day living. How can I improve? How can I be a part of the body of Christ in a manner to be true to what the love of God is all about? Maybe you have asked those same questions of yourself. Let us all consider the inspiration from our blessing of Youth Sunday and may we make the most as we live by faith...

*...Russell Smith
Associate Pastor*

Early March events for United Methodist Women

Two women from our church will be going to Jefferson City on March 6-7 to attend the UMW Legislative Event. These women are Betty Hulse and Alice Wehmhoener.

The women of the EVENing Circle invite women of ALL AGES to join them for food and fellowship on Monday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite food to share for a potluck dinner and learn what Blue Ridge’s newest circle has to offer you and learn more about their latest mission project.

The monthly Unit Meeting of the United Methodist Women will be Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a given by Betty Hulse. Connecting Hands will be the hostesses. All women of the church are welcome

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, March 8
dinner served 5:30-6:30

MENU for this week:

*lasagne, salad, garlic bread, cheesecake
If children prefer, they can have hot dog or
grilled cheese with chips.*

**Reservations are required each week -
deadline 4:30 Mondays**

Caregiver support group meets once a month

Equipping the Caregiver, our caregiver support group, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. No matter our ethnicity, economic situation, religious or political beliefs, the experience of caregiving brings us together. We may be diverse on the outside, but caregiving presents similar issues to us all. Caregiving demands the best from us – physically, mentally and spiritually. As caregivers, we are driven by duty and responsibility. But there is more — there is a desire to demonstrate our love and gratitude to those in our care. Americans prize independence, and asking for help is difficult for many. Let us allow the true spirit of community to be a part of our lives. We can help each other.

Caregiving is stressful. What must we do to prepare? Elder law attorney Karen Hays Weber will join us for the March 1 meeting to answer questions and explain the legal steps one should take in the event of incapacity, or if a loved one becomes unable to make their own decision. All who are interested are welcome to come Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. to Room 221.

*... Judy Eubank
Break Time Club Coordinator*



Coming Next Week...

Sunday, March 5

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- † Communion served during all 3 morning worship services
- † Pantry Sunday
- † Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- † 10:30 a.m., Angel Choir, Room 112

Monday, March 6

- † 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- † 6:00 p.m., EVENing Circle Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- † 7:00 p.m., Boy & Cub Scouts, Hobbs Hall

Tuesday, March 7

- † 6:30 p.m., Cornerstone
- † 6:30 p.m., Mississippi Adult Work Camp Meeting, Beatitudes Entry Area

Wednesday, March 8

- † 10:00 a.m., Sisters in Spirit
- † 10:00 a.m., UMW Unit Meeting

"Wednesday Night Live"

- † 4:00 p.m., Basic Faith Study, Room 222
- † 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Dinner
- † 5:30 p.m., *Kids-on-a-Mission*
- † 6:30 p.m., Preschool-1st Grade Program, Room 111
- † 6:30 p.m., Basic Faith Study, Room 222
- † 6:30 p.m., Chancel Bells
- † 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

Youth Information:



Sunday, March 5

- † 9:30 a.m., Mid High Sunday School, meet in Sanctuary, then go to class
- † 4:30-7:00 p.m., Destination Unknown - bring \$7.00 for dinner - NO Music

Sunday, March 12

- † 12:15 p.m., Youth Council Meeting, Hobbs Hall

Want to become a member of Blue Ridge?

On March 12 and March 19, new members will be received at each of the morning worship services. If you have belonged to another church and are now attending Blue Ridge or have been attending here for some time and have interest in becoming a member, all you have to do is contact one of our ministers.



The ministers can be contacted through the Church Office (353-1435) or on the back panel of this Envoy are listed the ministers' home phone numbers.

Adult Work Camp reminder

The deadline for participating in the Adult Work Camp (March 25-April 1) going to Laurel, Mississippi, is March 1. You need to get your registration forms into the church office by then. Tuesday evening, March 7, at 6:30 all those participating will meet in the Beatitudes Entry Area to finalize our plans. If you have any questions, please direct them to Dr. Lutgen.

Planning a "Girls' Night Out"!

Need a good laugh, a great time of fellowship? Chonda Pierce, a Christian comedian, Women of Faith special guest, is here to help! Chonda is coming to Kansas City on Thursday, March 9. This will be a 7:00 p.m. performance at the Sheffield Life Center, 5800 Winner Road.

Golden Circle Tickets - \$22

General Admission - \$20

Group Sales of 15 or more - \$18

Call Carla Smith at 353-2484 by Sunday, March 5, if you would like to go. If child care is needed, you must register when you make your reservations. Money payable upon reservation please.

As of Monday, February 27, there are still seats available. If we try to purchase and learn the event is sold out, all money will be returned. (It is VERY unlikely they will be sold out.)

Hope you can join us for a Girls' Night Out!

Pastor's Corner:

What a wonderful testimonial our youth made this Sunday in leading us in the worship experience. They carried the theme "Testify to Love" through the different acts of worship by sharing their many gifts as a testimonial of their love for God and this church. Thank You, Youth and Linda Mann, for your commitment and willingness to share your faith.

Wednesday, March 1, begins this year's Lenten observance. We have made a special effort in accommodating the needs of this congregation by having our Ash Wednesday Service at two times, 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Dr. James Smith will bring the message for the day. This service can serve as a beginning point as you consider this Lent, the renewal of your commitments to God and the church.

We had enough persons sign up to hold two sessions of the Basic Faith Study. These sessions will run from 4:00-5:15 and 6:30-7:45 for the next 13 Wednesdays. I will serve as the leader of both sessions. Remember these sessions are really three one-month studies of which you can take one, two or all of them this spring. Look for additional information on these and maybe at a later date you can join one of the groups.

"This spring" sounds nice to the ear. And here is hope that spring, with the warmer weather this week, has come. I do not know about you, but I have had enough of even a mild winter and look forward to getting outside again.

...Ken Lutgen, Jr.

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- As of February 27, the following members have been reported in area hospitals: Wendell Anderson, Betty Franklin and Norma Harrison at Research.
- Our sympathy to Nancy Nail and family for the recent death of her mother and to the family and friends of Verna Johnson for her February 26 death.
- Thanks to Chet Roberts for leading a very successful harmonica workshop!!
- Arlene Fox would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers. They are deeply appreciated.
- Thanks to Linda Mann and all the youth who participated in Sunday's "Testify to Love". What a wonderful message from our youth to everyone!

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