

First Edition

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A Note from the Pastor



Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

For a four-week period, September 25 through October 16, we will look at the many ways that our treasure—time, energy, money—affects our spiritual and emotional lives. For those Sunday's our worship theme will be *Treasure: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* We will explore Matthew 6 and Jesus' teachings on money, giving, worry, and more. If you would like to explore these themes deeper, join Pastor Anne's Sunday School class on those 4 Sundays at 9:30 am.

Sept 25: Where Is Your Treasure? (Matthew 6:19-21)

Oct 2: The Problem with Two Masters (Matthew 6:24)

Oct 9: Giving Your Treasure Back to God (Matthew 6:1-6)

Oct 16: Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing (Matthew 6:25-34)

At the end of the four weeks, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will receive commitment cards in the mail, and cards will be available on Sunday mornings. We will bring these commitment cards to worship on Sunday, October 16.

I hope that you'll join us for this study as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can avoid some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God. Grace and peace,

Stewardship Co-chairs,
Jeff Scherpereel and Will Ray
and Pastor Anne

Church Events

- Sept. - 7th Love Thy Neighbor
- Sept. 11th - Church Book Club
- Sept. 11th - Superhero Sundae
- Sept. 11th - God Squad
- Sept. 15th - Sister Acts
- Sept. 18th - Stockholder Luncheon
- Sept. 19th - Church Council Meeting
- Sept. 21st - Forerunners Luncheon
- Sept. 25th - God Squad

Emmaus... a balanced life

As part of our Walk to Emmaus experience, we learn about a stool. This stool has 3 legs and is very useful if all 3 legs are sturdy, but if one or two of those legs are weak the stool does not work very well anymore. This stool represents our lives. The legs represent Study, Prayer and Action. We need a balance and continual practice of all three to live a healthy Christian life.

If you are not currently in a Sunday School class, now is a great time to consider joining one. We have 3 adult classes to choose from and age appropriate classes for all children. Sunday School is from 9:30 - 10:30 each Sunday morning. We would love to have you join us for one of these classes.

We are never too young or too old to begin coming to Sunday school. That's the great thing about a Christian life, we are never done learning. But we need everyone involved to make it the best it can be.

If you have any questions about the Walk to Emmaus or Sunday school, please ask.

First Church's Emmaus reunion group

Barbara Hackney
Barbara Harden

Jeanne Elks
Helga Bogardus

Tena Beauchamp
Mark Beauchamp

Debbie White
Grace Grant



Coming Soon!

The CREW will be selling butter braid breads starting in the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for an order form in the bulletin.

Contact Victoria Benditz with questions: vjbenditz@hotmail.com.

Prayer Ministry

September is here and that means the new school year has begun for everyone! We ask your prayers for all those going back to school again ... K - 12 graders and beyond! We also have Sunday school classes for everyone 2-102! Please also keep these students in your prayers, and pray for those who will join us soon. No matter where we are on our journey to perfection, as John Wesley says, there is something new we can learn. And also a new perspective that each of us can offer someone else.

Many of our ministries that have taken a break during the summer are back again as well. Superheroes, God Squad, CREW, choir, handbells to name a few. Please keep all our ministries in your prayers as we reach out both within our walls and outside in Christ's name!

If you have a prayer request, please let us know. This is one way we can strengthen each other - through prayer. Joys and concerns, we want them both! What is going on with you is important to us! Please let us know. We keep all requests confidential. This is very important to us. If you want a name in the bulletin specify that is your preference. Otherwise confidentiality rules and that name will not be in the bulletin.

There are pew prayer cards that can be placed in the baskets near each door of the sanctuary or in the offering plates. You can email us at prayforme@fumcfv.org or send us a request through the church's web site www.fumcfv.org or speak to one of us on the prayer team! God's grace and peace on your journey.



Music Ministry

Fall Highlights

Fellow Christian Americans! Join Chancel Choir to proclaim in song God's provision and grace since the founding of our nation and invite God to be present in our country today! Hear the words of our founding fathers as they looked to the one True God as the model of our country's freedom. Let's raise the roof of First UMC! We have an important message to share this election season! Chancel Choir will present the Patriotic cantata Of Faith and Freedom: Celebrating Our Legacy of Liberty on Sunday, October 23.



A Note from the composer, Joseph M. Martin:

How fitting, in these critical days that we come together in the spirit of nation. The voices of the early founders and the admonitions remember God's gracious hand in our lives. These protecting our cherished freedoms. They challenge us to violence of our troubled times. It is also a moment for us in support of the enduring hope that is found within all

of thanksgiving to acknowledge God's blessings upon our of Scripture echo down the corridors of time to encourage us to significant words confront us to commit our lives anew to remember our fellow citizens who protect us from the to celebrate our shared legacy of faith and to lift our voices communities founded on grace.

You shall know the truth and the truth shall make

you free. John 8:32



Children's Choir begins Sunday, September 11! Children, age 4 year old - 5th grade, prepare songs for worship, learn about traditional hymns, learn about music and fellowship while singing fun and sometimes silly songs. Rehearsals are every Sunday, 4:15- 5:00pm.

Grace Notes Handbell Choir will join the Chancel Choir, organist: Ellen Mc Cord and pianist: Stephanie Ashworth for a celebratory arrangement of the favorite hymn, "To God Be the Glory" on Sunday, September 28 . You can be a part of this special event. Join the handbells for rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Music reading ability is preferred. For more information contact Helga.



MUM SALE It's time for the Choir's annual mum sale! The Choir has secured the most hearty and vibrant mums in the area! Mums are available in Yellow, White, Purple, Orange and Burgundy. Make a statement with a profusion of color in your entry with large 14" pots at \$15/each. The small 8" pots at \$5/each are perfect for adding that autumn touch to your garden. Add variety with an arrangement of mums by including medium 12" pots at \$10/each. Orders will be taken through Wednesday, September 14 and ready for pick up on Friday September 16. Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry.



Annual Yard Sale coming in October Get ready for the holidays by freeing up room in your closets, cupboards, attic and garage. Begin collecting your donations in a box or corner of your garage through the month of September. Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry.



MUM SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

Deadline for orders will be Wednesday, September 14, 2016



The choir is taking orders for mums again this year. Colors available are indicated below. Sizes and prices are as follows. 8" - \$5.00, 12" - \$10.00, 14" - \$15.00. Please indicate how many of each size and color

you would like. Orders must be placed by September 14th. You may use this form or call the church office @ 567-8384. Please include your check with your order and make payable to FUMC. Mums may be picked up on Friday, September 16th before noon. All proceeds will benefit the music program. Thank you for supporting the music ministry of our church!

Name _____

Phone# _____

Check # _____

<u>Color</u>	<u>8 inch</u>	<u>12 inch</u>	<u>14 inch</u>
Purple			
Yellow			
White			
Burgundy			
Orange			

ZOE Ministries: Helping Children Help Themselves

Bryant Welch, Hannah Allen and I want to thank everyone for their wonderful reception of our sharing about our experiences in Africa during worship on August 14. All three of us are happy to answer any questions that you may have come up with since then. If we do not know the answer, we will find out for you.

Our dream is for First UMC F-V to become a Hope Companion to orphans halfway across the globe. A Hope Companion is someone (in our case the church family) that chooses to walk alongside these orphans and vulnerable children letting them know we have hope for them, that we have faith in them, that we believe that we have Faith in them, that we believe that they are worth our time and money. These beautiful children of God's are counting on us.

To make this dream a reality, we are looking for 25 families to pledge \$25 a month for the next 3 years, the amount of time it takes for a working group to go through the Empowerment Program ZOE provides. We know some of you are already making donations to ZOE and we are thankful. If you would like to be a part of the Hope Companion group, we would love your support.

Please email your pledge to angiedement@fumcfv.org. Please have your pledges in by October 15.

Over the course of the 3 years we will get periodic reports from the program facilitators about our kids and what they are doing and how they are progressing.

There are currently children cold, alone, starving and scared that in 3 years time will be thriving because of our church family. That will be awesome.

Will you be one of our 25 \$25?

Thank you Jesus for our journey!
Debbie White

New Church Directory

Plans are currently underway for a new pictorial directory. We will be partnering with Lifetouch to produce our 2016 edition. Look for details coming soon on how and where to sign-up. Dates will be October 27th, 28th and 29th.

Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, September 7th at 11:20am

Join us for lunch, worship and fellowship at West Jones Street Park! We will meet at First UMC at 11:20am to load supplies and then head over to the park. We will be serving pulled pork for our main meal. We are in need of the following supplies to complete the meal: 2 large crockpots of pulled pork, 3 large pasta/potato salads, 2 desserts and 1 soda. Please contact Dana Vaughn at djv_v Vaughn@yahoo.com with any questions.

Also, please note the following dates that we will be serving lunch in 2016: October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th.

God Squad

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to attend our meetings! We meet in the basement for supper, devotion time and games/activities. Feel free to bring a friend to our meetings! Also, "like" our God Squad page on Facebook for updates and pictures. Contact Dana Vaughn at djv_vaughn@yahoo.com with any questions.

Meet our Leaders!

It is such a blessing to have such wonderful leaders who are devoted to loving and encouraging the kids.

Welcome back Chad Benditz, Elizabeth Peele, Craig Setzer and Rebecca Welch. We are excited to have Jeff Scherpereel join our leadership team this year.

Mark your calendars!

September 11th: God Squad meeting from 5-6:45pm

Lesson: "No Turning Back: Lot's Wife Turns to Salt!"

September 25th: God Squad meeting from 5-6:45pm

Lesson: "The Sky is Falling: God Sends Plagues to Egypt!"



We will be kicking off our Superhero Sundaes on 9/11! All Kindergarten through 2nd graders are invited to join our group. We study a different Biblical Superhero each month, play games/activities and end each meeting with an ice cream sundae!

When: Sunday, 9/11, from 3:15-4:15pm

Where: God's basement

Please contact Dana Vaughn at djv_vaughn@yahoo.com with any questions.

Birthdays

9/4	Connie Barnes	9/15	Linda Whitley
9/4	Foy Cotton	9/16	Donna Wagner
9/5	Lisa Ashworth	9/20	Brantley Barnes
9/5	June Smith	9/20	Duane Croniser
9/6	Frances Arnold	9/20	Rea Smith
9/6	Susan Brugler	9/20	Chip Webb
9/6	Izzy McFalls	9/20	Noah Wyatt
9/6	Susan Williams	9/21	Mack Cruze
9/7	Melissa Scherpereel	9/21	Melissa Schambis
9/7	Richard Terrell	9/22	Charlie Barnes
9/8	Terry Hackney	9/22	Chet Butcher
9/8	Elizabeth Peele	9/23	Jay Root
9/8	Don Tripp	9/23	Ezra Wyatt
9/9	Hannah Boyette	9/26	Keith McCombs
9/9	Rachel Walters	9/27	Bill Kiser
9/11	Barbara Bailey	9/27	Sarah Mountford
9/11	Kayla Boyette	9/28	Anne Ahl
9/13	Charles Parker	9/28	Michael Cruze
9/13	Donna Thompson	9/30	Max Ashworth Sr.
9/14	Mary Babbitt	9/30	Kaitlynn Barnes
9/14	Brenda Monroe	9/30	Ed Garrett
9/14	Gregory Storm	9/30	Jean Seabrooke
9/15	Maggie Ashworth		

Anniversaries

9/5	Ken & Marge Pelton
9/7	Danny & Faye Cress
9/9	Jeff & Beth Munzenmaier
9/14	Edward & Metra Ashworth
9/15	Roger & Missy White
9/18	Chris & Anne Ahl
9/25	Mike & Beth Austin
9/25	Jim & Mona Fortunes