

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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PASTOR CHRISTOPHER ESHELMAN
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30

ON THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY... with Pastor Christopher

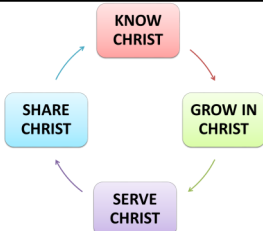
We begin a new calendar year, already well into the Christian year. With Epiphany, the Christmas season of the Christian calendar comes to a close and we move from considering Jesus' birth to Jesus' life and ministry. Like the shepherds and the wise men, we are called to be witnesses. Like Mary and Elizabeth and Joseph and Zechariah, we are called to participate. Like the Disciples we are called to follow and serve. Each of us has different gifts and vocations; together we are the body of Christ, the church, for the world.

These short weeks between Epiphany and the beginning of Lent are considered "ordinary time" in the Christian calendar - and we are going to fill it with prayer. On January 9th we'll hear of the baptism of Jesus and his entry into the wilderness as he begins his public ministry after roughly 30 years of living in Nazareth, growing in strength and wisdom, obedient to Mary and Joseph. These are scenes of deep engagement in prayer. Then our next series will be entitled "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." We'll begin with a deep look at the Lord's Prayer that Jesus gave the disciples in response to their request. They noticed that Jesus spent much time in prayer and that that time changed and empowered him. As part of our entry into this new calendar year and new season, I have a challenge or resolution for you. I'd like to start a practice of 301 prayer. To set an alarm and pause at 3:01pm each day (or another regular time that works better for you.) In the coming weeks I'll share several ideas for what you might do in that time but the Lord's Prayer is a great place to start.

Blessings on your journey into 2022.

Mission Statement

"The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Scott, Kansas, is to share the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to exemplify the love of God by knowing Christ, growing in Christ, serving Christ and sharing Christ."



First United Methodist Church

301 S. National, Fort Scott, KS 66701

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January Birthdays: 2-Ethan Tatro; 6-Logan Fancher, Sylvia Stapleton; 8-Bonnie Milburn; 9-Eleanor Harry, Joey Beerbower; 11-Maurine Dunshee, Gayla Croan; 12-Jacki Allen; 14-Brent Smith, Aaron Swaim; 17-Doug Barlet; 19-Pat Harry, Katren Rienbolt; 21-Ryker Felt; 23-Emma Davis; 24-Margaret Friend; 25-Craig Hart; 27-Dave Wood; 29-Tim Culbertson; 30-Larry Swaim, Kelley Tucker.



January Anniversary: 28-Mike and Susan Carnes.

Faith Builders in January

In January we will discuss a five-part study, "God: The Source of Justice." These Old Testament lessons examine the ramifications for justice as it plays out in human life. God expects his justice to be applied to all people, even those who oppose his purposes and his people. In discussing these issues, we are reminded that God's justice is for our own well being. We invite you to join us in discussion and fellowship. Come join us for your start to Sunday worship.

Ron Wood

Thank you to Jean Tucker, who served as the coordinator of Feeding Families in His Name for the past 10 1/2 years. She stepped down from this position in mid-December 2021. Also, thanks to Don Tucker for his help in this ministry.

Welcome to those who have agreed to serve as monthly coordinators for Feeding Families in His Name meals - Bonnie Milburn, Tom Braker, and Pastor Christopher.

Thank you to Jessica Ballou, Cindy Foxx, Mille Sharp, Bonnie Milburn, Jean Tucker, Linda Leachner, and Susan Carnes for providing a meal for the family the day of Betty Reed's funeral.



Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis
and Boy Scout Troop 42
cordially invite you to attend the
Eagle Scout Court of Honor for

Lee Davis

Sunday, January 2, 2022

4:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

301 S. National Ave.

Fort Scott, KS

Reception following ceremony in Fellowship Café



Remembering...

~Betty Reed who passed
away on
November 24, 2021.

First United Methodist Hour is scheduled to be broadcast on the local radio station, 1600 AM, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on the dates below. You can tune in to hear the Sunday morning worship services that are recorded live on these dates and then broadcast during the afternoon.

January 2, 16, and 30; February 13 and 27; March 13 and 27; April 10 and 24.

2021 Financial Books and Year-End Contributions

Any money received by the church (in the offering plate or otherwise) **after December 31** must be reported as **2022** giving for tax purposes. This is true even if the check is dated in 2021.

The only exception is for checks that are mailed and bear a 2021 postmark.



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January 2022

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Each Wednesday:

*9:00 to Noon-Work session at the church

>5:30-6:30 p.m. (FFiHN) Feeding Families in His Name meal served

| | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| |  <p><i>Healthy Resolutions</i></p> | | |  <p>End of year giving statements will be mailed before the end of January 2022.</p> | | 1 |
| 2 Christmas decorations to be taken down following worship 4 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Sanctuary and Fellowship Café' reserved | 3 | 4 9 a.m. Sewing Group-Parlor Noon Mahjong-Parlor | 5 *Wednesday work session 1:30 p.m. Reading Group-Library >FFiHN—to go meals only | 6 Noon-Fellowship Hall is reserved 4 to 9 p.m. First Thursday Stitches—Fellowship Hall | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 9 a.m. Sewing Group-Parlor Noon Mahjong-Parlor 7 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting-Parlor | 12 *Wednesday work session 1:30 p.m. Reading Group-Library >FFiHN—to go meals only 7 p.m. HOCROC meeting-Parlor | 13 Noon-Fellowship Hall is reserved 1:30 p.m. Miriam UMW meeting-Parlor | 14 February newsletter items are due in the office before noon today | 15 |
| 16 <i>Human Relations Day</i> | 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office closed | 18 9 a.m. Sewing Group-Parlor Noon Mahjong-Parlor | 19 *Wednesday work session 1:30 p.m. Reading Group-Library >FFiHN—to go meals only 6 p.m. Memorials & Gifts Committee meeting-Parlor 7 p.m. Administrative Board meeting-Parlor | 20 Noon-Fellowship Hall is reserved | 21 | 22 |
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| 30 | 31 | <p>Watch the bulletin for calendar changes or updates.</p> | | | <p>Dates, times and activities may change. Watch the bulletin for updates.</p> | |

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- ~ firstumcfsks.org*
- ~ YouTube FortScott FirstUMC*
- ~ First UMC Facebook page*

The people of the United Methodist

Church—

Open hearts

Open minds

Open doors



Here's your January 2022 Newsletter from....

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Uniting for ministry through the Fort Scott Area Network

Church Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m.-Noon on Friday

During June, July and August 8:00 a.m.-Noon Monday through Friday

