

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

The Christmas rush is over, the decorations are down, the Chili Cook-Off is coming and believe it or not, Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we are going to try something different for our Lenten devotionals. We will be forming a closed Facebook group, meaning that only individuals that sign up will be given access. By having a closed Facebook group we can insure privacy and some confidentiality among the group. The group will read together and pray through Ruben Job's new book, "**40 Days with Wesley**". This devotional guide features both scripture and the thoughts of Wesley, giving us a broader view of Wesley, our Methodist Heritage, and our faith beyond the Resurrection. Each morning I will post my thoughts on that day's readings, encourage the group to comment, and respond as you can, according to your own time schedule. This will require each family to order one copy of the book and to register to be part of the group. The book cost is \$15.00; we do have some scholarship monies if this is something you would like to do and cost is an issue. We will have a registration form for book ordering and enrollment access to the Facebook page in the order of service.

As the next couple of months go by you will begin to notice some subtle but important changes in the way we go about doing our work as a church. The Administrative Council will become the Leadership Team, with Jim Killam, John Buckingham and myself forming a coordination/follow-up team; we will be developing and implementing new processes to follow up on guests. The Stephen Ministry team will be contacting those members absent from worship. A small group ministry team will be moving away from the Small Group title to Life Group which is more descriptive of the group function. We have set a goal of forming at least three new Life Groups in the next year. In addition, we are working at coordinating our communications both inside and outside the church through the use of email and social media. And, we will be offering the Spiritual Gifts classes, confirmation classes, new member orientations, and Open Mike nights where individuals who are considering membership can come and ask questions.

All in all it's an exciting and busy time for our church. Please keep these efforts in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Day", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Jim

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# PRAYER LIST — SHARING CONCERNS, JOYS AND WITNESSES

FAMILY OF CAROL GENTRY \* FAMILY OF FERN MCGREW \* FAMILY OF DOTTIE LUELF \*  
FAMILY OF JO ELLEN STEEN \* JOYCE BEAM (FRIEND OF WILMA PENFIELD) \* ELIZABETH  
NEILL (HAROLD & CAROL WHEELER'S DAUGHTER) \* PAT GRADY (JANE MYERS' COUSIN)  
\* BOB MYERS \* HAROLD WHEELER \* KAREN FRAZIER \* BOB WHITE \* PAUL HEIL \*  
KRISTEN TURNER \* CONNIE MCGREW \* LOIS HILDRETH \* JERRY THOMPSON \* BOB  
CAMPBELL \* SHAWN PEDERSON (KAREN PEDERSON'S SON) \* JANICE REYNOLDS \*  
BRAD (RUTH FOWLER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW) \* GARY GOSWICK \* NANCY POPE & MAR-  
THA WOODS (FRIENDS OF MARCIE CRANDALL) \* JOANN MONTGOMERY (PAT BEFFA'S  
SISTER)

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FACING HARD TIMES DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

- \* BAHULA UMC, MOZAMBIQUE (OUR SISTER CHURCH)
- \* ALL MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY
- \* LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED OF FOOD, EMPLOYMENT AND / OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS RESIDING IN LONG-TERM-CARE FACILITIES

- \* **LAKESIDE MEADOWS** — DONNA McCLAUGHRY \* JACKIE UFHEIL \* PHYLLIS  
HOVENDICK \* MARGARET BERRY \* RUTH CRAIG \* ELAINE BLACKWELL \*  
JUANITA GROTE \* IRENE SCHULTE \* MARY BARBER
- \* **OZARK HEALTHCARE CENTER** — RUBY SHORT

## HARPER CHAPEL STAFF MEMBERS

**PASTOR** — JIM DAY

**RESIDENT BISHOP** — ROBERT FARR

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT** — SHERRY HABBEN

**CHILDREN'S / YOUTH MINISTER / SHINING STARS DIRECTOR** — NIKKI  
BRAUER

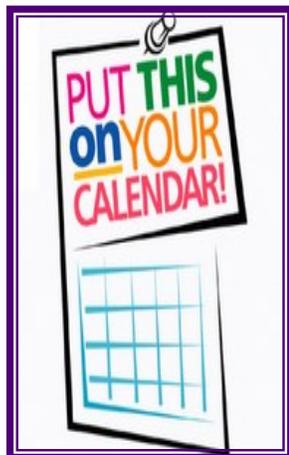
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** — JO ELLEN STEEN

**STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER** — SUSAN BUCKINGHAM

**PARISH NURSE** — HAZEL CROY

**MUSIC LEADERSHIP TEAM** — JO BETH NICKLAS, MICHAEL FULK





The first two Sunday afternoons of each month Harper Chapel ministers at local Nursing facilities. We invite ALL those interested in taking part to join us.



### *Having a difficult time?*

Call on a Stephen Minister for provide emotional and spiritual support. This service is free and confidential! Contact the church office 573-348-2617 for more information. The next meeting is Monday, February 13th at 4PM. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Online Electronic Church Directory**

Want to access the Harper Chapel Electronic Online Church Directory? There's an app for that! Follow these simple steps and you're "good to go"—but FIRST, your email address MUST be loaded into the church directory to be recognized and assigned a password. Please let the church office know if your email isn't listed.

1. Search "Instant Church Directory" in your app store;
2. Download the app on your mobile device;
3. Sign in and receive your password;
4. Log in and enjoy the new online directory

#### **Accessing the Online Directory via the web:**

1. Go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com);
2. Click on "church members sign in";
3. Created your log-in (username) (if it's your first time signing in). A password will be issued and emailed to you;
4. Sign in & enjoy the online directory!

**Happy Birthday!**



### **February 2017**

- 2 *Jason Lutz*
- 3 *Denny Brauer*
- 4 ***CHILI COOK-OFF, DESERT AUCTION, TABLE DECORATING CONTEST***
- 5 *Bill Culver*
- 6 *Margaret Berry, Anita Foster, Jody Hanner, Jacob Standley*
- 8 *Carol Pfender*
- 9 *Rona Schaefer, Vickie Walker, Tina Woltemath*
- 10 *Helen Lindeman*
- 13 *Hal Coleman, Cheyenne Richey, Kyle Woltemath*
- 14 *Kris Benecke*
- 17 *Bob Love*
- 19 *Ty Dinsdale*
- 20 *Nick Woltemath*
- 22 *Leroy VanWeelden*
- 25 *Alexandra Operchuck*
- 27 *Bob Campbell*

*If your birthday isn't listed it's most likely because it isn't recorded in or on the church records. If you'd like us to list your birthday (or anniversary), please leave word with your Administrative Assistant Jo Ellen.*

## **IGNITE YOUTH HAPPENINGS**

The Youth have been busy again in January. We had our annual Trivia Night fundraiser on January 7<sup>th</sup> and it was a fantastic time of food and fellowship. We had 12 tables participating and we raised about \$650. We thank everyone who attended and congratulate the Fischbach's table who were victorious for the second year in a row, and graciously donated their winnings back to the Youth.

We attended WOW the weekend of January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. We took 38 youth and 7 adult leaders, and once again had a amazing time. We were entertained by Big Al, the worship band, "I Am They", and Rev. Telley Gadsdon who provided our messages. As always, the weekend was a great time for opportunities to accept Christ, hear testimonies from others, and spiritual renewal for all of us. A huge thank you to all who have supported our fundraisers and made this weekend possible for us!



We are beginning plans for our Summer Mission trip. This year we will be traveling to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, July 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping to take as many youth as possible for this week of service and spiritual growth. They will be asked to make a commitment of \$200 which is a portion of the cost for the trip. Each youth attending will be looking for "Stockholders" to cover the remaining registration fees and trip expenses. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Blessings,  
Nikki Brauer, Children and Youth Director

## **GARDEN NEWS**

**HELLO, EVERYONE!**

**I KNOW THAT WITH THE COLD WINTER DAYS WE'VE BEEN HAVING, NO ONE HAS BEEN THINKING ABOUT GARDENING. BUT DIANE WILLIAMS HAS.**

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A GARDEN PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD IN EARLY MARCH. IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A PLOT IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT, PLEASE TALK TO DIANE OR MIKE WILLIAMS.**

## **UPDATE FOR ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY**

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY HAS UPDATED THEIR LOG-IN PROCESS THAT AFFECTS MOBILE APPS AND MEMBERS WEBSITE. THIS UPDATE GETS US CLOSER TO HAVING ALL MEMBERS USE PASSWORDS THEY CREATE TO LOG INTO THE MOBILE APPS, AND IT ALSO UPGRADES THE SECURITY OF OUR MEMBER LOG-IN SYSTEM.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? WELL, SOME MEMBERS MAY BE AUTOMATICALLY LOGGED OUT AND WILL NEED TO LOG BACK IN. IF YOU HAD REQUESTED A PASS CODE BEFORE AND DON'T REMEMBER IT, YOU CAN QUICKLY REQUEST A NEW ONE.

PLEASE REMEMBER: IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES IN THE DIRECTORY, YOU WILL NEED TO USE THAT EMAIL ADDRESS TO LOG IN. YOU CAN NO LONGER USE THE OLD EMAIL ADDRESS. IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE RE-LOGGING INTO THE DIRECTORY, BE SURE TO CHECK HOW YOUR EMAIL IS LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY.

THIS MAY BE WHY SOME OF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE "INCLEMENT WEATHER" EMAILS SENT OUT ON OCCASION. SO IF YOUR EMAIL CHANGES, I MAY BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT IN THE APPLICATION FROM MY DESK, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO LET ME KNOW THE NEW ADDRESS SO YOU CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY SEEING YOUR FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE DIRECTORY AND SEE THOSE ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THEY ARE MADE.

*Jo Ellen*



**3RD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH**

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**FEBRUARY 20TH (OR EARLIER)  
YOU MAY CALL IN, EMAIL, OR  
DROP OFF MONDAY THRU FRI-  
DAY BEFORE NOON OR FROM  
1—3 EACH AFTERNOON.  
DON'T DELAY; FEBRUARY IS A  
VERY SHORT MONTH.**



**United  
Methodist  
Women**  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, AT  
10:30 IN THOMPSON HALL. FOLLOWING THE  
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, BOB ROBINSON  
FROM LANI (LOCAL AREA NEEDS INITIATIVE)  
WILL PRESET THE PROGRAM**

**LUNCH WILL FOLLOW AT NOON!**

**UMW IS A COMMUNITY (SMALL GROUP) OF  
WOMEN WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO KNOW GOD,  
DEVELOP A SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP OF WOM-  
EN, AND EXPAND THE CONCEPTS OF MISSION  
WORK LOCALLY, ACROSS THE STATE AND GLOB-  
ALLY. ANY WOMAN MAY BECOME A MEMBER  
OF HARPER CHAPEL UMW BY PLEDGING TO  
SHARE HER PRAYERS, SERVICES AND TALENTS.**

**OUR MISSION AREAS INCLUDE SPIRITUAL  
GROWTH, SOCIAL ACTION, EDUCATION AND IN-  
TERPRETATION, AND MEMBERSHIP NURTURING  
& OUTREACH. COME BE A PART OF OUR  
"SMALL GROUP"; IT'S A GREAT WAY TO MEET  
OTHER LADIES AT HARPER CHAPEL UMC! FOR  
MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SUE  
WESTENHAVER AT 573-302-0411 OR EMAIL  
STAY@HARBOURRIDGEINN.COM**

**UNITED METHODIST  
MEN**

**... MEET EACH MONDAY EVENING AT  
7:00 FOR A TIME OF BIBLE STUDY. WE  
INVITE ALL MEN TO JOIN THIS GROUP AT  
THAT TIME.**

**COME JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY  
MORNING AT 6:30 AT COZY CAFÉ IN  
OSAGE BEACH FOR A TIME OF BREAK-  
FAST & FELLOWSHIP.**

**THE UMM HAS ITS MONTHLY MEET-  
INGS ON THE 4TH THURSDAY EVENING.  
THE NEXT UMM SESSION WILL BE THE  
23RD OF FEBRUARY AT 6:00.**

**Board  
OF Trustees'  
MEETING**

**HARPER CHAPEL UMC BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES MEETS EVERY 4TH TUES-  
DAY EVENING OF THE MONTH. THIS  
MONTH'S MEETING IS SCHEDULED  
FOR FEBRUARY 28TH AT 6:30PM.  
ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO  
PLEASE ATTEND!**