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January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30 am United Worship 9:45 am Sunday School	30	31	1 Church Office closed	2 8:30am Staff Meeting	3	4 
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Think on these things...



But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2

With the echoes of Christmas songs fading from my ears, I keep going back to *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. It was the home of King David. I also think of *Once in Royal David's City* and Joseph was from this family line. The prophecy of Micah 5:1-2 was that this small town would be the birthplace of the coming Messiah. In 2 Samuel 7:11-13 told us of the covenant that God made with David that one of his family would be on the throne eternally. For being an unimportant place, Bethlehem plays a critical role in the story of salvation.

I wanted to take us back to Bethlehem, not for the Christmas manger scene, but for the origin story of Ruth and Boaz. This gem of a short story tells of the ancestors of King David, his great grandparents. They were people of extraordinary character and faith even though the circumstances of their marriage and family were unusual. Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi, were two widows left destitute by tragedy and sorrow.

Bethlehem was home for Naomi until famine pushed her family away. During this story, we see how Boaz, a man of standing, responded to them with grace and generosity. Ruth showed her virtue of being loyal, courageous, and industrious. All along, God is with them as the story of redemption unfolded.

As your pastor, my commitment is to preach and lead through scripture. This story fits well into a post-Advent period and has the power of teach us about God's providence and how each one of us responds to adversity and opportunity. I am looking forward to it. This sermon series will run January 19 through February 23. Along with worship services, I'll be leading a small group on Tuesday night from January 14 – February 18 on the book of Ruth. It's a great opportunity to go deeper in study and discuss how to apply what we are learning to our lives. We have books in the office for \$15 if you are interested.

Pastor Dave

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

Pastor Dave will start a new sermon series called *Ruth: Uncommon Character in Troubled Times* on January 19. Titles of the sermons include: "Kindness of a Stranger," "The Big Risk: Defining Moments," and "Leaving a Legacy."



The Thanksgiving Offering raised over \$11,000 for Trinity House, Stronghold, and the Leavenworth Mission Food pantries. Thank you for helping to feed our community.

JANUARY Birthdays



2nd	Jack Spicklemier	14th	Bill Shade	25th	Bill McCollum
3rd	Paul Estep	15th	Tristan Tebbetts	27th	Linda Landzettel
	Mary Catherine Perry	16th	Alex Burkett	29th	Tony McNeill
4th	Kaki Kinard	20th	Jim Wolfe		Rick Sanders
6th	Chez Shafer	21st	Joel Hubbard	30th	Michael Burkett
7th	Gini Geib		Barbara Kempf		Helen Pepper
	Alice Hall	22nd	Mike Crow		John Raines
8th	Adriane Bakke	23rd	Jennifer Ko		Verna Raines
8th	Emily Hansen		Leah Wieggers	31st	Brooke Frederick
11th	Daniel Eyerly		Adriana Yates		Virginia Schalipp
12th	Lynne Sepulvado	24th	Leona Sanford		

JANUARY Anniversaries

2nd	Bill & Karen Kidder	36 years
9th	Ron & Lou Ann Roggentien	16 years
23rd	Jeff & Ann Andrews	30 years
31st	Jim & Jan Glick	53 years

JANUARY Special Events

Join us for the Chili Cook-Off
JANUARY 26 AT NOON!

Great Bowls of Fire
CHILI
Cook-off
January 26

Bring your favorite chili or soup and sides and desserts!

MEN'S PRAYER & STUDY
BREAKFAST
JANUARY 18
8:00 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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LET'S DO Lunch
WED. JAN. 15, 12:00 PM
METROPOLITAN STEAKHOUSE
1501 Metropolitan Ave

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please help us update our records. Send an email with your current address, phone number and birthdays to swood@fumclvks.org.



Honoring Our Heroes

December for Scouts is super busy for the older scouts with mid-term exams at school and then the typical holiday rush. For the younger scouts it is party time. Both the Troops and Pack had big fun with their Christmas party. Twenty-four pizzas may go a long way at home, but the scouts and families devoured them. The Cub Scouts received their Pinewood Derby cars. The nationwide event called Wreaths Across America were placed on graves throughout the Veterans Administration cemeteries. Our Scouts placed wreaths on hundreds of graves at both the Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth National Cemeteries. The new year will bring new opportunities.

Bill Koehler



BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all our volunteers and those who gave blood at our annual blood drive.



Dear Church family,
Thank everyone for the fantastic cards, calls, well wishes, meals, and prayers offered on my behalf during my recent knee replacement and continued recovery. All is going well, albeit entirely too slow for my way of thinking. I truly appreciate your support!
Thank you!
Jim Wolfe

Dear Congregational Committee,
Few people are willing to give of themselves as you do. Big or small things, you always know how to make everything special. You are kind, and your heart is truly generous. We are so fortunate to have you in our life. It definitely touches our hearts and we love having Mary Lou stop by for a visit.
Thank You!
Ernest and Wilde Wicke

Dear FUMC,
Thank you for the continued support of Anthony's Holiday Assistance program. We appreciate all you do for our staff, students, and families,
Thank you,
Anthony Elementary

Dear Church family,
Thanks so much for the holiday bag of gifts delivered to me. So many little surprises inside! Thank you also to Roy and Donna Ramsey for being such wonderful "angels." Prayers for the delivery angels.
Thank You!
Gary and Carol Russell

Dear Church family,
Thank you for the gift bag of goodies and the Upper Room. The music was beautiful. Thank you all for a wonderful day.
Betty Logan

Dear Nurture and Care,
Don Gaffin delivered the wonderful Christmas gift sack today. It brought back memories of his visit last year when my sister was here and they met. She spoke of your kindness and faith. She was in her last days. I appreciate so much Don's and the Church's care team efforts to keeping your flock of elders in your care. Thanks for sharing the gift! spirits of Christmas.
Jim Stallings

Dear FUMC,
We want to thank you for EVERYTHING you have been doing for our school. We appreciate you more than words can express!
The Staff at Nettie Hartnett



Dear FUMC,
Each Sunday I look forward to your church service on my computer. I always appreciate the message, music, and spirit.
Sincerely,
Glenda Torkelson



Dear Nurture and Care Team,
First of all, the bag of goodies you brought me was so wonderful. The artistry of the placemat tree was so perfect. Then everything inside was so festive. I had never had a Panettone muffin before and it was so delicious I immediately ordered more. Yum! All of the other practical items I will surely use. Thank you, my dear friends for all! I love my church family! May God bless,
Alicia Moody



Dear Friends,
Your generous gift to Trinity House is very much appreciated. We serve approximately 160 families with food and clothes. Each month we may add additional families. As families in our community struggle, they know they have a welcoming place to seek help. Your gift truly makes a difference.
Trinity House

Dear Care Team,
Thank you for the several gift bags we have received. It is a wonderful gift that shows our church is in touch with us seniors. Violet Varnal's artwork is lovely. The decorated bag full of lovely gifts was so touching. Thank you so very much.
Gary & Celless Beck





Happy New Year, my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you all for your continuous support and love during the past year. The great news is the church is both spiritually and financially strong. Our online ministry and your generosity has put us in a position to continue to bring His Kingdom in 2025.

Things to keep on the radar for the coming year will be a new roof for the main church building, more exciting small groups, and fellowship opportunities to live, love, and serve together. As a staff we will plan, prepare, rehearse and be ready for these glorious events.

We are the Church! Whether serving at the Community of Hope, the Leavenworth Mission, Samaritans Buffet, Grief Share groups, Itchin' to Stitch, hospitality, music ministry and on and on – we continuously demonstrate His rule and authority in every aspect of our lives. Thank you.

Last year, we realigned ourselves to His plan = Pray + Apostles Teaching + Worship and Sacraments + Generosity and Justice + Fellowship. In response to our obedience, attendance is up, fellowship is up, giving is up, participation as a whole is up, loving and nurturing is affluent in our congregation. Thank you.

The next church council meeting is scheduled for later this month, so I will be able to report where we are going and how we are allocating our assets to accomplish our collective goals and missions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of the staff. *Ed*



On a clear brisk Saturday afternoon in November, we had the extraordinary privilege to serve with our brother and sisters from Faith Walkers Outreach Ministries and distributed 110 turkeys, 150 food-staple boxes and handed out hundreds of coats, sweater and other clothing necessities to our friends at Woodland Village. Kids played in the streets and the collective heart of the community was infectious! We met new friends, engaged with wonderful people and felt the overwhelming joy of Lord in the day's activities. Thanks to each of you members that contributed and those that prayed that we continue to live and love like Christ Jesus.

Orlando Rivera, pastor of Faith Walkers Outreach Ministries, has relocated right around the corner at 528 Spruce. Their collective hearts for serving the Lord has lead us to partner with them on back to school drives and food distributions. We are extremely excited in this Kingdom building relationship.



Every year, the youth group takes a trip during the week between Christmas and New Years. The trip's focus varies by year (service, learning, etc.), but we always pack a lot of punch into a short period of time. This year, we did a 3-day service staycation right here in the KC metro. We rented a house so we could all hang out together when we weren't actively doing something and that was one of everybody's favorite parts was just hanging around and getting to know each other better.

Dec. 26, we loaded the van and went to City Union Mission to help sort donations. We went to lunch at Arthur Bryant's and then over to the Jazz and Negro League Museums at 18th and Vine, as well as the Black Archives. Followed by dinner and a walk through Christmas lights at the Overland Park Arboretum, which was beautiful.

Dec. 27 we didn't have a service project, so we played all day. We started the day with the movie, *Wicked*, followed by lunch and a trip to Creative Culture where you pick your own DIY activity. Some of us created string art with nails and wood. Some painted pottery, and some made candles. This was the highlight of the trip for several of us, myself included. We had dinner and ice cream and then on to the house to hang out and play games.

Dec. 28, we got up nice and early, and headed back to Leavenworth. We had the joy of serving with Samaritan's Buffet. We mostly helped stuff meals and passed them down the line. The kids really loved this and I think several will probably return on their own in the future. We spent more time in the youth room playing games before we visited the Escape Room downtown. We went to dinner and then headed home.

The three days we spent together were a lot of fun. We heard questions repeatedly about where we're going for our summer mission trip because they're ready to do a trip again. Since our group is young and pretty new this year, it was also a fabulous time to get to know one another as a group and bond. I, Steven, and the youth, are extremely lucky and grateful to have the Tinkler Trust Fund that allows us these learning and life experiences. *Kristen Howell*



GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP



Welcome to 2025, friends. Like I assume most people do, my thoughts turn to the year ahead and resolutions I need to make. But first, I need to reflect on 2024. Call it a wrap-up of the good, the bad, and the ugly. In some ways, it was the year of overcoming my fears. Examples, you ask? Well to name one, I overcame my long-standing fear of playing the piano in front of other people, an activity that usually causes heart palpitations, excess sweat, and finger spasms guaranteed to ruin the easiest of pieces. I now approach playing in public with a nonchalance that dares you to challenge my performance (oh, so you think you can do better? Well, let's see!). My newfound freedom from stage fright even carried over to the podium when I was asked to emcee a couple of conferences and help present a sermon. I guess I've become more ham than chicken. These small victories might not have changed the world as a whole, but they did mine. But clowns? No. I will never overcome my fear of clowns. Never.

So, now that 2024 is a memory, what challenges, i.e. fears do I need to overcome in 2025? First of all, there's the fear of the unknown. It's true - the world is going to hell in a hand basket. What does that mean anyway? My mother used to say that. I suspect that every generation in every country from the beginning of time thought that theirs was the worst. The paranoia surrounding the elections was unbearable (shout out to Pastor who preached us through it), and each successive day brings news that is ever more frightening, overwhelming, and depressing. How can we have fallen so low? What's a person to do in the face of such evil?

New Year's resolution #1 Always remember that God is in control, the battle has already been won, and there is a beautiful victory ahead. God will be with us, help us, and uphold us in trouble. He will never abandon us.

New Year's resolution #2 Don't fear death. Life/death is a win/win. While I am here in this world I have the opportunity, privilege and honor to model Christ-like behavior by serving in my little corner of the world. When death comes I will be welcomed into the presence of my maker where there will be no more tears, fear or suffering.

New Year's resolution #3 No matter what happens, remember that God knows exactly what I need, and He will provide it. I don't need to worry whether the stock market will collapse, my IRA will tank, or there's a massive crop failure. I can rest easy, knowing that God will always provide. And hopefully, that includes Diet Pepsi.

Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. A new virtual Grief Share group will be starting on January 6. They meet through Zoom every Monday at 5 pm. The spouse grief group, meets on the 3rd & 5th Tuesday of every month from 2-4 pm. The second group is for everyone who is experiencing grief and meets from 5-7pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. For info, contact Marsha Gaffin at 913-547-0286.



HOLIDAY ART GALA



Ron Roggentien, Teri Nabors, Libby Frasier and Heidi Eaton are members of the Leavenworth County Artist Association and each displayed their art at the Holiday Art Gala in December. The theme for the show this year was "Rollin' on the River" Libby won first place in the theme contest for her pencil drawing of Tina Turner. She also won the Good John, a local award, for her acrylic painting, "Quarter Notes" of three musicians.



DIVINE RESILIENCE: COVENANT OF FAITH

**JANUARY 19
2025**

**3PM SOCIAL HOUR
4PM CURTAIN CALL**

Divine Resilience: Covenant of Faith is an evocative stage play set in the 1800s. It tells the story of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, who came to Leavenworth, Kansas, to run an orphanage for African American children. The Guardian Angel Home in Leavenworth, KS, was one of the oldest OSP missions. Victoria Messionier, Gertrude Smallwood and Dominica Thomas - were among the first Sisters to establish the orphanage for African American boys. The orphanage was later expanded to include girls. They also opened a school for the children.

This play was written by Lolita Law, a local author, who discovered the history in the Saint Mary archives. The play explores themes of faith, resilience, racial tensions, and community, with performances set to coincide with the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This production is more than a play; it's a journey through history, faith, and resilience. This story will inspire and uplift audiences. It will be at Xavier Hall on the St. Mary's campus. Tickets are available at the Richard Allen Cultural Center for \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

We need your help to make this play successful. There will be a social hour before the play. They are in need of desserts and ushers. They also need some people to play background parts in the play such as towns people. If you would like to get involved, For info, contact Sandy at swood@fumclvks.org.

Itchin' to Stitch

Itchin' to Stitch works hard all year using their sewing skills to enrich the lives of people in our community. In November, they took some of their handiwork to Children's Mercy Hospital. In the photo from the left you see Laura Hicks Johnson, Kiernan Riffel, Sheila Bailey, Becky Kranhold, Ann Andrews, Aileen Hastings, Valynn Schmierer, and Teresa Hicks. Itchin' to Stitch will not meet in January or February, but if you want information about projects to work on, contact Teresa at hickst@kc.rr.com.

Over the year, they have helped many charities and individuals. Here is a list of their work:

Mama's Hearts	2,622	Coloring Packets	8
Fleece Fringed Scarves	265	Quilts	5
Flannel Sheets	122	Tied blankets	4
NICU Flannel Covers	67	Baby quilts	3
Walker bags	23	Twin quilts	3
Veteran's Quilts	10	Bea quilt and shams	1
Fleece blankets	7	Shelter gift	1
Baby hats	5	Memorial wall hanging	2



Handmade gifts
have love in each
stitch.



Kids First Worship is for kids ages 3 years through 4th grade and meets during the 11 am service each Sunday on the lower floor of the Sanctuary building. This month we will close out the Christmas story with the visit of the Magi. We will also learn about the baptism of Jesus and spend time with two amazing women from the Old Testament.

- January 5: Wise Men Visit
- January 12: Baptism of Jesus
- January 19: Ruth
- January 26: Esther

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:40 am. We'll be studying the same lessons as Kids First Worship, taking time to go a little deeper. **NOTE: 5th and 6th graders are with Kristen Howell in the Youth Room for Sunday School.**



Kids building Jericho's walls.



Wonderful Wednesday is a fantastic way to remind kids that God is not just for Sunday, he is for EVERY day. Designed for kids ages 3 years through 6th grade, we meet in the Ed Building from 3:45–5:30 pm during the school year. We are continuing our journey through the book of Genesis. This month we'll focus on Abraham and Sarah. **We need two helpers as we expand; one for 1st-3rd and one for 4th-5th.**

- January 8 – God Calls Abraham
- January 15 – God's Promise to Abraham
- January 22 – Abraham and Lot
- January 29 – Sarah Laughs



For information on any of the Children's Ministries, contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org.



Mother's Morning Out: January 8, 8:30 – 11:30a.m. Our theme for January is "snow." On the second Wed. every month, we provide care for children ages birth through school age. There will be three groups: Nursery, Toddlers, and Preschool. Space is limited, so register now by going to: FUMCLVKS.ORG/MMO

Fusion 56, our special group for 5th and 6th graders, meets from 12:00–1:30 pm every 1st and 3rd Sunday (unless otherwise noted). Each meeting they have lunch, a Bible lesson and FUN! Contact Nancy to get the schedule for the year. Friends are always welcome!

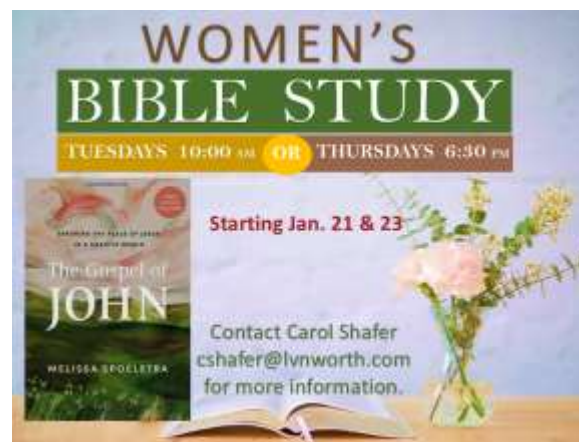
This month's meetings: January 5 and 19.

VBS is Coming! Mark Your Calendars
July 21 – 25 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Jesus is the Way,
the Truth
and the Life.
John 14:6

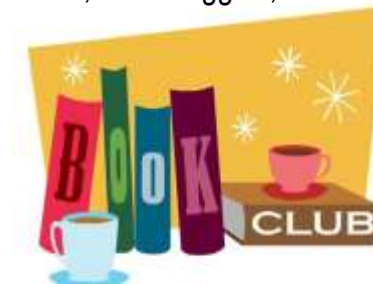
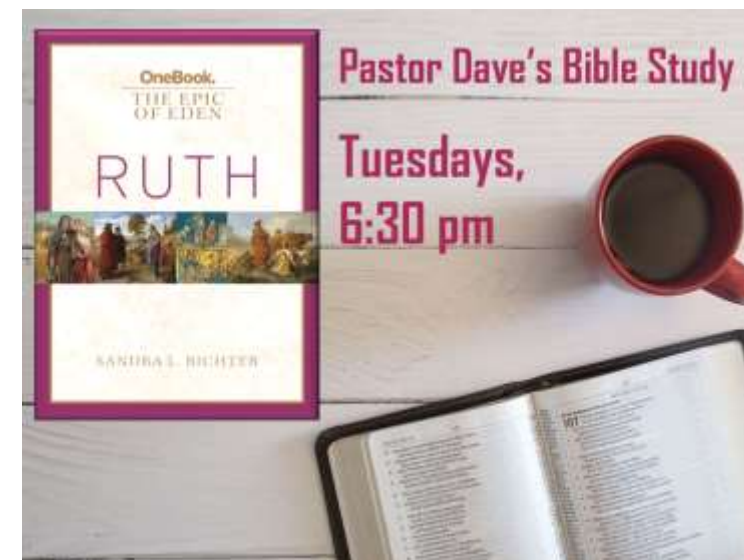


The children's Nativity play "Crazy Night in Bethlehem".



Women's Bible Study will begin Melissa Spoelstra's, *The Gospel of John* in January. Carol Shafer leads the same study on Tuesday mornings at 10 am OR Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. In the study, you are encouraged to slow down and linger with the living Word. You'll appreciate the pace of the Savior who never hurried but completed all that the Father called Him to accomplish. In John's Gospel, you'll be challenged to become a learner—understanding that the peace Jesus offers is not an ease of circumstances, but a stillness of the soul. You'll grow in intimacy with Him and learn to live, serve, and rest in His peace. For info, contact Carol at cshafer@lvnworth.com.

Pastor Dave will be leading a Bible Study on the book of Ruth by Sandra Richter. Set in the midst of one of the most corrupt eras of Israelite history, Ruth is a story about three compelling characters. Naomi is an elderly widow who has lost everything and returns to her homeland empty and bitter hoping simply to survive. Ruth is Naomi's young daughter-in-law, also a widow, and a foreigner, who at great personal cost, refuses to let Naomi face the future alone. Boaz is the local patriarch—a man of wealth and influence who in this epic tale is given the opportunity to do the right thing, even though the right thing might not be the obvious thing. In *The Epic of Eden: Ruth*, Dr. Sandra Richter makes each of these characters come alive. Participants in this study—young and old, men and women, church and unchurched—will be challenged as they see themselves in these characters and find themselves faced with many of the same questions and challenges. Here is real life, lived out by real people with real fears, real struggles, real hope, and real faith.

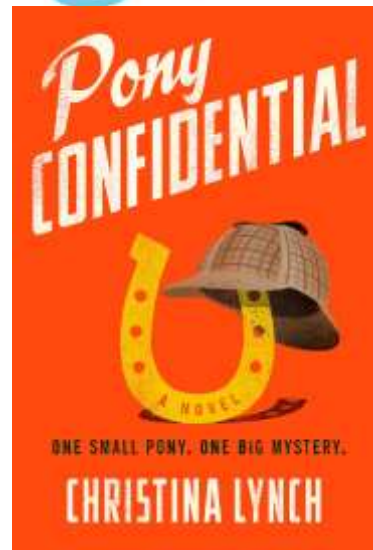


Looking for a light, fun book to cuddle up with this January? The book club is reading *Pony Confidential*, a new book by Christina Lynch. In this one-of-a-kind mystery with heart and humor, a hilariously grumpy pony must save the only human he's ever loved after discovering she stands accused of a murder he knows she didn't commit.

Pony has been passed from owner to owner for longer than he can remember. Fed up, he busts out and goes on a cross-country mission to reunite with Penny, the little girl whom he was separated from and hasn't seen in years. Penny, now an adult, is living an ordinary life when she gets a knock on her door and finds herself in handcuffs, accused of murder and whisked back to the place she grew up. Her only comfort when the past comes back to haunt her is the memory of her precious, rebellious pony.

Hearing of Penny's fate, Pony knows that Penny is no murderer. So, as smart and devious as he is cute, the pony must use his hard-won knowledge of human weakness and cruelty to try to clear Penny's name and find the real killer. This acutely observant, feel-good mystery reveals the humanity of animals and beastliness of humans in a rollicking escapade of epic proportions.

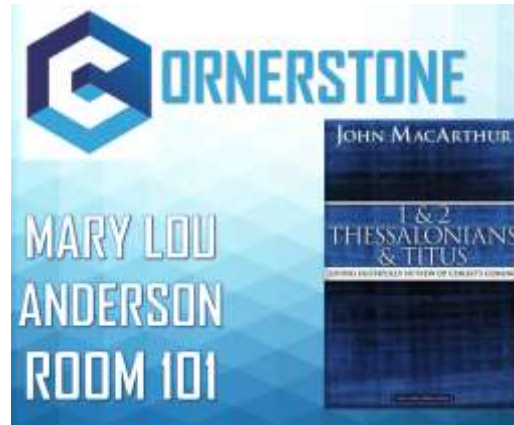
We will discuss the book on **February 4, at 1 pm** in Wesley Hall. Join us for lively conversation and lots of laughter.





Is your New Year's resolution to grow deeper in your spiritual walk? Bible study is a great way to do that and Sunday School is a great way to study the Bible with friends who are on the same journey. Here's a preview of our classes to help you decide which class is best for you.

The Cornerstone class is a smaller class led by Mary Lou Anderson. They are studying John MacArthur's 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Paul wrote the letters of 1 & 2 Thessalonians to the church he founded in Thessalonica. These were friends he knew, loved, and missed. His purpose in writing was to thank them for their work of faith, their labor of love, and their continued hope in the Lord Jesus Christ and His coming again. Similarly, Paul's letter to Titus, a young pastor in Crete, is filled with personal affirmation, counsel, and guidance on how to prepare church leaders for effective evangelism. These letters of instruction are as inspirational for us today as they were for these first-century Christ followers.



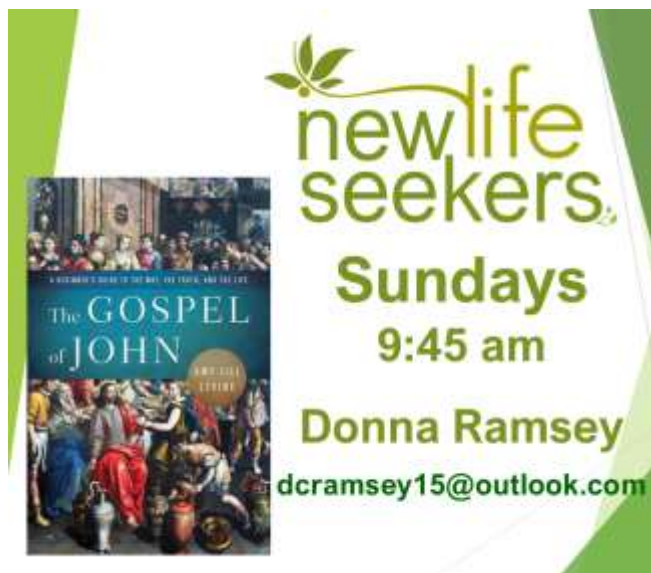
The Koinonia Sunday School class enjoys digging deep into the Old Testament one verse at a time. If you join this class you will receive a Bible Atlas with Charts and Biblical Reconstructions that help you gain historical insights in the context of Biblical times. The name "Koinonia" is a Greek word that means "having in common partnership and fellowship" through a participation and study in God's Word. Ezra's narrative reveals two main issues faced by the returning exiles: the struggle to restore the temple and the need for spiritual reformation. Both were necessary in order for the people to renew their fellowship with the Lord.

As the name implies, the Family Matters class focuses on how to be a Godly parent. They take turns leading discussions. They enjoy brunch together the first Sunday of each month. If you would like more information, you can contact Arlen and Michelle Briggs at ammkm@yahoo.com.



The New Life Seekers Sunday School class is starting a new Bible study called, *The Gospel of John* by Amy Jill Levine. John's Gospel offers readers a new language—of being born anew, of living water, of wind and spirit, of the "I am"—that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith.

With her characteristic wit and charm, Amy-Jill Levine introduces readers to the world of the Gospel of John by unpacking the stories in their original context, along with examining how the text is read today. This book considers the Gospel of John in its entirety, moving through the Gospel and exploring the prologue, the wedding at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well, and the woman caught in adultery, the healing of the man at the pool and the man born blind, foot washing, Mary Magdalene and Doubting Thomas, and the Lamb of God. Donna Ramsey is a contact person at dcramsey@kc.rr.com.



Dearest FUMC Family, Thank you all so much for all the ways you have helped to support the children of our church in 2024! From donations of supplies, to volunteer hours, to parents and guardians taking time and making effort to bring their children (especially this holiday season), and countless prayers, each one of you was an important part of sharing the love of God with the children.

During 2024 we discovered God's character, power, and his desire for his children. Books of the Bible we have learned from are: Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, 1 and 2 Kings, Daniel, all four gospels, Acts, and all the Epistles of Paul. I am looking forward to continuing to share the truth, beauty, and power of God's story with all the children that He will bring to our corner of 5th and Chestnut in 2025. *Nancy Shade*

Special thanks to all the volunteers for our Children's ministries!



Fusion 56 – Shelley Knowles, Wyatt Brown Derrick McManigle



Kids First Worship – Kathi LaMoe, Susanna Banker, Brenda Sheumaker, Rosemary Jacobs



Wonderful Wednesday – Pam Hubbert, Carol Shafer, Jan Mix, Rosemary Jacobs, Marcy Carpenter, Kathy McKinley



Sunday school – Jeff Brown, Jan Mix



Nursery– Christine Varnal, Liz Brown, Valynn Schmierer, LaTisha Kessler, Summer Visocky, Shari & Rick Hansen, Kristen Howell, Ryan Howell, Alexis Hoffman,



Mother's Morning Out- Carol Shafer, Kathi LaMoe, Valynn Schmierer, Marti Crow, Jan Mix, Pam & Keith Hubbert, Mike Mix, Ed Garven, Grant Zschoche, Dave York, Libby Frashier

CHRISTMAS @ FUMC



From Christmas Eve service, to caroling our homebound church family, to delivering gifts and cookies to the local schools, Christmas is a joyous time at FUMC.

