

The Current *newsletter*

CLEARWATER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER
2017

“Gather here with Thanks & Giving” Annual Auction & Dinner for Missions October 14th

Mark your calendars! Start planning NOW how you will contribute to the Auction for Missions!

Some of the favorites from past auctions have included furniture, vacation packages, holiday de'cor, art-work, handmade items, dinner parties, gift certificates, wood crafts, event tickets, golf outings, small appliances, lawn mowing, babysitting, pie or casserole a month/every 3 months for a year, autographed sports memorabilia, quilts, antiques, china, pottery, scrumptious desserts displayed on special plates, exercise equipment, collectibles, and the list goes on! Be creative!

The Country Store makes a hefty contribution towards money raised for missions also! We need your donations of homemade baked goods, homemade jellies/jams, homemade candies etc. to make it a success! The Basket Silent Auction is a fun event that also raises money for a worthy cause-you got it...Missions!

Our awesome cooking committee is planning a delicious dinner that will be accompanied by live music! There will be fun fall games and prizes for the kids!

For more info or if you would like to help with any part of the event, please contact Kim Mize 620 584-2711 or Judy Freed 620 584-6229.

Kids of the Kingdom Starts Sept. 6th

Kindergarten through 5th grade

Go to the church website and click on 'Kids of the Kingdom registration'. Then print the registration form and complete it. Bring it to church this Sunday or turn it in to the church office on Sept 5th. There will also be registration forms at church this Sunday. We must have your child on the list in order to pick them up at school to walk over.

Thank you to those that have stepped up to help. We still need substitutes and people to just assist the station leaders. If you are available from 3:00 - 5:30 on Wednesdays please consider coming to see what it is like. Please call Penny Walker with questions or to volunteer.
584-6884 or 316-250-3125

Help Houston!

The UM Bishop Saenz is asking that the churches of the Great Plains Conf donate cleaning buckets to help Houston flood victims. We want to do our share. There will be a sample cleaning bucket and list of needed contents in the overflow room. List is also on the website UMCOR/cleaning buckets.

"Shine Your Light for Others"

UMW Sunday will be the last Sunday of the month-Sept 24th. Joyce Utt will be our speaker. Marlene Whitaker will do Joys and Concerns, Ushers are Carol Bates, Marie Nordstedt, Nancy Richardson and Charlotte Dawson.

Last year we did "Count Your Blessings" and "Count Your Shoes" and asked for a donation of 25 cents for the shoes. The money went to missions. This year we are going to do "Shine Your Light for Others" and donate 25 cents per light switch in each home. Again a 25 cent donation is requested for those who wish to help with this. Starting in September, there will be plastic zip bag with instructions handed out.

Thanks, Charlotte

Thank You ...

The prayer shawl is very lovely and beautiful. Its nice to be remembered.

Sincerely, Carol E McIntyre

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry Women,

What a wonderful surprise to receive the beautiful shawl! I interlaced the tie into the shawl so I could tie it on in from if I wanted to. So great for you to think of me—I'll think of you all when I use it & even when I'm not using it! Merry, I heard through eh grape vine you might have made it—glad you are back in Clearwater! You so freely share all your talents! Hope to be back to see everyone some of these days.

The shawl was so thoughtful and pretty! Thank you much—I do miss all my Clearwater friends & think of you often.

Love, Ardena

Dear Clearwater United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for paying for me to go to Camp Horizon, I had so much fun and grew closer to God.

Eli Winter

We greatly appreciate the prayer throw for Shanelle. She was touched by your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Thank you, Julie

Shelly Paxton, daughter of Lois Struthers (Paxton), graduated from a 2-year college in North Carolina last May 1. She would like to thank the church for everything that they have done for her when she was young.

Thank Ya'll & God Bless!

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Choir practice begins Wednesday, September 6 at 7:15. We will sing the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Come join us.

Eileen Calcote, director

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has begun in a big way! Thank you Merry Castor! There have been 13 deliveries!

Please let us know if you are aware of anyone in need of prayer or who may need the blessing of a shawl. Just contact us.

Also, if you are willing to be a part of this outreach, please let us know. We need people who will knit/ crochet and donate toward supplies.

Auction Project

We have a project piece available for the Auction. We just need someone to volunteer to refinish the wood on it.

Please contact Penny Walker if you have that talent. 584-6884 Thank you!

Memorial Service

There will be a graveside memorial service for Marlis Felber

on Saturday, September 9th at 11:00 a.m. at the Clearwater Cemetery.

Happy Birthday ...

09/01 Gracie Sanchez
09/01 Connie Speer
09/01 Renee Tjaden
09/02 Barbara Byrd
09/02 Aiden Snell
09/02 Bryson Snell
09/05 Katie Dinwiddie
09/05 Conner Snell
09/07 Bev Hammers
09/09 Judy Frye
09/10 Elijah Shipman
09/12 Haylen Hampton
09/14 Dane Winter
09/16 Rod Dietz
09/16 Lou Ann Jarboe
09/17 Brynle Walcher
09/17 Mary Jane Hoelscher
09/21 Nancy Moyer
09/21 Michael Snell
09/22 Dena Kliewer
09/22 Cari Pelz
09/23 Christy Petersen
09/24 Steve Wise
09/26 Price Reynard
09/27 Wayne McEntire
09/30 Judy Dietz
09/30 David FitzGerald

Happy Anniversary ...

09/12/1964 Gary & Sherilyn Ward
09/02/2000 John & Krysten Teeter
09/25/2010 Joshua & Loni Moyer
09/17/2014 Curtis & Mary Butterfield

September

3 - 9:30 a.m. - Worship, sanctuary *
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship, FH*
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Classes*
6:00 p.m. - God Squad, FH*
4 - Labor Day/ offices closed
6 - 3:00 p.m. - Kids of the Kingdom*
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, FH*
7:15 p.m. - Choir Practice, FLC #5*
10 - One Great Day of Singing
11 - Auction Planning mtg, FLC #3
14-17 - Clearwater Fall Festival
16 - 7-9:00 a.m. - Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Breakfast, FH (Outreach)
8-2:00 p.m. - Sloppy Joes, Cinnamon
Rolls & Nachos, South (Youth)
17 - Meeting Sunday
2:00 p.m. - SPPRC mtg
3:00 p.m. - Trustee Brd mtg,
Worship Com mtg
4:00 p.m. - Admin Council mtg
Memorial Com mtg
24 - UMW Sunday
1:00 p.m. - Education Com mtg
3/4:00pm - Vespers, Village/ Manor
30 - 6:00 p.m. - Pitch Party, FLC

October

14 - Annual Church Auction

A Love of Children

I am pleased to introduce the new Program Administrator of the Good Shepherd Preschool and Kid's Corner, Erin Bettles. As she settles into her new position, I pray that you will all extend her a warm welcome. Krysten Teeter, Sara Light, Steffanie Comer, and Grayce Bernsten have all worked really hard to get the new school year off to a great start. We welcome our own Shelbi Shipman as a substitute teacher in Kid's Corner. Our programs have a great reputation in the Clearwater community thanks to the hard work and dedication of these ladies.

I would also like to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with or supported the Garage Sale, Ice Cream Social, as well as the summer camp fundraisers. Your generous support allows us to have a positive influence in the lives of the youth. This summer, 31 children and youth were able to attend summer church camp. This is probably the most powerful impact we can have on young lives in their social, emotional, and spiritual journey.

The fundraiser at Pizza Hut will be ongoing, so please be sure to eat out at Clearwater Pizza Hut on the [second Thursday](#) and tell them you are there to support CUMC camp fund.

Dane and Stacey Winter and Michael and Michelle Snell have expressed a desire to lead God Squad since all of their children are actively involved in the youth group. They are excited for this opportunity to share their love of God with our young people. We do thank Debbie Peterson and Matt Wise for their leadership over the past years.

Joyce Haivala, Education chairperson

We are so excited!

Good Shepherd Preschool and Kid's Corner has begun for the 2017-18 school year! We are so excited to have some new and familiar faces in our program this year. We started our afternoon program for our 4/5-year-olds, and we are diving into new curriculum and fun events to aid them in this transitional year.

Kid's Corner got off to a great start. While we do still have several openings, we have enjoyed meeting some new students this year. We have plans for structured activities, crafts, and celebrations for them to enjoy. We are also creating a newsletter and a weekly behavior chart to communicate more with our parents.

I am the new Administrator, Erin Bettles. My daughter spent the last two years in preschool here at Good Shepherd. I am eager to meet all of our kids and parents in the program.

Erin Bettles, GSPS/KCCC Administrator