

FAIRFAX MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2018



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Sunday School - 9:30 am

Worship - 10:30 am

Channel 61 Broadcast - Tues.
4:00 pm

Wednesdays:

Promise Keepers - 6:00 am

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PASTOR'S Corner

- Pastor Andrew Sanders

Don't overlook the obvious here, friends. With God, one day is as good as a thousand years, a thousand years as a day. God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.

2 Peter 3:8-9 (MSG)

I can't believe that I'm sitting here writing the church newsletter article for December already. I'm sure that some of you feel the same way, like 2018 just started and now we are saying goodbye to another year. This blink of an eye movement of time got me thinking of the moments that our lives are comprised of.

We have many moments; moments of joy, moments of pain, moments of celebration, moments of loss and the list can go on towards so many moments that make up this life. There are moments that we may want to avoid in life, the moments that seemingly cause time to stand still daring us to look in its direction because the clock may never strike the next minute, and yet it always does.

It is interesting that the moments that we want to hold onto are the moments that pass us by so fast it leaves our head spinning and the **question on our mind is, "where did the time go?"** Fortunately for many of us the moments that life stand still are few and far between so we get to focus on the moments that are just here for seconds as it seems. Cherish these moments however you can because it is these memories, these moments that help us to move time once again when we feel stuck in time.

The Lord proves His patience with us time and time again as He watches all of humanity and gives us all the time that we need to make a decision for Him. We may feel that in the grand scheme of things that God is a little to slow but I assure you He knows what He is doing.

This time thing is interesting, as I reflect on the past year all I can say is that it has flown by because it has been a great year. Fairfax UMC is excelling in many different ways to answer God's call upon us to be His disciples. This next year I anticipate will be even better as we continue to strive to make every moment count while fulfilling the mission of Christ, making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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God and Man Services

Week of Dec. 3rd -7th

7:00 am each day

– with a light breakfast

All the men are invited to attend!!

at Tarkio Presbyterian Church

Monday, Dec. 3rd - speaker: Tarkio Methodist

Tuesday, Dec. 4th - speaker: St. Paul’s Catholic Church

Wednesday, Dec. 5th - speaker: Tarkio Christian Church

Thursday, Dec. 6th - speaker: St. John’s Lutheran Church

at Westboro Methodist Church

Friday, Dec. 7th - speaker: Tarkio Baptist Church



Choir Practice

6:30 pm each Wednesday through December 19th.

All singers welcome!

Would you like to join us?

Church Finance Report for October 2018

Expenses:

Administrative/Office:	\$	265.25
Finance:	\$	21.24
Nurture:	\$	72.25
Outreach/Witness:	\$	150.00
Staff Salaries:	\$	5,724.99
Trustees:	\$	773.09
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>7,006.82</u>
<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>8,532.70</u>
October Difference:	\$	1,525.88

PASTOR’S *Corner*

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God really is giving all time and space to change, this year, this moment may be a time that someone you know, someone you may have asked to church before or even never has asked before, it may be their time to say yes to God and start attending Fairfax UMC to be a vital part of what God is doing in this community. This is your moment to live into **God’s call. To understand the importance of this moment this is verse 10 of the same scripture we started with.**

But when the Day of God’s Judgment does come, it will be unannounced, like a thief. The sky will collapse with a thunderous bang, everything disintegrating in a huge conflagration, earth and all its works exposed to the scrutiny of Judgment. 2 Peter 3:10

This is our moment to shine as disciple, shine as the body of Christ, shine as Fairfax UMC, **let’s make this the greatest moment yet!**



Items for our Local Food Pantry:

The Ministry Team appreciates the generous response of paper products given in September & October.

During the months of November & December, we will be collecting: shampoo, bar soap, lotion, toothpaste & toothbrushes.

Items may be placed in the box by the west sanctuary doors.

Birthday:

Former member Florence DeMott celebrated her 99th birthday November 18th.

Cards can be sent to the following address: 1500 14th Ave., Room 129, Nebraska City, NE 68410-1131

Seenagers

“Save the date”

Seenagers will be gathering on Saturday, Dec. 15th at the Collingham’s at 6 pm.

We will be having our annual Christmas potluck (main dish provided) and gift exchange.

More information will following by e mail.”



Youth Mission Project: Blessing Bags for the Homeless

Members of the UMC Youth Sunday School Class would like to fill “Blessing Bags” to be given to the homeless.

This is a very real, tangible way to help in a situation where you find someone who is in need and you really feel like you want to do something but are unsure of exactly what to do. Handing out a Blessing Bag to someone is a very real way to meet immediate needs by providing some basic supplies such as toiletries, food and warmth.

The Youth will assemble the bags and pass them out to members of the congregation to keep on hand in their car. If members find someone in need, they will have the bag right there to hand to them.

If you would like to donate items for them to place into the bags, a basket will be at the front of the church for your items (or cash) on December 2nd & December 9th

Suggested items are:

- warm socks and gloves
- travel size: shampoo, soap, deodorant & hand sanitizer
- granola bars
- trail mix
- hard candy
- tooth brush, tooth paste
- comb
- band aids
- wash cloths
- etc.



The Youth will place items in a gallon sized plastic bag and include a note of encouragement.

Thank you for your support!

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 23rd

10:30 am Worship

(love to sing? - we invite you to join us on Wednesday nights for Choir practices)



WEE members would like to express their thanks for all who participated in, helped with, donated to, our Fall Auction and Ham Dinner. This funding is our only fundraising opportunity in the year and we are able to help so many others in our church, community and country with your support. Many came down to the basement early and pitched in to help move things along and this was noted and appreciated so much. We encourage more of our young people to do so. If you don't know what to do, just ask!



We'd also like to thank the men who we asked to deliver carry out dinners to home and fields. They are good sports to help in this way. Chance Clement and Mark Ball did a super job auctioneering the event and made it lots of fun. We can't possibly list and thank everyone individually but we want our church family to know how heartfelt is our appreciation of you.



11/4/18 we observed All Saints Day were we lighted candles, on two tables, for loved ones who have gone on before us.



On Veteran's Day, 11/11, the kids honored our Veterans during worship and we had a potluck meal following worship.



WOMEN'S EVENING EDITION (WEE)

In Mardee's absence Amy chaired the meeting. Mary offered an opening prayer and presented a devotion about Christian prayer beads. She explained the history of beads in worship and showed the group her prayer beads and suggested ways they could be used during prayer time.

Suzanne served a delicious pumpkin cake for us to enjoy while the meeting got underway.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Thank yous were sent to Nick White, Chance Clement and Mark Ball for their assistance and donations. Sandy offered an update on finances (15% of all money raised is set aside for parsonage repairs).

During Old Business we completely critiqued the fundraiser for ideas and comments on how we can improve what we offer. We have decided we need a member to volunteer to be in charge of the event itself and relieve the president of that duty.

In New Business a motion was made and passed to give extra! \$200 + \$18 collected this meeting for Atchison County Salvation Army, \$500 to UMCOR designated to U.S. Disasters to name a few. We also want to be able to help families in distress.

Discussion about replacement of kitchen refrigerator and possibly the addition of a small freezer was tabled until the January meeting. We were reminded that election of officers will be held in January also. We would like to see more rotation of the jobs so that all can participate more fully and be more involved **and to prevent 'burn-out'**.

The next Juda House dinner will be February 24th. Lois will let people know about how to volunteer.

The next bereavement dinner volunteers are Suzanne and Betty. Following them will be Mary and Alice. We discussed a need for a casserole to be provided to the bereaved family the day after the funeral of their loved one. This is a time when many family members are in town and families sometimes have depleted resources.

The Worship Committee has requested WEE be in charge of the Dec. 16th finger food supper following the **Children's Christmas Program at 5 pm. The group will provide hot dogs and we are asked to provide other easy finger foods.**

Our meeting was adjourned and we are reminded there will not be a meeting in December. Our next meeting then will be January 9th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The January devotion will be provided by Sandy and Alice will provide refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Brown, Secretary

The Children will be presenting a Christmas program

"Jesus, God's Greatest Gift"

Sunday, December 16th
5:00 pm

Followed by a finger-food supper for all!
Hotdogs and drinks provided.

Bring some of your favorite finger-food's
and/or Christmas goodies to share with everyone!



alzheimer's association®

PLACE: Community Hospital - Fairfax Conference Room

DATE: 2ND Wednesday of every month - for one year.

TIME: 12:30 TO 1:30 pm. *(No lunch will be served, as we have no idea how many will attend. Cookies will be served with drinks.)*

You can attend one class or pick the classes that you are most interested in attending. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!! This is a FREE educational series sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.

If you have any questions, you may call Gale Ball at work 660-686-2339.

Remote Learning Series

This Remote Learning Series is bringing education to the community and providing the opportunity to attend a session close to home. Please join us for a monthly program to learn about memory disorders and the challenges associated with managing them.

SCHEDULED TOPICS

DECEMBER 12	Engaging People with Alzheimer's in Activities
JANUARY 9, 2019	Caregiver Resilience: A discussion about caregiver issues and strategies to manage the care giving experience
FEBRUARY 13	Dementia-friendly Neighborhoods: A discussion about how all of us can improve the lives of families going through the dementia experience
MARCH 13	Driving and Dementia
APRIL 10	A Family Affair: A discussion for parents and grandparents about how to support children as they interact with people close to them with Alzheimer's
MAY 8	A Better Visit: A discussion about improving visits with individuals in middle stages
JUNE 12	Home Safety

Mozambique Initiative

Our Sunday School kids have chosen to use the 'loose change' money for the Chokwe UMC quote with:
3 beds for their Parsonage; a Couch for their Parsonage; and 3 fans for their Chapel—(apprx \$1,680).

The kids collect your 'loose change' during offering time on Sundays...so come with loaded pockets!

At the time of this printing, we have \$1,227.88 towards the \$1,680 needed.

GivePlus+ Electronic Giving: free APP for your phone!

A great way to give your offering even when something comes up (like the blizzard on Nov. 25th)

and you can't make it to church!

Search in your phone's store for 'Give Plus church' and download the APP. (through Vanco)

Search for Fairfax UMC

(select the one with our address: 305 N Broadway) and set up an account (user/password).

Once you set up your checking or savings account info - you are good to go!

YOU control it! Weekly or monthly or onetime offerings!

Also: we have the Bulletins/Altar Flowers/Website accounts available for you to select for your payment - so the next time you sign up to sponsor an area, you can pull up the app and set up a payment right off your phone!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 1st Sunday of Advent 	3	4 Choir Practice: 5:00pm	5	6	7 Meals-on-Wheels: <i>Suzanne</i>	1
← God & Man: 7:00am, M-TH at Tarkio Presbyterian, Friday at Westboro UMC →						
9 2nd Sunday of Advent  Choir Singing: 10:30am Worship	10	11	12 Promise Keepers: 6:00am Choir Practice: Time TBD Council Meeting: 7:00pm	13	14	15 Seenagers: 6:00pm at Collinghams
16 3rd Sunday of Advent  Sunday School Christmas Prgm: 5:00pm followed by finger-food supper	17	18	19 Promise Keepers: 6:00am Choir Practice: 6:30pm	20	21 Meals-on-Wheels: <i>Mardee</i>	22
23 4th Sunday of Advent  Choir's Christmas Cantata: 10:30am Worship	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 5:00 pm 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Office Closed	27 Newsletter Deadline: JAN	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve 			<u>Office Hours</u> 8:00 am—12:00 pm Mon—Thurs Phone: 660-686-3314 umc@fairfaxmo.net Fax: 660-686-9505	<u>Worship Schedule</u> Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship: 10:30am Channel 61: 4:00pm Tues	<u>Pastor's Hours</u> Tues & Thurs 8:00 am—12:00 pm 417-770-6731 (cell) 736-5823 (home) asanders1016@ yahoo.com

WOMEN'S EVENING Edition (WEE)

NO MEETING in December

United Methodist MEn

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Office Closed:

December 24th-26th

If you donated the Minnie Mouse baby basket at the WEE Ham Dinner and Basket Auction...Sandy Burke would like to personally thank you! - Please let her know!

December Birthdays

Linda Ford	12/01
Ronnie Martin	12/01
Connie Minter	12/02
Terry Hopkins	12/04
Jeffery Bruns	12/04
Richard Bradfield	12/05
Karen Rogers	12/07
Rhonda Ball	12/08
Lelan Hall	12/10
Mike Whittington	12/11
H.A. Sly	12/12
Jennifer Hill	12/12
Tenn Harbin	12/12
Cheryl Brown	12/13
Randy Bungenstock	12/16
Spencer Gibson	12/17
Joshua Smith	12/18
Darla Harbin	12/18
Tacy Mitchell	12/20
Debra Wyatt	12/20
Madalyn Walker	12/21
Howard Hall	12/22
Gregg Smith	12/25
Chris Bradfield	12/29

December Anniversaries

Darrell & Lois Wiley	12/07
Tenn & Darla Harbin	12/17
Jon & Beth Graves	12/22
Joe & Jennifer Hill	12/22
Jim & Mary Brown	12/29

If you or your loved ones are not on the list, contact the church office: umc@fairfaxmo.net or 686-3314 with your info and we will get our records updated.

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this time to offer a big "thank you" for allowing us the opportunity to have our Sorosis meetings in the church.

Since our numbers have decreased so much we have decided to meet in the homes of our members.

Again—thanks so much.
Your Friends in Christ-

Pam Cooper
Corresponding Sec./Treas.

Thank you for all that you do.
- Connie & Dwayne Hall
Happy Thanksgiving

HOTLINES:

- Boys Town National Hotline---- 1-800-448-3000
24/7...365 days a year...teens/parents/families
- Child Abuse and Neglect ----- 1-800-392-3738
- Elderly Abuse and Neglect ----- 1-800-392-0210
- Gambling Addiction ----- 1-888-BETSOFF
----- (1-888-238-7633)
- Mental Health Crisis Line ----- 1-800-392-0280
- Missouri School Violence----- 1-866-748-7047
- Poison Control ----- 1-800-392-9111
- Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence
----- 1-800-548-2480
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline ---- 1-800-273-TALK
----- (1-800-273-8255)
- Teen-to-Teen Hotline ----- (800) TLC-TEEN
----- (800) 852-8336
- Crisis TEXT Line ----- 741741

THANK YOU

Stewardship 2018:

Receipts as of Nov. 28, 2018:

Plate & Electronic Offerings:		<i>Attendance:</i>
<i>Monday through</i> First Sunday	6,409.00	53
<i>Monday through</i> Second Sunday	1,582.00	54
<i>Monday through</i> Third Sunday	2,445.00	46
<i>Monday through</i> Fourth Sunday	2,495.00	snow
<i>Monday through</i> Fifth Sunday	-	-
Total 'General' Offerings:	12,931.00	

BUDGETED 'General' Account only:

Received to Date Total Income: 113,937.57
 Needed to Date Total Budgeted: 112,602.13
 (2,395.79 weekly)

	Received	Received
SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Since Last Report	To Date	
Adopt-a-family	0.00	0.00
Altar Flowers	35.00	390.00
Back Pack Buddies	0.00	495.00
Building Use	0.00	75.00
Bulletins	0.00	440.00
Festival of Sharing	0.00	59.00
Food Pantry	0.00	0.00
GHG (formerly FRB)	0.00	0.00
Lent	0.00	197.00
Love Offering	110.00	565.00
Mozambique Initiative <i>(loose change)</i>		
Loose Change:	162.29	1,707.40
Soup-er Bowl Dinner: <i>hymnals</i>	0.00	521.00
Operation Christmas Child	547.00	547.00
Sunday School	65.00	563.86
UMCOR	0.00	150.00
Web Site	26.25	238.50
Special Sundays:		
Human Relations Day	0.00	22.00
UMCOR Sunday	0.00	161.00
Native American Ministries	0.00	136.00
Peace with Justice	0.00	30.00
World Communion	0.00	116.00
UM Student Day	0.00	0.00

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You can find a link on our church website at:
www.fairfaxumc.net



Reminder:

If at anytime, you'd like to make any changes to receiving our newsletter...just email Darla in the church office, umc@fairfaxmo.net. Possible ways to receive: by email; pick up at church; by mail; or read from website.

Serving our church in December:

Altar Flowers: Ronnie & Jayne Martin
 in memory of Jim & Betty Sly
 and Harry & LaVetah Sly

Bulletins:

Dec. 2: Bob & Amy Sefrit
 in memory of loved ones

Dec. 9: _____

Dec. 16: Lois Wiley
 in memory of Francis and Lela Hess

Dec. 23: _____

Dec. 24: _____

Dec. 30: _____

Communion Steward: Jayne Martin

Laptop:

Dec. 4: _____ Dec. 11: _____

Dec. 18: _____ Dec. 24: _____

Dec. 25: _____

Scripture Reader: Danny Kemerling

Ushers: Jim Brown and Ronnie Martin

Web Site Sponsor: _____

*(please call the church office, 686-3314,
 if you can fill any of the open areas.)*



We do AFTERNOON visits once a week or no less than twice a month.

If you think that you would be able to do this call Lois at 660-736-4965 or 660-623-0040.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

We will be recognizing our birthdays and anniversaries on the last Sunday of each month during worship!

Operation Christmas Child:

On Nov. 18th the congregation prayed over the 97 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes collected.

Thank you to everyone that was generous enough to fill some boxes for this very



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