

FAIRFAX MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2017



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Breakfast - 9:00 am

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

*¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd,
and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

Matthew 14:14 (ESV)

I hope that at this point many of us have started thinking about **presents for our loved ones. I don't know about you, but I find it** harder and harder to find the perfect Christmas gift for the person that has everything. The thought of getting that perfect gift is something **that I think we all look for on Christmas morning. The "how did you know!?" response that tells us we hit the nail on the head. So, what is** the perfect gift?

This is one of those times of year when we have the intentionality to have Christ upon our minds, whether we turn on the radio and sing along to our favorite old time Christmas songs or we gaze at the twinkling lights, or we walk into our rooms that we have set up our Christmas tree, we are reminded that this is a time of celebrating Christ.

With anticipation the countdown begins to once again celebrate the entrance of God in the flesh being born among us. Although this is one of my favorite times of year because of the general excitement that **this season brings, I didn't want us to just focus on the baby Jesus,** the hope that springs forth with a baby born in a manger. The humblest of beginnings who would have thought this baby would change the world forever.

We look to Advent as a time of renewal of our faith, a time for remembrance of the willingness of our Lord to dwell among us, and a time of looking forward to the things that have not yet come to pass. **We look to Christ's earthly example as to what we should be doing** while we wait for His second coming. I think that our scripture above says something profound within it that I think we need to be filled with this holiday season, compassion.

Jesus healed the masses, it says that he had compassion on the crowds. If you look at the various encounters that Jesus had with the **people while he healed them, you'll notice that Jesus did not offer** compassion just to preach at the people. Jesus instead had **compassion on the people's immediate needs so that he could then** bring the Spirit upon them.

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This month I feel that it is especially necessary to reach out to those that are a part of our community but for whatever reason don't have a church home. This is a season of love, mercy and most of all grace as this is the season that we celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior. I can't think of a better way to celebrate than by coming alongside of our folks in our community offering them what Jesus offered the masses, compassion beyond belief.

The compassion that we are showing however is not just a ploy to get them to come to church. Compassion on another person is to build the authentic relationship with them so that a byproduct of that compassion may be a seeking that takes place in their lives, so that they can discover the mysterious love of Christ this Christmas season and all year around. Not only will these authentic relationships build up the people that you are getting to know but they will lift you up as well as you see Christ working during what He has called you to do. He has called you to bring the greatest gift to the masses, tell of His love, His mercy and His grace through the compassion that you show to others.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24th at Fairfax UMC

Time: 5:00 pm. All are welcome!

Church Finance Report for October 2017

Expenses:

Administrative/Office:	\$ 220.28
Financial:	\$ 3,667.98
Misc.:	\$ 406.00
Nurture:	\$ 175.93
Outreach/Witness:	\$ 126.25
Staff Salaries:	\$ 8,015.04
Trustees:	\$ 909.65
Worship:	\$ 140.59

Total Expenses: \$ 13,661.72

Total Income: \$ 14,504.00

October Difference: \$ 842.28

Loan Payment: \$700.00



Backpack Buddies

Second Harvest
Community Food Bank

We are covered for the 2017-2018 school year!
Thank you for supporting this local outreach!!
Any donations that are made from this point
on will go towards the next school year.
Thanks again!!

DO YOU HAVE A 'LIFE CHANGING MOMENT'?

Each one of us are a part of Fairfax UMC for some reason, our desire is that all people have had or will come to have a life changing moment, when they will be lead to become a new disciple of Jesus Christ. A moment can also be something that has brought us closer to Christ through our worship, interaction, ministry or something that I may not have even thought of.

I would like for us to reach down into our memories to bring forth a time when you had a life changing moment in our church. These are important to share, to let others know how vital and alive our church is, and especially just how important it is to us. This means not just the building but how our church has changed our lives. Please share your stories—when you think of one write it up and give it to Darla in the church office. These stories will be featured as one story in each newsletter every month as a new addition to our news letter in our life changing moment corner. So, please share your stories, to show how Christ through this church has transformed your life.

-Pastor Andrew

The congregation lit candles in remembrance of loved ones during All Saints Sunday on November 5th.

(Pictured is one of the two tables.)



Seenager s

Seenagers will be having their annual Christmas party/gift exchange on Sunday, December 10th at 6 pm. It will be at the Collinghams. Main dish will be provided so bring a side dish and a \$10.00 new or like new gift.

Please RSVP to Mardee at 660-736-5750 or kisco1@msn.com by Dec. 9th



Adopt-A-Family

Our church has signed up with Community Services to Adopt-A-Family for the Christmas season. We will be helping a family with 3 young children (1, 5 & 12 years old) living in the Fairfax area. The ministry team is asking for monetary donations to buy toys and clothes for the children. Money or checks can be made out to Fairfax UMC designated to Adopt-A-Family. Members of the Ministry Team will then purchase the items.

The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 10.



Operation Christmas Child

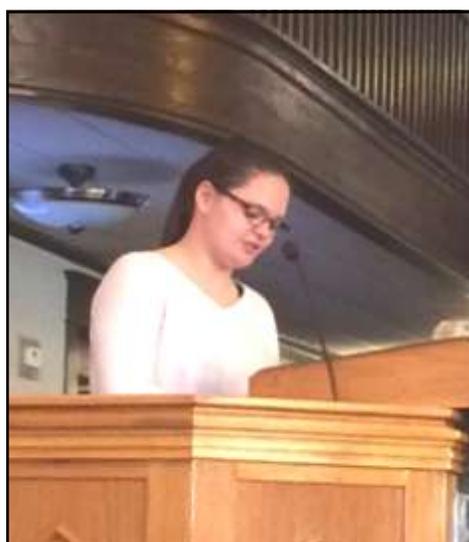
We collected
90 boxes
thanks to all of you!!

The following is from Debbie Findley, Volunteer Area Coordinator for OCC, St. Joe Area Team:
The number of shoeboxes collected from the St. Joseph area team this year was.....drum roll.....**9,132 Gospel Opportunities**. Last year we collected 8,815. Praise the Lord for this increase! It looks like our boxes are headed for Gabon, Africa. Thanks again for partnering and serving with the St. Joseph area OCC team.

"...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

Honoring our Veterans

On Sunday, November 12th we honored our Veterans during worship. The kids sang and presented them with thank you gifts and a hand shake! Destiny Sanders read the poem shown below.



On Veterans Day we honor all,
who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,
fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
and all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights,
they fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name,
we thank ALL veterans just the same.

By Cheryl Dyson

Bible Word Search: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

H A I S S E M K S A V I O R D
L H S V I O A V Z X F V M E F
O M U H U N K H R G O J I T V
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I O J W A S W X Q A I Z U E R
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E W X L L C N A Z A R E N E N

COMFORTING

GLORIFIED

HEALER

JUDGE

LOVING

MERCIFUL

MESSIAH

NAZARENE

PERFECT

PRAISED

SACRED

SAVIOR

SON OF GOD

TEACHER

THE WORD

Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

Dear Friends in Fairfax,

November Thanks ~ 2017

“Hitting the Sweet Spot”...I saw this in an ad recently, and was reminded of a recent monthly Barnabas staff update. We were asked, “What is becoming clear to you regarding you “sweet spot” in the care you provide?” Without hesitation, I knew my sweet spot in ministry: it’s the one-on-one visits with MKs! Even if I’m tired, the thought of being with them energizes me. I love the privilege of sitting down with them and listening to whatever they want to talk about, just being in “their world,” and letting them know that I care. I love watching them grow in the faith, and ache for their struggles and heartaches. My life is richer because of it ~ definitely the sweet spot!

Sometimes those connections come during weekend retreats. As I reflect on this, here are some comments from one retreat: **“Mama K! Thank you so much for helping lead this weekend retreat! IT was very refreshing and much needed!”** ... **“Mama K—it’s so nice to see you again! I like having an adopted mama in Kansas! Thank you for sharing your story with us.”** ... **“Mama K, thank you for spending the time and energy to be kind to MKs...we thank you for your ministry.”**

This month I’m looking forward to quite a few “sweet spot” moments! They’ll include individual visits, a Mu Kappa meal at Cedarville Univ. (OH) and a Mu Kappa retreat (PA). Can’t wait!

{Updated: These were great connections!}

Thank you for your partnership! Your impact on this ministry is significant, and I’m so grateful!

Hitting the sweet spot,

~ Judy Keith

MK Ministry, Mu Kappa Representative, Serving Families in Global Transition. judykeith@barnabas.org www.mukappa.org www.barnabas.org

WOMEN’S EVENING EDITION

Present at the November meeting of WEE: Mardee Cunningham, Mary Brown, Sandy Burke, Amy Sefrit, Alice Kemerling, and Jayne Martin. Mardee started the meeting with prayer and then we sang the Doxology.

Mardee passed out spiced cider and decorated cookies to all present.

The Devotional was presented by Mary Brown, taken from the book “the worn out woman”. She spoke of the importance of turning to God when the world gets to be too much. The acronym CLOSER was taught to help us learn how to return our joy and release us from weariness. The letters stand for Come-Lean-Open-Surrender-Eternalize-Release.

Sandy gave the treasurer’s report. We have a balance of \$3,851.43 on hand. Our change offering will go to Salvation Army. The report was accepted. Mary read the minutes from the previous meeting and they were also accepted.

Old business: Seenagers Christmas Party will be at Mardee’s on December 10 at 6:00 pm. Gifts up to \$10 will be exchanged. We received a thank you from CARE for our donation to victims of crime in Atchison County. In addition we had a thank you from UMCOR for our \$1,000 donation.

New Business: A long discussion of safety lighting at side of church and back door as we know of two people falling in the dark. The wiring is hard to get to so it was suggested we research some sort of solar motion light. Mardee will check with Ernie Hafner regarding options.

Alice made a motion to give church \$1,000 towards apportionments. Motion was seconded and passed.

A discussion of time to take a meal to Pam Davis as chemo has left her very weak. Lois will be contacted to set that up.

Alice made a motion to give \$200 to local Salvation Army and motion was seconded and passed.

We discussed the needs of sister church Chokwe but no decisions were made at this time.

There will be no December meeting of WEE. The January meeting will be January 10th at 6:30 pm. The Devotion will be presented by Amy and Sandy will be in charge of refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Brown, Secretary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 1st Sunday of Advent  Breakfast served: 9:00am	4 <i>fh reserved: Sorosis 1-4pm</i> ← God & Man: 7:00am	5 M-TH at Tarkio UMC,	6 Promise Keepers: 6:00am Finance Mtg: 6pm Council Mtg: 7pm	7 Friday at St Johns Lutheran Church	1 8 Meals-on-Wheels:	2 9
10 2nd Sunday of Advent  Breakfast served: 9:00am Seenagers: 6:00pm at Collinghams	11	12	13 Promise Keepers: 6:00am	14	15	16
17 3rd Sunday of Advent  Breakfast served: 9:00am Children's Christmas Program: 5:00pm w/ finger-food potluck following	18 <i>fh reserved: Sorosis 1-4pm</i> Pack Christmas Boxes w/ Ministerial Alliance: 9am	19	20 Promise Keepers: 6:00am	21 Deadline: JAN Newsletter	22 Meals-on-Wheels:	23
24 4th Sunday of Advent  Breakfast served: 9:00am Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 5:00 pm 	25 Christmas Day  Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Promise Keepers: 6:00am	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve  Breakfast served: 9:00am				Worship Schedule Breakfast: 9:00am Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship: 10:30am Channel 61: 4:00pm Tues	Pastor's Hours Tues & Thurs 8:00 am—12:00 pm 417-770-6731 (cell) 736-5823 (home) asanders1016@yahoo.net	<u>Office Hours</u> 8:00 am—12:00 pm Mon—Thurs Phone: 660-686-3314 umc@fairfaxmo.net Fax: 660-686-9505

Finance Meeting

Wed., December 6th at 6:00 pm

Church Council Meeting

Wed., December 6th at 7:00 pm

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
George Whittington	12/11
H.A. Sly	12/12
Jennifer Hill	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.

Thanks to my church family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and the wonderful meal that was provided after my recent stroke. I am so blessed to be a part of this congregation. I appreciate the concern shown. God bless you all!
 Judy Raya

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 2017:

Receipts as of November 28, 2017:

Plate & Electronic Offerings:	<i>Attendance:</i>	
<i>Monday through</i> First Sunday	2,689.00	47
<i>Monday through</i> Second Sunday	1,521.00	40
<i>Monday through</i> Third Sunday	2,560.00	50
<i>Monday through</i> Fourth Sunday	6,060.35	65
<i>Monday through</i> Fifth Sunday	-	-
Total 'General' Offerings:	12,830.35	

	Received in Month	Received To Date
Special Offerings:		
Advance #901670	0.00	82.00
Altar Flowers	0.00	385.00
Apportionments	1,000.00	1,880.00
Back Pack Buddies	50.00	1,350.00
Building Use	0.00	200.00
Bulletins	40.00	420.00
Church Camp/Mission	0.00	427.00
Festival of Sharing	0.00	12.00
Food Pantry	0.00	25.00
(Baby Bottles)	0.00	305.07
FRB	0.00	0.00
Lent—Head Start	0.00	223.71
Loose Change	0.00	469.37
Soup-er Bowl Dinner	0.00	653.00
Misc. Income	0.00	9,301.45
Mowing	0.00	340.00
Mozambique Initiative <i>(loose change)</i>	94.43	671.77
Operation Christmas Child	393.00	393.00
Sunday School	57.60	662.38
Web Site	0.00	105.50
Wildfire Relief Fund	0.00	172.00
Special Sundays:		
Human Relations Day	0.00	58.00
UMCOR Sunday	0.00	300.00
Native American Ministries	0.00	148.00
Peace with Justice	0.00	40.00
World Communion	0.00	105.00
UM Student Day	45.00	45.00

BUDGETED 'General' Account only:

Received to Date Total Income:	125,206.81
loan:	5,400.00
Needed to Date Total Income:	124,392.48

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:

Acolyte: the children

Altar Flowers: Phil & Charla Graves

Bulletins: Dec. 3 - Gerry & Mardee Collingham
in honor of the Kiscoan
and Collingham families

Dec. 10 -

Dec. 17 -

Dec. 24 -

Dec. 31 -



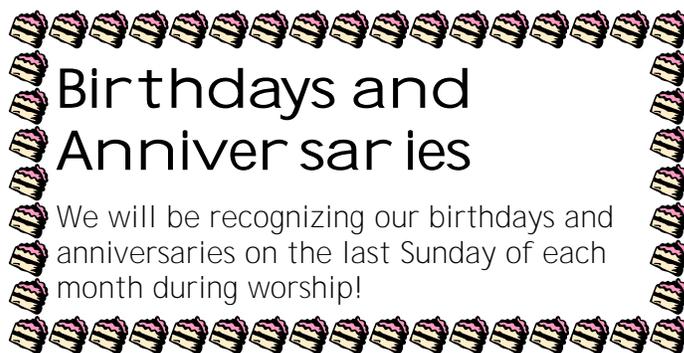
Communion Steward: Jim Ball

Liturgist: Jim Ball

Ushers: John Burke and Jim Brown

Web Site Sponsor: _____

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



We do evening visits once a week or no less than twice a month. If you feel led to help or have more questions, please contact Lois

660-736-4965 or 660-623-0040.

More volunteers needed!

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



Children's Christmas Program

Our children invite you to share in their joy, and excitement for Christmas, here at Fairfax UMC.

Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 pm

followed by a finger food potluck supper. Everyone bring their favorite finger food to share. Hot dogs will be provided.

Come hear our children sing, play the bells and portray the Nativity, plus some surprise performances by some of our youth. Come join the always fun, festive and joyous celebration of remembering **our Savior's birth.**

**The children will practice each Sunday prior to the program, during 9:30 am Sunday School. Bring a friend!!



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