

Exciting Things Happening in the New Year at First United Methodist Church

LOVING GOD...LOVING PEOPLE...CONNECTING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

*Sundays are special times for growing in our walk with God and one another ... Journey with us in January!
Join us each Sunday as we gather for Worship 8:30 am and 10:45 am and Bible Study at 9:40 am.*

The Journey That Makes A Difference Series...

- 6** "By A Different Road" Communion
13 "Seeing Is Believing"
20 How can we prepare for what lies ahead?
27 Where is God in the Challenges of Life? Dr. Steve Silverstein, local Christian counselor & conference speaker.
 Join us for a special time of worship at 8:30 am and 10:45 am

Seeking God's Face Week – February 11 through 16

We are putting aside this week for a special time of prayer, meditation and fasting to God so we might know God's mind intimately, know His will for our lives and our church, and ??? for the future. We'll seek Him through...

- Daily prayer – challenging each to devote 30 minutes a day to prayer for God's will
- Wednesday evening prayer – meet in the sanctuary from 6 – 7 to pray (Holy Wednesday)
- Friday – Saturday for 24 hours of prayer (sign up in the church office)

Bible Studies for Women

Tuesday mornings @ 9:15 am – Smooth Stones Mothers Bible Study (resumes 1-8)

Wednesday evenings @ 7 pm – Women's Bible Study

Something for Everyone

Tuesday mornings @ 10 am (coffee time 9:30)
 Follower's Bible Study (resumes 1-8-13)

Bible Studies for Men

Wednesday evenings @ 7pm
 Master's Men & J Crew

Men's Activity

1/19 @ 8 AM Men's breakfast

JOURNEY OF FAITH MEMBERSHIP CLASS: 2/20, 2/27 and 3/6, 6:45 to 8 p.m. in office next to Pastor Sam's. Contact the church office if you are interested.

Leadership Breakfast: 9 to 11 am on Saturday, Jan. 26th.

For the Kids

Wednesdays @ 7 PM – Kids Nite Out! with Bible stories, games & crafts (nursery through grade 5)

Saturdays – Wee Soccer (grades K – 3)
 1/12 @ 10 AM – registration
 2/2 - 2-23 – games begin

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Wednesdays @ 6:45 PM & Sundays @ 6 PM
 Contact Shawn Zook for youth ministry info.

Sun., Jan. 6th – @ Both services – Commissioning of our church leaders.

New Small Group Ministries meeting in homes will begin in late February. Small groups are a great place to learn and grow in Christ & build deeper relationships with each other. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to be a part of a group.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Drawing Close to God Weekend March 2-3, 2013: **How Can I ?...** Draw closer to God's presence... **Know** His will for my life... **Learn** how He can use me. Pastor Tim Merrill will be our special speaker for the weekend. Former director of Fellowship House, he currently serves on staff at Woodlynne UMC. Tim has a great heart for God and loves encouraging people to draw closer to God. On March 2nd @ 5:30 pm we will begin with a light dinner followed by a special service. On Sunday, March 3rd our service will begin at 10 a.m (one combined service) with Sunday School beginning at 9am on this Sunday only!

Come Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with us! March 24th-31st