



River News: November Edition

Christ Kids & Youth

We have had a great crowd of children on Wednesday nights this year!

Mrs. Leyla Jones has had an average of 6 children for Christ Kids.

They eat and meet down in the Long Room for crafts, games, and a lesson.

This Wednesday, **Dec. 14th** we will be having a special Christmas visitor to go along with our remaining advent lesson. I hear each child will be going home with a very special gift. ☺



The Youth class has been learning about advent and playing a group game each week along with sharing their prayer requests. We've been having a great time together, and we hope to have a great 2017 as well!

The group would like to go on their first Youth outing between Christmas and New Years for bowling. Please let Jessica know your child's availability.

Free Youth Retreat! March -Please RSVP

More info: <http://www.ngumc.org/spiritualliferetreats>

These retreats fill up fast.

Registration is open now for these 2017 weekends:

March 10-12

March 17-19 **** Ideal week.**

March 24-26



*****If your youth is interested, please let Jessica know which weekends they are available.**

Jessica Goddard, Youth & Children's Minister. 404-217-3158 JessicaGoddard1313@gmail.com

Drawing for
3 Lucky
Winners

Prize: Free Meal the
following week!

Wednesday Night MEALS

6:15PM

Adults \$6 / Kids 4+ \$3 / Maximum \$18 per family.

Christ's Kids & Youth Group eat FREE.

A reasonable priced meal and fun fellowship.

All profit goes back into the Church for various projects and needs.

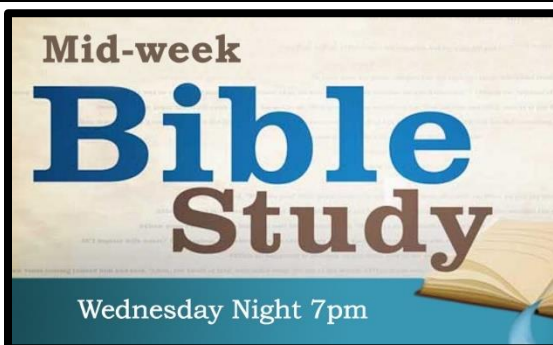
Dec 14

Fried chicken, green beans, creamed potatoes, tropical fruit salad, bread, drink & dessert

NO MEALS DEC. 15th – JAN. 10th!

Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends!

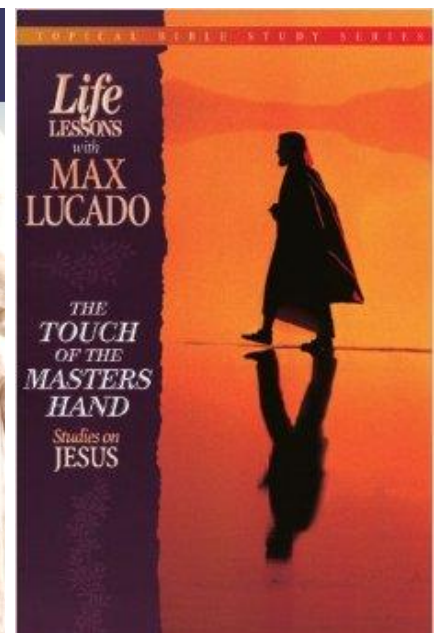
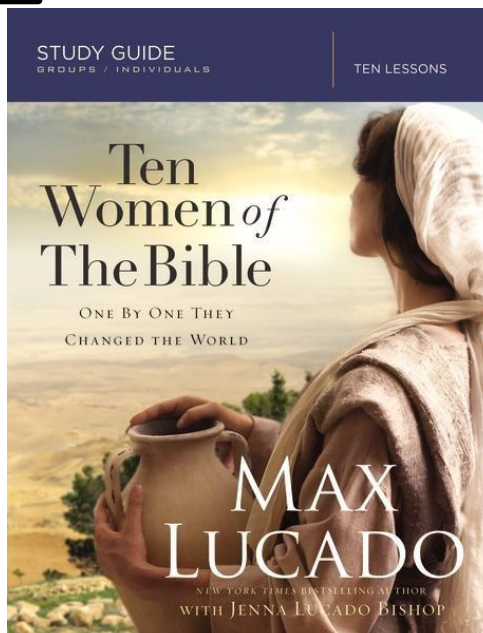
See you back Wednesday, Jan. 11th!

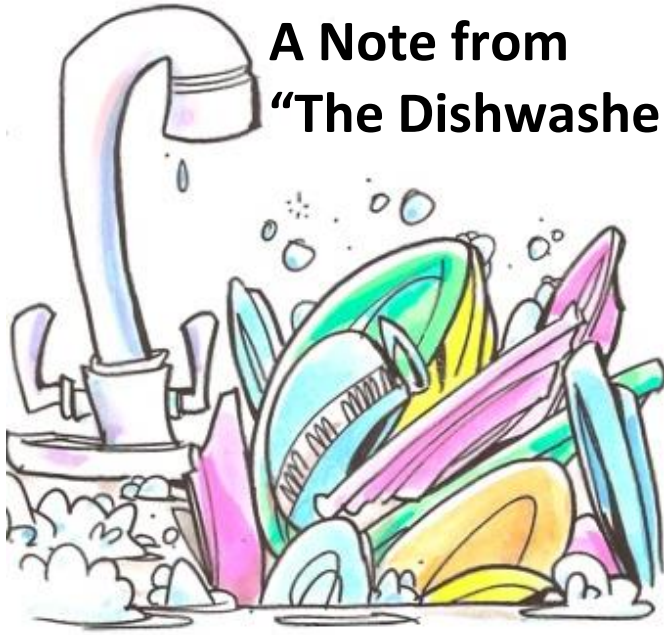


Both Ladies and Men's Bible Studies are still enjoying their studies for this year. They've had approximately 14 individuals on average attending on Wednesday Nights, and have filled the Fellowship and Friendship Classrooms in the Education Building. Both groups are enjoying the books that have been chosen to complement the Bible readings written by Max Lucado.

It's never too late to join us.
The men cover a new topic
each week, and the women
study a new woman of the
Bible.

See Bob or Levada Eller for a
book this coming Sunday if
you would like to join!





A Note from "The Dishwasher"

Thank you for supporting a very important part of our church, The "Wednesday Night Meals". We had a great response to the last dishwasher's report,

Powerful Emotions earlier last week. We packed up Jesse Laswell's belongings to move back to his home state of MO, where he will be close to his family,



Our church family is very saddened by this news. We shall always remember his smile and his gentle style. Jesse & I became quick friends, and served together many times on our mission to God. We also shared a great love of fishing, including stretching the truth regarding numbers and size. We each enjoyed bragging rights and shared them back and forth many times. Jesse, Gail, and Roy were a big part of the fish fry for the last two years.

He & I often shared deeper thoughts together. I shall miss him. His new address is:
Jesse Laswell
3759 W. Monclair St.
Springfield, MO 65807

Please drop a Christmas card!

I have heard many heartwarming Thanksgiving stories. I know my own was one to remember! My lovely young bride was finally home after our trialing journey earlier this year, for many months and four different hospitals, God has blessed us living close to the church in a wonderful home and property. Thank you Barbara Neese. I love you all. Remember a smile is the quickest way to someone's heart.

Methodist Melodies

Our last nursing home concert for the year was Dec. 6th.
We will start up again on Jan. 3rd with new music.
If you've been interested in joining the group,
join us then at 10AM!





The Nativity scene is in place, please take a moment to check it out. Under the guidance of our new president, Tony Bush, we hope to be of continuing value to the church family.

Should you have a need, which we may be able to meet, simply drop a note in the model of the church located across from finance. Simply swing the cross GENTLY and insert a note with your name and number. Someone will contact you for details.



MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The MMPG continues to meet on Monday in the Long Room. In November, we celebrated our one year anniversary. We average around 10 people attending and send an average of 12 cards each week. During 2016, we have mailed over 500 cards. We have a team who



visits our members when they need a personal touch. In addition, a team concentrates on our visitors, letting them know how grateful we are that they chose to worship with us. Elizabeth Armstrong furnishes prayer shawls for us to share. We appreciate the help of our church family. If you know of anyone who might need a prayer, a card, or a prayer shawl, please let any member of the group know.

The regular attendees are Pastor Gale and Rich, Bob and Eileen Hirsch, Bob and Levada Eller, Dawn Thorpe, Pat Andre, Jenny Mitchell, Pauline Smith, Linda Horning, Jessie Goddard and Sandra Wehunt. Please continue to pray for our group and our concerns during 2017.

God Bless. Sandra Wehunt.



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The Annual UMW's Christmas Luncheon was held on Saturday, Dec. 3, with 32 ladies attending.

Rosalee Little hosted the event at her beautifully decorated home. The food was delicious and we collected lots of toys for the MUST Toy Shop.



This year, Sandra Wehunt and Levada Eller received the Special Mission Recognition pins for all the work they do at the church. An \$80.00 Gift to Missions was sent in their honor.



The INCREDIBLES had a great year! In November we had our annual brunch, and Frank Ferrell brought supplies for us to mail greetings to the military. We helped him exceed his goal, and it was a great time of food and fellowship. Pastor Gale gave everyone INCREDIBLES buttons to wear when we go out or meet in a group setting. Now people will know who we are and where we are from. Our final outing for 2016 will be on Dec. 12th. We will have a tour of the Governor's Mansion and then lunch at the Marietta Diner. We have 22 folks signed up to go. Plans are already being made for 2017. Please keep the INCREDIBLES in your prayers. Anyone 50 years of age and above is welcome. Make an effort to join us next year and enjoy the church family. You may contact Jenny Mitchell or Sandra Wehunt if you have any questions. God Bless.



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Have a great December Everyone! Fall is officially here!