

Celebration Service

November 11, 2018
9:00 AM

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

- Sunday School
- Wednesday Night Activities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- What UM Christians believe
- Committing My Life To Christ
- Being Baptized
- Becoming A Member
- Joining a Connexion Group

NAMETAG ORDER FORM:

Please PRINT your name exactly
how you would like it to be
written on your nametag:

- Clip Tag (Free) Magnetic (\$5)

(please place this card in the offering plate)

Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?

You can share them here:

CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY 11 | 9:00 am | Celebration Service |
| | 10:00 am | Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:10 am | Traditional Service |
| | 5:00 pm | Connexion Group (McCarver) |
| | 5:00 pm | Connexion Group (Stephens) |
| | 6:00 pm | Connexion Group (Reisbeck) |
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| MONDAY 12 | 6:30 pm | Connexion Group (Atkins) |
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| TUESDAY 13 | 7:00 pm | Connexion Group (Eisenberg) |
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| WEDNESDAY 14 | 10:00 am | Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre) |
| | 12:00 pm | Prayer Time in the Chapel |
| | 5:30 pm | Timothy Team (Grades K-6th) |
| | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:45 pm | Basement Student Worship |
| | 6:30 pm | Men's Group (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:45 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
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| THURSDAY 15 | 9:30 am | UMW Circle One Meeting (Wesley Room) |
| | 6:00 pm | Spiritual Formation Meeting |
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| SUNDAY 18 | 9:00 am | UMW Bake Sale |
| | 9:00 am | Celebration Service |
| | 10:00 am | Communion in the Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 am | Blessing of the Ark Reception in the Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:10 am | Traditional Service |
| 5:00 pm | Connexion Groups meet | |

GREETERS:

| Date | Sanctuary West 8:45 AM | Sanctuary East 8:45 AM | Sanctuary West 10:50 AM | Sanctuary East 10:50 AM |
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| November 11 | Cheryl Comfort | Lynn Oliver | Katie Rennard | Peggy Dorsey |
| November 18 | Cheryl Comfort | Lynn Oliver | Ann Lowerre | Peggy Dorsey |
| November 25 | Cheryl Comfort | Lynn Oliver | Katie Rennard | Peggy Dorsey |

SERMON

The Chest (Covenant Sunday 2018) 2 Kings 11 & 12 (12:9)

I. Notes on the Origin Story of the Joash Chest

II. Application

When we joined the church we made vows to give of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness—sometimes though life simply gets in the way.

Other interests cloud our commitments and cause us to forget our commitments to the Church and our covenant vows to God.

The reason we have a Joash Chest in this church is two-fold:

1. Reminder of Our C_____

Front & Center below the cross each week serves as a physical and visual reminder of our c_____ between each of us and God

The _____ in the lid is a reminder that what you put in the Joash Chest is between you and _____ alone. There is no _____ of what goes in it.

Envelopes are deposited each year and when it is opened the envelopes are mailed back to you so that you might remember what c_____ you made to God to keep your covenant of p_____, p_____, g_____, s_____, and w_____.

2. Reminder that Despite Our Flaws God D_____ N_____ G_____ U_____ O_____ U_____

a. Even the best intended of us can be misled from time-to-time, but God _____.

THE CHEST



WELCOME

Message from the Pastor

Today is Covenant Sunday. In our worship service, we will learn the story of "The Chest" and have the opportunity to renew our personal commitments for Keeping Covenant with God for the coming year in the areas of our prayers, presence, financial gifts, service, and witness. You should have received a *Keeping Covenant Card* and *Service Opportunities Sheet* in the mail. If you did not receive one, or if you forgot to bring it with you today, additional *Keeping Covenant Cards* and *Service Opportunities Sheets* are available in the bulletin. We invite you to prayerfully consider what your offering to God through our church will be in the coming year. Then fill out a card and bring it forward at the conclusion of the worship service. If you are a guest we invite you to join with us as you prayerfully consider how you will faithfully keep covenant with God in the coming year. We're glad you're here!



WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our Values*

Prayer, Love, Worship

Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching

Children & Youth Ministry

Discovering God's vision for our church

What We Believe

Many people believe they are Christian because they were born into a religious home or they go to church, tried their best, or are a moral person. However, the Bible teaches that these things do not make you a Christian.

You become a Christian simply by:

1. Acknowledging that you, like all people have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. The Bible calls sin a desire to live independently of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Personally believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (Romans 6:23)
3. Repenting (turning away from your sins), confessing, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

You may express your desire and belief in prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving grace as God's gift to you. The Bible is clear that we all enter into a relationship with God through His mercy and grace.

***Bold = Focus of Today's Message**

QUIET TIME GUIDE

You can incorporate a little of today's worship into your daily quiet time as easy as 1-2-3-4.

1 = Begin with reading *Inviting God's Presence and Action*

2 = Read the day's Scriptures from the *Feed on the Word list*

3 = Pray through the *Joys & Concerns*

4 = Finish with the *Benediction/Blessing*

1. Inviting God's Presence and Action:

Eternal God, we bow before you today in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us. Help us to remember your generosity, and to thank you for every good gift and every perfect gift that we enjoy and for your faithfulness in times of adversity. Help us to remember your sustaining presence at every moment of discouragement. Just as you are always faithful to us, help us to remember our responsibility to be faithful to you.

As we make decisions about how to use the many gifts we have received from you, guide us by your Holy Spirit to be good stewards so that we will make the best use of those gifts for the sake of your kingdom. In strong and holy name of Jesus, our Example, we pray. Amen.

2. Feed on the Word:

We are using a new way to read through the Bible using Seedbed's reading guide and devotional. To read the daily devotional, sign up at: www.seedbed.com/daily-text

3. Joys & Concerns:

Newest Concerns:

- There are many new confidential prayer concerns.
- Lila Shockley's requests prayer for her daughter, Malissa.
- Steve Peter's mother is at Quail Ridge, 94 yrs old, suffering with dementia.
- Ann Lowerre's childhood friend had surgery last week in Russellville.
- Congratulations to Curtis and Jesse Bedor on the joyous arrival of their baby! See Pastor Manny to sign up to bring them meals.

God Sighting:

- Liam Comfort was a great help in helping his family move and clean.

Joys:

- Next week's birthday honorees for 11/12 - 11/18 are: Patti Eiland, Delbert Hall, and Suellen Chase. [If your birthday is coming up and you are not listed we do not have it in our database - let us know!]
- Tabitha Eiland is joyful and hopeful that everyone loves, and loves strong with happiness.

Continuing Concerns:

- Prior weeks prayer concerns.
- Pray for healing [Those on this list have ongoing medical issues and doctor appointments]:

- Barbara Akins
- Sylvia Burnett
- Cheryl Comfort
- Liam Comfort's grandparents
- Sue Farley
- Daisye Howell
- Paul McVay
- Joallen Moose
- Karl Mounger's sister, Ruth
- Randy Murphy
- Mary Peters
- Pam Rasmussen
- Lila Shockley
- Dale Sugg
- Al Waggoner
- Jane Waggoner's daughter, Nicole
- Co-worker of Dawn Phillips

4. Benediction:

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW BAKE SALE

The UMW ladies will be hosting a bake sale in the Fellowship Hall on Nov. 18th, before and after services. All donations will go toward missions projects.

ONE BAG DONATIONS

Team up with Manna Center this holiday season to provide meals for hungry families! Pick up a "One Bag" paper bag from the Narthex and fill it with the groceries on the list. You can also include \$10 cash or check in the envelope to help offset the cost of the turkey/ham. Bring your donations back to the Fellowship Hall by Sunday November 18th.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex beginning next week. Please consider selecting an Angel to bless with gifts this Christmas! Donations will need to be dropped off under the tree by December 9th.

BLESSING OF THE ARK

Next Sunday, December 18th, the Timothy Team kids will celebrate the goal of purchasing the Heifer International Ark of Animals! A representative from Heifer will be on hand to recognize this accomplishment, during our 10:15 AM Fellowship Time. We will have cake!!

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Wednesdays from 12-1pm the Chapel at FUMC is open for individual and intercessory prayer. This is a "come and go" format. Instrumental music plays softly in the background for the duration of the hour to give privacy in your prayer time and lead you into a quiet time of worship to the Lord.

THANKSGIVING MEAL SIGN-UPS

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for all the ways you can help with the Thanksgiving Community Meal this year! Let's all come together and share with each other in grateful heart. See David Graves if you have any questions.

CHILI SUPPER & PARADE NIGHT

The Christmas parade is coming up, which means we need chili! Saturday, December 1st we'll be having our annual OMP Chili Supper fundraiser from 3-8pm during and after the parade. Students need to help volunteer to get credit towards OMP. This year we will also have a chili cook-off in conjunction with the supper. Please see Manny to sign up if you think you have what it takes to win!

CHRISTMAS PLAY SIGN-UPS

The Christmas Play sign-up sheet for this year's Christmas Play is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Rehearsal will take place during the Sunday School hour in November. The play is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 16th. If you have questions or ideas please contact Carolyn Taylor at 479-233-0031.

NURSERY

Childcare for infant, toddler, and preschool aged children is provided during both services. There is also a nursing mothers room located just off the Fellowship Hall. While the nursery is available for our youngest members, parents with school-aged students are encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Kids activity packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

✦ EXTRA DOLLARS

There is a brochure with the story of the "Extra Dollar" in the Information Rack in the Welcome Center.

CONNECT CARD

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We are so glad that you are here and hope you feel at home as you join us in worship. Whether you are a guest, or a member, please fill out and return this card so we can know you were here!

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Time Guest*
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- My address has changed

Name: _____

Names of children ages 0-18 in attendance today: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

- Check box if you do not wish to have your prayer requests published.

**If you are a first time guest today, we have a gift for you! Please go to the welcome table outside the chapel where your completed "Connect Card" may be traded for a gift certificate to Barnett's Dairyette.*