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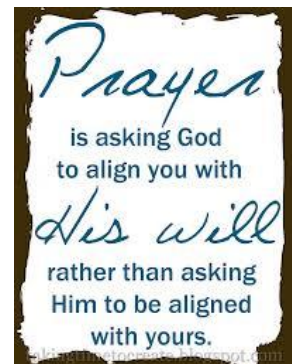
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Church-Family-Prayer-Corner

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Robert Ford,	Joyce Fruchey	Paul Johnston	Jim Kramer
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As we move toward the season of Lent we turn toward a time of introspection. Through my time in ministry I have found that introspection and prayer go hand in hand. So it seemed natural that our Lenten focus this year would be on strengthening our prayer life, both individually and corporately. Lent calls us to look at ourselves and our lives with God. We get to take time and ask ourselves if we are giving all that we have to our relationship with God. Are we growing in our relationship with God or are we stagnant, stuck in a rut or falling away? As you ponder these questions this Lent I invite

you to begin practicing a new discipline: breakthrough prayer.

Prayer can be practiced in many ways, through journaling, meditating, coloring, or walking a prayer labyrinth we can lift our prayers through movements and connect even more deeply to our Father in heaven. Throughout this Lenten season the prayer team and myself will be offering a few different ways for you to connect more deeply to God in your prayer life. Each week we will post a prayer focus on the Fayette UMC Facebook page. We will invite you focus on these prayer topics throughout each week. These prayer topics will also be posted in the bulletin each Sunday for folks who don't have a Facebook or who don't check theirs often.

We also invite you to join in the 40 day prayer challenge by reading the book "Draw the Circle" by Mark Batterson. This book offers daily devotional readings and prayer prompts. A group will be joining together on Thursday evenings beginning February 11th, at 6:30pm in the FLC to discuss the prayer challenge and learn new ways to pray. I invite you to join in this group, but if you cannot come to the group feel free to get the Draw the Circle book from amazon.com or cokesbury.com. Work on completing the daily readings and see the many ways that God breakthrough in your life. Lastly, the newly dedicated prayer room is open to all who wish to pause for small group or personal prayer after worship each Sunday. There are prayer stations as well as devotional spaces in the room that will create space for you to meet with God. May the prayer room be a place where you can find peace with God.

My friends I pray that you will join me in this prayer journey through Lent. I hope that it will be a meaningful time of discernment, discipline, and growth. May this season of prayer empower us to work towards the vision we've set for 2016 of introducing 50 new people to Jesus Christ. May it be so! -Amen.

In the grace and peace of Jesus

Pastor Andrea



Church News

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Ministry Coordinator needed...

We are currently looking for a Children's ministry coordinator to coordinate the following aspects of Children's ministry at Fayette UMC:

Sunday school for elementary aged students

Nursery Care for children during worship

Seasonal children's ministries (back to school, egg hunt, etc...)

The Children's ministry coordinator would work with Pastor Andrea and the children's ministry team to plan and coordinate opportunities for ministry with children ages 0-6th grade. If you are interested in serving in this position please contact Pastor Andrea.



COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for our community meals held monthly

3rd week of the month 5:00-6:00 P.M. at the FLC

Next community meal is Wednesday February 17.

If you would like to help with any of the monthly community meals please contact Robin Pfund.



Holy Week: March 28, 2015 - April 5, 2014

Fayette UMC Easter Egg Hunt - To be announced

March 20:
Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am

March 23 - 24:
Family Stations of the cross at the Family Life Center each night from 5:00pm-7:00pm.
Come for a sensory experience of the stations of the cross.

March 25:
Community Good Friday Service 7:00pm at Fayette United Methodist Church

March 27:
Easter Sunrise Service 8:00am at the Family Life Center with breakfast to follow
Worship 10:30am at Fayette UMC

**Fayette United Methodist Church
Financial Information**

	2015
Tithes/Offering	\$ 121,325.83
Designated Offerings	\$ 54,054.44
Interest	\$ -3,530.38
Facilities Rental	\$ 1,900.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,500.52
Total	\$181,250.41

Revenue needed per month	\$ 12,844.82
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Budget

	2015
Expenses:	\$153,220.34

**Fayette United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Meeting
January 20, 2016**

Attendance: Pastor Andrea, Jackie Blue, Ron Ely, Jim Fruchey, Jeanne Johnson, Bob Keiser, Kirk Keiser, Dale Pfund, Jenni Rychener and Sally Stuckey.

K Keiser called the meeting to order. Pastor Andrea opened with prayer followed by the staff report.

Youth Ministries: The youth will be attending a Winter Jam January 31. There are 17 youth planning on going on the mission trip to Gatlinburg, TN June 26 to July 2.

Facilities: New ceiling fans have been installed in the church sanctuary.

Worship: There will be an Ash Wednesday prayer service at the church February 10th at 7 PM. The Easter Community Worship service will be at our church on Good Friday.

Administrative: The next church newsletter will be the Feb/Mar issue.

Finance: The financial giving statements will be sent out the end of the month.

Mission & Outreach: There are four openings for volunteers to provide the community meal in 2016. Over \$1200 was raised for gifts for the two families the church supported for Christmas.

The secretary's report from the November meeting was read and approved on a motion by D. Pfund. R. Ely second motion approved. The treasurer's report was presented by K Keiser in the absence of the treasurer. The year to year comparison shows an improvement in 2015 over 2014. J. Fruchey moved to approve the report. B. Keiser second, motion approved.

Pastor's Report: A staff person for Children's Ministries is still needed. Beginning in February a Children's Sermon will be included in the morning service. Arrangements are being made for the children to take communion. Volunteers are needed to be in the nursery during the church service. The Prayer Room will be dedicated Sunday. There will be a prayer box in the room to deposit prayer requests for Pastor Andrea. A Lenten Prayer Study will begin Feb 11 in the FLC using the book, Draw a Circle. K. Ramsdell is planning a Mom to Mom mentoring group. A recovery based Sunday School group is planned for the women from Serenity Haven. A plan is being developed for visitation and for volunteers to assist with communion for shut-ins to help them feel connected to the church.

Old Business: J. Fruchey has had difficulty contacting the persons involved with the Cordy property but he will present them with a bid from the church this week. The policy for loaning out the tables and chairs from the church basement was once again discussed. The tables and chairs will be loaned to the church members only. A sign out sheet will be available near the items. The name of the person taking the items, their phone number and the dates the items were taken and will be returned will be on the sheet. The loans will be for three days only.

New Business: The Fulton County Christian Ministries have asked if we would sponsor a day at the 2016 fair as we have in the past. R. Ely moved to approve the \$250 sponsor fee for Sunday. D. Pfund second, motion approved. Pay for lay speakers filling the pulpit in the absence of the pastor discussed. R. Ely moved to raise the pay to \$100. D. Pfund second, motion approved.

B. Keiser moved to adjourn, R. Ely second. Meeting adjourned.

Jeanne Johnson, Secretary
Administrative Board