

First United Methodist Church of Dexter, Missouri

While attending church worship is essential to praise God – it shouldn't be your only contact with other believers. Christianity is best experienced as part of a small group to experience God with other believers to go deeper in your studies and relationships – all while socializing and having a good time.



Why should you join a small group?

- 1. You get noticed.** You are a part of a tighter community of friends who will notice immediately if you aren't around or aren't acting like yourself. People know your name, care about you, and are able to support you when it's needed most.
 - 2. Gives you an extended family.** Some of us live apart from our families. Others have no families at all. Being part of a small group gives you the same loyalty and support that you would receive from family. And family is priceless.
 - 3. Allows you to search and ask questions.** No one has all of the answers to questions about God, a small group gives you the ability to ask hard questions in a safe environment –and seek the answers together to grow your spiritual life.
 - 4. Provides advice and support.** Ask for prayer regarding your career, relationships, and other life decisions. When we seek out the knowledge and wisdom of others before making a difficult life choice, the final outcome is almost always better.
 - 5. Improves your communication skills and critical thinking abilities.** Critically evaluate and discuss challenging Biblical concepts such as Salvation, the Trinity, and the Second Coming. Not only can these discussions give you a better understanding of God and His love, they can also improve your ability to think about other difficult ideas at work or school.
 - 6. Improves your attitude.** When you have people that pray for you, text you periodically, and truly care about your life, it's hard not to walk around with a smile on your face. It will inevitably make your life more positive and enjoyable.
 - 7. You can become a leader.** Grow your own leadership skills, while making a positive impact on your community, by joining, and maybe even starting a small group.
- And ultimately, small groups help the church grow.** Some people feel intimidated to visit churches. Small groups give you the opportunity to invite people into a less-threatening environment. Someone who wouldn't set foot in a church may still enjoy discussing spirituality with friends.

If you're **ready to lead** a small group, please **contact the church office at (573) 624-3344**. Pastor Larry will work with you to help find the right small group material that will excite you and grow your small group into becoming more like Christ –while receiving all the benefits listed above.

We anticipate small groups starting the week of September 15.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Larry



All kids in kindergarten through the 5th grade are welcome. Contact Sandy Nolan for more information about the program which meets each Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Begins September 4

In Our Mailbox

Thank you for your recent donation of \$590 to Sharefest 2019. It will be here before we know it. I don't know about you, but it seems like this year is flying by. It is because of your donation that we can continue this wonderful project. It is great to see churches come together to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please keep Sharefest 2019 and all of the volunteers in your prayers. Again, thank you for your generous donation. Mark Snider

The Joe Weber family would like to thank Reverend Lawman, the staff and congregation of the First United Methodist church for their prayers and support at this time. The funeral service and bereavement dinner were outstanding. We appreciate everything you've done.

My family and I deeply appreciate the love and prayers that have been extended to us upon the loss of my brother, Karl Wilmath. Thanks to all of you. Marrine Grobe



**Tuesday, Sept. 10
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

In August we are collecting individually packaged toothbrushes, facial tissue, and bar soap. During September we will be collecting individually packaged toothbrushes, paper towels, and stick deodorant. Of course monetary donations are always welcome. Please consider signing up to help deliver items to the elderly and homebound citizens that we serve each month.

Pairs & Spares

You are invited to join us at Pairs & Spares. We are a group of singles and couples who meet at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Airport Café for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Call the church office if you would like more information. Our next meeting will be on September 9.

Southeast District Lay Training Event - October 12, 2019

The Southeast District will host a District Lay Training Event on Saturday, October 12, at Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church in East Prairie. Registration will be held beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the classes will start at 8:30 a.m. Your \$15 registration fee will include lunch. Courses offered are *Introduction to Lay Ministry: The Basic Course*; *Spiritual Gifts*; and *Called to Preach*. For more information, go to www.southeast.moumethodist.org.



*Are you starting
each day with God?*

Find the perfect daily devotionals to get your day started on the right foot.

Copies of “The Upper Room” and “Our Daily Bread”
are available at each entrance to the church.

Daily Devotionals available online

“The Upper Room” at www.upperroom.org/devotionals
“Our Daily Bread” at www.odt.org



ShareFest - October 5

This year we will be making 3 different kits for ShareFest. Please bring your kits to the church before October 2.

Family Food Box

3 different cans of vegetables, 3 different cans of fruit, 3 cans of chicken, 3 cans of tuna, 1 can pasta sauce, 1 pound of pasta, 3 packages of macaroni & cheese, 1 jar of peanut butter. Place in a sturdy box.

Personal Hygiene Pack

1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or larger), 1 toothbrush (in original package), 1 bath-size bar of soap, 1 bottle skin lotion (11-14 oz.), 1 bottle shampoo (11-14 oz.), 1 washcloth, 1 stick deodorant, 2 razors (disposable), 1 comb or brush, 1 hand towel. Place all items in a 2 to 2.5 gallon Ziplock bag.

Paper Products Pack

3 wrapped packages of 4 double rolls of toilet paper, 2 rolls paper towels (good quality), 2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes). Place items in a tall kitchen garbage bag.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Morning Grace, 8:15 CrossOver, 9:15 Adult SS, 9:30 Traditions, 10:30	2  LABOR DAY Church office closed.	3	4 Kingdom Kids, 3:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	5	6	7
8 Morning Grace, 8:15 Adult SS, 9:30 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30	9 Pairs & Spares, 8:30 a.m. at Airport Cafe Boy Scouts, 7	10  Bethany, 4-6 p.m.	11 Kingdom Kids, 3:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	12	13	14
15 Morning Grace, 8:15 Adult SS, 9:30 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30	16 Boy Scouts, 7	17	18 Kingdom Kids, 3:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	19	20	21
22 Morning Grace, 8:15 Adult SS, 9:30 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30	23 Cub Scouts, 5-7 WH Boy Scouts, 7	24	25 Kingdom Kids, 3:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Choir, 7:00	26	27	28
29 Morning Grace, 8:15 Adult SS, 9:30 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30	30 Boy Scouts, 7					

September Birthdays

9/1 Megan Keller
 9/2 Larry White, Alexis Lovins
 9/5 Peggy Palmer
 9/7 Virginia Lemar
 9/8 Brad Jarrell
 9/9 Donna Keller
 9/10 Jessica Freeman
 9/15 Phillip Elam
 9/18 Connie Heil
 9/23 Michael Fisher, Jane Robertson
 9/24 Ann Polsgrove, Lehman Godwin
 9/27 Tammie Byrd
 9/28 Ralph Jackson, Avery Robinson,
 Drake Robinson
 9/30 Rhys Parsons

September Anniversaries

9/1 Jerry & Vicky Jarrell
 9/8 Tim & Kathy Taylor
 9/23 Jerry & Virginia Lemar
 9/24 Ron & Drenna Acord

OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Current Prayer Requests

Family of Janice Asberry, Richard Gant, Jeff Hay, Wanda Weatherly, Lesa Holland, family of Eastyn Marie AuBuchon, David Rowe, Peggy Currie, Brian Crawford, Mike Allison, Susie Grobe, Wilma Quick, Laura Bugg, Mark Williams, Jane & Jim Duncan, family of Mike Dumey, family of A.V. Snider, Lesa Holland, Janet Sandusky, family of Hollis Montgomery, Dee Loflin, Bob Mayer, Peggy Curry

Nursing Homes

Wes Eskew, Marie Quinn, Louise Stevens, Elmer Wilson, Elsie Buttry, Bea McKillip, Maxine Daniels, Mildred Miller, Wanda Roberts, Bonnie Merritt, Kitty Kandalaft, Lois Vaughn, Barbara Sanders, Karen Tippen, Wilma Quick, Gerald Jackson, Carolyn Montgomery, Eloise Conner, Gracie Smith, Kenneth Minton, Peggy Matthews, Joy Watson, June Manlove, Donna Gregg, Bob Mayer, Pat Evans, Annabeth Miller, Joy Evans, Caryl Clippard, Barb Coons, Betty Branum, Vera Almond, Bobby Robbins, Wanda Nolan, Max Summers, Jane Robertson, Patty Williams, Bob & Yvonne Keathley, Ivan Lee, Peggy Matthews, Margie Dennis, Ron Pearson, Susan Aslin, Judith Perkins

Our Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Janice Asberry upon her death on August 9.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Reggie & Chelcy AuBuchon upon the loss of their baby. Eastyn Marie AuBuchon was stillborn on August 13. Chelcy is the daughter of Brett & Lesa Holland.

Special Giving

In memory of Martha Tucker - Gene & Janice McCane, Don & Deana Jones, Lewis Coffey.

In memory of Joe Weber - Dan Nichols, Judy Rimel, Mel & Lynda Jones, Cynthia Weber, Karen Peters, Dan & Connie Heil, Floyd Polsgrove, Marie Quinn, Tommie & Charlyn Holt, Ken & Jamie Jackson, Gene & Janice McCane, Don & Deana Jones, Loretta Reid, Lehman Godwin.

Vacation Bible School



Join us this Sunday!

Adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Seekers of Faith, a class for all adults, will meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Mark Snider will be leading the class and everyone is welcome!

Blood Drive Held on August 15

Our church sponsored a blood drive on Thursday, August 15, in Wesley Hall. Our goal was 20 units and we received 13. Thanks to everyone who turned out to donate and a big thank you to Danielle Shepherd for volunteering to work at the drive. Please consider coming out to donate at our next drive or come out to help with registration and snacks if you are unable to donate.

THANK YOU
FOR DONATING!