

THE GRAPEVINE

First United Methodist Church

December 10, 2017

Our Mission: Making Disciples of Christ
Equipped to serve God and neighbor!

Commitment Sunday Estimate of Giving Cards

The Finance Committee is hoping to conclude this part of our planning for next year, so if you have not filled out a card yet, please do so. If you have been giving electronically we also need you to renew those commitments if you wish that to carry over into 2018. Thank you!

Report on Estimate of Giving Cards

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Apportionments</u>
\$106,689	\$14,906	\$25,598 (2017)
\$120,569	\$17,115	\$29,605 (2018)

70 cards received compared to 75 last year at this time. As other cards are received we will keep you updated. This is a very good start!



BELL RINGING SOON

Soon it will be that time of year again to ring the Salvation Army Bell. Here are the dates for which our congregation is to place volunteers:

December 20 – Wednesday-3 openings

We will be ringing at Fareway & Walmart on each of these days. Please call the church office and we will put you on the schedule. At the end of the month, 70% of the money we receive goes to help those in need in Jackson County.

John Higgins and Tom Petaros will be setting up the kettles on each of these days.

Sunday School

Sunday, January 7th @ 9:25

Steve Kahler & Colleen Petaros will facilitate the adult class that meets in the Library.

Topic of study: Joshua Judges Ruth
(they will be studying from the Bible; no DVD)

Volunteers and Pickups needed

For Community Cupboard

Things are changing for the Cupboard in the New Year. The future location is still in negotiation. Gary Eggers will be retiring on December 12th along with a few of his helpers. They have some practical needs – we need to replace 3 drivers if anyone has a pickup and is willing:

--**Monday:** picking up food in town

--**Tuesday:** Dubuque to St. Stephen's food bank

--**Wednesday:** picking up food in town

We need drivers every week, but with a few new volunteers, the out of town drivers can rotate and only have to go to Dubuque once a month.

Christmas Tea



December 13th from 2-4:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

The UMW invites everyone to their Christmas Tea. Besides serving their favorite cookie, there will be other light snacks. The choice of beverage will be coffee, tea and cider. There will be a Bake Sale & Craft Sale and gently used Christmas items. Come and enjoy! ☺

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please bring hats, scarves, gloves, socks, sweatshirts/pants, and any other winter item that children could use this winter.



Coffee Hosts

December 3– 1st Service: Scott & Lurnet Spalding
 2nd Service: Carolyn Brooks
 December 10– 1st Service: **Host Needed**
 2nd Service: Mona Reichling & Barb Mayberry
 December 17–1st Service: Lou & Merwin Koch
 2nd Service: Marge Kehn
 December 24–1st Service: Sue Dadisman
 2nd Service:

December 31–1st Service: Host Needed
Coffee Hosts Needed

Sign up is located in fellowship hall

Attendance Last Week—99

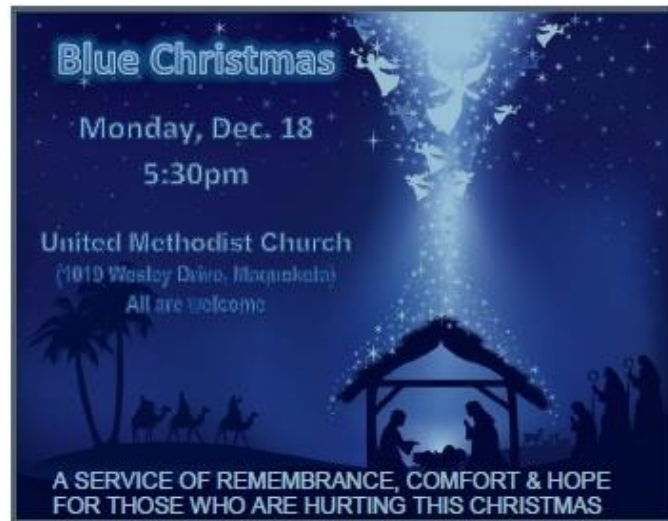
8:15 a.m.—50

10:30 a.m.—49

Youth Group Attendance—30

WOW— 20

Adult Sunday School- 9



Over the past ten years, it seems that "Blue Christmas" services have been increasing in number as part of Advent and Christmas schedules of Christian congregations in the United States.

Blue Christmas services offer comfort and hope, especially for those who have experienced significant loss or are dealing with difficult situations in their lives.

This is the 3rd time we have offered a time of worship with this theme. If you or someone you know is struggling with the holidays this year, please consider coming. There will be communion as well as symbolic ways of remembering those we miss at this time.

Happenings in the church

December 10-December 17

Sunday December 10

Radio Sponsor: Mark & Susanne McMinn; In Honor of Grandson, Trevor's Birthday

Monday December 11

11 a.m. Bible Study

1 p.m. Crafts

4 p.m. Care Team

Tuesday December 12

12 p.m. Ministerial Lunch

6 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday December 13

2-4 p.m. UMW Christmas Tea

5:30 p.m. WOW

6 p.m. Youth Group

7 p.m. Choir

Thursday December 14

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group

7 p.m. Trustees

Friday December 15

Saturday December 16

Sunday December 17

New Calendars for 2018

We have 25 new 2018 calendars for sale by our youth group. Cost is \$7.00. They will be selling them at the back table by the door. The Youth are also selling vehicle magnets for \$5.00 that say: Keep Christ in Christmas.

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 8:30-11:30 12:00-3:00

Friday: 8:30 to 12:00 (652-4420)

If you need assistance outside of these times, you may contact Pastor Jeff @ 563-249-7661

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