



# CATCH *the* SPIRIT

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## “Our Church Is Alive!”

*“As surely as my new heavens and earth will remain, so will you always be my people, with a name that will never disappear,” says the LORD.*

*Isaiah 66:22*

As we enter Lent, we enter a season of change. Spring (yes, Spring!) makes its arrival, changing the natural environment around us, while the process of Lent changes the spiritual environment within us.

Our church Leadership Board is going through its annual changes as well. We say a hearty THANK YOU to our departing members Sandy Ball, Jim Phillips, Carol Stone and Gail Strader and to our incoming members, Kay Holmes, Charles Butner, Elayne Enyard and Barbara Schwab. Sondra Hull's appointment as Chair has ended, but she has been sent right back to the Board by the UMW! Kay Holmes has answered the call to lead as Chair and we look forward to this exciting chapter in our church's life!

Our church building will be doing some changing this year, too, starting with a “Chancel Refresh” courtesy of a grant from the United Missouri Methodist Foundation. We will be installing an A.D.A. compliant access ramp to the chancel area in order to facilitate more congregational involvement in worship. This will be followed with new carpeting, paint, and some accentuations to enhance the inherent beauty and acoustics of our sanctuary.

Change is a natural part of life, and this Church is alive! Join us this Lent as we celebrate the life in us given by God so that we may have joy now and forever. Check the full Lenten schedule on page two. Our Lenten sermon series will seek to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and look to the early church in Acts as a guide to living a modern-day Apostolic Christian life and growing the Christian faith in an ever-changing world.

We look forward to seeing you and Happy Spring!

Blessings and peace!  
Pastor Jeremy



## LENTEN HOLY WEEK: March 25 through April 1

### **Palm Sunday, March 25:**

#### **9:00 am Traditional Worship & 11:00 am Praise Worship**

A service featuring the final week of Jesus' life as we prepare our hearts for the pain of His Crucifixion and the joy of His Resurrection.

### **Good Friday Worship, March 30: 7:00 pm**

A worship service of reflection to consider the work of the cross; the true sacrifice of Jesus, the Christ, for all of humanity.

### **Easter Egg Hunt, March 31: 10:00 am**

Bring your children, grandkids, and neighbors for a fun Easter Egg Hunt for children up through 5th grade. (More information on the back page.)

### **Easter Worship, April 1:**

#### **9:00 am Traditional Worship & 11:00 am Praise Worship**

Christ is Risen! The Tomb is empty! Bring your friends and family for a wonderful celebration of the Risen Savior of the World!

## Youth Ministry News!

### **Youth Dinner Theater on March 25 at 4:30 PM**

The Youth will provide a lot of fun and entertainment to make you laugh, shake your head, and maybe even cry a little! The menu will be in the Irish spirit of March with a baked potato bar and soup options! This fundraiser will raise funds for their trip to Young Christians' Weekend. Please invite your friends and family to enjoy this fun event and support the youth group! Love offering only.

### **Youth Confirmation**

Six Youth will participate in Confirmation classes that begin on April 15 led by Pastor Jeremy with Erika Braun serving as a mentor to the Youth. Topics will include what it means to be a Christian today and under the United Methodist umbrella. Please keep these Youth in prayer as they dive deeper into their relationship with Christ and make decisions about confirmation into the United Methodist denomination.

### **Young Christians' Weekend**

The Youth will be traveling to Branson April 6-8 to experience Silver Dollar City's **Young Christians' Weekend!** This is a fun filled weekend where the Youth will get to mingle with other Youth groups, experience worship with some popular Christian artists, sit in on some workshops with speakers just for them, and of course enjoy amusement rides! We currently have 7 youth signed up and will have 4 adult leaders helping out for the weekend. The Youth will be holding a fundraiser (Youth Dinner Theater on March 25) to help cover their cost for admission into the conference. Please contact Erika if you would like to sponsor one of the Youth! **We also need a few snack donations for their weekend trip by April 1:**

**Granola or Cereal Bars    Bottled Water**  
**Pop Tarts                      Juice Boxes**  
**Individual Cereal Boxes**

## CHURCH NEWS

### NEW ADDRESS FOR KAY HOLMES:

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(816) 298-0077 or Cell (816) 582-9871  
New email: bkayholmes@sbcglobal.net

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

One Spirit is excited to welcome the following new members: **Freeman & Sue Light** joined on January 21 and **Sean & Angela Day** joined on February 11.

### Baby Shower!

One Spirit friends are invited to a Baby Shower for Sean & Angela Day on **Sunday, March 4 at 1:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Sandy Butcher 816-516-1686. Their baby theme is the Lion King and they are registered at the following... [www.babylist.com/angelaandseanday](http://www.babylist.com/angelaandseanday)

### Westridge Elementary Donations

The staff at Westridge is asking for donations of store-bought, individually wrapped snack items for students during upcoming testing weeks at Westridge Elementary. (Examples: cookies, fruit snacks, lemon drops, peppermint candies, animal crackers. No peanuts please.)



Be sure to  
"Spring Forward"  
on March 11 when  
Daylight Saving  
Time begins.

**RECYCLE ... RECYCLE ... RECYCLE!!!**  
**ALUMINUM CANS**

PLEASE NOTE: We NO LONGER collect inkjet cartridges for recycling.



## Keenager's Events

The Keenager's meet on **Tuesday, March 20 and April 17 at 10:30 am** for their monthly gatherings. The March meeting will feature pianist, Nathan Bergen, followed by a potluck luncheon. The April meeting will feature the Spirit Singers from Raytown Middle School conducted by Brian Marston. Please bring a dish to share and table service. Everyone is invited to attend, make new friends and enjoy the fun!

## United Methodist Women

UMW will gather on **Thursday, March 1 at 11:00 am** and will feature a presentation by Sandy Butcher, "The Legacy and Inheritance of the UMW." Alpha-One Circle will provide the meal. In-gathering donations will be for REAP: cleaning supplies, bar soap, toilet paper, and toothpaste.

In April, UMW will meet on **Thursday, April 5 at 11:00 am**. The program will be the Legislative Training led by Georgia Phillips, Gail Strader, and Mary Jo Simmons, followed by a meal provided by Peace Circle. The In-Gathering is TBA.

The Executive Board will meet at 9:45 am before each general meeting.



## UMW Rummage Sale April 25—28

The United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale will be on **April 25-28**. Bring your items on **April 22-24**. There will be collectibles, furniture, household items, clothes, tools, toys, books and miscellaneous items. Lunch will be served daily with soups, sandwiches and pies.

**The Rummage Sale hours will be:**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	April 25	Wednesday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	April 26 & 27	Thur. & Fri.
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	April 28	Saturday

(Saturday will feature the \$1.00 Sack Sale)



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**Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 am**

Bring your kids, grandkids, and invite your neighbors to the One Spirit Easter Egg Hunt for children through 5th grade. Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket!!! **CONGREGATION: We need donations of bags of candy.** A lot of goodies are needed for what we expect to be a large group of children. **No plastic eggs are needed.**

**Save the Dates: New Discipleship Classes!**

A new series of Discipleship classes led by Pastor Jeremy will help anyone strengthen their spiritual journey. Mark your calendars now! Everyone is invited to participate in all or some of the classes.

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| <b>May 9</b>   | <b>Discipleship—Understanding the Bible</b>    |
| <b>May 23</b>  | <b>Discipleship—Prayer Life</b>                |
| <b>June 6</b>  | <b>Discipleship—Methodism &amp; Membership</b> |
| <b>June 13</b> | <b>Discipleship –Evangelism</b>                |

**Scouting News:**

Cub Scout Pack 550 held their Pinewood Derby on January 27 and they are looking forward to their annual Blue & Gold Banquet on March 3. Troop and Pack 550 want to give a big "THANK YOU" to One Spirit for their continued support of their scouting activities. Scouts participated in Scout Sunday on February 18 and served a Pancake Breakfast. They also had a lock-in and completed a service project for the church.