

CATCH *the* SPIRIT

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God Is Right Beside You

*You have searched me Lord, and you know me.
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee
from your presence.*

Psalm 139:1, 7 (NIV)

Hello One Spirit Family!

Y'all should know something about me: I love FALL! I love pumpkins, leaves changing colors, fireplaces going, cooler weather, and every fall dish that you start to cook! I just love it all! I like all the other seasons too, just not as much. As I think about this changing of the seasons, I am reminded that we all go through our own seasons. Sometimes we will be bright and sunny like summer. Other times we will be anxious and anticipating the flowers of the spring. And every now and then, we reach a season where our souls feel calm and quiet like the first overnight snow of winter.

Whatever season you are in, there is a constant presence among us all. The Lord walks beside us, comforts us, guides us, and loves us through every season we encounter. Even the seasons where we are struggling to focus on God, still God is there. Our Psalmist reminds us of this over and over, and in Psalm 139 we learn that the Lord is and has always been with us. When we were being created, when we were making good choices, when we were failing, when we were rejoicing and when we were crumbling. The Lord is always beside us.

As we come into this new season and we see the way the world changes around us, be reminded that as our own seasons come and go, the Lord is always beside us. Whatever season you find yourself in today, know that God is right beside you, waiting to offer you whatever you may need through grace. Today, go ahead and put that grace on like a warm sweater and let it hold you close!

Peace and Blessings!
Pastor Erika

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KidsFest!!

Saturday, September 18

11:00 am—1:00 pm

Food, Games & Prizes!

One Spirit UMC will host a fun KidsFest on Saturday, September 18 from 11 am—1 pm. The community will be invited to an afternoon of food, games, and prizes. The children and youth will have some fun games to play as well and our guests will have a chance to register to win some great prizes. More importantly, everyone will have a great opportunity to fellowship with our community. Please make plans to attend this event or volunteer to show our community some great One Spirit hospitality!

Next Steps: Vision Statement

This has been an exciting adventure for One Spirit as we have taken Next Steps to create a new vision statement! The Leadership Board has decided to create the new vision statement at our end-of-year retreat in November. We will then celebrate this vision statement the following Sunday, November 14th. This vision statement will point to the core reality of who we are as a church family. However, our process will not end there! The next year will be used to get further into our community and know our neighbors. Once we have gained

relationships and knowledge within the community, we will begin to make value statements that will enhance our vision statement. These two components will go together and lead us in every area of discipleship.

Leadership Board

The next Leadership Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm**. The Board will also have a **Planning Retreat on Saturday, November 6 from 9:30 am—3:30 pm**. Lunch will be provided. All board members are encouraged to attend.

Two Fun Events on Saturday, October 30th!

Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat at 4:00 pm

One Spirit UMC will once again host a fun Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat event for our neighborhood. The Drive Thru Trick or Treat event will direct cars/guests to drive through our parking lot where we will hand out pre-filled candy bags to children. We need volunteers to help hand out candy and we also need donations of bagged candy that can be handed out on Halloween. **Please donate bags of candy to the church no later than October 25.**

All Church Potluck "SPOOKTACULAR" Dinner at 5:30 pm

Everyone is invited to an ALL CHURCH POTLUCK DINNER on **Saturday, October 30 at 5:30 PM**. This fun, fellowship potluck dinner will follow our Drive Thru Trick or Treat event and the theme will be Halloween. Feel free to dress up in an appropriate costume! Please bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided.



CHURCH NEWS

Updated Address: Amy McCloud,
Independence Manor, 1600 Kings Hwy,
Room 30B, Independence, MO 64055.

Community/Civic Group Opportunities

One Spirit and Pastor Erika are continuing to look for ways to increase our community involvement, and we would like to know if you belong to any local Community and/or Civic Groups that we could reach out to for partnerships. Please call us to let us know about your favorite groups!

Adult Sunday School Classes

One Spirit UMC has two adult Sunday school classes every **Sunday morning at 9:30 am**. Pioneer class meets in Room 102, Open End class meets in Room 100.

United Methodist Women Sunday

UMW Sunday Worship will be on Sunday, October 24 at 10:30 am and Pastor Margaret Banks will provide a message of faith, hope and unity. Learn how UMW supports the well-being of women, children and youth around the world, and how their efforts impact our congregation and community.

Reminder: Donuts are available on the 1st Sunday of each month in the Higher Grounds coffee shop!

Check out our website at www.onespiritfamily.org or LIKE us on Facebook at One Spirit United Methodist Church

PLEASE RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS!
The proceeds help to pay for winter snow removal and summer lawn care.



United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women will meet on **Thursday, September 2 and October 7 at 1:00 pm**. The September meeting will feature a book review/discussion of "Dreamers" by Eileen Truax. This is for the Mai Gray requirement. The In-Gathering will be non-perishable food items and paper goods for REAP (Raytown Emergency Assistance Program.) The October meeting presentation will be "The Dignity of Work" and the In-Gathering will be monetary donations for NewHouse. UMW invites all women of the church to the UMW meetings and events that are planned for the Fall.

Volunteer Bakers Needed for the Bakers-For-Hire!

The Baker's for Hire event was such a big success last spring, that we decided to do it again for the Thanksgiving holiday. We plan to offer pies, cookies, cakes, breads, rolls, and much more! If you would like to sign up as one of our bakers, call Georgia Phillips (816) 353-1418 or the church office. (816) 353-0890.

Annual Charge Conference

Saturday, October 9, 2021

9:00 am—11:00 am

St. James UMC

5540 Wayne Ave., KCMO 64110

All church officers and members are invited to this annual meeting led by our District Superintendent, Rev. David Gilmore. The purpose of the charge conference is to receive the church ministry reports and adopt the objectives and goals as recommended by the leadership board.





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Upcoming Sermon Series!

It's easy to get excited about some of the fun events that we have planned for the church this fall, but what about the important sermon topics? Pastor Erika has been working hard on sermon ideas through the rest of the year. Here is just a glimpse at some of the upcoming sermon series that are planned for September through December.

September 12-26: Campfire Stories: We will gather around the "campfire" with Jesus to hear some of the parables that teach us how to live.

October 3-17: Change for Change: Our annual Stewardship Campaign will help us consider how God is calling us faithfully into the future.

November 28-December 26: An Old Fashioned Christmas: One Spirit will explore a Christmas celebration like the Good Ol' Days as we celebrate what was, what is, and what will be.



Change Jar Donations

Empty the change in your pockets and purse into the Change Jar in the sanctuary every Sunday! The September funds will go towards Teacher Appreciation at Westridge Elementary as our Caring for Kids partnership continue to support the school staff and students.

October—Snow removal budget
Nov/Dec—funds for adopting families during the holidays.