

The Grapevine

February 10, 2019

A Note from Pastor Susan

Dear Ones,

This Sunday is Scouting Sunday here at La Plata Church! I am hoping for participation from several scouting groups and our own kids will be gifting us with some great music as well. It is going to be a wonderful worship experience. Lots of praise and the energy of young people. Our church is blessed to have so many children and youth in our midst. Over a hundred children attend the Sunday School classes in between our worship services every week and, of course, we have the awesome "Blessed Lambs Preschool" as one of our primary ministries.



Of all the blessings we receive from some of the younger of our family, I hope one we never take for granted is that of learning from them. Their energy. Their faith. Their sense of wonder. The freshness with which they live life! Jesus said not to hinder them but that, in fact, we must become like a little child to enter into God's Kingdom. I'm a firm believer that I have to grow older, but I never have to grow up! I hope I never give up my "child-like" faith and trust in my Savior Jesus! How about you?

His... and Yours,
Pastor Susan

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Scouting Sunday is February 10 - **NEW**



Calling all scouts in our church, whether you are a part of one of the troops or packs that meets here, or whether you are part of another scouting branch sponsored by another organization, we invite all our scouts (Boy Scouts, Cubs, and Girl Scouts of every level) to wear their uniforms and come to the 11:00 service on Sunday, February 10. We will have special elements in the service and a chance for all previous scouts to be recognized. Set this on your calendar and speak to your scout leaders about participating with us.

Drop N Date, February 15- **NEW**

The youth will be hosting a Drop N Date on Friday, February 15 from 4 - 8 pm. This is a time of babysitting so that parents can go out. Parents need to register their children (forms will be on the window of the Sunday School office) and provide a bag dinner. Youth, and adults, will supervise children who will be grouped by age. The cost is a donation to the youth ministry. Polly Boggs organizes this event and can answer any questions.



Sunday School and Gathering for Young Adults- **NEW**



Join us Sunday February 24 at 5:30 at the La Plata Panera to talk, share ideas and help us understand your needs. La Plata UMC is trying to expand our support of college students, young families and new professionals. Needs vary and all ideas are welcomed, but your input is needed! The Sunday School class that meets in the parlor each Sunday at 9:45 AM is also geared toward this group. Corrie Roberts is overseeing these efforts, please talk with her about

any ideas or questions.

WE ARE A VITAL CONGREGATION

Worship Attendance

Feb. 3 297

This Past Week

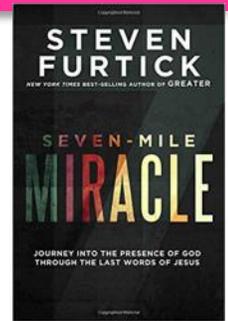
8:30 111
 11:00 164
 Facebook Views 135
 Others 22
 Feb. 3 297

Church Income

Feb. 3 \$ 9,974
 Need/wk. \$ 12,911

Wednesday Morning Bible Study- NEW

The next Wednesday Morning Bible Study will be "Seven Mile Miracle" by Steven Furtick, starting March 6. This study explores the last words of Christ from Holy Land locations such as: Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane and Golgotha. If you would like to join us for the study that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 AM, please let Corrie Roberts know by Feb. 6 so she can order your materials.



Summer Camp at Manidokan and West River - Plan Now!



It may be cold outside, but you can begin registering for summer camp!! There are summer camps offered through the Baltimore Washington Conference where our children and youth have Christian fellowship, develop deeper relationships with God and enjoy great outdoor activities! Manidokan is near Harpers Ferry WVA and West River is south of Annapolis. Both offer week long camps for children and youth entering grades 2nd - 12th next fall. The cost for the week is about \$485. La Plata UMC offers campership money for any of our children or youth who want to attend! Please contact Corrie Roberts for information about how our church can support your campers.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - NEW

by Karen Hamner



Do you Knit or Crochet? Come join our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer Shawls have a profound effect on those who receive them as well as those who create them. We plan to meet once a month, and our next meeting is on March 5 at 5:30 in the church parlor. We already have a special request from the Pastor for Prayer Shawls. If you are interested, but would like more information, or would be interested in the pattern (crochet and knit) for our special project, please call Karen in the church office at 301-934-2288.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES AND PRAISES:

Souper Bowl of Caring Thank you!- NEW

Last Sunday our youth participated in the national Souper Bowl of Caring. This annual event encourages youth ministries to take a collection for an agency that helps feed or support those in need. This year our youth decided to give all donations to Lifestyles. Donations were collected after both services and \$585.61 was delivered to Lifestyles. Thank you for your generous donations to support a local agency that does many things within our community.



Egg Cartons



FOOD PANTRY, ONCE AGAIN, IS IN NEED OF EMPTY DOZEN EGG CARTONS. A local farm is donating eggs to our food pantry, so please bring in your empty dozen egg cartons. You may place them in the food pantry box in the front entrance.

FINDING OUR WAY FORWARD- NEW

On February 23-26 in St Louis, MO, the Methodist denomination will convene a session of General Conference to discuss and decisions regarding a way forward in ministry with and for the LGBTQ community. As so often is the case, sides have been chosen and unfortunately persons and words on both sides of this



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Our Sunday Schedule at La Plata UMC
 8:30-Café Worship
 11:00-Traditional Worship

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

issue have been hurtful to others. I believe that prayer is the most powerful of tools that Jesus gave us and at this point, prayer is the best way to intervene into the heart of all involved in our denominations' scheduled meeting. To that end, The Prayer Partners have organized a Prayer Vigil during the duration of the meeting. Sign-up sheets will be coming around and a large scale representation of the available prayer times will be on the wall in the common area. I hope that you will agree to take ONE OR MORE prayer slots and pray for our denomination. You do not have to come to the church to pray. You may pray wherever you are. All we ask is that you take the task of prayer seriously. God is ready to give us God's full attention when we pray. Let us pray faithfully to the Lord who knows all...and yet still wants to know from us what is in our heart.

Our People:

Prayer Requests:

Edward Lee is home under hospice care.

Carl Greene will have total knee replacement surgery on Feb. 11.

Julie Bowie, a friend of Sandy & Jeanette Tull had surgery on Tuesday to remove fluid from her brain.

Cody Anderson is recovering from an appendectomy.



UPCOMING SAFE NIGHTS:

Safe Nights Schedule: Feb 17-24 2019- NEW

by Kim Williams

February is here and Safe Nights once again approaches. If you see somewhere you can help fill in the volunteer gaps (or any changes), please contact me kim.williams19721@gmail.com or cell phone 703-615-1580. We need **TWO** more volunteers for overnight hosts (Mon and Sat). There is also a need for a few volunteers to help prep and serve breakfast on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday mornings between 5-7 AM. Meals are already planned, and you can still be on your way to work early. If you're willing to stay later and help wipe down bathrooms, that would also be appreciated! Laundry pick-up (Fri, Sat, or Sun) is also a convenient way to help out from the comfort of your home. Usually a bag or two of sheets and towels. Thank you!

Overnight Hosts:

17 Sun: Carol and Jon Sorenson

18 Mon:

19 Tues: Pastor Susan Boehl

20 Wed: Mary Ann and Frank Wade

21 Thurs: Buddy Bowling

22 Fri: Lynn Elmwood

23 Sat:

Laundry Pick up:

18 Mon: Pat Day

19 Tues: Chris Rogers and Mary Cruz

20 Wed: Sarah Carlson

21 Thurs: Cheryl Smith

22 Fri:

23 Sat:

Bathrooms/Shower Clean-up: All week days needed

Breakfasts: Louise Stine

18 Mon: Toaster pancakes w/syrup, sausage

Servers: Carol and John Sorenson

19 Tues: Sausage Egg Biscuits, Hash browns (Patti & George Hedrick)

Servers: _____

20 Wed: Biscuits and Gravy, boiled eggs, apple sauce, sausage patties



Thursday, February 7

Cindy Olmsted

Friday, February 8

Michael Pinto

Jennifer Compton

Kyle Keesee-18

Russ & Judy Melvin

Saturday, February 9

Alyssa Wheeler

Alyssa Buckler-17

Sunday, February 10

Betty Ann Risley

Katrina Gessner

Karen Fowler

Moira Marsh-10

Monday, February 11

Tuesday, February 12

Ellen Bowie

John Arcadipane

Wednesday, February 13

Patty Bowling

Neil Johnson

Joe Summers

Thursday, February 14

Christopher McCormick

Neil & Norma

Johnson

Eugene & Melissa

Bradford-31

Friday, February 15

Deanie Fairfax

Norma Hancock

Doug Sayers

Emily Musterer-6

Saturday, February 16

Chris Rogers

Sunday, February 17

Tom Grace

Sherry McCahill

Paul Badgley

Servers: Ellen Lewis, Sylvia Mudd, Debbie Bowling, Pastor Susan
 21 Thurs: Pork Sausage Gravy, scrambled eggs, biscuits, fried apples
 Servers: Chick Richardson, Cheryl and Art Smith, ----Frank and Mary Ann Wade
 22 Friday: Breakfast Burritos and fixings - Cheryl Smith
 Servers: _____, Louise Stine, ----Buddy Bowling,
 23 Sat: Cream chipped Beef and biscuit, fresh fruit
 Servers: Louise Stine, Mary Vance, Diana Shelton, Lynn Elmwood
 24 Sun: Scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, pancakes, fruit
 Servers: Rita and Bill Riley and team

Lunches:
 18 Mon: LPUMC Youth Group
 19 Tues
 20 Wed: Sylvia Mudd
 21 Thurs
 22 Friday St. Ignatius Youth Group
 23 Sat

Dinner: Kim Williams
 17 Sun: La Plata Lion's Club (Fried chicken)
 18 Mon: St Mary's of Newport Catholic Church
 19 Tues: La Plata United Methodist Men (hamburgers and fries)
 20 Wed: Ladies of Charity Holy Ghost Catholic Church (Chicken & Stuffing, Kale)
 21 Thurs: St. Ignatius Catholic Church (Soups and hot sandwiches)
 22 Friday: Pulled Pork/Roast Beef Sandwiches , Slaw, Corn Bake
 Boggs Family, Amanda & Derek Johnson, Debbie King
 23 Sat: The Church at St. Charles, Waldorf



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**What if we began to treat our Bibles
 the way we treat our cell phones?**

What if we...

- ...carried it with us everywhere?
- ...turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- ...checked it for messages throughout the day?
- ...used it in case of an emergency?
- ...spent an hour or more using it each day?

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