

**We envision a faith community  
that passionately follows Jesus by being  
spiritually centered and outwardly focused**



It's often called *The Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition* – and represents a declaration of love and loyalty to the God whose nature and name is LOVE. Dating back to the Church's explosive growth two centuries ago, it is often prayed by congregations early in the new year as well as during the final worship service of Annual Conference sessions prayed by laity and clergy together, its intention is to realign our life and mission with the life and mission of God. It's a powerful way to help all of us as Christ-followers remember who and whose we are.

At Annual Conference, the bishop often recites the bidding that precedes the prayer itself, which traditionally includes such phrasing as “*Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult. Some bring honor, others bring reproach. Some are suitable to our inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.*”

As you read these words, I hope they'll meet you in a prayerful space and that you might hold them near to you as we embark together as the people of College UMC. Let us pray:

***The Wesley Covenant Prayer***

I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you, or brought low for you;  
let me be full,  
let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.

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**Traditional Worship** Sundays at 10:30 am. The choir sings (August thru May) and the congregation joins in traditional hymns.

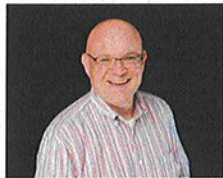
**Contemporary Worship** is at 9 am on Sunday mornings. The praise band features keyboard, drums, guitars and singers.

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[churchoffice@collegemethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@collegemethodist.org)

**Pastor—Eric Moore**

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**Youth & Children's Minister—**  
Dawn Martin



**Organist—Audrey Duff**



**Choir Director—Debbie Current**



**Admin. Asst.—Shanna Vaughn**



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2019 brought so much spiritual growth to so many in our congregation. We celebrated saints of our church gone on to eternity and welcomed new friends into our community of faith. We discerned a new vision and have created action teams that lead us in particular ways to become more spiritually centered and outwardly focused, which included intentional outreach events and the launch of small groups this fall. We increased our worship attendance throughout the summer and especially into the fall, often topping 150 in worship on a typical Sunday – an extraordinary blessing of God and an indicator that the Holy Spirit is at work in and through us at College UMC. And had an extraordinary response to our financial campaign, as shared to me by our Financial Secretary Sharon Ruble. To say nothing of growth in children's and youth ministries and extraordinarily dedicated musicians deeply committed to nurturing passionate worship in both our Contemporary and Traditional services. And our church continues to amaze and inspire with its deep commitment to mission locally, across Missouri, and in our world.

May the Covenant Prayer inspire us all as we celebrate that our glorious and blessed God is ours – and we are His. We belong to God and one another. So be it.

In faith, hope, and joy,  
*Pastor Eric*

### Administrative Council

Administrative Council will be meeting on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will last approximately one hour and soup and sandwiches will be served.





Luella Johnson will be turning 95 on January 18th!!

We would like her church family to shower her with birthday cards.

Please mail cards to:

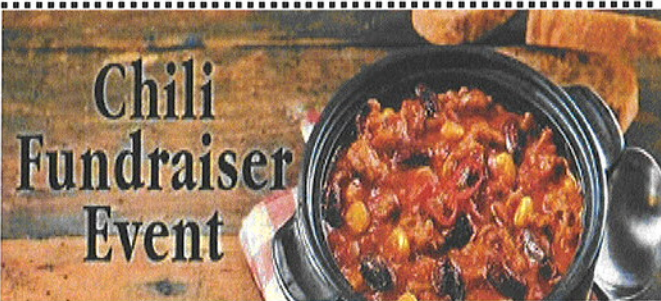
Luella Johnson  
110 Meyer Street  
Mexico, Mo. 65265

### General Operating Cash Contributions December

December 1:	\$ 6,759.00
December 8:	\$ 13,012.00
December 15:	\$ 6,852.00
December 22:	\$ 8,526.00
December 24	\$ 502.00
December 29	\$ 4,562.00
December 31	\$ 1,000.00

Total: \$41,213.00

*Over the course of an entire year, we need an average of \$5000 per week to meet the Operational Budget needs*



Sunday, January 12th the Susanna Circle will be having a fundraiser chili and soup lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us after the second worship service. Cost per person is free will donation.

Dear CUMC Friends,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift you gave me. I am touched and humbled by your thoughtful gesture. It is a blessing to be part of such a wonderful congregation and I am so grateful for your continued support of our musical ministry.

It is my prayer that 2020 will be a year filled with joy and peace for each and every one of you.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Current

*Every year, Carol Reustle diligently works to send Christmas greetings on our behalf to residents of Veterans Homes throughout the Midwest. During worship in December, we as a congregation prayerfully blessed more than a half-dozen boxes of Christmas cards to be shipped to veterans on behalf of College UMC. My heartfelt thanks to Carol and to all who support her in this ministry on behalf of our church. Below is a portion of a thank you note I received right after Christmas from the Cape Girardeau Veterans Home.* -Pastor Eric

"Thank you so much for sharing the joys of the Christmas season with our 150 resident Veterans. The Christmas cards delivered were enjoyed by all our Veterans and appreciated by their families. The time and care that you all took to put them together is evidence of your caring and concern. Your efforts went a long way toward making the season bright for our Veterans, while reminding them that their service to our country has not been forgotten."

*From time to time, we are blessed to hear from our prison pen pals with news of the ways the cards our congregation signs and sends to offenders touch their hearts and continue to inspire their own spiritual growth. Below is a sampling of a few cards. If you are interested in becoming a prison pen pal, please let Elaine Auch or Pastor Eric know and we will gladly connect you with one.*

"I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. Y'all and "Rose" [his prison pen pal] have helped me start finding my way back to God. Your friend, even if ya don't know me you've helped me."

-Sonny

"Thank you so much for the Christmas card. It truly means a lot to me. I pray that the full love and blessings of our Lord overflows in all of your lives and the lives of your loved ones throughout the upcoming new year. Your brother in Christ Jesus"

-Richard

"Wow! I am star struck and amazed at how God knows exactly when and what a man needs. You and the church well of course God too have brought me a Christmas if that is worded right? Having such a wonderful gift like a new church family!! I have prayed for God to send me someone from his church. Not only did he answer my prayer but he packed in a large portion of the church to bring me great joy. I am at awe that you guys can so easily give your time to lonely people such as me."

-Thomas

"Please tell all your church members that I said and hope that everyone had a great Christmas and had an awesome new year. And that I pray for all of them and growth of care and love within the church community also."

-Richard

## 2020 Church Officers

It is helpful at the beginning of the New Year to give thanks for those who are "retiring" from a particular ministry team – as well as welcoming new members of teams. Generally speaking, those persons on Trustees and Staff -Parish Relations Committee serve three-year terms. We are SO GRATEFUL for each of these faithful servants, particularly those who conclude their specific service to a ministry team.

### Trustees

*This team functions as Christian stewards of property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.*

<u>Outgoing Team Members</u>	<u>Current Team Members</u>	<u>New Team Members</u>
John Clinger	Phil Jaspering	Trent Bracht
Tony Garcia	Scott Determann	Bill Linstruth
Lois Summers	Marsha Mildred	Don Ruble
	Terry Bracht	
	Don Bradshaw	
	Mark Avery	

### Staff-Parish Relations Committee

*The Staff-Parish Relations Committee builds a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation so that the congregation makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This committee will work with the lead pastor and other staff to fulfill legal and ethical responsibilities related to staff.*

<u>Outgoing Team Members</u>	<u>Current Team Members</u>	<u>New Team Members</u>
Mike Wright	Karen Ahlquist (chair)	Mary Lynn Linstruth
Carol Wilson	Wayne Marks	Chris Raab
Ginger Schenck	Liz Erwin	Lyle Laughman
	Charlotte Bradshaw	
	Allison Conn	
	Susan Grumich	

### Church Council

*The Church Council is the team that shall provide for a comprehensive program of nurture, outreach, and witness, along with leadership training, along with the planning and administration of the congregation's organizational and temporal life, in accordance with the mission of The United Methodist Church. The team is comprised of these and other designated team leaders and other designated persons as well as church staff:*

Council Chair:	John Clinger (replaces retiring Chris Raab)
Lay Leader:	Terry Carlisle
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Karen Ahlquist
Trustee Chair:	*required by <i>Discipline</i> to be elected by team annually
Finance Chair:	Gary Auch
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Ruble
Treasurer:	Shannon Owenby & Barb Carlisle
Missions Chair:	Elaine Auch
Next Steps/ Discipleship Pathway:	Dave Current
Children & Youth; Communications:	Dawn Martin
Worship Team Chair:	Eric Moore



## MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Meals on Wheels is a very important program for our homebound senior citizens in Warren County. We deliver 70-80 meals every day and rely on volunteers to help make it successful! The Warren County Senior Center is in need of volunteers to drive for this program on Monday-Friday. You can drive daily, weekly, once a month—whatever works for your schedule!

Please call Sheryl or Missy to find out more details!

636-456-3379



## Kids Club

FREE

Thursdays after school – 5:30 p.m.

Grades K - 5

# PRAYER WARRIORS

Snacks  
Games  
Crafts  
Lots of fun

Register online at [www.collegemethodist.org/kids-club-registration/](http://www.collegemethodist.org/kids-club-registration/)



Thank you to my church family for the wonderful Christmas gift. The Visa gift card will definitely come in handy and I have already put the Winter Care Kit to good use. Thank you so much for thinking of me and may God bless each of you!  
-Shanna

# MISSIONS

- ♦ Thanks to all who graciously donated gifts for the Share a Christmas program. Over 500 children were given gifts for Christmas. Thank you!!
- ♦ The next Mission Committee meeting will be Sunday, January 26th at 11:30 am.
- ♦ Don't forget to bring in your quarters for the Loads of Love event in February.
- ♦ We will continue to collect items for the area homeless. The list of items needed is on the Mission table. Bring the items to Mission table at the back of the sanctuary. Some of the items needed are: blankets & sleeping bags, coats, gloves, scarves, can openers, hygiene items, Chapstick, matches & lighters, foods, etc..
- ♦ The next orange bag Sunday will be February 16th.

## Agape News:

Agape has out-grown their current food pantry building and recently purchased another building. It needs much work before it can be moved into. Here are some of the immediate needs:

- ♦ Help with demolition, cleaning, laying new floors, painting smaller rooms, etc.
- ♦ Painting – looking for someone with a sprayer to paint the interior of the building.
- ♦ Dirt work - looking for someone with equipment to move/reconfigure dirt in the back of the building in order to create a place where the concrete pad for the walk-in freezer needs to go.
- ♦ Concrete – need to pour a large insulated concrete pad for the walk-in freezer to sit on.
- ♦ Looking for donated labor for electrical and plumbing.

There is a large wooden bar inside the building that Agape would like to sell.  
Call the Agape Director, Michelle Bernth, 456-4645, with any questions or ideas.





# Birthdays of the Month

Martha Jaillet	
Randy Prior	2
Fred Vahle	4
Maxine Decker	6
Bruce Bishop	
Carmen Schulze	10
Cooper Cline	
Sharon Ruble	12
Ralph Conn	13
Barbara Carlisle	17
Susan Grumich	
Luella Johnson	18
Jan Coons	20
Martha Michalak	
Onieta Schulze	21
Charlie Tucker	
Blaine Bishop	23
Phil Jaspering	24
Dawn Martin	25
Karen Avery	27
Martha Redding	31



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Eric & Kari Moore	16
Michael & Nancy Wampler	22
Keith & Nancy Lane	28

## Youth Group

Wednesdays 6 pm - 7:30 p.m.  
Grades 6 - 12

## Children's Small Group

Sundays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

## Youth Small Group

Sundays 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.





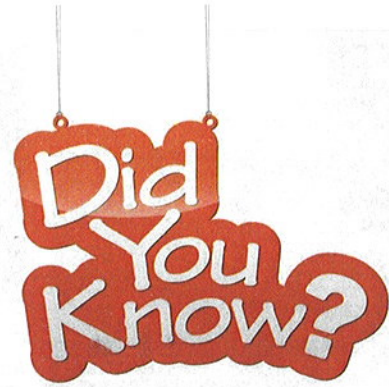
Our new small group called "Food & Fun" is meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Quarry Winery for food and drinks. Quarry Winery is located in Wentzville off of Highway Z. Please come join us!! For more information, call JoAnn at 636-448-2145.

*thank you*

Dear College UMC family,

I want to express my thanks for supporting our Staff-Parish Relations Committee's efforts that enabled the congregation to support each of our church staff members with a Christmas gift. I was personally touched by this kind gift that blessed Kari and me. I feel very blessed to be pastor to such a loving congregation so appreciative of each person on our church staff. Thank you for remembering each of us in such a thoughtful way.

Blessings,  
Pastor Eric



Did you know that if you place an order on Amazon that a portion of the sales can go to Agape? If you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), choose AGAPE Ministry of Warren County, Inc. as the charity of your choice. It's that simple. The more people that place their Amazon orders this way, the more AGAPE makes!!

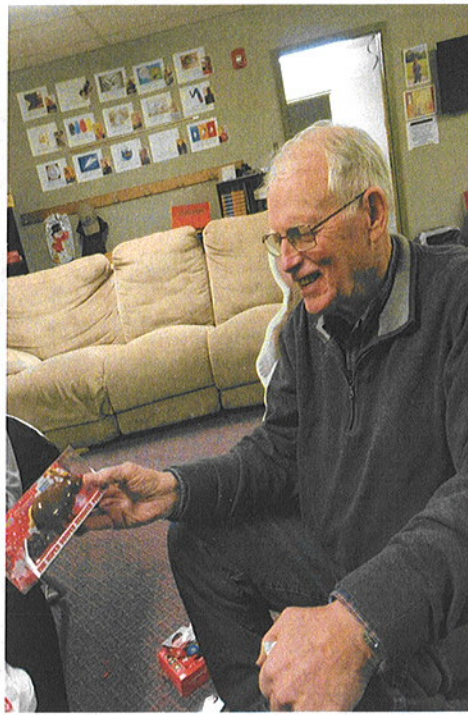


Are you an enthusiastic reader? Wondering about being part of a group? Come join our book study small group! We will be meeting and plotting our course in January. Sign up at church or give a call to the office. Give it a try!

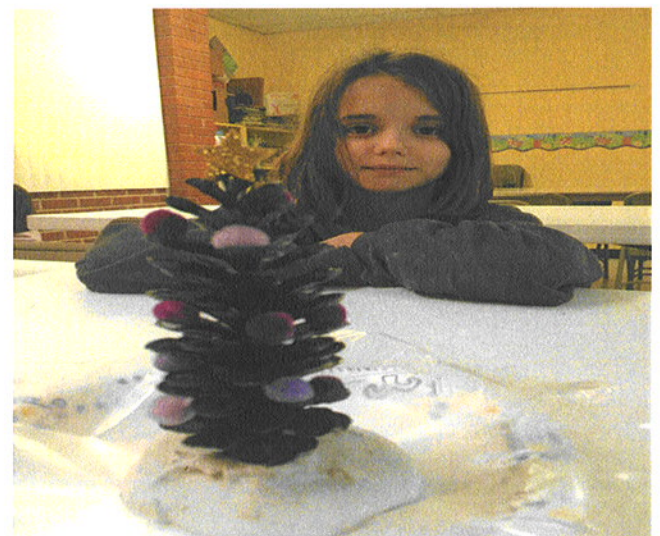
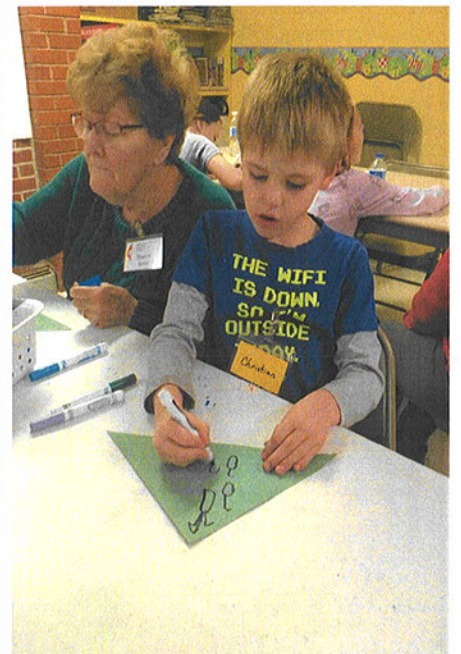
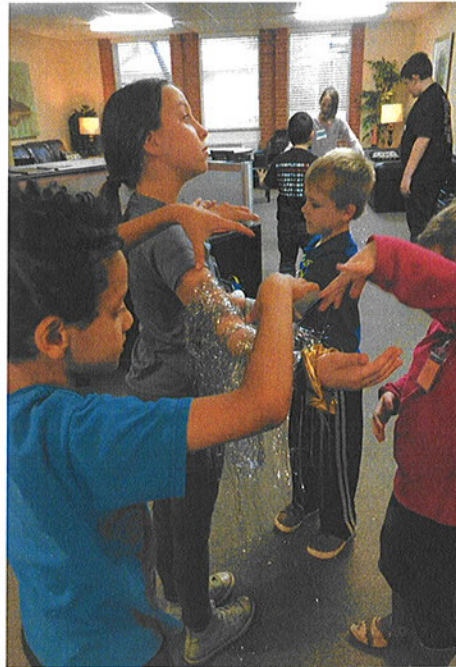
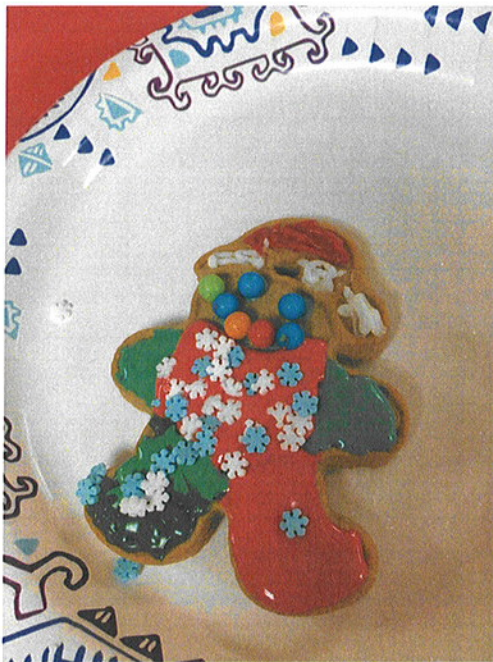


"Soup-er Bowl Sunday" is on February 2. We will be collecting cans of soup or monetary donations during the entire month of January.











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**Return Service Requested**

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**Website: [www.collegumeth.org](http://www.collegumeth.org)**

**Rev. Moore, Pastor**

**Daily Worship 9:00 am**

**Kids' Power Hour 9:00 am**

**Traditional Worship 10:30 am**

