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 Worship Time 11 AM

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*11/4- Elaine Bain
 11/11- Bruce Burstert
 11/18- Bob Endsley
 11/25- Kellums*

**NOVEMBER
 CHILDREN'S
 CHURCH LEADERS:**

*11/4- Lani & Lindsay
 11/11- Jana & Linda
 11/18- Erin & Rob
 11/25- Joy & Bonnie*

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Greetings from the Education Committee

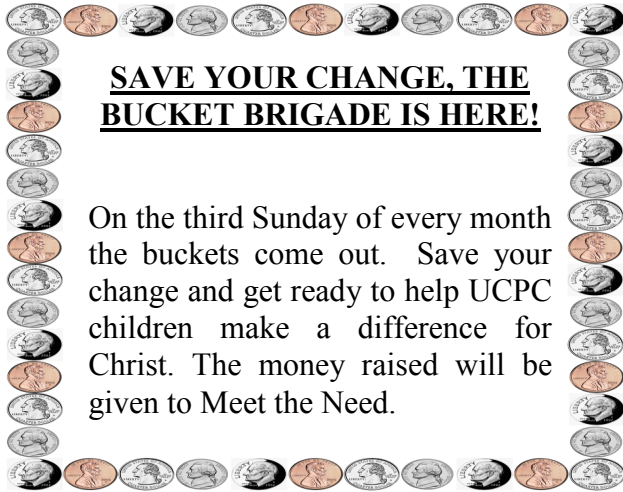
10 Reasons Why Children's Ministry Matters

The following letter is written by Dale Hudson. He has been serving in children's ministry for over 28 years. Dale Hudson is an author, speaker and ministry leader. He is the founder and director of Building Children's Ministry.

Dear Congregation:

The church is made up of many different ministries. All of them are vitally important. I want to share with you why I believe Children's Ministry is one of the most vital.

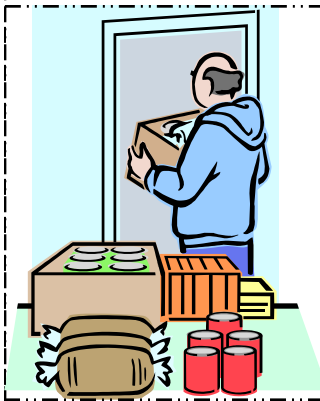
1. **Children's Ministry was a priority for Jesus.** The disciples didn't think it should be, but Jesus did. He made time to minister to children.
2. **Children are the greatest mission field.** Stats show that 85% of people who come to Christ do so before the age of 18. We must invest our time and resources where we will see the biggest harvest.
3. **Children's ministry can be a major growth engine for our church.** When you reach children, you reach parents. We can have the greatest worship and messages, but if the children are not connecting, mom and dad won't stick around for long. There's a reason people stand in line for hours waiting for their kids to see Santa.
4. **One of the best investments you can make for your church is a great children's facility.** It will pay for itself many times over by the families it brings.
5. **Children's Ministry is not childcare.** It is ministry at the most critical time in a person's life. The early years are the most formative.
6. **Staff your Children's Ministry well.** There is no "slow" time for Children's Ministry. Summer is our busiest time and we go from that right into the fall. Your Children's Ministry staff is one of your most valuable partners in ministry. Take good care of them.
7. **If your Children's Ministry space is at capacity, your church will stop growing.** It doesn't matter how much space you have in the auditorium. A full Children's Ministry space is a lid for the entire church.
8. **Student Ministry is vitally important, but don't let Children's Ministry get lost in its shadow.** Remember, students can drive themselves to church. Children are brought by their parents. If you want to reach families, reach kids.
9. **Children are not the church of tomorrow; they are the church of today.** A healthy family is made up of grandparents, parents, and children. Involve them in the life of the entire church. Give them opportunities to lead worship, greet, pray, read Scripture, serve, and more.
10. **Make the Children's Ministry budget one of your largest budget items.** God will pour out His financial blessings on a church that invests in reaching and discipline children.



SAVE YOUR CHANGE, THE BUCKET BRIGADE IS HERE!

On the third Sunday of every month the buckets come out. Save your change and get ready to help UCPC children make a difference for Christ. The money raised will be given to Meet the Need.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT HARVESTERS



Volunteers are going to Harvesters on Wednesday, November 14th to work from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. We have lots of fun and return with a sense of satisfaction. If you volunteer, wear closed toed shoes and comfortable clothing .



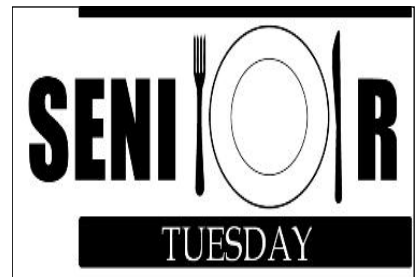
THE MEN OF THE CHURCH meet each Saturday morning for breakfast and prayer from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. It's a great way to begin the weekend. The fellowship is great, the tales wild, and the prayers helpful. If you are not now in the habit of attending why not consider doing so?

SENIOR TUESDAY PROGRAM

The Senior Tuesday program will be on Tuesday, November 20th at 11 a.m.

In addition to the program and lunch, bingo will be played in the afternoon following the lunch. Please bring a friend and join us.

Senior Tuesday is open to all Lawson area residents over 50 years of age. There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for the lunch and we always welcome donations of canned goods for Harvesters.



THE CHURCH BOARD will meet November 11th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is open to all. Questions or concerns may be directed to any of the following Board members: Jana Bailey, Teresa Herndon, Larry Lanning, Rhonda Luther, Bill Morrow, & Kristi Shewell.



Happy Birthday!

- 01 Scott Murphy
- 02 Vickie Swatt
- 10 Mr. Charles Hughes
- 10 Frank Williams
- 11 Karen Lammers
- 12 Maggie Cain
- 13 Rodney Cates
- 16 Casey Johnson
- 18 Elaine Bain
- 18 Mike Vaughn
- 20 Karen Dolt
- 22 Korie Kellam
- 26 Cindy Wright

Happy Anniversary!

- 03 Matthew & Valerie Morrow
- 28 Bob & Nancy Endsley



- Jon Bellis
- Blaise Johnson

REMEMBERING OUR SENIOR ADULTS		
The following are in area senior care facilities. Let us remember them with our prayers, cards, a note, and visits to remembering our seniors.		
Name	Birth Date	Senior Care Center
John Tipton	Sept. 17	Lawson Manor & Rehab 210 W 8th Terrace Room 201 Lawson, MO 64062

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- ⇒ November 18th : Potluck in Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ November 20th : Project Linus Meets in Lee’s Summit
- ⇒ December 1st : Hanging of the Greens
- ⇒ December 9th during Worship : Christmas Program
- ⇒ December 16th after Worship : Annual Congregational Meeting

Christmas Activities

Hanging of the Greens– Starts around 4 pm on December 1st. We will need help decorating, working with the children during their activities, and card/letter writing. There will be a potluck when everything is finished!

Christmas Program– We are still looking for kids that are willing to participate in the Christmas Program on December 9th during worship. Please see Teresa Herndon if you are interested.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER CUP IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD.

The mission for November will be a coat drive.

The coats will be given to the Salvation Army, Meet the Need, schools, or anyone else in need of a coat for the winter.
****Please drop off your donations in the Narthex.****

What happened at the October 14th Board Meeting

The Session of United Christian & Presbyterian Church held its monthly Board Meeting in the Adult classroom on October 14th, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Larry Lanning who declared a quorum was present. Meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Teresa Herndon.

Correspondence & Requests:

We had an offer from someone to repaint the Children's Sunday school room with a new mural free of charge if we provided the paint. A motion was made by Bill Morrow and seconded by Rhonda Luther to provide the paint and let them repaint that room. The motion carried.

Finance:

We are falling a little behind budget, but believe we can catch up on some of that in the next few months. We will start publishing some tithing numbers so that the congregation can keep track of where the church stands on actuals vs budget.

Worship:

The task force that was created to find a music director will start contacting people and creating ads. The Christmas program will be during service on Sunday, December 9th. Hanging of the greens will be on Saturday, December 1st. We will need 2-3 people to organize the decorations beforehand so that everyone knows what to work on. The worship committee will create a list of duties for the ushers and greeters. We will have 1 adult light the candles each Sunday until we determine another approach.

Service/Outreach:

The committee will try counting items collected so they can let everyone know how many people were helped by the mission each month. We will not be participating as a church in the Festival of Sharing this year, but it will be added to the full calendar next year so we can make sure to plan on attending. The mission for November will be a coat drive. These coats will be given to the Salvation Army, Meet the Need, the school, or anyone else in need of a coat for the winter. Project Linus meets on November 20th in Lee's Summit. The committee would also like to start a "Transportation to Church" program to help those in need get a ride to church especially in the winter months. Next meeting is November 7th.

Education:

We still need kids to help with the Christmas program on December 9th. There will also be lots of kids' activities at the hanging of the greens. Halloween Party on October 28th and Trunk or Treat on October 27th.

Fellowship:

There will be a potluck after worship on November 18th. We will also have a meal after the hanging of the greens.

Building and Grounds:

The stump in front of the church will be ground up when the weather improves. We will get some dirt to fill in the hole that was left. Larry opened an account with the custodial supply company and they will handle all supplies needed for the church. Supplies will be delivered to Morrow's Lumber. The entry ways were painted this past weekend, we will need to meet to do a little more painting. Flooring will begin to be installed in the near future.

Pastor's Report:

In November we will have Kirby from the Disciples come to talk with us about Stewardship. Cindy would like to continue to keep Lani as a coordinator for \$100 a week. She has been doing a great job making activities for children's church, making posters for activities, communicating on Facebook, and organizing the children's volunteers. A motion was made by Bill Morrow and seconded by Teresa Herndon to continue paying for this position. The motion carried. Cindy would like to have a Board retreat after the first of the year with the new board members, she will schedule this.

New Business:

Annual Congregational meeting will be held following Worship on December 16th. The proposed budget will be reviewed and new board members will be appointed.