

South Winds

Anchored to the Rock
Relevant to the Times
Reaching to the Future!

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Eric Akers, Rick Leake, Mike Harbour, Jason Bennett, Clancy Hatfield Rodney & Erin Miller, Kennetta Freholm, Matthew 5:2-3 says "And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." These words are followed by Jesus' instruction about what it takes to be truly blessed.



If you read this chapter in Matthew, you will find that the qualities that Jesus calls blessed are very different from what the world defines as blessing.

Which brings me to my struggle with the term blessed and how it is used in Christian culture today. When someone gets a big raise at work and is able to buy a nicer car or home, they say that they are blessed. When the great uncle in another state dies and leaves a big inheritance, we claim to be blessed. When we have the things that our culture tells us we need in order to be happy, we insist that we are blessed. And in the process, we assume that God is worried about our possessions or the type of car that we drive.

But when Jesus tells us what blessed in the Kingdom of God looks like, it has nothing to do with possessions. Instead, being blessed looks a lot like having a need that only God can fill and trusting in His faithfulness to fill that need. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God." When we have a longing that is so great that only the immensity of the Kingdom of God can fill it, then we can be blessed. And the blessing will then last into eternity, and not just until the rust destroys the new car or until the earthquake shakes the nicer house to its foundation.

When we equate the blessings of God with the temporary trappings of this world we are selling short what God can do and wants to do in our lives. But when we become poor in spirit, so much so that God's Kingdom can intervene with hope and peace, then we are blessed indeed. "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth," (Matthew 5:4-5). May you find real blessing in the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Keith

Honors & Memorials

Bell Tower

In Honor of Gary & Paula Pennington In Honor of Bruce & Nancy Pennington Given by Carl & Stella Pennington

Building Fund

In Honor of Skippy Simmerman Given by Greg, Julie, Lake & Chloe Williamson Given by Keith, Lori, Jonah & Annie Goll Given by Kim Miller

In Memory of Rosemary Sturgill Given by Lisa Hammond

Costa Rica Farm

In Memory of Glen Nunley Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears

New Property

In Honor of Dot Ellington on her birthday Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears In Memory of Catherine Newton Given by Jim Newton

Music Fund

In Honor of Choir and Bells Given by Barry & Lynn Cohen

Gideon's

In Memory of Sandy Misjak Given by John & Lynda Cannon

Backpack Blessings

In Memory of Sandy Misjak Given by Carl & Mary Warnock

Hospital Visitation

If you, a family member, or friend are having surgery or being admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and have prayer please contact:

The Church Office: 324-6961 & Elfi Sologic: 325-4349

Our most heartfelt sympathies are extended to:

Jerry & Joy Daniel in the loss of his sister, Betty Sidell.

Thanks!

Dear Pastor & Congregation,

Thank you for the opportunity to preach for the church on 01/01/2017. Thanks also for the honorarium that was given to me.

May God bless you in all you do

Rev. Phil Zimmerman

thanks!

South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report - December 2016

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage Fund	Totals	
Beginning Balance	\$48,834.46	\$28,918.25	\$13,126.68	\$90,879.39	
Receipts	\$34,414.75	\$17,599.38	\$5,980.00	\$57,994.13	
Disbursements	(\$38,338.16)	(\$12,214.87)	(\$4,669.47)	(\$55,222.50)	
Transfer	\$504.72	\$454.60	\$0.00	\$959.32	
Closing Balance	\$45,415.77	\$34,757.36	\$14,437.21	\$94,610.34	
Year-to-Date					
Balance 12/31/2015	\$40,995.20	\$29,812.48	\$16,319.60	\$87,127.28	
Receipts	\$446,884.52	\$63,149.36	\$57,503.50	\$567,537.38	
Disbursements	(\$447,705.58)	(\$63,923.12)	(\$55,385.89)	(\$567,014.59)	
Transfer	\$5,241.63	\$5,718.64	(\$4,000.00)	\$6,960.27	
Closing Balance	\$45,415.77	\$34,757.36	\$14,437.21	\$94,610.34	



Kroger Shoppers

Thank you for using your Kroger plus shopping card as it rewards the church (Missions) with a cash % of your total purchase. All cards must be re-enrolled annually (after August 31st) to remain eligible for the rewards program. If you need a new card visit the customer service desk at your local Kroger store. Please see Don Neikirk or Steve Meyers if you need assistance.

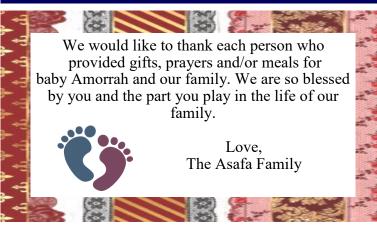
Thanks, Missions

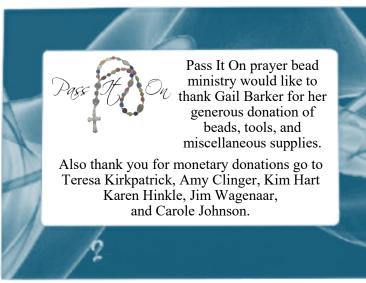
PREVIEW NIGHT FEBRUARY 19th @ 5:00 P.M.

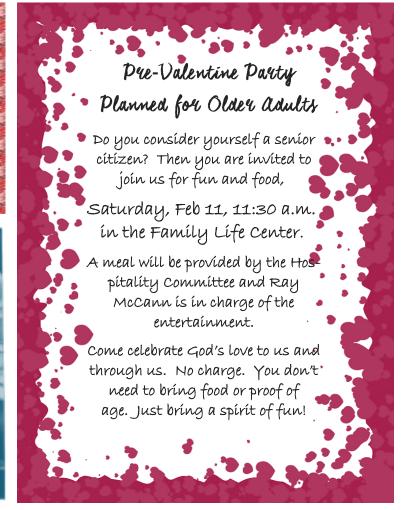
COURSE BEGINS FEBRUARY 26th @ 5:00 P.M. Give us 8 weeks and we'll give you a



Ordinary marriages become exciting! Great marriages become exceptional!









CHILDREN'S Ministry



Why do we have Acolytes?

Do you ever wonder why we have those cute children lighting candles at the beginning of service? Well, the fact is, it is a deeply symbolic part of worship, and a wonderful way for the children to enter into ministry to the church. Acolytes are taught that they are symbolically carrying the light of God's presence to the front of the sanctuary where it will glow reminding us of the Holy Spirit's flame in our midst. By this, they are further introduced to the idea of worshipful behavior and given a serious responsibility in the handling of a flame.

These children are coached in the meaning behind what they do and brought into relationship with their wonderful instructor Sue Williams. Sue takes the time to teach them well and encourage them. We thank her for her faithfulness with the children. This service to the life of the church both reassures children that they have a place with us and a recognized value to the church as a body. It is also important for the children in the pews to see that their peers are taking part, in order to encourage them to look for ways to serve their congregation.

In the next few months we will be featuring the bright and caring children that make up our Acolyte ministry. There will be a picture of the student and a short introduction to who they are. Please take the time to congratulate these featured students for their commitment and service. Do you have a young person who might benefit from participation in this wonderful ministry? If so, please contact Sue Williams through the church office for more information and to set up a training time.

Blessings and Peace, Valerie Highley

The Credo Confirmation series of retreats is scheduled to conclude March 4th and 5th. The 6th-8th grade students from several area Methodist churches have taken time to study what it is that Methodists believe and consider what their beliefs are personally. We are excited by the possibility that they may choose to be confirmed as full members of the church. Watch for the schedule and location to be released for this event very soon! Please consider whether you can donate time or services as we hold this last retreat. Thank you to all who have made this possible.





Youth Winter News

Weekly Events @ Church

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Night Youth Group 5:00pm-7:00pm

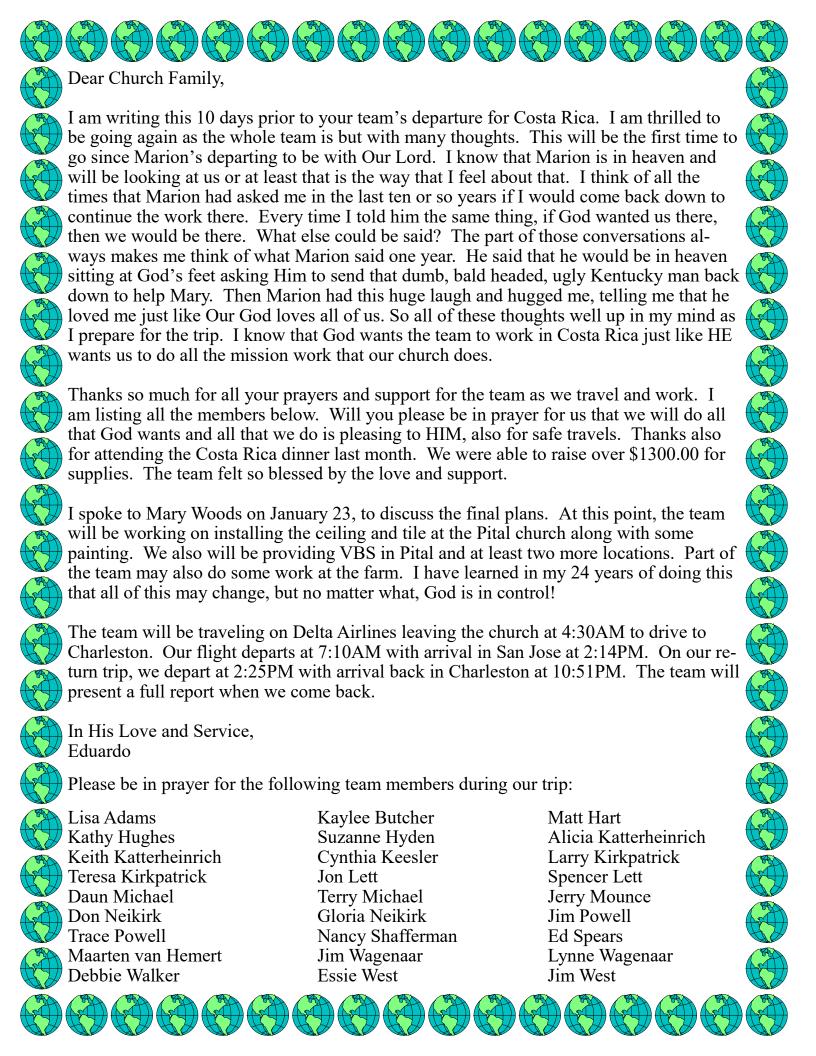
Wednesday Night Dinner/Bible Study 5:45pm-7:30pm

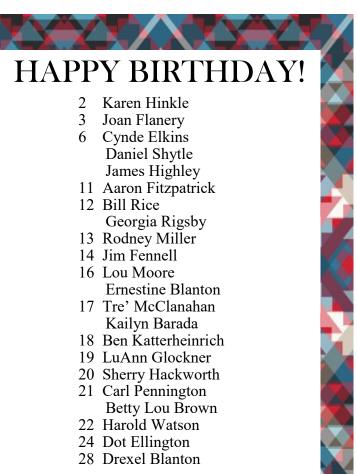
Upcoming Events

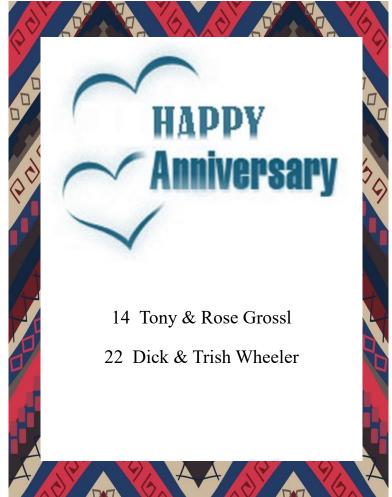
Sunday February 12th
Valentine's Day Compassion Party
5:00pm-7:00pm

Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for individuals to provide and serve meals to the youth on Sunday evenings. If you would like to see about doing this one Sunday in the upcoming months please see Damola or Kamilah Asafa.







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 Dulcimer 5:00 Joyous Sounds 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Adult Classes 6:30 Kids Choir/Puppets 6:30 Chancel Choir	2 10:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	3	4 Costa Rica Team Leaves
5 9:00 Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:15 Worship 5:00 Youth & Children	6 5:00 Girl Scouts	7 6:30 Cancer Support 7:00 Praise Team	8 5:00 Dulcimer 5:00 Joyous Sounds 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Adult Classes 6:30 Kids Choir/Puppets 6:30 Chancel Choir	9 10:00 Intercessory Prayer 1:30 Belleaires 6:30 Trustees Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	10	11 11:30 Senior Valentine's Lunch
12 9:00 Worship 10:00 Discipleship 11:15 Worship 5:00 Youth & Children 7:00 Basketball NIght Costa Rica Team Returns	13 5:00 Girl Scouts	14 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:30 Children's Council 7:00 Praise Team Lappy Lalentine's Day!	15 5:00 Dulcimer 5:00 Joyous Sounds 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Adult Classes 6:30 Kids Choir/Puppets 6:30 Chancel Choir	16 10:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	17	18 2:00 Widow/Widower's idow idower's alk
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