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"Becoming passionately outward-focused for Jesus Christ." Happy New Year!

Same start as last month! Strange, huh? Last month began the liturgical year, but this month we begin a new calendar year; 2021 can't get here soon enough. I think this past year is one that everyone wants to relegate to memory. As we begin the New Year, it is time to look forward with hope and faith for new beginnings and God's saving work in our world.

But before I get into what's coming up, I want to share a bit of good news with you. As you are aware, we designated our Advent and Christmas offerings to the work of Cross-Lines, specifically their Rent and Utility Assistance Program. By now I shouldn't be surprised, but, once again, the generosity of the Wyandotte Church family exceeded my expectations. We received a total of \$5,046 in cash contributions toward this worthy cause! Amazing! Congratulations and thank you! I can assure you that Cross-Lines will put it to good use.

Our food pantry continues to help out people in our community. Page 4 of this Newsletter includes a listing of our standard items and the other resources we provide to our visitors.

For the time being, we continue to worship online. Services are posted at 7:00 AM on Sunday mornings. Our Youth Pastor, Brandon Schmitz, is also offering a midweek devotional on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM. Current and past videos can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wyandotteumc/videos.

In January, we will begin a new sermon series called *Follow Me!* Although this season is considered "Ordinary Time," there's nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time anymore. But then it was never really "ordinary." The season of Epiphany has always been about seeing the light that is Jesus the Christ breaking forth into the world in which we live. Seeing is only the first step, however. We don't see the light of Christ the same way we see beauty in nature, like a particularly beautiful sunset. While there is beauty in the presence of Christ, it is a beauty that calls forth a response. There are many ways to respond to the presence of Christ. In this series, we focus on the invitation to follow. It is the mission of the church to make disciples, even as we are being made disciples. It is an ongoing process to follow Jesus; a transformation that continues through every stage of our lives. I hope you will be able to tune in to this series as we seek to follow Jesus together.

We will once again offer drive-through communion in the west parking lot on Sunday, January 3, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. I hope to see you there.

May God keep you safe and healthy in this New Year! Blessings,

Pastor Kim

January Sermon Schedule

Follow Me!				
January 3	Time for Light - John 1:(1-9), 10-18			
January 10	Tearing Apart the Heavens - Mark 1:4-11			
January 17	Anything Good - John 1:43-51			
January 24	Follow Me - Mark 1:14-20			
January 31	What Have You to Do with Us? - Mark 1:21-28			

~Partners In Prayer~

What is Partners in Prayer?

Some of us like to pray when people need our prayers- sickness, lost job, etc. This is also the manner by which death and service information is shared. If you would like to be a partner or have a need, please call the church office at (913) 788-5503 or Donna Lesher at (913) 287-9668 and let us know.

When someone has a need we call ALL

The weekly Sunday School class that meets in the library looks at current events and discusses how the Bible speaks to contemporary life. The lesson is still being emailed out on Thursday of each week and we gather at 10:00 on Sunday via Zoom to talk. If you would like to take part, especially during the current season, please contact Pastor Kim.

The Crusaders Class is an adult Sunday school class that meets in the room just off Fellowship Hall when we are in regular attendance. They participate in a number of different studies. During this time they stay connected by phone.

We also offer Sunday school classes for children and youth, and nursery care for the wee ones.

Come check out our Sunday school offerings when we reopen and find the class that fits you best!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Bible Study will plan to begin in March.

United Methodist Women

Fellowship Opportunities

New ladies are always welcome!

<u>Ladies Quilting Group</u>
Has been suspended until further notice

Friendship Circle
Has been suspended until further notice

MEN OF INTEGRITY

Meets at Noon on Thursday each week .

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Has been suspended until further notice



Is planning to resume again in March, 2021.

Kids will enjoy games, a video and snacks.

If you would be interested in helping with the rotation please contact Jennifer Beard



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Young @ Heart Devotional

With Youth Pastor Brandon Schmitz

Every Wednesday morning at

9:00 AM Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/wyandotteumc



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Hello Wyandotte United Methodist Church Family! This is Michele, and Pastor Kim asked me to put together some information for our community about our food pantry, so here we go...

When I came to Wyandotte United Methodist Church in September, 2019, the food pantry served the public by allowing the individual into the church, they were taken to the pantry and they chose the items for themselves from what we had available.

Since March, we have implemented a new approach to the food pantry. Individuals (wearing a mask) come to one of the doors and ring the bell. I meet them (wearing a mask) with a list of items we currently have available in the pantry. We go through the list together, and while they wait outside, I get the food together and take it out to them. The people are also offered Employment Opportunities and a list of places they are able to get other assistance, whether it's for food, diapers, clothing, clinics, medications, etc.

There is nothing the individual has been required to bring with them, as we do not exclude anyone who comes to the door in need. Since this pandemic, there are MANY finding themselves unemployed with not enough saved for such a crisis as Covid19 has proven to be.

Today is December 29, 2020 and since March, we have served 672 people!

We could NOT have done this without the devoted members in this community! Twice, Pastor Kim sent out an "emergency need for the food pantry" email and I mean THAT DAY, each time, we had food!! It was absolutely mind blowing. AND WE THANK YOU!



Items that are always in need seem to be:

Tuna
Spam
Spaghetti noodles
Canned spaghetti sauce
Vienna sausages
Ready to serve soup
Hot and cold cereal
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Chili

Peanut butter, creamy and crunchy
Macaroni and cheese
Ramen noodles



Come unwind in the middle of a hectic week. Come enjoy a time of coloring and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere.

This group is suspended until further notice. Please keep coloring at home and post your finished work on Facebook.

All are welcome and need not be a member of the church to join.

Joann Peak is working with Cancer Action at Grinter Chapel. They make bed pads for cancer patients. They are in need of used sheets, any color, any size. Please bring your clean sheets to the WUMC Fellowship Hall to ensure pick-up. Thank You for your support!

Preaching Schedule				
January 3	Rev. Kim Dominic			
January 10	Rev. Kim Dominic			
January 17	Rev. Kim Dominic			
January 24	Rev. Kim Dominic			
January 31	Rev. Kim Dominic			

We are looking for helpers in the nursery for the 11:00 Service when we resume. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office.

Even though the building is currently closed, the work of the church continues. Please remember to mail in your tithes and offerings.



Worship with us ONLINE at www.wyandotteumc.com or www.Facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos

FOOD PANTY NEEDS:

Chili
Fruit
Cereal/ hot and cold
Ready to eat soup
Canned Spaghetti sauce/Noodles
Vienna Sausages
Spam
Ramen Noodles

Food Pantry is open 9am-Noon Tuesday-Friday

Please Note:

ALL those who participate in meetings or gatherings at the church are required to wear a mask and only 2 people per table in the fellowship hall, please.

Thank You

If you have an address update or correction, please let the office know by calling the office at:

913-788-5503 or emailing admin@wyandotteumc.com

NEWSLETTER

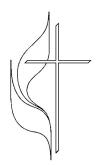
Newsletters are sent by e-mail.

If you prefer a printed copy, please call or email the office and one will be sent to you.

Deadline for articles for the February Newsletter will be Friday, January 15, 2021. (please send by email to admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

NOTE

Mailing of the February Newsletter will be Wednesday, January 27, 2021.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE

1/11- Lou Braswell

Please save your Best Choice labels and Box Tops for Education for UMW.

Labels go in the box on the shelf above the coat rack in Fellowship Hall or can be given to a UMW member.

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Would you like to see your name on the front of The Wyandotte Visitor? Sponsor the newsletter for \$40 and you will be recognized as the sponsor of the month! Call the church for details.

Help Raise Funds for Church Maintenance Project

Maintaining the church building can be costly. Here's how you can help:
Trustees sell gift cards to raise funds. A listing of the cards available for purchase is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

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Pastor Kim and myself, Michele, say THANK YOU for the goodies and cards!!

We are blessed!!!

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January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/2- Lacie Huebner

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1/3- David Goldblatt	1/18- Dean Smith
1/4- Kathleen Isabell	1/22- Sheryl Williams
1/6- Steve Dominic	1/23- Carol Polo
1/6- Aaron Dominic	1/25- Jim Eaton
1/7- Becky Lasley	1/25- Woodyne Mann
1/8- Nellie Lucas	1/27- Don Bradbury
1/9- Lori Sturm	1/29- Lois Higgins
1/10- Pat Randolph	1/30- Cletis Swender

If your birthday or anniversary is not shown on the listing that is printed each month, please call the church office so it can be added to our list.

Margo Gardner has moved! Her new address is 4574 N. 144th Terrace, Basehor, KS 66007. HOW-EVER, she still receives her mail at PO Box 513, Basehor, KS 66007