



*I* We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

The Apostle John writes giving testimony to his experiences in Jesus that prompts him to invite others into fellowship with the disciples, Jesus Christ and the Father. Uniting in this fellowship is what completes our joy.

It's hard to believe that a month has come and gone in 2012.

Vickie and I have experienced great joy in our uniting in the fellowship we are experiencing in McGregor and at FUMC. You are a blessing to know and grow with in the knowledge, love and service of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a start!

Very soon I will begin making visits to each of you, preferably in your homes, in order for us to get better acquainted. Geneva and I will set up a schedule for these visits and invite you to help us set the appointments. During our visit, I will ask you these questions:

What do you love about McGregor?

When do you see McGregor at its best?

What is your hope for McGregor in the next five years?

How long have you come to FUMC McGregor?

When is FUMC McGregor at its best?


What impact on McGregor would you like to see FUMC making in the next couple of years?

As we share our personal stories, hopes and dreams, my prayer is that our fellowship will become filled with even more joy. I also hope that we will discover common experiences in Jesus that will guide us in inviting others into our fellowship that unites us with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Joe*

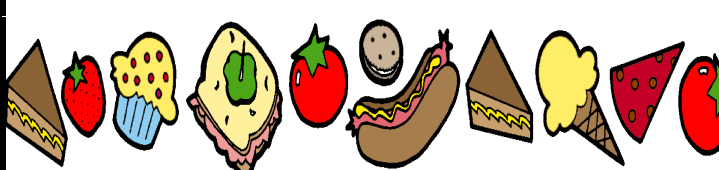
*1The Holy Bible : New Revised Standard Version. 1989 (1 John 1:1-4). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers*

## Youth Super Bowl



Party

Youth and children Super Bowl Party in the Fellowship Hall Beginning at 5:00 pm



A cartoon illustration of a football player in a green and yellow uniform, running while holding a large bowl of chili. Above the player is a banner that says "Party". Below the player is a row of various food items including a slice of pizza, a strawberry, a cupcake, a sandwich, a tomato, a hot dog, a slice of pie, an ice cream cone, a slice of watermelon, and another strawberry.



February 19  
"Courageous"

Doors open at 5:30  
Show starts at 6:00

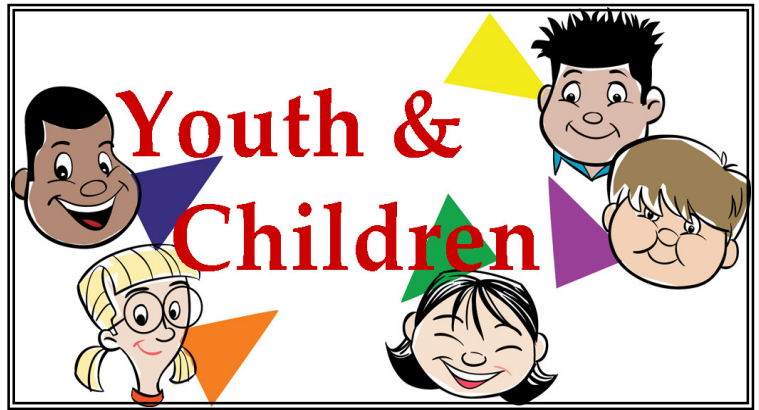
Admission is FREE!

Treats to share are always  
welcomed!

I have not seen the movie. Please use your own personal diligence to research the film and judge whether it is appropriate for members of your own family.

I would like to encourage a short round-table discussion following the film for any questions and insights on this film's theology or content. I think we are missing a wonderful chance of growing our relationship with God by not letting these 'shared' movie experiences spring-board us into an open and honest discussion.

Vera



Calling all children ages 5—11 years  
Don't miss out on what God wants YOU to know about him and His Son, Jesus. God knows what we're thinking, doing and saying. There is no where that we can hide from Him. So, come to Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. and learn the plans He has for YOU!!!!

**Mr. Charlie's Methodist Men meet Sat., Feb. 4, at 8 a.m. for breakfast and devotional. Come and be filled with food, fellowship and fun!!!!**



**Choir Practice  
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.**

The choir is always looking for people who know how to breathe and who can occasionally "give it a rest."

Singing for the Lord is a ministry that may be just right for you.

**Spirit Bells  
practice every Tuesday  
evening at 7 PM.**

You are welcome to come and observe or try-out if you are interested in becoming a ringer.



# United Methodist Women

The FUMC UMW met on Jan. 10, 2011 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall for the first group meeting . Pastor Joe opened the meeting with a prayer.

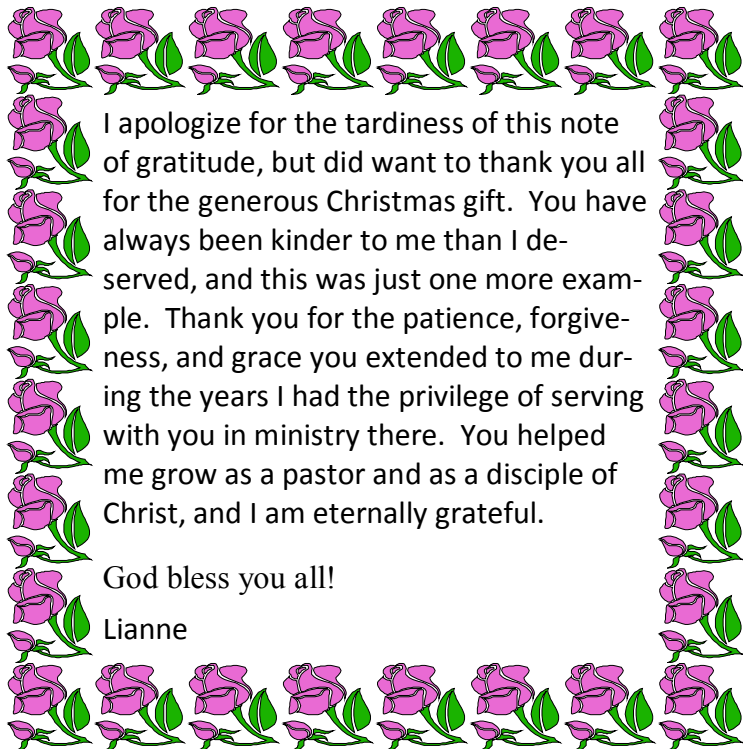
After refreshments, outgoing President Dot Williams was recognized for her service. The new President, Mary Whitley, presided over the meeting. The Prayer Calendar was read by Geneva Vaughan. The officers for 2012 are: Mary Whitley-President, Betty Seawright-Secretary, Donna Ritchmond-Treasurer, Mary Whitley-Program Resources, Carolyn Wallace-Spiritual Growth/ Education & Interpretation, Lavonne Westbrook-Social Action/ Membership Nurture & Outreach, and Nominations Chairman. Circle Leaders are Gretta Fisk-Lee Etta Garrett Circle and Geneva Vaughan-Blanche Turner Circle. In a discussion session an upcoming event was mentioned: FUMC/Woodway is hosting "Sing a Rainbow" on Sat., Feb. 18th. Carolyn Wallace and Gretta Fisk reported that it was very special and wanted to encourage everyone to attend, so mark your calendars. See one of these ladies for more details.

In other business March 2 was mentioned as a possible date for the World Day of Prayer and March 6 for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Mary Whitley

The Lee Etta Garrett Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 9 AM at the Coffee Shop. Mary Warrington will be the hostess and Johnnye Scott will have the program.

The Blanche Turner will meet at 7 PM on Monday, February 20. Reminders go out to members by email. Our circle and the UMW unit, as a whole, are glad to welcome Vickie Chamness as a new member.



I apologize for the tardiness of this note of gratitude, but did want to thank you all for the generous Christmas gift. You have always been kinder to me than I deserved, and this was just one more example. Thank you for the patience, forgiveness, and grace you extended to me during the years I had the privilege of serving with you in ministry there. You helped me grow as a pastor and as a disciple of Christ, and I am eternally grateful.

God bless you all!

Lianne



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Patrick Grady	2/2	Jean Clark	2/16
Ashlea Lane	2/2	Bonnie Belanger	2/18
Beth Keith	2/3	Tom Kirk	2/18
Charles Mooney	2/8	Meghan Mullens	2/20
Trella Hughes	2/10	Samuel Pegues	2/23
Sandra Griffin	2/11	Mike Tippie	2/23
Jeanette Bitzkie	2/14	Cameron Tippie	2/25
Dale Evers	2/15	Jimmy Mullens	2/27
Jane Hayes	2/15	Christine Thompson	2/28



Barry & Vera Thornton	2/4
Richard & Carolyn Skipper	2/8
Ron & Geneva Vaughan	2/9
Jack & Betty Seawright	2/13

**Church Directory:** Are you ready for a photo op? We are about to create our own church directory. We will do this "in house" and use our own favorite family photos. If you have a recent family photo you would like to submit, you can either loan us the photo to scan or you can send Geneva a digital photo via email, cd, camera card, etc. We can also take a photo of you before or after church. The sooner we collect the pictures, the sooner we help our newcomers get to know us. Let's get this going!

Ash Wednesday is February 22. Our Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:00 p.m.



Sunday  
School  
9:30 a.m.



Worship  
10:30 a.m.

In   
Our  
Prayers

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday .....8:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.  
Office will be closed on Fridays

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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WEBSITE [www.fumcmgregor.org](http://www.fumcmgregor.org)

## OUR STAFF

Pastor ..... Rev. Joe Chamness  
Church Secretary ..... Mrs. Geneva Vaughan  
Choir Director ..... Dr. Jerry Gordon  
Children's Coordinator.....Ms. Michelle Fisk-Chiles  
Youth Coordinator.....Mrs. Donna Bates  
Organist ..... Mrs. Bonnie Belanger  
Nursery Worker ..... Mrs. Robbin Yeager  
Custodian.....[Temporary](#)

## Lenten Sermon Series

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. The following Sunday, February 26, we will begin a Sermon Series called *The Final 24 Hours*. Each week we will take a closer look at the 24 hour window that includes the final events that lead to Jesus' crucifixion. Join us in worship and bring others with you as we experience again these events that changed our world.

**Please give us updates so we know how God answers our prayers!**

**Health Issues:** Tom Williams, Dennis Harbour, Dana Jones, Patsy Ainsworth, Jake Martin, Ima Walter

**Thanking God for:** Lewis Westbrook's recovery from a problem with his heart

**In the Nursing Home:** Scotty Pegues, Margaret Brinkley, Alton Chapman, Christine Thompson, Maxine Powell

**Friends & Family:** Ralph Goff, Faye Thompson, Frank Neel, Maxine Clements, Avery Pomerence, Crystal Zoch, Jim Gammel, Grayson Talbert, Debbie Ingram, Brenda Nichols, Laverne Culver, Klocker Family, Frances Kolar, Wayman Brockey, those unemployed/underemployed

**Family and friends grieving the death of: Greg Johnson.**

**Those serving in the military and their families:** including Aaron Engledinger, Michael Griffin, Walter E. Kruse, Matthew Miller, Brett Williams, Michael Krueger, Michael Henley, Jr., Fernando Salas, Graham Kruse



**Please Remember the Food Pantry!**

**Mr. Charlie's United Methodist Men will meet Saturday,**

**February 4, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**



All men are invited to attend.

We will have breakfast, devotional and open discussion period. The meeting will last approximately one hour. Please plan to attend, and ask a friend to come with you. Call me at 840-2838, if you have any questions.

**Carl**

**Trouble hearing in worship?  
We're testing a new device. Ask an usher!**

