



First United Methodist Church

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WINTER WEATHER POLICY UPDATE FROM PASTOR MIKE

Church Family,

I hope everyone is getting thawed out from the deep freeze and weather is the subject of this communication. To my knowledge, our church has no written policy stating that when Elkin City Schools are dismissed or cancelled for the day, that our church cancels everything. We DO cancel the pre-school which operates on the school schedule, but thus far the remainder is left up to the pastor's discretion. Our current policy states that we will always have our 10:55 service on Sunday. However, if the inclement weather strikes us at that time, I cannot promise that we will be able to meet. I got caught at church in Mt. Airy once because an ice storm struck during church and it was not pretty. So, please know, I am sensitive to that sort of issue. However, I do know that schools may dismiss for a number of reasons or may dismiss well ahead of a pending storm in order to have enough time to get all the students home before it strikes. Therefore, I am cautious about a blanket policy.

That said, let me also say, PLEASE use your discretion as to whether or not it is safe for you to come to any event at the church. I know many do not live right here next to the church as some of us do and I don't always know what the weather is where you live. Nevertheless, please discern if it is safe or not for you to come to an event and please do not come if there is any question about your safety. I don't even want you to risk walking to your car if you are in danger of falling.

If we have a weekday cancellation, we will make the effort to put it on our phone tree. If it is Sunday morning, assume that we will have the 10:55 service or watch WXII-12 for details, especially if the storm is in progress.

Thanks,
Pastor Mike



CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS UPDATE

Step replacements and repairs have been completed at all entrances. Handrails at the front and East Sanctuary entrances have been sandblasted, powder coated and replaced.

Concrete will be poured (weather permitting) at the following locations:

- 1.The sidewalk leading to the East entrance of the Sanctuary
- 2.The sidewalk next to the church office entrance leading to the lower level of the kitchen.
- 3.Around the storm water drain adter removal of some asphalt
- 4.The landing leading to the lower parking level of the West side.

The sound system in the Sanctuary continues to be assessed for improvements but is about 95% complete. Upgrades include repairs and/or replacement of microphones, amplifiers, equalizers and speakers.

Other items under review of the Trustees include installation of security cameras, painting the Sanctuary ceiling.

A vibrant image of a Mardi Gras mask with a gold mesh face and colorful beads. The mask is set against a background of colorful, out-of-focus lights.

Mardi Gras

at Elkin FUMC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Pancake Supper - 6 pm
Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 648

Parade, King Cake & Fun - 6:30 pm
More info in the announcements on the next page

Announcements & Reminders

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY: On January 14 we will be collecting a special offering for United Methodist Human Relations Day. These offerings help transform lives in difficult, challenging circumstances through its youth offender rehabilitation, United Methodist Voluntary Services and Community Developer’s ministries. An insert will be enclosed in next Sunday’s bulletin, make sure to note on your check that it’s for “Human Relations Sunday.” For more information visit www.umcgiving.org/HRD.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

TRI-C REQUESTS TOILET TISSUE: We have been asked to provide toilet tissue each month during 2018. Our goal is a total of 300 rolls each month! Please place your toilet tissue donations in the narthex or under the table in the entryway of the church office.

IT'S MARDI GRAS TIME AGAIN! Our party will be on Wednesday night, February 7, after the Boy Scout pancake supper. Be ready for a parade, king cake, and fun! This year we're having an Open Form Art Contest. This is something both kids and adults can do with flair. Here are the rules:

- No larger than about 8 x 10 or so
- Must use only the colors purple, green, and gold. That's it! You can use any medium or lots of them – paint, crayon, pencil, nail polish, beads, buttons, glitter, beans, modeling clay, popsicle sticks, ANYTHING – as long as it's purple green, and gold. Be creative! As always, cool prizes for kids and adults.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Contribution statements for 2017 will be mailed out on Wednesday, January 24. Statements will reflect all online, mail and in-person giving. For more information contact Ben Wallace at the church office.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the Family of Dr. Bob Nicks who passed away on December 27. A Celebration of his Life will be held in the sanctuary at Elkin FUMC on Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 pm. The family will receive friends following the service.

Also, we express our sympathy to the Family of Jenny Brown who passed away on December 30. A funeral for her was held on January 2 at the Gentry Funeral Service Chapel.

And also, may we remember Cheryl Ventura and her family following the death of her mother, Patricia McPartlan on January 4.

SOLID ROCK CAFÉ

Wednesday, January 17

Menu: Soup, Sandwiches, Salad

Desserts: Harris, Johnson, Erlandson, Coley, Petrocy

Wednesday, January 24

Menu: Baked Chicken, Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Salad

Desserts: Brown, Snider, Combs, Kleinheksel, Aldridge

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Worship Team

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6:15 pm (Library)

Finance Team

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7:00 pm (Library)

Children’s Ministries Team

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2:00 pm (Library)

Missions Team

Monday, Jan. 22, 7:00 pm (Library)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church Family: Bliss Vanderpool, Ann Graham, Sam Tesh, Holly Gambill, Betty Tesh, Rev. Paul McCauley, Zack Trexler, Paulette McCauley, Libbi Parks, Emad Elkhayat, Ray Fencil, Larry Johnson, Walt Pettit, Hal Stuart, Bill Amburn, Ercel Carter, Dan & Sallie Park, Mike Shuford, Laura Gwyn, Gary Conrad, John Sapper, Family of Bob Nicks, Family of Jenny Brown, nursing home residents & homebound

Extended Care: Mary Cockerham, Iris Amburn, Mary Neil, Linda Maxey

Extended Family: Ruth Deck, John Seats, Diana Hamm, Richard Smoot, Clifford Jordan, Ronnie Ray, Nada Sheets, Emily Stewart, Ethan Spencer, Florence Leverett, Ana Garciana, Steve McLain, Betty Jordan, Linda Caudill, Jeff Miltner, Sharon and Brad Watterson, Pierce & Aishling, Priscilla Smith, Marc Bishop, Lynn & Dale Rose, Buck Freeman, Lorene Newman, Michael Hines, Dennis Staley, Robert Miller, Joan Shuford, Dr. Richard Belcher, Dr. Gladys Campbell, Mary Harper Edsall, Nan Boyd, Angie Ferguson, Gus Bellia, Lonnie Snider, Teresa Shook, Family of Lisa Core, Millie Joyce, Martha Key

All of our military personnel and their families

FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Thank you to everyone who volunteered on Christmas Day to provide the free meal to the community. David Ackerman, Steve Wells & David VanAnterp bag up leftover ham.

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