

**This Week's Connections Feb. 11 — Feb. 18, 2018**

**Sunday, February 11**

9:30am Worship service  
9:30am Sunday School  
11am Worship service  
11am Bible Moths-53  
11am Yokefellows-CR  
4:45pm Bells-Vestry  
5:30pm Second Sunday Out-  
Panera, Normal

**Monday, February 12**

11am Book study-Lounge

**Tuesday, February 13**

10am Heart to Heart-Lounge

**Wednesday, February 14**

9am FIT-Rm. 53  
5:15pm Wonderful Wed. meal  
5:30pm Youth Bible study-YL  
5:45pm Cherub Choir-CR  
6pm UMW Ash Wednesday  
program-Lounge  
6pm Women's small group-201  
6:45pm Wesley Fellowship-214  
7pm Ash Wednesday worship  
9pm Merge-FH

**Thursday, February 15**

12pm Slow & Steady study-53  
5:45pm Worship comm.-  
Chapel

**Friday, February 16**

1:30pm Prayer Ministry

**Saturday, February 17**

5pm Worship service

**Sunday, February 18**

9:30am Worship service  
9:30am Sunday School  
11am Worship service  
11am Bible Moths-53  
11am Yokefellows-CR  
3pm Bldg. Sub-comm.-303

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Co-Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kent King-Nobles

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Guest Wireless Information

Wi-Fi Network FUMC-GUEST

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# **Weekly Announcements**

## **NIGHT IN A CAR**

Thank you to all who supported our Youth and Pastors with 2 cars. We have raised \$3486.00 for Home Sweet Home Ministries.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY PROGRAM**

February 14, 6-6:45pm, Lounge

“Meditation on Sacred Space” with Rev. Lori Bultemeier from The Baby Fold. Join us first for the Wonderful Wednesday meal in the Fellowship Hall. Program hosted by the United Methodist Women.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

7pm in the Sanctuary-February 14

## **NEXT POTLUCK LUNCH**

February 25 at Noon, Lounge

Join the fellowship, the food and the fun.

Bring a dish to share if you are able.

All are welcome.

## **NEXT NOISY OFFERING-FEBRUARY 24 & 25**

Please plan on bringing your coins, etc. as our children collect for our Habitat for Humanity project.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 14

5:15-6pm Meal for all-FH  
(Lasagna, salad and desserts-provided by UMW)

All are welcome!

### Adults

6pm Women's group-201

9pm Merge Worship  
(Wesley Foundation)-FH

### Children & Youth

5:30pm Youth Bible study-YL

5:45pm K-2 grade Choir-CR

5:45pm 3-5 grade Fellow.-214

6:15pm K-2 Fellowship-214

6:15pm 3-5 grade Choir-CR

## NEW SMALL GROUP-STARTING FEB. 21 @ 5:45PM

### *The 7 Experiment* by Jen Hatmaker

Food. Clothes. Spending. Media. Possessions. Waste. Stress. Jen and her family spent 30 days on each topic, boiling it down to the number 7. Only eat 7 foods, wear 7 articles of clothing, and spend money in 7 places.

Eliminate use of 7 media types, give away 7 things each day for one month, adopt 7 green habits, and observe "7 sacred spaces". The payoff is the discovery of a greatly increased God—a call toward Christ—like simplicity and generosity. Meets in Room 53.

Contact Jill McNiff ([jmcniff@normalfirst.org](mailto:jmcniff@normalfirst.org)).

## UMW NEW HOPE CIRCLE

### Prayer Partners for Wesley Foundation Mission Trip

Join us 7:00 pm on Monday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> to support our Wesley Foundation. We will gather in the lounge to make prayer cards for each Wesley Foundation student going on the spring break work mission trip. We are also collecting individually packaged snacks and bottled water to send with them.

Contact Michelle Hoerner at  
[dmhoerner92@comast.net](mailto:dmhoerner92@comast.net) or (309) 838-6864 with  
questions or for more information!

## WORSHIP NEWS

Our worship theme for Lent will be *Reconciliation*. Beginning on February 17 & 18, each week we'll focus on our a different area in our lives that may need reconciliation. We begin with a focus on our selves.

Feb 24 & 25	Personal Relationships
Mar 3 & 4	Church
Mar 10 & 11	Communication
Mar 17 & 18	Global

Woven throughout all of these weeks will be a reminder of our need to be reconciled with God and it is ultimately through that reconciliation, that we are better able to be reconciled with one another.

## PREACHING SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY & MARCH

Instead of alternating weekly, we'll each be focusing on specific worship services. Along with Pastor Kim, Pastor Kent will be responsible for the 5:00 & 9:30 services and Pastor Kathy will be leading the 11:00 service.

## OUR CONFERENCE, OUR KIDS

### Trivia Night! March 7, 5:15-6:45pm

Lori Bultemeier will share what this endowment will do for the children at our 5 children's agencies in the Conference.

Then we will have some fun Trivia. Come with a team of 6 or gather a group that evening.  
Come – have supper, hear Lori, play!

## YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Who doesn't need quality sheets for your bed??!! The Youth will be selling super soft quality sheets for \$40 (any size) beginning this Sunday! Please see the insert for more details!