

This Week's Connections Jan. 14 — Jan. 21, 2018

Sunday, January 14

9:30am Worship service
9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship service
11am Bible Moths-53
11am Yokefellows-CR
3pm Interfaith Worship-
Our Savior Lutheran Church,
Normal
4:45pm Bells-Vestry
5:30pm Youth Fellowship-YL

Monday, January 15

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 16

6pm Education-Lounge
6pm Trustees-53
7pm Finance-Lounge

Wednesday, January 17

9am FIT-Rm. 53
9:30am Mercy Circle-Lounge
5:15pm Wonderful Wednesday
5:30pm Youth Bible study-YL
5:45pm Cherub Choir-CR
6pm Women's small group-201
6:45pm Wesley Fellowship-214
7pm Men's small group-303
7pm Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
9pm Merge-FH

Thursday, January 18

12pm Slow & Steady-53
5pm Memorials-Library

Friday, January 19

1:30pm Prayer Ministry

Saturday, January 20

9am UMW-Lounge
5pm Worship service

Sunday, January 21

9:30am Worship service
9:30am Sunday School
11am Worship service
11am Bible Moths-53
11am Yokefellows-CR
12pm Potluck lunch-Lounge
12pm Church & Society
4:45pm Bells-Vestry
5:30pm Parent/Youth Meeting-
FH

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Guest Wireless Information

Wi-Fi Network FUMC-GUEST

Password-normal1st

Weekly Announcements

Church Office closed January 15, 2018

We will reopen on January 16 at 8am.

Noisy Offering-January 27 & 28

Bring your change to support our Habitat for Humanity home.

Not in Our Town Faith & Outreach

Sun. Jan. 14 @ 3pm,
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1510 N. Main St., Normal

How do we escape the prisons of poverty, of racism,
of fear, of hate?

Join in an interfaith meditation and worship featuring
readings from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's
"Letter from The Birmingham City Jail".

Night in a Car

February 2, 7pm-7am

Our Youth along with Pastors Kathy, Kent and Kim will
"live" out of a car in the overnight hours to raise
awareness for Home Sweet Home Ministries and
homelessness. If you would like to help them reach
their goal of \$2000, please mark your check or cash
envelope to "Night in a Car". Contact Rev. Kim Burke
(kburke@normalfirst.org) for details.

Small Groups

Interested in meeting with others? Look into one or
more of the Small Groups that meets at the church or
off-site. We offer so many different opportunities. Look
for one of our Small Group brochures, check with
Pastor Kathy or contact the church office for details.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 17

5:15-6pm Meal for all-FH (Pizza, salad and desserts)

Adults

6pm Women's group-201
7pm Men's group-303
7pm Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
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

PLEASE TELL US...

Please let us know if you (or a church member you know) are in the hospital or in need of pastoral care. We try to keep up but we do not always get the information. We do not want to miss anyone.

SSO (SECOND SATURDAY OUT) JANUARY 13

After the 5pm Worship service have dinner with others at Denny's on North Main Street in Normal. This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity for those who attend the Saturday service but everyone is welcome! Contact Jane Whitman (454-8770) with any questions.

SSO (SECOND SUNDAY OUT) - JANUARY 14

5:30pm at Panera's in Normal is the regular dinner spot on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Join others for this fellowship time. Contact Jane Whitman for details.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK-JANUARY 21

Join us at 12pm for food, fellowship and fun. We'll be in the Church lounge. Bring a dish, if you can. All are welcome.

K-5TH GRADE

K-5th graders during Wonderful Wednesdays in January will be focusing on Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice. Growing in faith is not something that happens by simply cramming information about the Bible into a child's brain. The knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their heart. To experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith and that takes commitment.

Kids will practice hearing and doing what God says. They will practice praying to God. We will practice talking about God and practice living for God.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH...

Saturday, January 20, from 9:00-Noon

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A BETTER AND/OR (STRONGER) UMW. United Methodist Women are strong, creative, and problem solvers. Their Mission was to know God, develop creative and supportive fellowship, and to expand mission to the global church. We will gather to support this legacy. If you have an idea that you would like to have discussed contact Jana Edge (452-3021 or edge@ilstu.edu). This planning and discussion opportunity is for ALL women of FUMC. If you aren't a member of UMW we are extending a welcome to come and join the fellowship. Childcare will be provided.

VOLUNTEER TEAM MEETING

February 3, 10-12pm, Lounge

Children's Ministry is having a meeting for our volunteers. Contact Jill @ jmcniff@normalfirst.org for more information.