



FUMCAH NEWS

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Letter from the Pastor

Earn. Save. Give.

Money matters. Money affects where we live, our education, our leisure time, our access to health care, even our life expectancy. The way we earn money, how we spend it, how much money we owe others, and how much we give away are all important spiritual matters.

For most of us, our money issues aren't about needing more money but about needing more wisdom. Some of it is practical know-how. What are strategies for getting spending under control? How can we manage debt more effectively? What do I need to do to plan for the future?

For many of us the issues are also spiritual. How do I align my way of earning money with my values? How much of a personal price am I willing to pay to make more money? How do I live with less and not feel like I'm denying myself?

Practical tips will be part of the enews every week of our stewardship campaign and Kate Leipprandt, Certified Financial Planner, is offering a class on financial planning on November 7 (see related article below). During worship we'll address the spiritual issues of money.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Money is not separated from our spiritual life, but a critical part of it. I hope you'll join us for this important series.

Pastor Melissa Earley

You are invited to come P.L.A.N with J.A.M. November 7, at 6:15pm in the Wesley Room

Always wanted to know more about your finances? Join us for a workshop run by Kate B. Leipprandt of Baldwin Financial Advisors, LLC, a 32-year veteran in the field of financial planning and owner of BFA, LLC. Kate, a long-time church member, is known for her ability to take tough financial topics and make them easy to understand!

Come and get your questions answered and empower yourself with knowledge. How do I save for college? How do I make sure I am saving enough for retirement? How do I pay off college debt while saving for my own child's education? How do I decide how to invest...and where? Learn more about Kate and her team at www.BaldwinFinancialAdvisors.com.

November Worship Schedule

November 4 All Saints Sunday: We will read the names of those from our congregation who have died this last year. Please join us for this important service of remembrance and honor.

November 11 Celebration Sunday: You will have the opportunity to turn in your commitment card for giving towards our general operating budget AND we'll celebrate our congregation's generosity with a catered lunch.

November 18 Thanksgiving Sunday: Liz Evans will preach.

November 25 Hanging of the Greens Service: We'll make the transition from Ordinary Time to Advent by decorating our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We'll learn about the meanings of our traditional decorations. Following worship we'll all join in decorating the rest of our building for Advent and Christmas.



November Mission: UMCOR



For 75 years, UMCOR has served as hands and feet for the United Methodist heart and soul – putting beliefs into action to make real change in the world. When disasters overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) partners with local United Methodist churches, as well as local volunteer and government organizations, to facilitate complete restoration.

UMCOR believes that spiritual, emotional and psychological support is as important as physical reconstruction. So while our volunteers' hands work hard to restore structure, they also reach out with love and clasp together in prayer.

UMCOR is currently in Indonesia helping with disaster relief. They are coordinating with partners on the ground to address immediate needs of vulnerable people affected by the earthquakes and tsunami. They are also responding to the needs of those affected by Hurricane Florence. Emergency response teams are active with the North and South Carolina conferences.

If you are looking for a way to help with disaster relief in the United States and around the world, UMCOR is one way to join with other United Methodists to aid short and long-term relief efforts. Please give generously. Visit UMCOR's website (umcor.org) for more information and to stay informed on their efforts.

2019 Stewardship Campaign

Our annual Stewardship Campaign is underway and we hope you are enjoying the "Earn. Save. Give.: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money" program. The three-week campaign will conclude with a Celebration Sunday luncheon on November 11, following prayerful consideration of our individual financial commitments to FUMCAH for the coming year.

You are probably used to hearing people in church talk about giving. But when was the last time the messages were about earning and saving? Is it unchristian to earn money? Is it wrong to save for ourselves and our families? John Wesley did not think so and gave a remarkable sermon called "The Use of Money" where he said that the important thing is not money itself but how we use it. Wesley's advice still rings true today – earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

In addition to the worship series, we will have the opportunity to participate in a social media activity and FUMCAH's own Kate Leipprandt will deliver a financial planning seminar on Wednesday, November 7. Thank you for your Stewardship.



"Earn. Save. Give." Social Media Challenge

For the Stewardship Campaign we will ask you to be fun, creative and unique. Engage with us, with a public profile or post, on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. We have three specific requests. We ask that all posts be made during the time frame given and posted by 10:00am on the last day of the given time-window.

October 21 - October 27 at 10am - Take a photo or photos of how you EARN. You can share a photo of you at work, where you work, the product of your work or just write how you earn money. Share this photo and use the tag #HowIEarnFUMCAH.

October 28 - November 3 at 10am - Take a photo or photos of how you SAVE or what you SAVE for. You can share photos of coupons, bargain stores or write out advice to pinch pennies. Share this photo and use the tag #HowIsavemoneyFUMCAH.

November 4 - November 10 at 10am - Take a photo or photos of how you GIVE or what you GIVE to. You can share a photo or write how you give or what you give to and post a photo of that. Share this photo and use the tag #HowIgivemoneyFUMCAH.

The stewardship team is really excited to see how our congregation EARNS, SAVES AND GIVES.

Bakers Needed for Stewardship Celebration Lunch

Please consider baking a plate of your favorite cookies, brownies or other delectables for the Stewardship Celebration Lunch on Sunday, November 11. Cookies should be dropped off Saturday, November 10 from 1 to 3 pm. Please e-mail Steve Foutch at stevekfoutch@gmail.com if you can bake and plan to drop-off in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning before worship. Thank you.

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 1

Join this festive observance of the Christmas season that will help you prepare your heart and home for Christmas. It includes a pancake breakfast, Christmas crafts & a visit with St. Nicholas - all in a friendly atmosphere that celebrates the true spirit of the day. Bring your cameras! You may sign up online or by calling the church office.

There is no charge for this event but please do pre-register (to help with our planning) and we ask that you contribute an item for the Northwest Compass food pantry in exchange for your ticket. Suggested items include canned goods (fruits, vegetables, chili, spaghetti, stew), cereal, rice, pasta, macaroni and cheese, and cookies. That way, the morning will be a treat for your family and for a family in need.

Breakfast served 9-11 am – Fellowship Hall

Visit with Santa 9:15-11:30 am – Wesley Room

Christmas crafts and activities 9:30-11:30 am – lower level classrooms



Night Owls Volunteers Needed

Night Owls means “Night Out with Loving Sitters.” Each month, from September through May (except in December for a Christmas vacation), our church welcomes special needs children and their siblings for an evening of fun. Dinner is served at 6:00 – Papa John’s pizza and salad – followed by time for games, crafts, movies and more. While children are enjoying themselves, parents have free time to watch a movie, go shopping, whatever! Each special needs child is paired up with an adult buddy for the evening – and that is where YOU come in. We can only accept reservations based on the number of “buddies” available on a given evening. If you are intrigued and are able to serve in this very special ministry, please contact Pastor Lynn – she would be delighted to discuss this opportunity with you.

November Kaleidoscopes

All adults are invited to the Wesley Room after worship (almost) every Sunday for Kaleidoscope. The topics vary from week-to-week, hence the name, but each presentation promises to be enriching.

November 4 – Patrick Bornhorst will update us on the new plan for youth ministry, something that is important to everyone at FUMCAH.

November 11 – No Kaleidoscope; Stewardship Celebration.

November 18 – “Surgical Mission to Honduras with One World Surgery” presented by Dr. Chris Wood, an Arlington Heights ophthalmologist and son of our Lay Leader, Jean Wood.

November 25 – No Kaleidoscope; Thanksgiving.

Contacting the Pastor

Pastor Melissa does not have a land line, only a cell phone. She leaves it on almost all the time, including overnight so she can be available for emergencies. To stop receiving non urgent text messages and phone calls after 9:00 PM and before 8:00am she will set the Do Not Disturb function on her phone. If it is an emergency, please call two times in a row and her phone will ring.



Appalachia Service Project

"If I had a hammer... I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters, all over this land."

Grab a hammer and come join us in helping make homes warmer, safer, and drier this summer with the Appalachia Service Project!

There will be an organizational meeting for all youth and adults interested in participating in ASP 2019 on Sunday, November 4 from 3:00-4:00pm in the ROC.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is an organization which brings volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to provide home repairs for low-income families. ASP has been making homes in Central Appalachia "warmer, safer, and drier" since 1969. FUMCAH has been sending a team to ASP for over 40 years of ASP's 50-year existence.

Our ASP team consists of youth (those who will have graduated from 8th grade by the summer of 2019 through those who will have graduated from high school) and adults. Experience in home repair, while helpful, is not required; a willingness to learn is. ASP is often referred to as a "relationship ministry with home repair on the side". Making connections, building relationships with our hosts is just as important as the home repair.

Come find out more on November 4, at 3:00pm in the ROC or contact Karen Labbe at klabbe516@gmail.com.



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Art Classes

Youth Art Classes: From 4:00-5:30pm on Tuesdays, for ages ten and older, and on Thursdays, for ages six to nine. Projects will include clay, jewelry, drawing, painting, mixed media, and more. The cost is \$6 per class or \$30 for a punch card of six. Participants need not attend every week. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Thom Frerk at 773-507-5340.



Saturday Open Studio: Whether you are a beginner or have experience, our open studio allows you to work at your own pace on projects of your choice, such as painting, printing, drawing, mosaic tile, glass fusing, and more. Drop in for however long you wish in our relaxing, supportive setting. Saturdays, 9:30-11:45am. Open to ages 13 and up.

2-2-2 Art Workshops: One-time workshops the 2nd week each month during the Thursday or Saturday art classes. To sign up, contact Thom Frerk at 773-507-5340.

Voice Lessons

Voice lesson times will be offered on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Individual sessions are \$30 for 30 minutes with discounts available for the full 7-week course. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Scholarships are available. Contact Lorena (lorenacory@gmail.com) for more information about pricing and scheduling.

Yoga Classes

Christine Pellum, a certified yoga-fit instructor, welcomes adults on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 am. Cost is \$10 per session. For more information, call the church office at 847-255-5112.

Zumba®

Burn lots of calories while dancing to a blend of Latin and World music. Routines can be modified for your level of fitness. Classes are led at FUMCAH by one of our own church members, Veronica Biazio, ACE certified group fitness instructor and licensed Zumba® instructor.

Regular Zumba® classes, Wednesday mornings (9:30 -10:30 am), Thursday evenings (6:30pm-7:30 pm).

Classes are open to all church members and the public (age 16 and over), \$8/drop-in class, save with a class pass (5 classes/\$35, 10 classes/\$60, 20 classes/\$110).

Seniors (62+) and Students w/IDs (16+), \$6/drop-in or 10 classes/\$50.

Recycled Christmas



UMW's annual Recycled Christmas resale event will be held on Saturday, November 17, from 9am-3pm. Donations of gently used Christmas items of all kinds will be accepted November 11-14. Please bring items to the stage area of Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go towards missions that

support women and children worldwide through our UMW pledge to mission.

Volunteers are needed Sunday, November 11 – Saturday, November 17. Both men and women are encouraged to sign up for daytime, evening and weekend shifts. Children of all ages are encouraged to help on Saturday, November 10, from 9-11:00am. Please sign up online at

Baked goods can be dropped off in the ROC on Friday, November 16, from 9am-3pm.

Preschool Fundraiser - Silent Auction & Beer Tasting

This year's Silent Auction and Beer Tasting Fundraiser will be held on November 3, at 6:30pm at Rack House Kitchen and Tavern in Arlington Heights. Tickets for the event are \$15 each and include 2 drink tickets and light food. Please join us for a fun evening supporting a worthy ministry of the church.

The Preschool Board is also seeking donations for the silent auction baskets such as gift cards, event tickets, etc.

Generous donors like you are the key to our success and make it possible for the preschool to offer financial assistance to student families in need, bring technology into the classroom and make sure students are equipped with the necessary supplies for success.



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hour would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers! We thank them and encourage others to volunteer. Please sign up on the board in Fellowship Hall for the date(s) you are available. We very much appreciate the help you can give us on Sunday mornings! If you have any questions, please contact Joyce (j.hawley@fumcah.com, 847-255-5112).



UMW Funeral Reception Volunteers

United Methodist Women offers to host a reception immediately following funeral and memorial services held at FUMCAH. Family are always so appreciative of this during this difficult time. Our volunteer staff has diminished and we'd like to continue this offering to families. We are updating our volunteer list so we have enough rotation for men, women, and teens to help in areas of set-up, serving, and clean-up (similar to Sunday morning coffee hour) and baking cookies.

If you are able to help us or just have questions, please contact Barb Donahue at 847-392-1471 or jbd77@comcast.net.



Parents of Little Ones (POLO) Meets December 8

The Parents of Little Ones (POLO) group at First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights are parents who currently have children age newborn - 9 years old,



who are looking for a night out for a little fellowship, good food and fun. POLO meets (about) once a month between 5:30pm-7:30pm. During which time our children play together at the church and enjoy pizza for dinner (\$3 per child). The church provides childcare for children 8 months and older. The adults enjoy a host-led themed potluck and the opportunity to break bread together, catch up and play a game or two. It is a great opportunity to make friends within our church family. If this sounds like something that would interest you and your family, please contact Tiffany Groner at tiff83@hotmail.com.

Annual Church Conference Meeting November 19 at 7pm

Our annual church conference meeting is November 19 at 7pm. At this important meeting we set the pastors' salaries, elect our church leaders, remove people who have moved or are uninvolved from the church rolls, and hear from our District Superintendent.

Remember to Vote!

Election day is Tuesday, November 6.

Tech Topics - Kevin Gentile

This is a new series of articles discussing some of the Technical systems around our church. I'd like to highlight the incredible members of the Tech Committee that serve our church. The committee consists of Chad Sutton, Matt Kaemphe, Ron Reed, Mike Schellinger, and Chris Rice. They are responsible for keeping most of the technical areas around our church functioning well. (and saving us money...)

This month's topic is "The Tech behind the Music"

You may or may not know that our beautiful piano is connected to the sound system using an internally mounted ribbon microphone and a wireless interface.

This allows us to move the piano anywhere we need without worrying about wires. The ribbon microphone is a very sensitive type mic that has a 180-degree pickup pattern. This allows us to place it to simultaneously pick up both the upper and lower registers of the piano.

We have a Yamaha Clavinova in the rear that is connected directly to the system, just in case Jeannie doesn't have time to get from the organ to the front of the Sanctuary!

The organ is connected to the sound system by two microphones that are "hidden" in the eaves at the rear. This fills the Sanctuary from the front, so you don't just hear it from behind you! (The Bell choir is also amplified by these mics).

We use various vocal microphones for singers, including several head-worn systems for the Pastors. Most of these are wireless, and the receivers are tucked away in the sound room.

When guitar and bass are used, the bass is connected directly into the system, and we use a microphone to pick up the guitar amp.

Ever wonder how you can hear drums when nobody is playing the drum set? The picture below shows the set up I use to play "digital" drums using the synthesizer. This incredible instrument has over 1000 imbedded sounds, like strings, brass, bass, and also hundreds of percussion sounds, including various drum sets. For percussion, each key is assigned a different sound, and the pedals below allow me to add bass drum and hi-hat patterns. This runs directly through the system, and allows the sound engineer to mix the levels with the vocals. Sometimes "real" drums get into all the mics when people are singing, so this helps us balance the levels.

I'll have an article about our sound and media System in a future newsletter, as well as other technical systems around our church building.

If you have a topic or question you'd like me to discuss, email Kevin Gentile at kevgen@comcast.net. Please use "Tech Topics" in the Subject line.



Meals on Wheels

FUMCAH will be delivering MEALS ON WHEELS for Wheeling Township during the month of November. This program is coordinated by the Wheeling Township Disabled Service for homebound seniors and people with disabilities who are 18 years of age or older. The meals are picked up at the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights and delivered between 11:00am and 1:00pm Monday through Friday. Deliveries are made in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mt. Prospect, and Palatine. If you are able to assist with this program, please contact Russ and Marlys Guilford at 847-392-5512.

Bequest Thank You

When our long time FUMCAH family member, Rosa Good, passed, she left a bequest to the church. As the bequest was not noted for specific use, the Trustees, in partnership with the pastoral staff, have allocated her gift to honor her passions. Rosa's contribution will go toward the Children's ministries, United Methodist Women, and Missions. As she was deeply committed to children, part of Rosa's bequest will also go toward the Building Campaign to help get a new infant and young childcare space and air conditioning in the classrooms. The Trustees wanted to make sure that Rosa's generous gift is acknowledged, as she has continued to help FUMCAH grow even after she is gone.

February meeting of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will affect us all.

February 23-26, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet in St. Louis to consider plans that will enable our denomination to remain united. In 1972, the General Conference put discriminatory language about homosexuality into our Book of Discipline. Many have been fighting hard to get that language removed. At the General Conference in 2016, the debate reached a breaking point and our denomination was at the point of split. The bishops called for a recess and came back with the call for the Commission on the Way Forward. This group of 32 persons from across the denomination have worked for the last 8 months on a way for our denomination to remain united while honoring the cultural contexts in which churches, lay people and clergy find themselves. They presented three plans to the Council of Bishops, The One Church Plan, the Traditional Plan and the Connectional Conference Plan. Of the three, the Council of Bishops chose The One Church Plan which will be voted on at General Conference. The other two plans, and additional plans that surface, will also be available for consideration.

General Conference November Listening Sessions

Our delegates to General Conference are hosting listening sessions about the upcoming General Conference and you are urged to attend one of the listening sessions. The closest one to us is in bold:

November 10, 9:00 am, Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington, IL

November 10, 1:00 pm, Bethany Fox Valley, 2200 Ridge Ave., Aurora, IL

Congregation News

Baptisms

Dominic Stephen Valerio, son of Rachel and Niki Valerio, brother of Hailey, grandson of Jim and Linda Wyatt, on October 14

Caroline Jane Odell Compagno, daughter of Katie and Kate Compagno, on October 21

Marriage

Elizabeth Evans, our Director of Reconciling, Social Justice and Young Adult Ministries, and Meaghan McEachern, on October 14

Death

Martha Mouri on September 30



Financial Report through September 2018

September Revenue: \$62,107

Year-to-date Revenue: \$567,232

September Expense: \$72,817

Year-to-date Expense: \$584,340

We have paid seven months of our 2018 apportionment total of \$85,704: \$49,994

We encourage you to consider Electronic Funds Transfer – no need to worry that you don't have your checkbook or cash with you! And, please let me know if you'd like any help looking at your pledges and contributions on our church database, Access ACS.

With Access ACS, you can also set up contributions through your bank account or credit card. Please consider rounding up your donation to cover the fees for this service, especially on credit card charges (2.25%). We really encourage EFTs; it's great for household and church budgeting!

Contact Melinda in the church office with any financial questions or concerns.

Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2018!



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