**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS (SPR) INTERVIEW TEAM meets at 4 p.m., today in the Parlor.

FIFTH SUNDAY SING IS CANCELED.

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED Tuesday, January 1, 2019, in celebration of the New Year.

YOUTH MEET at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2019, in the Family Life Center.

MDO CLASSES begin at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 3, 2019.

HOME PRAYER GROUP gathers at 11 a.m. at the Parsonage (238 Moon Circle), Thursday, January 3rd. Everyone is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL is closed all day for a private event, Saturday, January 5th.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) meet at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 8th in the Fellowship Hall. All women in our church are cordially invited.

KIDSPIRIT resumes at 4:30 p.m, in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, January 9.

TRUSTEES meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, January 10, in the Parlor. Trustees for 2019 are Bill Ruffner, Chairperson; Joe Lisa, Vice-Chairperson; Jay Maddux, Patty Crowder, Billy Ray Patton, Tom Heimel, Dan Uhler, Dorothy Hastings, and Barbara Rose.

MINISTRY TEAM meets at 3 p.m., Sunday, January 13th, in the Fellowship Hall.

PARABLES OF JESUS: Beginning Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will start a study on the Parables of Jesus. This 6-weeks study looks at the historical and cultural background, the biblical text and its meaning, and the biblical meaning for life today. Please contact Sharon Brown at the church office to order a book at the cost of $5.00. Books will be ordered Friday, January 4, 2019.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPR) meets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019, in the Parlor. Members of the 2019 SPR team who should be present at this meeting are Jay Maddux, Chairperson; Pat Douglas, Tom Heimel, Caren Ruffner, Silas Booker, Wanda McCarter, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Virginia Bond; Lay Leader, Billy Ray Patton; Reed Chapel’s Representative, Pat Horton, and Pastor Dale.

**NEWS**

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Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 
And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 
When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.
Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.
When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.
After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.
When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.”
He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”
But they did not understand what he said to them.
Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.
And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.