

Coming Events

Sun., Jan. 3 – 10:45 worship –
Covenant Renewal

Thurs., Jan. 7 – 6:30 pm Women's
Bible Study "Gospeled Lives"
at the Vernon's

Mon., Jan. 18 – Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day. Office closed.

Thurs., Jan. 21 – 6:30 pm
Financial Peace Univ.
Introduction

Thurs.-Sun., Jan. 21-24 – Cursillo
at CCUMC Work Weekend

Thurs.-Sun., Jan. 28-31 Cursillo
Co-Ed Retreat at CCUMC

Wed., Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday,
the beginning of Lent

Thurs., Feb. 11 – 6:30 pm
Financial Peace Univ. course
begins

Sun., Mar. 27 -- EASTER

Worship for January

Sunday mornings 10:45 am
Hear Pastor Jenn Klein

*"Covenant: Simple Living
in a Complex World"*

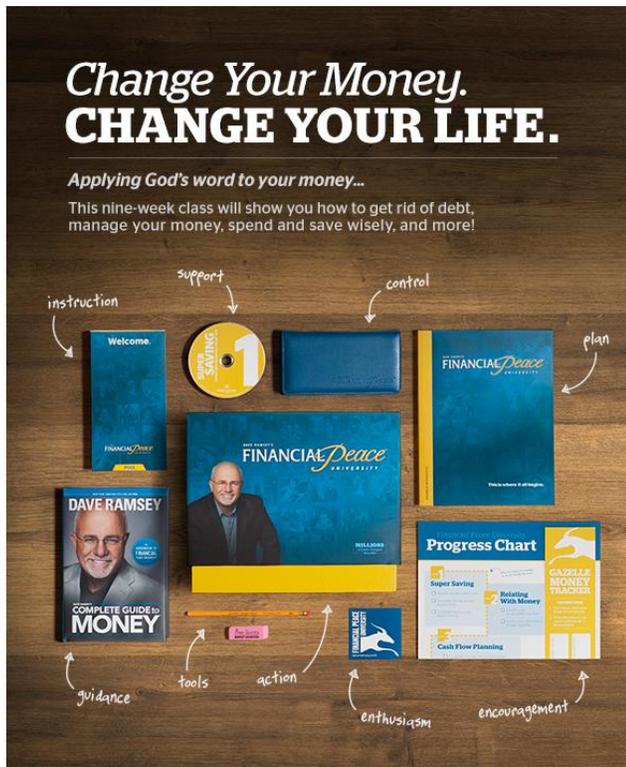
Politicians are promoting the
coming year as
Commitment 2016.

Think about your relationships with
other people ... and with God ... as you
make commitments in the days to come.



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To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*



What's in a **Word?**

Last January we prayed for God to give us a word to guide us through the year.

Susan Fershee says the word that came to her was LISTEN. "I chose it primarily to help me to concentrate better on the sermon and scripture readings, for my mind wanders easily. I found myself thinking of the word all of the time, and trying to pay attention to everything I heard (everything important, that is). I've not always been successful, but have improved."

How has your word touched you? Email your story to annmvernon@aol.com and we will print it in the next *Connection*.

If you want a new word for 2016, see the brochure Pastor Jenn has prepared. It will help guide you in your quest.

Kyle Hill will start teaching another Financial Peace University course in a few weeks. The preview class is Thurs. evening, Jan. 21; the series begins Thurs., Feb. 11 at 6:30 pm.

This nine-week course has been used by thousands with great success. Several of your church friends have taken the class and found it extremely helpful. Use God's word to learn ways to spend and save wisely, get out of debt, and manage your money. For more information, contact Kyle at kehill1985@gmail.com. To enroll, see the website at daveramsey.com/fpu/classfinder

New Church Directory is Available

The 2016 edition of our "Church Family" is now available in the church office and the Family Foyer. This updated directory will give you current email addresses and other information about your Country Club family and friends.

Please get your own copy, and double-check your family's listing. These corrections need to be made:

Add: Barkhurst to Laura Ortmann & Brian... pg 1

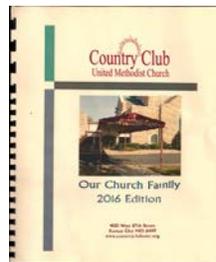
Delete: 246-4176 from Terri Norris, Change her email to:

terrinnorris2005@gmail.com pg 6

Add: 816-769-2534 to Tayler Klein-Sheperd pg 7

For other changes or corrections, contact Lydia in the Church Office, or Jan Ahern.

Special thanks goes to Jan for assembling all the information and physically getting directories assembled.



Regular Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Fellowship – Family Foyer
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesdays

10:30 am Prayer Group
6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.

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What is Cursillo ("coor-SEE-yo")?

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course." Midland United Methodist Cursillo (MUMC) presents a three-day weekend experience to promote a certain method of Christian development and support.

Anyone involved in a United Methodist Church is invited. A sponsor will answer questions and pray for the growth of their "candidate." Through a series of 15 talks, candidates are encouraged to examine their life and relationship with God. Specific steps are presented that we use to be a Christian seven days a week, in whatever environment we find ourselves. The "Cursillo Method" is a way to support each other as we make disciples.

A Cursillo co-ed weekend will be held at our church Jan. 28-31. For more information, contact Pastor Jenn Klein, Pastorjenniferklein@gmail.com

Special Music Highlights Candlelight Communion

An octet of the choir's faithful singers gathered around the grand piano to sing at the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve service, interspersing songs and carols with the telling of the coming of Christ. Their performance of the "Magnificat" was particularly moving, as was the traditional singing of "Silent Night."

Another special performance was the debut of "Advent Alleluia," written by our own Sydney Ann Atkins. Many were surprised to know that Sydney Ann wrote not only poetry, but music.

"I had a good background in music," she said. She took piano lessons for ten years and studied voice.

"I had written this piece some years ago, both the words and the music. Our other churches had done two of my pieces but I had not offered anything to Jacob [Lowry] until recently. I was just thrilled that they did it, and did it well ... I may be offering other pieces to our choir in the future."

Sydney Ann, we look forward to hearing your musical inspirations in the future.

Share Hospitality!

Hospitality is a vital ministry many of us perform both formally and informally each Sunday. Our church has a dedicated team of ushers and greeters, but more are needed. Many are providing the same service multiple times each month. The goal is to have a full month's rotation of four to five persons each week.

If you are willing to join us as an usher/greeter, please contact Lydia Istomina in the office – 816-444-1616 or office@countryclubumc.org

Also, feel free to ask Pastor Jenn or one of the current members who are ushering or greeting for more information.

Christmas Eve 2015

The 4:00 pm worship service Dec. 24 was billed as “family friendly” and for the adults and children in attendance, it was indeed that. As Jacob and Laura Lowry read the Christmas story “Dr. Seuss style.” Pastor Jenn and Rusty Klein brought nativity figures forward for the children to see and touch. Familiar hymns were sung throughout the storytelling as the Holy Family, shepherds and wise men were placed before the altar.



At the end of the service, the beautiful Tom Letch Memorial Nativity was ready for all to enjoy, in place for the Candlelight Communion service at 6:00 pm.

