

Lawrence County UMC News

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Sleeping Mat Project

Some of you have been asking how you can be a part of creating a sleeping mat for Midwest Mission.



Now that we've actually completed one, here's how you can help:

- 1. BRING** - Bring your plastic bags with you to church and add them to the bag collection box in Pittman Center.
- 2. STRAIGHTEN AND SORT** - Help straighten and sort the bags into groups of 100. Be sure to inspect each bag for tears in the middle section and discard any with tears. Each completed mat requires 720 bags.

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- 3. CUT** - Help cut the bags into useable pieces.
 - To begin, fold a few bags down the middle so the handles are all on the same side. Cut approximately 7-1/2 inches off the tops of the bags and whatever length is needed from the bottom so each piece is 9 inches long. We need 120 bags cut into 9-inch pieces for the vertical portion of the mat.
 - The remaining 600 bags should be cut in the same manner but one additional cut needs to be made so that each piece is 4-1/2 inches wide. We need 1,200 bags cut into 4-1/2-inch pieces for the horizontal weaving.

Pastor's Message, continued



- c. Loop-tie all of the pieces by width together by hanging one piece from your right arm and another piece from your left arm. Then using your hands, grasp the bottom edge of the piece hanging from your opposite arm. Pull the two pieces together. You will end up with 60 finished 9-inch units and 600 finished 4-/12 inch units.



If you don't attend Bedford First, you may give bags to me for this project.

It took about a month and a half to finish the first mat. With your help, we may be able to complete one in less time but it will take all of us working together. The mats will be taken (along with other donations designated for Midwest Mission) sometime next year.

Midwest Mission is a United Methodist sponsored organization located near Springfield, Illinois working with other relief agencies to provide disaster relief to hurting communities in the US and around the world. These sleeping mats are only one of the many different products and thank you for helping with the vital mission of serving our neighbors in times of distress.

Blessings,
Pastor Judi

Soul Food

Soul Food Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 10:30 AM in the Friendship Room. This month our book for discussion is Lisa See's *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*. I found this book very interesting and informational on the early Chinese societies and the way high society women were treated. I believe we will have a lot to talk about and I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting.



~Linda Schoonmaker

Next Generation

November 10 is Youth Sunday at Bedford First United Methodist Church. Please be sure to join Katarina, Kayeh, and Madison as they lead the congregation in worship, prayer and song.



Time Change



Remember to "fall back" this Saturday, November 2 by setting your clocks back one hour.

Service to Others

STO met on September 24 and agreed to continue to support Bertha's Mission, LIFE Food Pantry, Lebanon Children's Home and 15 single residents of Hauck House for Thanksgiving.

However, the decision was made to provide financial support to Agape Kids House instead of working with the Salvation Army for the holidays. The Agape Kids House is a home in which children can stay until foster parents can be found for them. The need for this service is significant, so they recently had to purchase a larger house.

If you would like to support Agape Kids House, please make your check payable to the church and write "STO Agape House" on the memo line of your check as well as on your contribution envelope.

I will be glad to answer any questions.

Blessings,
Janet Jackson,
STO Chair



Men's Warming Shelter

The Men's Warming Shelter, which is open from November to April, has asked for our assistance in gathering items they need for their daily operations. The items needed are:



- 13- and 40-gallon leak-proof trash bags
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- Large, sturdy paper plates
- Large paper bowls
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- 12- or 16-ounce plastic drinking cups
- Napkins
- Medications such as Tylenol, Pepto Bismol, Dayquil and Nyquil

There will be a box for these items in the main hall.

Women's Self-Defense Class

East 50 Gym will host a Women's Self-Defense course beginning in January 2025 (dates and time to be announced). The fee is \$65 for a one-month course and includes gym membership. These beginner level classes be led by L. Z. Smoot who is certified in several self-defense methods. Class sizes will be limited and average class length will be two hours. Contact number is 812-583-1293. More details can be found on the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the main hall.



Prayers for Election Day

Taste & See Prayer Center is asking people to sign up for one-hour time slots to pray for our country's elections on November 5 from 2:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If you would like to sign up for a slot, please email Kristy Collins at kristyc29@icloud.com.

From Kristy: "Let's join together to life up our country to the Lord to unite in prayer from the time the doors open in California until they close in New York. No matter your political view, this is a critical election."



Methodist Mountain Mission

The Mountain Mission truck will be at Bedford First UMC the morning of Monday, November 11. Please have any donations to the church prior to that date, since they usually arrive shortly after our doors open.

Urgent needs include linens, new toys (for Christmas), new children's coats and new children's shoes. Also needed are pots and pans, purses, men's clothing and crafting supplies. A complete needs list is posted on the bulletin board in the main hall.

Financial donations can be made online at methodistmountainmission.org or mailed to Methodist Mountain Mission, P. O. Box 888, Jackson, KY 41339.





- 3 Arthur Spiess
- 5 Bill Schoonmaker
- 13 Jean Kozak
- 14 Ann Groce
- 17 Johnathan Hendrix
- 26 Brenda Scott
- 28 Marge Phillips and Tom Hurd

UPCOMING Events

November 5, Hospitality Committee at 9:00 AM
November 6, Soul Food at 10:30 AM
November 9, Grace UMC Christmas Bazaar from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM
November 12, Administrative Council at 6:00 PM
Every Sunday, Chimes Practice, 8: 45 AM
Every Sunday, Choir Practice, 9:30 AM
Last Monday of the month, Euchre at 2:00 PM
Every Tuesday, Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans at 9:00 AM
Every Tuesday, Grief Share from 2:00 to 3:30 PM
Every Tuesday, Bible study at 4:00 PM
Every Thursday, Fiber Time at 2:00 PM
Every Friday, Youth Group at 6:30 PM
Every Saturday, Gideons at 8:00 AM

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