

## Step By Step Ministry Update

Step By Step's little Pilgrims and Indians will have a Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 20th. Lunch will include turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, and cranberries. Snack will be pumpkin pie. If anyone would like to donate food for our feast, please drop food items off in the kitchen labeled SBS. Thank you.

Step By Step will be closed Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for our Thanksgiving break.



## Emmaus

Our local Emmaus Reunion group will be meeting on Wednesdays at 11 am at the Church instead of Keen Bean. We encourage anyone who has attended or who just wants some information to come and find out what Emmaus is all about.



## Operation Christmas Child

Mercy College of Nursing is sponsoring an Operation Christmas Child packing party. We would love to have you and your family come and experience this life changing event. We will be packing boxes together and having a potluck! You can help during this event in a number of ways.

1. Donate money. Each box takes \$9 to send.
2. Donate supplies such as a small toy, pencils, pens, and crayons. If you would like a complete list contact Shannon McKinzie.
3. Pack boxes with us on November 7th at 5:30 pm.
4. Or All of these.



## Way-to-Go

Do you need a way to go? If so, there may be an answer to your dilemma! Our transportation ministry assists in transporting church members to such places such as doctor appointments, the grocery store, or to other nearby places. There is no cost for this service.

However, a minimum of 48 hours notice is required. For more information, or to schedule a ride call Ann Knott at 417-466-8575.



Do you surf the web? Have a Facebook page? Well, you can get an update on what is going on at Church on our website: [www.mtvunited.org](http://www.mtvunited.org) or like us on Facebook.

If you would like to announce an event you can email the church office at: [office@mtvunited.org](mailto:office@mtvunited.org)

or drop off your item in the "website/social media" mailbox outside the church office.



## Youth News



### Youth Sunday Morning Study

Starting after Worship

Based on a series following  
the book of Acts

### Youth Wednesday Night Study

Soul Surfer  
starting at 6 pm

## Sunday Evening Bible Study

Join us on Sunday Evenings at the Church  
Study begins at 5 pm with a potluck dinner at 6 pm

**Seamless: Understanding the Bible as one complete story**

**By Angela Smith**

In seven sessions, Seamless covers the people, places and promises of the Bible. Tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Participants will gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

## Mark's Message

### TROWEL OR SLEDGEHAMMER?

Do you know the story of Nehemiah? He was the cupbearer for a king. A cupbearer was the Old Testament word (as near as I can figure) for a wine steward. And old Nehemiah was a good one. The king Artaxerxes, (that's pronounced art-a-zerk-sees) not only valued Nehemiah's talent as a wine steward but had grown to listen to him and trust his counsel, and to have the ear of the King was a very fine thing indeed! But Nehemiah's heart was heavy because the walls of Jerusalem, his home town (so to speak), were in ruins, and he feared for the city. So with prayer and boldness he spoke to the King and received permission to go to Jerusalem and re-build the walls.

You see, Nehemiah was a builder. He knew that through the process of rebuilding the walls that not only would his city be made whole again, but that the effort would bring the people together and glorify God. He not only built up the crumbling walls of the city, but built up the Jews, his countrymen, at the same time. Nehemiah was a builder, and he answered God's call. But take in contrast to Nehemiah, our old friend Joshua! Everyone knows his story. How he fought the battle of Jericho and by following God's instructions was able to bring down the walls of the city and become victorious. Joshua was demolitions expert. He knew that by tearing down the walls of Jericho that he would win the battle and the purposes of God's plan would move forward. So you see even though Joshua tore things down, it was still for good, still for God's purpose.

So which one are you this morning? A builder or a demolitions expert? A trowel or a sledgehammer? Either? Both can be useful to God's purpose. If there are things that need doing, progress to be made for the Kingdom of God on earth, then those of us who are builders had better get out our trowels and get to work. But if there are things that are hindering God's Kingdom, then those of us with sledgehammers had better start swinging! Clearing the way for new life and new beginnings in the Kingdom of God. Just a note of caution for you sledgehammer types. Be careful that in your demolition of the things that hinder God's Kingdom that you don't tear down the things and people that are good. Remember, a little sledgehammer goes a long way!

Lord thank you for our diversity. For seeing the ways of man and knowing that it takes different people and different talents to complete the work You have set before us. Be with us this day. Give us the strength to complete Your work, and the wisdom to follow Your plans to the letter. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Have a great day!!

Yours in Christ,

Mark

First United Methodist Church  
Worship 9 am  
Sunday School 10 am

**Check Us Out Online!**

Check out our homepage at [www.mtvunited.org](http://www.mtvunited.org) and leave us a message!

**Save Your Best Choice!**

Watch for the Best Choice labels, cut them out, and put them in the basket. Thanks SO much to everyone who supports this project.

Please make sure the number underneath the barcode starts with "70038", these numbers denote the Best Choice brand. You are appreciated and you are helping fund the education of our children.

**November 2018**

**Leadership**

**Lead Usher:  
Doug Immekus**

**Audio/Visual Technology:**

**David McDonald  
& Holly Marsh**

**Offering Counters:**

**Peggy Pyle & Holly Marsh**

**Bus Driver:**

**Garrison Earnest**

**Children's Church  
& Sunday School**

<b>November 4</b>	<b>Jean Duwe</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Kristen Earnest</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Peggy Pyle</b>
<b>November 25</b>	<b>Kristen Earnest</b>

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Check out the volunteer sign-up sheets for 2019 on the shelf at the coat rack in the foyer. There are plenty of opportunities to:

- count money
- usher
- operate the PowerPoint
- and drive the bus.

The Children's Sunday School Fall curriculum is in the office and it is VERY easy to use. If you have had the Safe Sanctuary training you may join us in teaching our amazing young children. It is a rewarding task and you will enjoy it.



**UMW**

Our November meeting will be Tuesday, November 13th. We will meet at the church at 11 am and carpool to Marionville to visit the Methodist Manor. We will deliver our gifts for their Christmas bags and have lunch with them and visit with some of the residents.

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch and visits with our Marionville friends.

Also our ladies are helping Shannon McKinzie with "Operation Christmas Child". We are collecting and donating shoe boxes, cash, toys, school supplies, hygiene items, etc.

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Tuesday thru Friday  
 8:30 to 2:30  
 Lynn McDonald  
 Administrative Assistant

# The Messenger

Mark Your Calendars

- November 11** Charge Conference at Hood UMC in Republic at 6 pm
- November 22** Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed SBS Closed
- November 23** Office Closed SBS Closed

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## Coming Soon!

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- December 25 Merry Christmas Office Closed SBS Closed
- December 26 SBS Closed
- December 31 SBS Closed