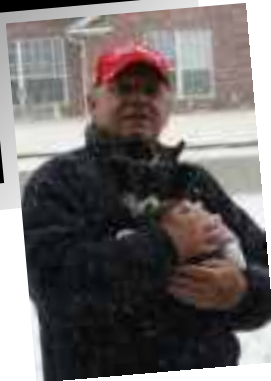




FUMC-WINONA NEWSLETTER



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THE PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Sometimes, we humans pretend.
We pretend differently each day.
We pretend sometimes to be living spiritually satisfied lives.

Rather, we live in a wilderness.
We live in a wilderness of hunger.
We live with a hunger for a closer intimacy with Jesus.

We speed up our lives, and we slow down our lives,
And none of it draws Jesus closer to us.

*Let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For you are our God and we are your people.
We are the flock that you shepherd.
We will know your power and presence this day,
If we will but listen for your voice. Psalm 95*

I have been a seeker most of my days,
and I have discovered a few things
that I do not have to pretend to be true for me.

*In my journey to this place and this time,
From this struggle we grow larger,
From this struggle we do not diminish others,
From this struggle great good has come,
And I know that at the end of my life
Nothing I have done will surpass
Our being together during this journey.*

Pastor Paul Porter

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 Marilyn Gentry
- 13 J. R. Brady
- 18 Bob & Debbie Davis—A
- 20 Mitch Shamburger
- 21 Mary Johnson
- 25 Mitch & Fae Shamburger-A



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

A Spiritual Journey through the Gospel of John Utilizing Cinematic Illustrations

Bible Text	Lesson Title	The Movie	Date
4. John 11: 1- 57	Raising the Dead	<i>Saving Pvt. Ryan</i>	Sept 1st
5. John 13: 1-38	The Last Supper	<i>Babette's Feast</i>	Sept 8th
6. John 19: 16-30	It Is Finished	<i>The Passion of Christ</i>	Sept 15th
7. John 20: 1-18	Resurrection	<i>Groundhog Day</i>	Sept 22nd

The In Jesus Prayer

God is the question with which we begin our days.
 God is the answer with which we end our days.

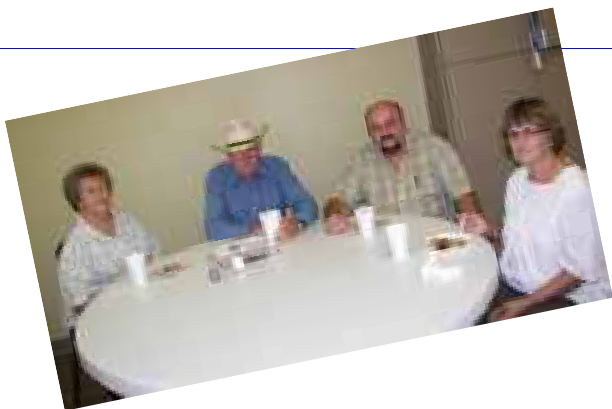
God is the desire in our hearts.
 God is the idea in our minds.
 God is the longing within our souls.

God is the hope, which binds our wounds.
 God is the love, which bonds us together.
 God is the faith, which builds our lives.

When day is done and in weariness we lay down,
 When fear becomes a lump in our throats,
 When we think ourselves empty,

We seek the Lord.
 The Lord is our song.
 The Lord is our strength.

The Lord is the strength of our lives.
 Of whom
 And of what
 Shall we be afraid? AMEN





MEMBERSHIP

When a person makes a profession of faith in Jesus, or is baptized, and seeks membership into the First United Methodist Church family, each potential member is asked to support the church with their **prayers, presence, gifts, and service.**

What does that mean?

PRAYER – we are called to be a people of PRAYER, as prayer is the key that unlocks the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. There will be times when others in this church need an encouraging word or a prayer for peace, and God may ask you to pray for that person. Be encouraged and know that when the time comes, we will pray for you in your time of need.

PRESENCE – God desires us to find personal fulfillment in worship. When we build relationships with one another in this faith community, we miss others when they are away. We become a support system for one another, and genuinely need each other on our faith journeys.

GIFTS – Gifts include financial offerings, physical, and spiritual gifts. Yes – your gifts will help the kingdom of God grow. Your charitable giving, your loving presence in time of need, and endless other ministries will be blessed by your faith and generosity.

SERVICE – Your service in growing the kingdom of God is highly valued at FUMC Winona. Each person may have a ministry in which God is calling them to use their time and talents in this area.

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Why do you like FUMC-Winona!

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RESOURCES:

United Methodist News Service: (http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm)

InfoServ: (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)

UM Reporter Interactive: (www.umportal.org)

UMNS on Facebook: (<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=iflTKWNrGaIKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHgIWF>)

UMNS on Twitter: (<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHgIWF>)

Interpreter Magazine: (<http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=7085>)

EI' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish): (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

10thousanddoors.org: (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

Rethink Church: (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

UM TechShop: (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

UM Global Health Initiative: (http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/Global_Health.htm)

THE EVIDENCE OF FAITHFULNESS

August Totals Giving:

General Fund
 \$5,676.77
 \$614 (Bingo)

Missions
 \$61

Other
 \$1145.47

Total Giving
 \$7497.24

Total Budgeted
 \$6,173.66

Worship Attendance
 168

Bingo Attendance
 32

Why do you like FUMC-Winona!

At night I go to bed. I usually sleep on the right side of the bed and get out on that side. I straighten the covers, Fae has been up for over an hour. For the last thirty years I shower in the morning. I sit on the same side of the bed I got out of and put on my socks. If it is Sunday I go to The First United Methodist Church. It is as natural as breathing. If we have company, they are welcome to join us. If I do not feel good, I can just as easily not feel good at church. If the weather is bad, I figure "He slipped on the ice going to Church" wouldn't look to bad on a headstone.

What feeds your soul?

I guess I go because rain or shine my mother was taking us to church. And, I liked it. I knew that this was a special place, a place worth going to. If Mom and Dad put so much effort into attending there must be a good reason, and there was. It is God's house. Many friends and preachers later, it is still God's house. I know God does live just there. He has many houses, and most of the time he is out here with us. But the Church is a place where we can come and visit God together. It is the togetherness, in the light of the Lord, that feeds my soul.

What do you miss when you are away from FUMC-Winona?

I can safely say out of the 2,964 Sundays of my life over 2,636 found me sitting, singing, teaching, and learning in the Winona Methodist Church. During the six years of military service I continued to go to services and even lead the music in some. Although I feel comfortable anywhere when among Christians, I know I am not at home. When I am away from Winona, visiting Grandkids or even vacationing, I awaken Sunday morning thinking about our Church and Church family. It is nice not to worry about putting a service together on the computer and wondering what songs to sing. Worrying about what musicians or who is going to do what and when. But, if Winona Methodist Church could meet in Colorado Springs or Houston or how-a-bout the Gulf of Mexico on a cruise, I would be there.

~ Mitch Shamburger