

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Sunday, January 24**

9:00 Early Worship Service  
 9:45 Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 Morning Worship Service  
 5:00 UMW Planning Com.  
 6:00 Youth  
 6:30 Evening Worship Service

**Monday, January 25**

6:30 Sea Scouts/Cub Scout  
 7:30 Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, January 26**

7:00 Celebrate Recovery

**Wednesday, January 27**

5:30 All Stars  
 5:30 Youth  
 6:45 Bible Study  
 7:45 Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 28**

7:00 Financial Peace in OFH

**Friday, January 29**

7-10 Church Family Night in gym

**Saturday, January 30**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, January 31**

9:00 Early Worship Service  
 9:45 Sunday School for all Ages  
 10:45-11:00 Meet & Greet in the gym  
 11:00 Morning Worship Service  
 Noon: Youth Soup/Baked Potato luncheon fundraiser  
 6:00 Youth  
 6:30 Evening Worship Service

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

	01/03/2016	
Amount Received:	\$12,102.58	Amount Needed: \$8,497.00
	01/10/2016	
	\$4,762.88	\$8,497.00
	01/17/2016	
	\$6,306.54	\$8,497.00

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Early Worship Service: 30                      Sunday school: 138  
 Morning Worship Service: 175    Evening Worship Service: 28



*The purpose of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church is to enable people to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to nurture them in their journey of faith; to offer opportunities to express their relationship with the living God through love, example, and service.*

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 Pianist: Lynette Call                      Lay Leader: John Call

**STEELE MEMORIAL  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

January 24, 2016

Welcome to Worship!

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This is a time to share the work of the church and recognize the community of believers as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord.

**\*HYMN**                      "Amazing Grace"                      No. 378 (vs. 1-3, 6)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**                      Revelation 1:9-19

**CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

Pastor's Prayer

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*HYMN**                      "Victory in Jesus"                      No. 370 (vs. 1-3)

**SERMON**                      "The Beginning of Wisdom"                      Pastor Kevin Lantz  
 Psalm 111:10

**\*CLOSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

The Worship has ended; Let the Service begin!

The carnation on the altar is in memory of Barbara Vaughan. The church family extends prayers and sympathy to Dr. Amy Vaughan and the family in the loss of her mother.

The church family extends prayers and sympathy to Dick Jimison and family in the recent passing of his cousin, Guy Burgess.

**JANUARY SERMON CALENDAR:** Pastor Kevin has begun a new series trying to answer the question for believers, "I don't understand the Bible. What does the Bible mean?"

3. The third sermon explains that "the fear of God" is more than awe or respect. Those who met God in the Bible were terrified. So this helps explain or understand why we are called to "fear" God – and to hear God from out of that posture of fear, who says to those He meets, "Fear not!"

4. The fourth message affirms that the only way to understand the Bible is to believe that the Bible is God's Word, a tool He uses to teach us, counsel, and instruct us. God uses the Bible to relate to us! If we have faith in the Bible as God's word we will conform our lives with expectancy and anticipation!

5. The final sermon answers the faith paradox, "The first will be last and the last will be first," as we examine what it means to serve and sacrifice our will in order to want the will of Christ! We naturally lean toward serving our own ego needs, but Christ is turning us to serve His kingdom and His love, as we think of others!

**MEET AND GREET SUNDAY:** On Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> everyone is invited to meet in the gym from 10:30 -11:00 for a get acquainted event with coffee, juice and cookies. Please plan to attend and introduce yourself to those whom you have not met before. This is a great way to meet new friends in your church.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** The youth will have a fundraiser on Sunday, January 31 after church. We will be serving chili, baked potatoes and dessert. All donations will go towards a ski trip, Newsboys concert and mission work. The SOS Youth group thanks the congregation for all their past support and hopes to see you for lunch!

**LET'S CELEBRATE "SOUPper Bowl"** Sunday by donating a can of soup to help feed those less fortunate! Girls of Faith will be collecting cans of soup at Steele Memorial on Sunday, February 7, 2016. In case you forget your can of soup, there will be a soup pot located in the narthex for cash donations. The girls can make a grocery store run on the way to deliver the soup! That is what I call service! God Bless! Miss Becky

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Men of the Church are invited to join together on Saturday mornings, 8 – 9 AM downstairs in the old fellowship hall for a study and discussion group using a

simple daily devotion, *Men of Integrity*.

**OPEN GYM:** The Church gym will be opened on Friday nights for basketball play, from 7 – 10 PM beginning January 15. Members and friends are invited to take part.

**FINANCIAL PEACE:** Classes for the 9-week class will begin Thursday, January 28, in the Old Fellowship Hall. There is still time to join the class. Contact the Church office at 304 736-4583 to reserve a membership package for \$93. (Assistance is available with the purchase price.) Our young couples are especially invited to take part in this valuable experience, learning how to take control of your money. Child care will be available upon request.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** The Celebrate Recovery group will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning with a dinner at 6:30 PM in the Old Fellowship Hall. Join us for this important social time as we prepare with a "start-up" plan, reflecting the program of the Celebrate Recovery prior to opening up to the public.

One of the roles for the Church is in the after-care for those who have suffered from substance abuse or been through treatment and are getting their lives restarted in a new direction. Too often, those who return from treatment fall back into the old patterns, not because they wanted to – but because they didn't find the support they needed to succeed. Celebrate Recovery allows the Church to become the "third place" in the lives of others, the place where everyone knows your name, that cares about you and loves you!

VBS is coming up right around the corner. This year's VBS will be June 6th-10th from 9AM-12PM with the theme being about Egypt and Joseph. I need help from the congregation! I need classroom teachers for 1st grade, 3rd grade, and 4th/5th grade. I also need volunteers to help in the kitchen. Please let me know it gets here faster than you think! Feel free to call me at 304-563-3140. Megan Turman

#### Prayer Concerns

Teresa Blake	Sandy Boggess	Julia Dickens
Clay Johnson	Shawn Kelley	Peggy Morrison
Lori Godfrey	Wendell Argabrite	
Kimball Family in their transition		

#### Friends and Relatives

Brother of Jan Foss  
Ethan (Grandson of Peggy Hicks)  
Family of Barbara Vaughan  
Pollyanne (Sister of Rev. Sager)  
Kathy Adkins (Friend of Amy Jarvis)  
John Day (Friend of Bill Dutton)  
Ed Lombard  
Cindy Keefer (Daughter of Whit & Virginia Keefer)  
Carl Merritt (Father of Chip Merritt)  
Mary Ramey (1<sup>st</sup> cousin of Lou Jimison)