



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Prime Timers lunch at the Iron Skillet Wednesday, December 6.

The bus will leave at 11:15 a.m.. You must choose your meal and pre-pay by Sunday, December 3. Chicken (C, \$21), Tilapia (T, \$21), Shrimp (S, \$21), or all White Meat Chicken (W, \$22). Questions? Contact Missy Johnson at 317-888-1248 or Shirley Vleck at 317-881-1140.




Friendly Reminder


Dec. 3 ~ Youth Group	@ 4:30 pm
Dec. 4 ~ Tri Kappa	@ 6:00 pm
Dec. 5 ~ The Shepherds Table	@ 11:00 am
Dec. 6 ~ Prime Timers Iron Skillet	@ 11:15 am
Dec. 7 ~ UMW Christmas Tea	@ 1:00 pm
Dec. 7 ~ Quilt Connection	@ 6:00 pm
Dec. 7 ~ Bells Practice	@ 6:30 pm
Dec. 9 ~ Salvation Army Bell Ringing	@ 10:00 am
Dec. 10 ~ Mizo Charge Conference & Dinner	@ 1:30 pm
Dec. 10 ~ Youth Group	@ 4:30 pm



UMW Christmas Tea Thursday December 7, 2017 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bring a \$5 wrapped gift and a tea cup or mug.

Meeting in Old Fellowship Hall. Use rear parking lot. South door will be open.

Mizo Dinner Invitation Charge Conference

Sunday, December 10, at 1:30 p.m. Both Mizo and American cuisine will be served and everyone is invited. In order to prepare the appropriate amount of food they have asked that we please sign-up in the Gathering Place.




Don't forget to order your poinsettias! Orders due by Friday, December 8.



5th Annual Holiday Celebration & Appreciation Dinner

Franklin Community Middle School Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:00 p.m.

Honoring volunteers, supporters, contributors, donors and sponsors of KIC-IT of Johnson County. Please pick up a flyer on the Gathering Place Table for more info.



It's time for our church to "ring the bells" again for the Salvation Army. We will be stationed inside Greenwood Mall, next to Applebee's, on **Saturday, December 9.** Please sign up in the Gathering Place for a one-hour shift. We need you! If you have questions, contact Mary Kay Anthony at 317-881-5419.

2018 is quickly approaching. In order to make sure that scheduling of meetings is at its most efficient, every group/committee will need to submit their 2018 meeting schedule. This can be done with a simple email to the office (office@greenwoodumc.org) and to my personal email (monicalundsford@gmail.com). A facilities form can also be completed if that is easier for your group/committee. This includes all committees, study groups, and outside groups. This was an issue for the office in 2017 and we don't want it to continue into 2018. We are going to do everything possible to make sure that 2018 is one of GUMC's most successful years! If you are a member or leader of any of the groups, please pass this information along so that they can schedule their regular 2018 meetings. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Weekly Finance Summary

	Income	Needed
November 19	\$3,889	\$5,200
November 26	\$2,388	\$5,200

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Greenwood United Methodist Church December 3, 2017



This weeks scripture verse...

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 25: 4-5



Monday, December 18
Joyful Sound Handbell Concert
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20
Crossroads Brass Band Concert
7:00 p.m.

Greenwood United Methodist Church Vision

To be a church home where God's love welcomes and encourages all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Pastor In Suk Peebles / Interim Pastor Mike Biggs

Pastor Lal Ralte ~ Mizo/Burmese

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General Worship Information

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here and hope you feel the presence of God in this worship service. Stop by our Welcome Center for information or speak to one of our ushers for any guidance.

Holy Communion is available the first Sunday of each month.

On the second Sunday of the month, please join us for fellowship and refreshments after worship. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

For our hearing impaired friends: Personal hearing devices are available. Our ushers will be glad to assist you.

Sunday School is available for all ages starting at 9:00 a.m.

Children are welcome to worship with their parents. The Nursery is available for ages 5 and under from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

Prayer concerns, special requests, membership information: If you have a prayer concern, membership inquiry, change of address or other information you would like the church office or pastor to know about, fill out an index card and put it in the collection plate or call the office at 317-881-1653.

The Chapel is available for prayer and meditation during church hours.

Greenwood UMC Staff
In Suk Peebles: Pastor
Lal Ralte: Pastor - Mizo/Burmese
Drew Worthen: Music Director
Glen Coleman: Treasurer
Tim Twyman: Custodian
Monica Collin-Lundsford: Office Coordinator

God Gathers Us for Worship

**Indicates to stand as you are able.*

Prelude

***Welcome & Greetings**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* UMH #196

A Call to Worship Psalm 4: 1-8

All: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

C: You have given me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

L: How long, O people, shall my honor suffer shame?

C: How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

L: But know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as God's own;

C: the Lord hears when I call.

ALL: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.

L: Be angry, but do not sin;

C: commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.

L: Offer right sacrifices,

C: and put your trust in the Lord.

L: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"

C: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!"

L: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

For you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

All: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.

***Gloria Patri** See Screen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

L: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9: 2, 6)

L: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

C: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

L: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

***Hymn** *Light the Advent Candle* FWS #2090
(Stanza 1)

Announcements **Please fill out the member and guest book*

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading 1 I Corinthians 1: 3-9

L: The Word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination *(in unison)*

O God, Christmas is coming. Help us incline our ears to the Good News of the Lord's anointed one, the Messiah, who is born to set us free and bring joy to every longing heart so we join the angels proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest, our Savior has come!" Amen.

Anthem *The Holly and the Ivy* Men's Quartet
Marjie Hanna, cello

Scripture Reading 2 Psalm 25: 1-10

L: The Word of God for the people of God

C: Thanks be to God.

Homily *Riddle of the Christ* Pastor Mike Biggs

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer See Screen

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings
Special Music
Doxology UMH #94

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Giving of the Bread and the Cup
This Is The Feast of Victory UMH #638
Special Music

***Closing Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH# 140

Benediction *Shalom to You* UMH #666

Postlude

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Congregational Outreach

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(Healing)
1162 Meadowlark Drive
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

James Hartle (4), Missy Johnson (4),
Sue Krebs (4),
Zoe Elizabeth Rahrar (8), &
Charlie & Mary Thornton (2)

GUMC Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 3

Advent 1 ~ Hope

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
1:30 pm Mizo Worship
4:30 pm Youth Group

Monday, December 4

10:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Tri Kappa
7:00 pm Boy/Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 5

10:30 am Covenant Group
11:00 am The Shepherd's Table

Wednesday, December 6

11:15 am Prime Timers
Iron Skillet

Thursday, December 7

1:00 pm UMW Christmas Tea
6:00 pm Quilt Connection
7:30 pm Bell Practice

Saturday, December 9

10:00 am Salvation Army
Bell Ringing

Sunday, December 10

Advent 2 ~ Peace

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
1:30 pm Mizo Charge
Conference & Dinner
4:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Mizo Youth Group