

2018 Ministry Council Goals

Where there is no vision, the people perish... Proverbs 29:18

In early January a group of twelve leaders gathered to celebrate the past ministry of COGS and look towards the future. After a day of discernment, prayer, conversation, and food (we are United Methodists) we decided on two of the three goals for 2018. These will help guide all that we focus our energy and efforts on as we continue to strive to be the people and the congregation God created us to be.

- 1) Improve the worship experience
- 2) Focus our community outreach

There are a number of ways that we need your help and support to accomplish our goals.

- 1) Prayer — for our congregation, for our community, for our leadership, for our world, for your call to serve

2) Time — over the coming weeks and months there will be a number of ways you can give some of your time back to God both within and outside the walls of the congregation. Begin to ask God where it might be your gifts can be used in the coming year.

If you'd like to serve on a taskforce around either of our goals or be part of the Dream Team, that is the team that's spending time intentionally discerning our vision as a congregation, please let me know. I'm convinced so often when God is going to do something extraordinary, God calls together the wrong people in the wrong place at the wrong time. I can't wait to see how God will use us together in the coming year.

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Church Office Closed

Monday, January 15

MLK Day

Monday, January 29

Staff Development

What's Your Story?

Seeing Your Life
Through God's Eyes

Join us for a 4 week
Bible Study beginning
on Wednesday,
January 17th at 1 PM.

Books are \$12

If you're interested in Bible
Study in the evening, please
let Pastor Molly know!



Join us as we begin 2018 by telling, listening, and learning from our stories.
9:15 AM Sunday School **10:30 AM Worship**

We all have a story. Stories are important. They make us who we are and give us hope of who we can become. As people created in the image of God, we have our personal stories, and also the stories of all who have gone before us. We have the stories of our neighbors throughout the world. We need to tell our stories, listen to other people's stories, and be intentional about seeing each story we encounter in light of God's story of unconditional love.

The Story of...

- January 7:** Community | **Acts 2: 42-47**
- January 14:** Knowledge | **Mark 12: 28-34**
- January 21:** Youth | **1 Timothy 4: 7b-15**

- January 28:** Loving | **1 John 4:7-12**
- February 4:** Serving | **Acts 8: 26-38**
- February 11:** Children| **Matthew 19: 13-15**

The youth will help lead us in worship.

*The children will help lead us in worship .

Sympathy to:

- The family of Martha Tucker
- The family of Hilda Hocker
- The family of Nettie Moore

Average Presence in Worship December:

83

Children's Packets

We now have children's packets each week to be used during worship. Just grab one in the red bin outside the sanctuary and return it after worship so it can be restocked for the following week.

Total Offerings in December:

\$20,939.79

Upcoming Events

6th : **Church Council
Retreat**

9 AM

8th: **Grief Support**

1 PM — 2 PM

Threadbenders

7 PM

9th: **UMW Meeting**

9:30 AM

Trustees Meeting

4 PM

Stakeholder Meeting

5 PM

SPR Meeting

6 PM

13th: **UMM Meeting**

9 AM (Covenant)

20th: **Urban Survivor**

2 PM

22nd: **Threadbenders**

7 PM

27th: **WIG Training**

10 AM — 2 PM

Pastor's Bible Study:

What's Your Story?

Wednesdays at 1 PM

Lunch Bunch

1/3: **Cotton Patch**

1/10: **Mr. B's Burgers**

1/17: **UMW — Soups**

1/24: **Angelo's**

1/31: **Pulido's Cafe**

*Thank
You*

The staff are so grateful for your kindness and generosity this Christmas with the staff gifts. Thank you for all you do support us in our ministry.

Carolyn Fort wants to thank you for the love you have given with cards, calls, and prayers during the difficult time since Charles' death

Chair Yoga

Are you stiff? Want to connect with your body or other people? Join us for a FREE class beginning on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Chair yoga improves strength, flexibility, mobility, stress, and pain management.



Jigglebutt 5K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, January 27th - 9 AM

All ladies are invited to join the Saturday Tai Chi team in this event where all proceeds benefit Safehaven which assists individuals and families healing from domestic violence. For more information, contact Dora Loughan at 817-266-8683 or visit the website.



February 9 —10

Girls in 3rd to 6th grade are invited to a free, lock-in style program. This years theme is Dealing with Anger in a Christian Manner.

Sign up in the church office or by speaking with Esther Webb.

2018 Ministry Council

There are so many people who dedicate time and energy to the ministry of our church so join us in welcoming new leaders and thanking those who have served so long.

Cathy Florence

Chair

Lois Thompson

Secretary

Dora Loughan

Lay Leader

Wayne Merrell

Finance Chair

Esther Webb

SPRC Chair

Reed Hunt

Trustees Chair

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Item of the Month:

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