

Life on the Road

Updates from City Road Chapel



January 14, 2024

Ordinary Time



In the days leading up to the season of Lent, we will be thinking together about God's call on our life through the lens of "call stories" in the Bible. Last Sunday, we remembered our baptism, an event in which God claims and calls us. While we sometimes speak of a call for those serving as pastors or church leaders, ALL of us are called to life of love and service.

Our *United Methodist Book of Discipline* says it this way: *The heart of Christian ministry is Christ's ministry of outreaching love. Christian ministry is the expression of the mind and mission of Christ by a community of Christians that demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship. All Christians are called through their baptism to this ministry of servanthood in the world to the glory of God and for human fulfillment. The forms of this ministry are diverse in locale, in interest, and in denominational accent, yet always catholic in spirit and outreach.*

Our request over the next 6 weeks is that you will take some time to think about how and where God is calling you. Try to allow these call stories to speak to your heart and listen for God's desires in your life.

Leadership Board Meets Thursday

The first meeting of our Leadership Board in 2024 is this Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. This meeting will include looking at our church finances, electing our Trustees representative, and thinking about where God is heading us in 2024. We would prefer to meet in person if possible, but will make provisions for participating online via Zoom by visiting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88521919146?pwd=UHZ5T2h6VzU1RkoxUXBJOUR6Y0pvUT09>

Last Chasing Francis Meeting Today

For many weeks, a faithful cohort has been meeting together to talk about the book *Chasing Francis* by Ian Morgan Cron. This book offers a vision of the church as envisioned by Saint Francis and at today's final session, group participants will be sharing their vision for City Road Chapel based on what they have read. The group will meet today at 2 p.m. in the church library.

Do You Have a Musical Gift?

We continue to seek all who can make a joyful noise to help us in our worship experiences. If you can sing or play, please reach out to our music director, Debbie Shannon after the service or via email at debbie@cityroadchapel.org.

Church Office and Showers of Blessing Closed Tomorrow

Well, we might or might not have snow, but tomorrow is the annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and both our office and the Showers of Blessing program will be off. Showers of Blessing will pick back up on Wednesday.

Inclement Weather Policy

All forecasts suggest that this will be a tough weather week and we wanted to remind you of our procedures regarding inclement weather.

- If at all possible, we **do not** cancel Sunday morning worship unless the pastor can't make it across the bridge.
- We generally follow Metro Schools, so if school is closed, church activities are canceled. The NA groups meet at their discretion.
- The parking lot often gets very icy and does not thaw quickly due to being in the shadow of the building. Use your own discernment about when to come. We will put updates at www.cityroadchapel.org on the conditions at the church and any cancellations.



As of 12/29/2023

- Our sympathies to Juanita Howell and all her family in the death of her son Gwynn
- Bill Howard started chemo
- Rick Bride
- Jodi Gambill -- cancer
- Bishop Bill McAlilly -- recovering from ankle replacement surgery
- Rick Camp (Kaye's husband) -- knee replacement
- Darryl Ford (Jerry Armour's cousin) recovering from heart surgery
- Brian Billingsley -- recovering from surgery to remove tumors
- Coneale Bethurung -- Cancer
- Genie McMurtry -- cardiac issues
- Mae Helen Diamond -- cardiac issues
- Brenda Davis (Jimmy Rager's sister) is dealing with cancer
- Louise Walden (Jim's mom)
- Linda Capps -- Stage 4 Cancer
- Marcia Jefferson -- Cancer
- Nola and James Dyer
- John Evans -- dealing with cardiac issues
- Sheryl McIlvane's brother Tom, dealing with Parkinsons
- Gail Donelson
- Lydia McGuire
- Dorri Donnell Stanfill (Anita Kay Schofill's daughter)
- Joy Luthy
- Clint Camp (Kay Camp's son)
- Fred and Linda Tudor (friends of Peggy Hickman's)
- The residents of our Mobile Housing Navigation Center and our Family Navigation Center
- Linda Bingaman (Jerry's mom)

This Week at City Road Chapel

Sunday, January 14

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:45 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.
- Chasing Francis Study – 2 p.m.

Monday, January 15

Office Closed - Holiday

- NO Showers of Blessing
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- Wednesday Prayer via Zoom – 2 p.m.
- Transitions Group – 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 21

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:45 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10 a.m.

City Road Chapel also hosts Narcotics Anonymous Groups Mondays through Saturdays at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 1 p.m.

Welcome Desk Schedule

- January 14 – Mac Smith
- January 21 – Jim Neely
- January 29 – Randy Moore

Upcoming Birthdays

- Sherry Pettit – January 17
- Debbie Naylor – January 18
- Larry Broadrick – January 19
- Brent Phillips – January 23

Anniversaries

- No January Anniversaries