

“Did You Bring Joy?”

One of the reasons I became a history teacher was because of my fascination with history and especially what we can learn from history. What will history have to say about our world, about you and me? Will we just be a picture in a scrapbook or digital file somewhere or will we be remembered not for what we were but for who we were?

Have you ever wondered what people centuries from now will think about our culture? It, of course, is anybody's guess. In her book *A Fistful of Fig Newtons*, novelist Jean Shepherd depicts a group of archaeologists in the distant future who are excavating the remains of New York City. Burrowing under Madison Avenue, the heart of the world of modern advertising, they discover tin canisters holding reels of videotape containing hours and hours of television commercials from our time.

The archaeologists determine these reels must have something to say about what was important to us. They finally find a way to view these tapes. They grow excited with anticipation. One of the videotapes contains a scene in which three women move into the foreground. They are pushing carts of some kind. The three of them stop and reverently pick up some mysterious white circular rolls. Their eyes glaze in ecstasy as they handle the rolls.

A stern male figure arrives, clad in a white uniform. He resembles a guard, or perhaps an officer of some kind--definitely a figure invested with authority. “Ladies,” he says, “please don't squeeze the Charmin!” The three women continue to squeeze the rolls, with even more intensity. The guard, overcome by emotion, himself begins to squeeze a roll. One woman squeals: “I just can't help it, Mr. Whipple.” Nervously the guard squeezes even harder. “See, Mr. Whipple, Charmin's so squeezably soft!”

Amazed at the apparent significance of this archaeological find, the leader of the excavation says, “If we can find out what was on those Charmins, or what they were used for, I believe we would know what their civilization was all about, what they believed in.”

Some of you may remember those Charmin commercials. I do hope our culture is about more than bathroom tissue. It does make you laugh... and make you think...

However, it is not just our culture, but do you ever think about how you will be remembered? When the day comes, what will be said at your funeral? What was your life like?

I like what Welsh poet David Whyte once wrote: “I don't want to have written on my tombstone, when finally people struggle through the weeds, pull back the moss, and read the inscription there: ‘He made his car payments.’” Do you want to be remembered for more than that?

There is an ancient Egyptian myth which says that, after death, every individual is confronted with two questions that have to be answered honestly. First, did you find joy? And second, did you bring joy? The first step to joy is letting Jesus into your heart!

Pastor Bud

February 2019 Mission



**Fennimore
UMW News:**

Who is FMSC?

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children® is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals for starving, malnourished and hungry people. The prepackaged dry meals—costing less than a quarter each to make—are funded and assembled by donor-volunteers in the United States. Our in-country partners use the food to prevent starvation and curb malnourishment in children and families worldwide. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries in our history.

FMSC Food:

We have three dried, fortified meal formulas addressing the world's main hunger needs.

MannaPack™ Rice: Our original food formula consists of vitamin packed flavoring, dried vegetables, soy protein and rice.

MannaPack™ Potato-W: Our "baby food" which meets World Health Org. standards for infants 7 to 12 months contains vitamin-packed sweet potato flavoring, potato granules and soy flour.

MannaPack™ Potato-D: The first and only food for people with severe diarrhea (a leading killer in the developing world) contains a specific sweet potato-flavored vitamin mix which aids rehydration, potato granules and soy flour .

FMSC Costs:

Each MannaPack meal costs less than 25¢ to produce

FMSC Donors:

FMSC is 100% donor funded. Because of our low overhead costs, donations of all amounts go a long way in the fight against world hunger. FMSC devotes more than 90% of total donations directly to feeding kids.

Please consider donating to FMSC. You may also donate your time! There will be a Mobile Pack April 4-6 at the Boscobel Fire Station.

February is a slow month for the UMW. However, we are looking forward to March and entertaining at Good Sam for the March Birthdays! Tuesday March 12th from around 1 — 2:30 PM we need 5-6 volunteers to help watch the cards as numbers are called, hand out prizes (quarters) and serve a treat. Not a hard job and the residents love playing Bingo and of course the angel food cake and punch! Please call me (Kim Cathman) if you can help 822-3196.

ALSO ... Check out the bulletin board on your way to Coffee Hour. We have our updated schedule for 2019 in a pocket folder. If it's empty, let Chelsea or I know and we'll get more printed.

AND the January District UMW Newsletter is posted there. It includes a UMW district calendar as well as other news from around our district. If you would like a copy, just take it down and make a copy of the pages you want or you can go online to our churches website under UMW News and link to it there. There is a lot going on in our area and it also gives you list of the district officers and sister churches!

Well, stay warm and remember Spring is just around the corner — March 21st.

2018 Budget Update

Fennimore

We were \$3,193.45 behind in Budget Giving for 2018. However, we were \$29,710.28 behind in Budget Spending. Putting us ahead \$26,516.83!

Thank You ALL for your continued support of Fennimore United Methodist Church!

Who's Serving in Fennimore in February?

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
2/3/2019	Klais Family	Linda Stephenson
2/10/2019	Phil Alm	Sheckler Family
2/17/2019	Hunt Family	
2/24/2019	Winkers Family	Carl and Judy Nelson

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM
2/3/2019	Maggie Kartman
2/10/2019	Krista Demo
2/17/2019	Confirmation
2/24/2019	Confirmation

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
2/3/2019	Davis Family	
2/10/2019	Loran Friederick Jaren Knight	Sheckler Family
2/17/2019	Rob and Karla Rands	
2/24/2019	Tina Carl Rogene Needham	Carl and Judy Nelson

Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
2/3/2019	Davis', Burkum's, Klais' (4)	Linda Stephenson

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
2/3/2019	Carmen Burkum	Linda Stephenson
2/10/2019	Phil Alm	Brent Sheckler
2/17/2019	Tonia Schildgen	
2/24/2019	Linda O'Kane	Judy Nelson

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
2/3/2019	Keira Kartman	
2/10/2019	Brogan/Corbin Demo	Ethan Sheckler
2/17/2019	Ava Winkers	
2/24/2019	Drew Torgeson	Jackson Sheckler

GOD SHOWS HIS
LOVE  **FOR US**
 THAT WHILE
 WE WERE STILL
SINNERS
CHRIST **DIED**
 FOR US
 {romans 5:8 }

Remember our Friends at:

Orchard Manor
Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center
Nip Leffler, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds,
Dennis Freymiller, Jeannette Schneiderwind

Sunset Fields
Donna Blackburn and Paul Rector

thankful



UMW Creation Day Group

Our UMW Creation Day Group (Fennimore) would like to "thank" everyone who helped make our year SO successful!

After tops were assembled, we tied and finished 25 covers of various sizes from Bassinet to Queen and were able to donate 11 covers each to both Depot Exchange and Social Services. Some were also sold to help with supply expenses.

Many people have donated a large amount of supplies we use; fabric, bats, thread, yarn, etc. We have a couple of families from 2 other Churches who have donated time cutting blocks, sewing and also donated fabric.

In order for covers to happen, it takes people. Whether it is washing fabric, pressing, measuring, cutting blocks or assembling. Also, someone who cuts and sews bias bindings to finish the edges.

Our group is small, but faithful from start to finish. We are VERY grateful!

God Bless,
Creation Day Group

Marilyn Brodt, Co-Chair
Harriet Brun, Co-Chair

Youth Winter Retreat

A great time was had by all besides the questionable weather on Friday. Stay tuned for a write up in next months Newsletter!

Papa Murphy Pizza Sales

The Youth again sold Papa Murphy Pizzas for Super Bowl Sunday as a fundraiser for Youth events, etc. and of course this includes food cost! We all know how much Teenagers can eat!

Thank You to all those who purchased. Over 60 pizzas were sold!

CHRISTIAN
E D U C A T I O N

The Christian Education Students have been busy with lots of fun stuff! They recently made Valentines for the elderly, shut ins, etc. and are having a Snow (Fun) Day on February 3.

Stay tuned for more details regarding Christian Education in next months Newsletter!

as I have
loved you,
LOVE one
another
John 13:34

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