

# Senior Ministries Newsletter

JANUARY 1, 2024



For information regarding Senior Ministries events or trips, or if you or a loved one are moving to a care facility, please contact Carli Burton at [cburton@springfieldfirst.org](mailto:cburton@springfieldfirst.org) or 217-793-9760 x111.

**The eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. -Deuteronomy 11:12**



**COME JOIN THE FUN... and blessings, both for the receiver and the giver.**

Let's get together to make and/or sign Valentines. We can fellowship and help with a mission of remembrance for our elderly.

You remember how much fun making, sharing, and reading Valentines were! All materials will be provided. If you are a crafter and have materials you wish to use, of course you may bring them. We will be in Atrium 4 on Tuesday, January 23, from 1:00-4:00pm and Wednesday, January 24, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday. Come and go at your convenience.

Lunch will be provided on Wednesday, January 24.

Not available on those dates, or want to do more? We will be filling Valentine bags and preparing them for delivery on Wednesday, January 31 from 10:00-11:30am in Room 2.



## SIGN A VALENTINE!!

On Sunday, January 28, please take a moment to stop by our table in the Atrium to sign a Valentine to be placed in goodie bags for our elderly. This will help brighten and lighten the day of those who can no longer come out for services. Thank you!

If you are available to help deliver some bags, contact Carli, 217-793-9760 x111, or [cburton@springfieldfirst.org](mailto:cburton@springfieldfirst.org).

## AROUND THE TABLE ADVENTURE:

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP** (AGES 55+)

Date: Thursday, January 11

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Where: Rooms 5/6

Hosted by: Wimer & Darlene Kern

Sweet treats and coffee will be ready when you arrive. Following a devotional, we will break out into groups to play games.

A delicious meal will be served at 11:45am.

Suggested donation is \$7.00.

## 6 Prayers for 2024

1. May your health improve.
2. May your family be loved.
3. May your friends be blessed.
4. May your pains lessen.
5. May your worries disappear.
6. May God bless you. And hold you in the palm of His hand today & always.

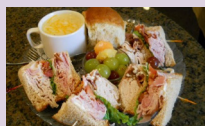
*Amen.*



**UPCOMING TRIP:** Sign-up sheets and information are located outside the worship spaces. You can also contact Carli Burton, [cburton@springfieldfirst.org](mailto:cburton@springfieldfirst.org), or 217-793-9760 x111. Please sign up and leave your check, made out to SFUMC, in the black box. This will hold your place.

## FEB. 21 - Lunch at Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shop

Trip to Josephine's Tea Room and Gift Shop. We will depart at 9:30am in the church van for an 11:00am reservation. If needed, we will add cars to make a caravan. The cost is \$5.00 for gas and lunch is on your own. Their gift shop is fabulous, and they have a SALE barn! Who doesn't like a sale? Signup sheet is outside the Sanctuary. Seating is limited to 20.





We have an **assisted parking** ministry and we invite you to use it. It is staffed by wonderful volunteers from our congregation. The purpose of the ministry is to be of assistance to those who have mobility challenges of any kind or during slippery pavement making unsure footing. Our goal is to make your worship experience at First United Methodist Church the best it can be. The parking ministry will be available 15 to 20 minutes prior to the traditional service and 10 to 15 minutes following the traditional service on Sunday mornings. Just pull up under the east canopy door and exit your vehicle. **No prior notice is needed.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

...that the hand of the heavenly Father is in all good things?

...that when we trust God to know what's best for us, our anxiety and tension will cease?

...that instead of trying to influence people with our words, let them see our spirit shine for the Lord?

...that we encourage you to be on the lookout for information from Dara Bose about "I can buy myself flowers" event in February.



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GREAT TIME  
AT THE  
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## DEATHS

*Please hold in prayer the families of:*

Jane Bennett 12/1    Ed Brooks 12/11    Darlene Kessinger 12/30



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## WEEKEND WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

**Sunday** 9:00am Contemporary (CLC) 10:30am Contemporary (CLC) 10:30am Traditional (Sanctuary)