



Campbell News

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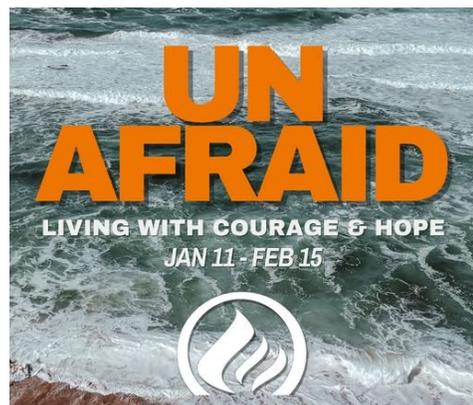
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The mission of Campbell United Methodist Church is to help people become disciples of Jesus Christ
who are changing the world for God's sake.

Campbell's Core Values - Grace, Creativity, Authenticity, Inclusivity, Selfless Service

Join us this Sunday
8:15 and 10:45 am
worship services
9:30 am Sunday School



Ash Wednesday

{INTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN}

18 FEBRUARY
20
26

JOIN OUR SERVICE AT 7PM IN THE CHAPEL
2401 S. LONE PINE AVE. SPRINGFIELD, MO



**From the office of
Robert D. Farr
Bishop**

Dear Missouri Clergy and Lay Leaders,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I write to you with a heavy heart and deep concern in light of troubling news unfolding in our nation, especially in recent days in Minneapolis. Reports of aggressive immigration enforcement, families being separated and communities living in fear have shaken many of us.

These are not abstract policy debates. These are human lives. These are families. These are children. These are our neighbors.

Many of us, including the Church, have tried to keep our heads down and hope things would somehow get better. The problems feel enormous. And many pastors and congregations feel real pressure to stay “safe,” to avoid controversy, and simply to keep the doors open in a fragile season. I understand that. At the same time, we must name something harder: fear is doing its work. Voices are being suppressed. Communities are being intimidated. When fear sets the terms, silence can start to feel faithful. It is not.

We must not let fear win.

Our Social Principles remind us that every person is created in the image of God and endowed with sacred worth. They call us to defend human rights, to resist unjust systems, to protect the vulnerable, and to insist on dignity, due process and humane treatment for all.

Immigration policy is complex. Laws and borders matter. But Christian discipleship insists that how laws are enforced, who bears the cost and how the vulnerable are treated are not just political questions. They are moral ones.

The Church has long taught that human dignity is not granted by governments. It is given by God. Jesus tells us that whatever we do to the least of these, we do to him. Again and again, Scripture reveals that God’s heart is found among those pushed to the margins. The Church must stand with immigrants, refugees and all who seek safety, dignity and due process.

Therefore, I am calling on the Missouri Conference to renewed faithfulness and courageous witness. I invite every pastor and congregation to:

- Pray intentionally and publicly for immigrants, refugees and all families living in fear.
 - Preach and teach from Scripture and our Wesleyan tradition about God's concern for the stranger, the displaced and the oppressed.
- Study our [United Methodist Social Principles](#) and use them as a guide for faithful moral discernment.
- Support trusted ministries and community organizations that provide humanitarian aid, pastoral care, legal assistance and accompaniment to vulnerable immigrants.
 - Build relationships with immigrant and refugee communities in your area, not as projects, but as neighbors.
 - Speak respectfully but clearly to public officials and advocate for policies that uphold human dignity, protect families and honor due process.

The Missouri Annual Conference exists to equip pastors and lay leaders to love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously. This is one of those moments when that calling must move from words to witness.

We do not do this because it is easy. We do it because it is faithful. We do not do this because it will make everyone comfortable. We do it because the gospel rarely does.

And we do not do this alone. We do it trusting that the Holy Spirit is still at work, calling the Church to courage, compassion and costly love.

May God give us the courage to be the Church in this hour.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RF', written in a cursive style.

Bishop Robert Farr
Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
PARENTING IN THE AGE OF AI Kids

At 11:00am in the Brentwood library, learn about how to talk to the children in your life about AI and technology to nurture their irreplaceable human skills with guest speaker Amy Love, author of *Discovering AI: A Parent's Guide to Raising Future-Ready*. This event is free, but you will need to register online to attend. Limit 100 people.



Valentine Cookie Sale

Circle 7 will be selling their famous decorated Valentine Cookies on Sunday, February 8th in the Parlor/Link between worship services. These make delicious treats for a loved one or a friend. All proceeds from the sale will support Circle 7 mission and service projects.

Invite Your Friends To

YOUTH

Sunday School

Crafts - Friends - Fun

Sundays at 9:30 AM

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of President's Day.



*Thank
You*

The women of Safe to Sleep thank Campbell UMC for providing their evening meal on January 13 from Pizza Hut on East Battlefield.

Thank you to all from Campbell and King's Way who helped with the making of Care Cards and Hope Notes on Sunday, December 28. A total of over 50 Care Cards and over 250 Hope Notes were made.

Patti Echols

The Women's Medical Respite (WMR) wishes to express its appreciation for your support during 2025. Through your attendance at fundraisers, support from circle groups, and individual donations, you have contributed to its mission to care for medically fragile women experiencing homelessness. Every donation enables WMR to continue serving women and making a difference for good in their lives. We look forward to continuing the collaboration with Campbell UMC in 2026.

Jan Weiss, Board Chair
Women's Medical Respite

Soul Sisters

Baking Night

**February 17 at 5:30 pm
at the home of Jan Weiss
Sign up in the Parlor/Link**

Our sympathy

To the family of Evelyn Davis
To Randy Frevert upon the
loss of his father

Campbell at Crosslines

Next Date: Feb. 26

**Volunteer with us at Crosslines
Food Pantry to support the
food insecure in our
community**

4th Thursdays

8:45AM - 1:45PM

Sign up in the Parlor/Link



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Do you need help with household tasks?
LET'S CARE FOR EACH OTHER

We can help with:

- ◆ *Installing grab bars or small ramps*
- ◆ *Light household tasks*
- ◆ *Basic outdoor work*
- ◆ *And more*



Want to volunteer? Contact the Hollands
Contact the Hollands or (417) 881-2018