

January/ February 2016



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Pastor's Page

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! I left worship today with a deep sense of peace that indeed our Lord is with us.

I know that there are many things happening in each of our lives – but it is such a blessing that we can come to worship and leave those things outside our doors. We can find strength in our church community to face our day to day issues.

Immanuel, God be with us, we have prayed for so long, and now God is here.

In the serendipity and surprise of a Child, in the wonder of young parents, in the wisdom of sages and the humility of shepherds, in innkeepers who make room when there is no room, in all these narratives and more, we know your presence among us.

Let us not forget, as gorgeous papers and ribbons clutter our living rooms, what we know here and now. The ultimate gift is your Son: Christ is born in Bethlehem, wrapped in the normal blankets of a normal child, yet containing deep within the genetics of joy, the seeds of peace, the DNA of salvation. Bless our own gift giving that it, too, be marked with joy and filled with peace. Let our gratitude to others show, and let it come straight from our gratitude for you. In the name of the Child. Amen.

I am so thankful for all of our church community – and I look forward to being with you in the coming year 2016.

Pastor Kay



THANK YOU



We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, food and hugs we have received during Mike's illness. At this time he is doing pretty well.

Mike & Mary Fisher

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! - I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JENNIFER NORBY FOR MAKING THE GLUTEN-FREE BREAD EVERY MONTH. SHE DOES IT WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE & I TRULY APPRECIATE THAT. THANKS AGAIN DONNA HOWARD

Hope @ Miracle House would like to thank everyone for their outpouring love. We are in awe of all the love that we have received Thank you to all the volunteers who have cooked meals, stayed the night, or helped with laundry. Thank you all for your donations, and most of all your prayers. We appreciate all you do. May God Bless each and every one of you.



Thank you to everyone who donated food for funeral dinners, from salads to desserts. The families appreciate it so much. This is a mission of our church and you are doing a great job of it. You are an awesome church family. Also special thanks to Tony Bucher who sets up tables & chairs and is there to welcome people coming in. Also mans the elevette. This is so much appreciated! Bereavement Committee, United Methodist Women

I wanted to take this time and thank everyone for all the Christmas blessings. SPRC for the great Staff Party, small gifts on my desk, to gifts that meant more than you know, to a Secret Santa surprise! Thank you all and Merry Christmas, Love Gwen

Dear Friend,

Did you know that the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it. And, these laws definitely don't leave any gift to your church or any other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?

Dale Levy
Planned Giving Director
United Methodist Foundation

Find information at www.rmumf.org

Turkey Dinner 2015

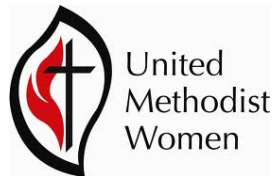


The Wonders of His Love



ATTENTION

PLEASE CHECK DOWNSTAIRS FOR THINGS LEFT BEHIND - BAKING DISHES/ CASSEROLE DISHES/ TRAVEL CUPS (BOTH HOT & COLD) VARIOUS LIDS/ 2 DONVIER TYPE OF ICE CREAM MAKERS



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) 2015

It's been a busy year & it has gone by quickly! Here is a recap of what we have done this year:

- Spring Brunch - April 11, 40 attending (9 different churches) Entertainment—Nearly There (A John Denver Tribute) Donations Went To Blessings In A Bag—\$416
- UMW Sunday - August 23 UMW Did Whole Service— Vira Brock Gave A Program On Racial Injustice Gave Recognition Pins to Laurie McCartney & Neena Hagans Served breakfast after service
- Funerals - Mark Espinosa(Helped Serve @ Rec. Center)
Earl Harris (Desserts)
Dee Corder (Lunch)
Renee Crowe (Lunch)
Jean Bangert (Lunch)
Alfred Watada (Lunch)
- Baby Crosses 9
- UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) Project - Put Together 30 Health Kits
- Turkey Dinner / Bazaar / Bake Sale - November 7. It all went very well thanks to everyone who helped in all the different areas. No numbers yet on how much we made.....
- Christmas Tea - December 6, 53 Attending, Entertainment (Back by popular demand) - *Nearly There*. Donations Went To Hope @ Miracle House - \$234
- Missionaries Birthday Cards - Sent one each month
- Sent 41 Birthday Cards & 12 Anniversary Cards
- Bingo - Ashley Manor (Ft. Lupton Assisted Living) 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month 9:30 am. We need more volunteers for this new program
- Christmas Cantata - On December 13 UMW helped set up & cleanup. We also did meat/cheese / bread trays / drinks for 150 people
- Our in house project is 5 windows in Gwen & Pastor's office - should be done by end of year
- UMW Supports Many Organizations - Turkey Boxes-\$100 Day Of Giving-\$50 Blessings In A Bag-\$100, Pregnancy Resource Center-\$100, Warm Hearts/Warm Babies-\$100, Adventures In Christian Living-\$100, Ft. Lupton Food Bank-\$400, Preston Ranch-\$100, Padens Ministry-\$100, Nation To Nation-\$100, Hope @ Miracle House-\$100, Wesley Foundation-\$100, Optimist Club(Angel Tree)-\$100
- Within The Church: Recycle Bins-\$72, Upper Room-\$120, Church/Kitchen Supplies-\$100
- Pledge To Mission Giving - \$1545
- One New Member-Celeste Milliken
- Starting A New Campaign On Recycling 2016. The Do's & Don'ts Of Recycling

MARY CIRCLE MEETS ON THE 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM (OFF MONTHS JUNE, JULY, and AUGUST) UMW MEETS QUARTERLY

DONNA HOWARD UMW PRESIDENT

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Office Closed 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1 New Year's Day	2
3 Office Closed 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	4	5 11:30 Worship Planning mee 7p SPRC meeting	6 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club -CL 6p Youth Group 7p Choir	7 7 Finance Meeting	8	9
10 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	11 7p Foxy Quilters	12	13 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club -CL 6p Youth Group 7p Choir	14 7p Staff meeting	15	16
17 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	18 Office Closed Martin Luther King Day 6:30p Many Blessings 7p Mary Circle	19 7p Full Council	20 10 Bible Study 1:15p Lunch Bunch -Dragon 3:30p Christian Life Club -CL +2 more	21	22	23
24 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	25	26 7p Mission/Congregational C	27 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club -CL 5p Staff meeting +2 more	28	29	30
31 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	Feb 1	2 11:30 Worship Planning mee	3 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club -CL 6p Youth Group 7p Choir	4 6:30p United Methodist Wom	5	6

February

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7 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	8 7p Foxy Quilters	9 7p Trustees Meeting	10 10 Bible Study 3:30p Christian Life Club -CL 6p Youth Group 7p Choir	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 9 Worship Service 10:45 Sunday School	15 Presidents' Day 6:30p Many Blessings 7p Mary Circle	16 7p Executive Council	17 10 Bible Study 1:15p Lunch Bunch -Dragon 3:30p Christian Life Club -CL 6p Youth Group 7p Choir	18	19	20
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Happy Birthday



January Birthdays

Bonnie Shaw	01/03
Donna Howard	01/06
Finnian Matthew Bueker	01/08
Clementine Fitch	01/09
Anthony Garrett	01/09
Gene Hagans	01/10
Lucile Dahlberg	01/12
Teri Kopfman	01/12
Lee Amato	01/13
Jacob Tijerina	01/15
Heather Rentz	01/17
Clete Larson	01/18
Polly Cummins	01/19
Victoria McCrumb	01/21
Jon M Frazier	01/21
Mariann Johnston	01/21
Mark Saar	01/22
Kristel Acre	01/25
Lisa Standeford	01/25
Don Cummins	01/27
Isabella Tijerina	01/27
Kay Marsh	01/28
Babe Breickler	01/29
Brian Thompson	01/30

January Anniversaries

Mike & Gwen Ceretto	01/21
Scott & Kathleen Frazier	01/23
David & Barb Irsik	01/26
Lloyd & Iva Thiesen	01/28



February Birthdays

Sandy Amato	02/01
Carol McDermott	02/03
Dorene Tadehara	02/03
Phil Tiffany	02/03
Mindy Bucher	02/03
Donald Tomoi	02/04
Colton McCutchan	02/05
Sean Brown	02/06
Marilyn Bangert	02/09
Blane Gross	02/10
Joseph Kopfman	02/11
Lloyd Thiesen	02/12
Glenn Gaul	02/12
Alyssa Johnston	02/12
Alexander Anders	02/12
Mary Edens	02/13
Joe Hubert	02/15
Jaxon Ceretto	02/17
Cody LeBlanc	02/17
Andy Anders	02/18
Amber Irsik	02/18
Kathleen Frazier	02/18
Robin Taylor	02/19
Jason Kokoszka	02/19
Loree Unrein	02/20
Gene Tadehara	02/20
Kobe Roedel	02/21
Joyce Acre	02/22
Robin Anders	02/22
Normita Irsik	02/23
Skye Kopfman	02/24
Olsen Irsik	02/24
Mary Ellen LeBlanc	02/26
Brian Shaw	02/26
Margaret Walter	02/27
Ron Thiesen	02/27

February Anniversaries

Randall & Tina Powell	02/02
Jim & Mary Edens	02/19