



The MESSENGER

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Pastor's Pondering

A New Year

*"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen." John Wesley*

John Wesley adapted this prayer from the Puritan tradition that was so important to his parents and family growing up. It informed his theology and preaching. He expected the people called "Methodists" to pray this prayer at the beginning of each new year as a way of remembering and renewing their baptismal covenant. This prayer describes the life of a Christ-follower in participating with Christ in Christ's mission and what that life requires of us.

As you begin 2019, what part of this prayer is most challenging to you? Is there a particular phrase or sentence which you struggle with the most? What portion of the prayer is easiest for you to follow? Why do you think that is? Try asking God why.

I invite you to pray this prayer daily for the month of January -- the entire prayer: the parts you struggle with and the parts that are easier. I challenge you to continue to engage God in prayer about the struggles and joys you experience in praying this prayer. I wonder how God will transform each of us individually and as a congregation through our praying this prayer for a month.

May our lives resemble this prayer more and more each day.

In Christ,
Pastor Tim

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus

Sunday Morning

8:30 First service

9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Second service – includes a staffed nursery



Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month at both services.

Office hours :

Church office: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 2:00

Pastor: M 12:00 – 4:00 and T, W, R 10:00 - 2:00

Feel free to drop in at these times. Other times are available by appointment.

Please call the church during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine with information regarding the names of individuals who need to be on the church prayer list or need a pastoral visit.

Human Relations Day – Jan. 27

Your gift helps to overcome injustice and empowers those struggling to survive.

U.M. Community Development Program 57%

U.M. Voluntary Services Program 33%

Young Offender Rehabilitation Program 10%

“Eat for Heat”

Every year the Missions Committee cooks a wonderful meal to raise money to help neighbors-in-need stay warm. This year’s Eat for Heat meal will be on Sunday, **Jan. 20**, after the second service.

There will also be envelopes in the bulletins on Jan. 13 for a “heat offering.”

Hope at the Inn

We are collecting socks, underwear, long johns, and t-shirts for our homeless guests. We need men’s and some women’s.

Please sign up in the narthex to help with a shift, a meal, set-up/clean up on our first week of the season: Jan. 6-13.

Dedicate a Sunday

A New Year is upon us. If you choose to dedicate a Sunday anytime in the new year, please sign your name on the sheet which is on the bulletin board. The cost is \$300. Pictures can be emailed or given to Lisa in advance if you wish to have them on the screen. This is a wonderful way not only to remember those who have passed but also to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa in the office.

Companions in Christ

Beginning January 10th at 11:30 to 1:00 or 1:30. Lorna Benson will facilitate the Companions in Christ Series “The Way of Transforming Discipleship”.

This series focuses on your spiritual journey in relation to Jesus Christ and the world he came to redeem; your daily experience of God, your response to grace with gratitude, trust, love, and self offering.

Please sign up by calling the office, or signing up on the bulletin board, so we know how many books will be needed.

The books are \$10.00, but we may be able to get a discount. If you are to purchase your own book, that would be greatly appreciated, but not a requirement to join the class!

Lorna is excited about leading this class and is so looking forward to you joining her!

2019 Offering Envelopes are now available by the ushers’ table. If you like to use offering envelopes, take a box and *write the number of the box next to your name*. You do not need to take a box in order to receive a giving statement at the end of the year. The Financial Secretary keeps track of all donations that are identifiable, i.e. a check, an electronic donation through Vanco or the Square Reader, or cash in any envelope marked with your name or your official box number.

Please identify yourself. A few pledges were turned in without names. We have identified all but one. This pledge was originally written for \$30/month general and \$10/month building. Then the \$30 was crossed out and replaced with a \$40. If this sounds familiar, please call the church office and talk directly to Lisa 428-9311.

Sign-up sheets by bulletin board

It's a new year with tons of new opportunities. Please take a moment to check over the sign-up sheets by the bulletin board for Greeters, Liturgists, Readers, Muffins, Coffee, etc.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Acolytes: Claire Marlett and Allie Livingston

Altar Guild: Virginia Petersen and Pam Thorbahn

Coffee:

Jan. 13 Bill Springer
Jan. 27

Communion Servers:

Susan Lagina, Denise and Dylan Messina

Counters:

Jan. 6 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Susan Lagina
Jan. 13 Nancy Peterson and Sharon Block
Jan. 20 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Allison Desotelle
Jan. 27 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle

8:30 Greeters:

Jan. 6 Bill and Bonnie Buchmiller
Jan. 13 Virginia Petersen
Jan. 20 Al and Chris Jensen
Jan. 27 Pam Thorbahn

10:30 Greeters:

Jan. 6 Larry and Dorell Kirschner
Jan. 13 Sue Cole
Jan. 20 youth
Jan. 27

Liturgists:

Jan. 6 Paula Wright
Jan. 13 Kole Desotelle
Jan. 20 youth
Jan. 27

Muffins:

Jan. 13
Jan. 27 Nancy Campbell

Pianists at 8:30

Jan. 6 Kathy Young
Jan. 13 Deborah Hubbard
Jan. 20 Lisa Myers
Jan. 27 Kathy Young

Readers:

Jan. 6 Dorell Kirschner
Jan. 13 Paula Wright
Jan. 20 youth
Jan. 27 Kole Desotelle

Ushers: Allison and Kole Desotelle

Ecumenical Christmas Dinner

"Thank you" to all who help with and donated to the Ecumenical Christmas Day Dinner. We served 205 in the dining room, gave out 59 take-outs, and delivered 221 meals.

Below is one of the cards we received thanking us for the Ecumenical Christmas Dinner.

To -

Everyone involved in the Christmas dinner -
Thank you and God Bless.

Gratefully,
Mary Ott

Prayer List

Dave Nemacheck	Tim & Rebecca Worth
Caroline Hart	Andy Fase
The Stock family	Carol Simmons
Sue Cole	John Vroegop and family
Blake Cowen	Safe travels during holidays
Tim Bishop	Jim Johnson
Lois Hultquist	Kevin Viau Family
Stan Porath	Dale Jamison
Leslie & Scott Pertz	Paul Crowe
Allie	Kristee Arndt
Julie Backlund	Bud Baltic
Barb	Donna Becker
Lorna Benson	Bryan Blixt and family
Deb Boden	Shelby Jean Boris
Chloe Borish	Jim & Lois Boydston
Tom Butch	Nancy Campbell
Mary Cheyne	Joan Cook
Dan	Chris & Kim Diamond
John Fisher	Mary Gendron
John Gudwer	John Hansen
Mary Ann Heubler	Walt and Lettie Houghton
Callan Hughes	Chris Jensen
Tom Jensen	Karen Johnson
Katy and Brian	Diamond & Peggy Kemner
Krissy	Krista
Deb LaPorte	Marcy Makosky
John Marchak	Rebecca Marchak
Billie Marmalick	David Martin's family
Larry Martin	Lisa Massie
Karen Owens	Gary Quick
Mason Robitaille	Bev Regts
Tammy Reser	Cindy Rivers
Christine Stephens	Anna Vanderwal
Dorothy Wagner	Kenny Wilson
Tom Watson of Seattle	Ethan Winling
Marianne Watson Milkowski	

We received the following Christmas card in early December. The actual card is hanging on the bulletin board.

We are thinking of our Memorial UMC family this year as we gather with our children and grandchildren. We are missing the beauty of the Bay de Noc! For sure!

Blessings,
Jim and Caroline Hart

Pastor Caroline's address while she undergoes treatment for leukemia is University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital

Caroline Hart
7West – Adult BMT – Room 64
1540 E. Hospital Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-4255

Caroline thanks all of you for your "knee mail." She says that she can really feel the power of your prayers.

The Altar Guild needs two more people for 2019. Volunteers serve with two other people to cover two months of the year. Please talk to Berta Johnson if interested 428-2241 or 280-3250.



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| 1/4 Marilee Demarse | 1/15 Connie Breitzman |
| Willy Mannisto | Samuel Taylor |
| 1/6 Blake Lesnieski | 1/16 Mark Demarse |
| 1/8 Jerry Barnhart | 1/19 Preston Adydan |
| Susan Lagina | Leslie Coleman |
| Dave Landenberger | Joyce Rabitoy |
| 1/9 Kamryn LaVigne | 1/21 JoAnn Gudwer |
| 1/10 Uriah Kuhlman | 1/23 Kevin Warm |
| 1/11 Dominic Joslin | 1/25 Becky Landenberger |
| 1/14 Bonnie Buchmiller | Devyn Waeghe |
| Cole Possi | 1/27 Dennis Ness |
| Sandy St. Aubin | Adisen Tryan |
| | 1/31 Aeden Creten |

Creative Cards have been designed by the Knitting Group for sale for \$2 each. Please check them out in the narthex, by the bulletin board.

Trustees Report

Things have been happening within the walls of Memorial. While the cookies were being made, one of our boilers decided to leak! The boiler room flooded, and part of the kitchen floor flooded. Plumbers were called and responded. It was very fortunate that the pipe could be replaced, and we do not have to immediately replace the boiler. Thank you to Erin @ Berger & King for coming and turning off the boiler right away and Tom Viau for replacing the pipe. Thank you to Jan Johnson, Phil Petersen, and Ted Brainard for the fast clean-up.

A quote for replacing the kitchen floor is being worked on and will be submitted hopefully this week to the insurance company.

Our boilers are old, and we should be looking forward to the inevitability of having to replace a boiler in the near future. We did an awesome job of raising money for the upcoming floors to be replaced, and we need to keep our Building Maintenance Fund going.

Thank you one and all for helping to keep our building up and running.

On another "POSITIVE NOTE," Bill VanDeVusse has replaced all the light bulbs with LED bulbs, saving us money on usage. The new bulbs should last many years.

Bill has also arranged to have the church updated on all WI-FI wiring throughout the church, eliminating wire in the office and making WI-FI usage available throughout the church. This will be done the week after Christmas.

We owe a "HUGE THANK YOU TO BILL."

As you can tell, upkeep on our Church Home is just like upkeep on our living abode.

Thank you to all of our church volunteers who put in many hours and keep our church active and functioning.

Sincerely,
Sally Brainard,
Trustee Chair

Pickle Ball equipment is ready. For anyone interested in learning how to play there will be instruction and demonstration on January 9 from 10 until 11:30a.m. Bring gym shoes or shoes with good tread. Contact Carol Borden with any questions at 573-2816.

Youth Events

The *Youth 2019* event in Kansas City is July 10-14. It will cost about \$600 per person. That is why we are already fund-raising.

If you are interested in going to this, please tell Lisa in the church office by Jan. 13. We will want to sign up for Early Bird Rates, and we will need you to participate in fundraisers and preparations.

“Youth Vision” **every Sunday 9:30AM** Eat cereal & milk, watch a thought-provoking video, and discuss.

“Movie Night” the **3rd Saturday of the month 6PM** features a teen movie in the youth room and a kid movie in the gym (in case you have little siblings or cousins). Free theater-style popcorn & beverages!

“Youth Sunday” the **3rd Sunday of the month** – Be a liturgist, reader, usher or greeter at the 10:30 service.

Puzzles: If you enjoy working puzzles, there are puzzles in the church library. Take one home, enjoy working it and return when finished. Our winters are long—hope you enjoy working them as much as we do.

Life Line Screening will be @ Memorial on Mar. 21. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment**. Register at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!

Poinsettias given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

Our parents: Joe & Beryl Hampton, and Pete and Signe Tolonen - - - from Terry & Susan Hampton

Stewart & Marilyn Harger - - - from Deborah & Jim Hubbard

Our parents: Irvin & Lydia MacKenzie and Walt & Mary Houghton - - - from Walt & Lettie Houghton

Roy Ness - - - from Dennis and Connie Ness

Mark & Jean Snyder - - - from Dennis and Connie Ness

Karl Warm - - - from Dennis and Connie Ness

Cindy Stock - - - from Mike, Sam, Jonah, Jude, L.J., and Lucy Frizzell

Jim & Vi Damitz and Cindy Stock - - - from The Stock Family

Paul Cregver and Toni Wright - - - from Tim and Paula Wright

Earl & Lillian Johnson, Ron & Eunice Watson, and Gene Watson - - - from Dave and Berta Johnson

Poinsettias given to the Glory of God in Honor of:

Our son Tom’s birthday and his family: Krista, Tyler, Emma & Andrew - - - from Susan and Terry Hampton

Warren and MaryAnn Hubbard - - - from Deborah & Jim Hubbard