



Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church

January - February 2019

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 UniondaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming Events



January and February Birthdays and Anniversaries

January

13 – Barb Cook
27 – Melanie Vitatoe

February

14 – Jason Horne

- Tuesday, January 1 – Happy New Year!
- Sunday, January 6 – Communion Sunday and Epiphany
Sunday, Sunday School resumes
- Sunday, January 13 – Reaffirmation of Baptism
- Monday, January 14 – SPRC meeting-1 PM
- Sunday, January 20 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Saturday, January 26 – Faith Circle - 9 AM
- Sunday, January 27 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Sunday, February 3 – Communion Sunday
- Monday, February 11 – Cluster meeting 6:30 PM at Bluffton First
- Sunday, February 17 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Monday, February 18 – President's Day
- Saturday, February 23 – Special Session of General Conference of UMC-A Way Forward- meet thru 26th
- Sunday, February 24 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change

****Don't forget****

- * Save your pop tabs and can tabs for Riley's Children's Hospital. Collection can at the back of the church.
- * Save your change for Children Changing the World on the last Sunday of each month.



A Word from Our Pastor

Happy New Year! A new year and a new calendar give us a clean slate to begin filling in as the year progresses. The beginning of the new year is also a good time to review the previous year. The newspapers, news magazines and TV news programs select what they see as the most significant events of the previous 12 months. We should do that, too. I know we all have had some events that are life-changing either positively or negatively. But think about 2018 and remember the things that stand out in your mind. I hope that some of the things that come to mind are related to your spiritual life, your faith journey. Are there things that happened that cause you to think about changes you need to or want to make in your life in the coming year?

At this time of year many Christians are thinking about how they will be more intentional in growing in their faith. One good practice is to begin a **Bible reading plan**. Believers who read larger portions of the Bible in a regular, intentional plan increase in the depth of their understanding of God's plan for us. There are many different plans to choose from. If you are new to Bible reading plans you might want to begin with one that leads you through the **New Testament** in 90 days (Bishop Trimble is challenging us to try this plan). If you haven't read continuously through whole books of the Bible, you miss out on seeing how the pieces connect to form a big picture. You can read the **whole Bible** straight through or chronologically in a year. On the table in the back of the sanctuary I have placed printed copies of 5 plans for you to select and try out.

Another good way to increase your faith is to be more intentional in your **prayer life**. You can begin by increasing your prayer time by 5 minutes or more per day. Keep a list of prayer concerns and pray for the people and situations involved. Or you may try praying the scripture using the book of Psalms and personalizing and applying the thoughts to your situation or that of others you know. When God is ready to do a new thing among his people, he first sets his people to praying more fervently for the broken and lost people of the world.

As you begin the new year, meditate on these words from the hymn, "Near to the Heart of God."

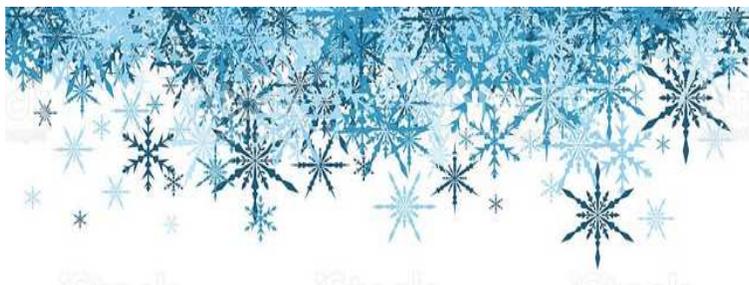
1. There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. *Refrain*
3. There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

– by Cleland B. McAfee, #472 *UM Hymnal*

Shalom, Pastor Karen <><



Committee News

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will meet on January 26, at 9:00 AM, at Uniondale United Methodist Church. All women are welcome. Men are also welcome to meet there and share in a breakfast fellowship at a local restaurant.

Nine Companion Cluster

The Cluster gave away 306 popsicles in about 20 minutes at the Bluffton Street Fair. Plans are under way for the Henderson Mission Trip scheduled for March 24-30. The next Cluster meeting will be Monday, February 11 at 6:30 PM at Bluffton First UMC. Anyone interested in attending?

SPRC (Staff Parrish Relations Committee)

The SPRC is scheduled to meet on January 14 to discuss 2019 church business.

Thank You from Pastor Karen and Jim

Jim and I want to thank all of you for the Christmas cards and the generous Christmas love gift you gave to us. The cute framed glass house has a peaked roof that lifts up, and "Amazing Grace how sweet the sound" is etched on the front of it. It was filled with Hershey's hugs and kisses and rolled \$-bills. We enjoy doing ministry and living the faith with you in Uniondale. We love you all. May you be richly blessed in the new year!

Please remember

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Bluffton, IN 46714

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Bluffton, IN 46714

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For God
so loved the world
that He gave His
only
begotten
Son,
that whoever
believes in Him should
not perish but
have everlasting life.
~ John 3:16



**Another fresh new year is here ...
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!**

**This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!**

**I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!
~ New Years Quotes by William
Arthur Ward ~**

Treasure's Report

November 2018 Budget Summary	November Actual	November Budget	November Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	4,269.73	4,017.42	252.31	49,789.92	44,191.62	5,598.30
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	4,940.58	4,017.40	(923.18)	35,528.52	44,191.40	(2,478.32)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	(670.85)	0.02		14,261.40	0.22	



General Conference 2019

The 2019 Special-Called General Conference will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. Conference representations from around the world will gather at The Dome, part of the America's Center Convention Complex.

The purpose of the General Conference will be to receive and act on a report from the [Commission on A Way Forward](#) based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized at the 2016 General Conference in Portland, Oregon and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning [human sexuality](#) and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.

2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE INDIANA DELEGATION

We encourage you to set aside time between now and the special-called Conference in February to pray for our delegation and the work of the General Conference.

You may email the delegation at their shared inbox 2019gcdelegation@inumc.org which goes to every member of the delegation.

Clergy Delegates:

Kimberly Reisman
Tony Alstott
Dave Neckers
Lisa Schubert-Nowling
Russ Abel
Mitch Norwood
Beth Ann Cook
Cindy Reynolds

Lay Delegates:

Tyler Best
Allison Curts
Ed Fenstermacher
John Lomperis
Amy Land
Leanna Zimmerman
Doris Clark
Jim Ottjes

Reserve Delegates:

Manet Shettle, Laity
Douglas Worthington, Laity
William Emerson, Laity
Jill Howard, Clergy
Mike Dominick, Clergy
Greg Pimlott, Clergy

The Three Plans on A Way Forward

The One Church Plan

The One Church Plan gives churches the room they need to maximize the presence of a United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible. Changes to the adaptable paragraphs in The Book of Discipline apply only to the Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States. Central conferences, through the work of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters, will have the authority to retain the present language regarding chargeable offenses of clergy and questions of ordination related to homosexuality found in The Book of Discipline (2016) or adopt wording in these paragraphs that best serves their missional contexts.

The Connectional Conference Plan

The Connectional Conference Plan reflects a unified core that includes shared doctrine and services. This plan creates three values-based connectional conferences that have distinctive definitions of accountability, contextualization and justice. Current central conferences have the choice of becoming their own connectional conference (up to five additional connectional conferences) or joining one of the three values-based connectional conferences. A redefined Council of Bishops focuses on ecumenical relationships and shared learning. Episcopal oversight, accountability, elections, assignments and funding occur within the College of Bishops of each connectional conference.

The Traditionalist Plan

The request to include a full Traditionalist Model was received by the Commission on a Way Forward just prior to its last meeting, which began on May 14, 2018. Members of the Commission on a Way Forward registered concern that the time available did not allow for the full conciliar process utilized for the other two plans offered by the Commission on a Way Forward. The One Church Plan and the Connectional Conference Plan both received intensive and comprehensive participation from the Commission and the Council of Bishops over an extended period of time. While there was some support within both the Commission and the Council of Bishops for a Traditionalist Model, the support was modest enough in both groups to discontinue the Commission's earlier work on this model. In order to serve the May 2018 request from the Council of Bishops, the Commission on a Way Forward resubmits the sketch sent to the Council of Bishops in November 2017 as our work on the Traditionalist Model along with the history of this work and its implications for various bodies in The United Methodist Church.

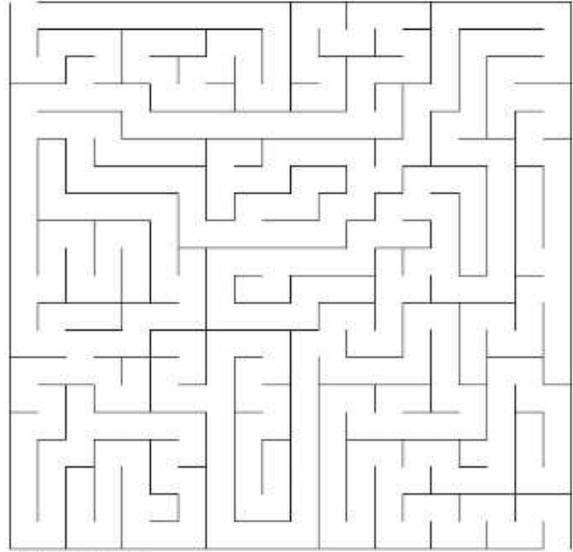
Valentine Word Search Fun

T R A E H F
S E F U R Y
S Q E I S D
I E E W Q N
K N Y J S A
D I P U C C

CANDY HEART
CUPID KISS
FRIEND SWEET

What are some other words
that relate to Valentine's Day?

Instructions: Trace the path through the maze. Help get the fireworks to the New Years party.



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