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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

There Is Good News!

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1 (NRSV)

The Gospel of Mark begins with these interesting words. It is the beginning of a particular good news, the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In today's religiously pluralistic age, perhaps not entirely different from the religiously pluralistic age that Jesus was born into, these are important words to think about deeply. Christians have received good news. Therefore, we have good news to share. The very last verse of the book of Mark forms a nice pair with the opening verse saying, "And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it." We know from the rest of the New Testament that their testimony was effective. People from other faith traditions discovered the good news of Jesus Christ through them.

It is considered politically correct, or at least polite these days, to say that all faith traditions lead to the same destination. The first Christians knew that wasn't the case. They understood that Jesus made all the difference in the world. Understanding that difference is what propelled them to tell others about Jesus as *good news*. They told their Jewish family members, who were seeking to respect God by fulfilling the obligations of the Torah, that God had opened up a whole new pathway to a deeply personal relationship. They told those who worshiped the Roman and Greek gods that they had discovered that there was actually only one God that they needed to pay attention to, and that the main characteristics of the one God was unconditional love for humanity. They told everyone that, through Jesus, they had discovered that God's power was the greatest power that exists; even greater than the power of death itself. They were overflowing with the good news of Jesus Christ, and their



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enthusiasm was contagious.

Our world is different in many ways. Some Christians have little excitement for the good news of Jesus, in part because they have grown up in the tradition and take it for granted. Some Christians don't really understand what is so amazing about Jesus, in part because they haven't taken the time to deeply understand their own tradition and thus cannot know what is good about it in comparison to other traditions. Some Christians aren't comfortable talking to people about their faith, in part because other Christians have gone before them proclaiming bad news rather than good. Rather than sharing the amazing hope, joy, peace, and love that the Way of Jesus leads to, some Christians have delivered judgmental and even threatening messages about what will happen to people if they don't profess a belief in Jesus.

We have different challenges than the first Christians had to deal with. However, the starting place may be the same. In this age, one of our greatest tasks as Christians is

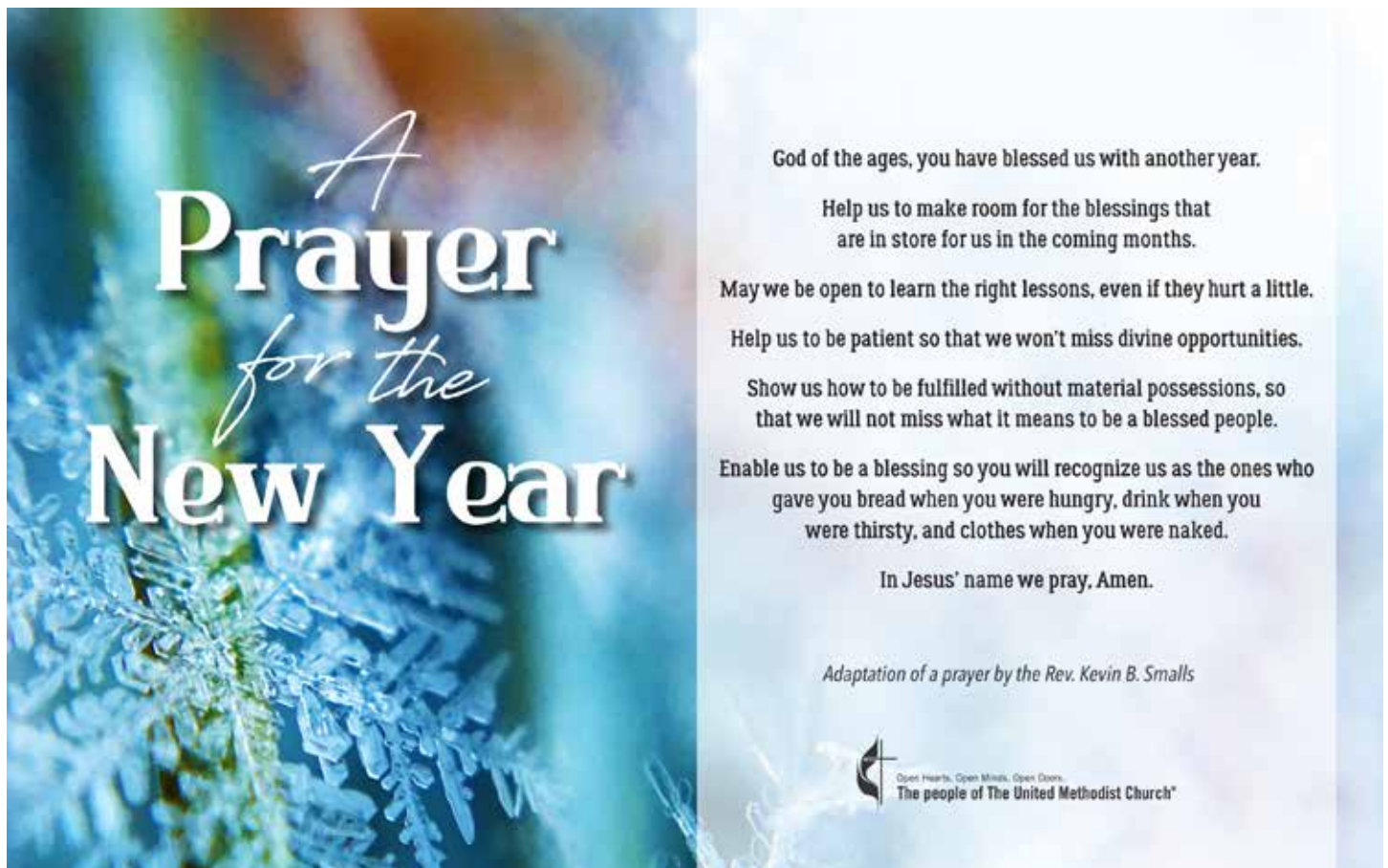
to reconnect with the good news of Jesus Christ. We need to feel it in our own souls before we can share it. We need to be able to express how following the Way of Jesus has changed our lives, before we can imagine how it might change someone else's life. We need to be able to explain what is good about the Way of Jesus, to people of other faith understandings in ways that are meaningful to them.

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The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reflect on how excited you are about your faith. Is your excitement sufficient to be contagious? Do you know what is truly good news for you and potentially for others? If not, it may be time to begin some new practices of prayer, study, worship, and group discussion. It may be time to ask God to help you find the core of the Christian faith, which is the *good* news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Peace, and Happy New Year!

Pastor Mary



A
Prayer
for the
New Year

God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year.

Help us to make room for the blessings that are in store for us in the coming months.

May we be open to learn the right lessons, even if they hurt a little.


Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.

Show us how to be fulfilled without material possessions, so that we will not miss what it means to be a blessed people.

Enable us to be a blessing so you will recognize us as the ones who gave you bread when you were hungry, drink when you were thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Adaptation of a prayer by the Rev. Kevin B. Smalls

 Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.
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Children & Family Ministries

CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR

It's that time of the year when everyone will be asking, "what's your New Year's resolution?" Have you made family resolutions? Is God in your resolution? Why not mix them both with making God a priority in your family's resolution by working on spiritual practices to strengthen your relationship with God?

A New Year's resolution doesn't have to be complicated. Here are a few ideas for making meaningful family resolutions that are more God centered.

Make a scrapbook, journal or idea board. Start a family scrapbook/prayer journal and add your family's funny memories, blessings or concerns. This family keepsake journal could contain memories of the year or answered prayers and hopes for the future. Don't forget those cork boards from last year's family retreat—or make one. Reflect on the past year to add memories. Write down praises and prayer requests. Include hopes and dreams for the future. Add anything special your family wants to record.

Pray together. Pray together for the coming year. Make God your family priority through prayer. If praying doesn't come naturally, start with family meals. Try praying during family time, by holding hands and form a prayer circle, then squeeze the person's hand to let the next person know it is their turn. Some families pray before school and others have a nightly family prayers. Find what works for your family or start with praying for spiritual growth.

Read the Bible together. Any time is a good time to pull your Bible off the shelf. Find one suitable for your family to begin a Bible story connection of 3-4 minutes a day. Begin by reading how God created the world in Genesis 1.

Teach Sunday School. Get involved in teaching Sunday school (only 2 week commitment). If Sunday doesn't work out, don't forget we have opportunities to help encourage and enable the Baker Kids on Wednesday nights.

January is always a great time to re-focus your priority on God, your family and love for one another.

FAMILY BIBLE VERSE

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. —Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **January Sunday School Curriculum** | Talk with the Teachers
- **Wednesday Nights** | 6pm | Baker Kids
- **Sunday, January 28** | 4-6pm | Potluck & Prayers Fellowship family event for pre-school through 6th grade

THANK YOU

- **December Teachers:** Marti Tarmichael, Jayne Scales and Loretta Nelson
- **December Shepherds:** Courtney Fredrickson and Toni Peck
- **Baker Kids:** Greg Pratt, Jayne Scales, Mandy Hale, Betty Erickson and Joel Peck

Blessings and Joy,
Shelly Stienbarger



THANKS TO OUR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA HELPERS

It was a joyful group of 50+ to enjoy Santa December 2, 2017. I wanted to let everyone know what an outstanding job you all did making Breakfast with Santa a special event. I know it was a lot of work from the beginning steps of reaching out to the families and the ending of the smiling children in the photos.

Perfection all around from the details of the kitchen, to the decorative table tops, BakerYouth servicing the tables and of course Mr. Santa. We're so lucky to have you all at Baker Church. Thank you for your detail work, time and smiles.

Youth Ministry

WHY DO WE HAVE SUNDAY SCHOOL?

As the year begins, my commitment to challenge and grow our young people remains the same. I'm excited to start a short series in High School Sunday School with them we're calling, "What I Need To Know About Faith (Before I Go to College.)" I'll be teaching this is along with current and recent college students. Back in August, I wrote about the reasons for some of our youth programming, but this month I want to elaborate on a specific program we call Sunday School. Many are uncertain about what it is, how it came to be, why it still exists, and whether or not their children should participate. I hope this article dispels some of that confusion. First, here's the scene:

A bone weary child of about ten staggers along a cobblestone passageway. His face is smeared with coal and dirt. The shreds of clothing hanging from his hungry structure identify him as a child laborer. In the distance a dog barks. As we follow the path of this young boy, our eyes fall on a crust of bread laying in his path. The dog we heard from earlier appears and a scuffle ensues between the child and this hungry dog. If you have ever watched a Charles Dickens film, you know this scene.

In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, this image too often, matched the reality of thousands of youth on London streets and in American towns. In response to this crisis,

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ministers Robert Raikes and Thomas Stock created a place for orphaned youth to receive secular and sacred schooling—reading, writing, arithmetic and catechism. It worked so well that by 1850, over two million children were enrolled in Sunday school. Yet, the conditions

for the creation of Sunday school changed over the years.

A majority of youth and children exited the workforce and entered public school during the workweek due to the Fair Labor Standards Act, but as the industrial backdrop slowly slipped away, Sunday school continued in most churches. The secular education component mostly disappeared, and catechism was moved from the weekend to midweek. This brings us to the present day where Sunday school serves as a means of educating our young

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Sunday, January 7 | 2pm | Sisterhood DBTP

6:30pm | High School Fellowship

Sunday, January 14 | Youth Sunday (no youth Sunday School)

2pm | Joseph Fellowship | St. Charles Bowl outing

Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20 | BakerYouth

"Messy" Winter Retreat | Sign up at: tinyurl.com/Messy2018

Sunday, January 21 | 2pm | Sisterhood DBTP

6pm | Middle School Fellowship

Wednesday, January 24 | 6:30pm | Confirmation class

people about faith, church traditions, and how to live in the world. It has become a crucial tool of discipleship that supplements the teaching young people receive in the home.

When Sunday school is understood as a complement to faith formation by parents, it becomes a powerful force for good in the lives of our youth. Their faith journey is accelerated by being in constant safe conversation at home and church. They are also better able to lead others to Christ and along the way. For some of our young people, Sunday school attendance is undertaken in addition to their attendance in the Sunday worship service at 9 am. The 10:30 class becomes a sort of Class meeting in the Wesleyan sense. This is because Sunday school no longer serves the function of being the only place for our young people to receive secular or spiritual instruction. Our kids are home with us, for better or worse. :)

However your young person interacts with the church, Sunday school is always a good place to start on the journey of spiritual formation. We have the youth split up by grade levels to make it easy to keep track. Middle schoolers, grades six through eight, meet at 9 am and high schoolers, grades nine through twelve, meet at 10:30 am. We have a tremendous curriculum lined up for the Winter and Spring sessions, with Baker Memorial youth specifically in mind. Parents are encouraged to drop in too, to hear what we are teaching and support their young person.

See you in class!

In Christ,
Carl King
Director of Youth Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

MESSAGE TO YOUNG ADULTS

December was packed with family visits, trips out of state and a host of other things. As a result, some of the events we planned were rescheduled for the month of January, like game night. In addition, there are a few new things going on that I hope you have heard about. The first is Adult Spiritual Formation. Ms. Paula Hall is looking for young adults ready to lead others in faith formation. If you feel called to get involved, message me and I will make the connection. The other new thing is a young women's group for...young women. This is group is

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not exclusively for mothers, but child care is provided. Ms. Isie Brindley is heading up this group and actively enrolling, so reach out to her at the number below.

Along with the new groups forming, I want to celebrate the young adults stepping into the life of the church through volunteerism. This month, current and recent college students will share their stories and faith journeys with high school seniors and juniors. These are young adults, leading their peers, being role models and it's really exciting. These high school Sunday school classes promise to be a very engaging and helpful time, especially since the crisis of faith is happening for many of our youth around this age.

I remember being a young person and looking to those just a few years ahead of me for direction in shaping my own life. It was formational to see young adults leading church activities like Sunday school and youth events. They had energy the older saints could not match. They

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLE UPDATE

United Methodist Women's newest group for young women enjoyed their first social, a pot luck brunch at the home of Milupa King, on Saturday, December 16th. It was a heartwarming afternoon and well attended. The women had plenty of opportunity to bond as they planned for the upcoming year.

Their next meeting will be hosted by Kim Masters on Tuesday, January 16th. They will meet at 10am at a nursing home (location be announced) and will socialize with the residents until 11:45am. Thereafter, they will meet for coffee at Starbucks or Colonial. For information, contact Kim Masters at 630-803-1746.

knew the technology and loved and some of the music I was interested in. As a result of their relatability, I listened to them. The stories of life experiences they shared helped me avoid pitfalls in my immediate future. It is super encouraging to see this cycle continue for BakerYouth and young adults.

Young adults are also stepping up in staffing the nursery, teaching K-5 Sunday school, serving as mentors during confirmation and going on trips like the Winter Retreat. Thank you for your commitment to the life of this church. We celebrate you and rejoice as your faith is stretched and grown in this new year.

Grace and peace,
Carl King
Director of Young Adult Ministry



**potluck
& prayers**
Sunday, January 28 | 4pm

· CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY ·
Come in from the cold for family fellowship!
Please bring a dish to pass and be ready
to play a few fun games

Please register on attendance sheet, at the office
or with Shelly at Shelly@bakermemorialchurch.org

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

YEAR END FUNDRAISER ROUND-UP

- **Christmas Tree Sales** went a long way to benefit the Youth Mission Trip and the local Helping Hands Medical Ministry to Guatemala! Many thanks to Dave and Loretta Wilson for the donation of the trees that earned \$1080. The donations were split between both ministries!
- **75 Angel Tree Tags** were distributed to the congregation who bought toys, games, gift cards and more. The Salvation Army picked them up and took them to their toy store right here in St. Charles! Missions was pleased that Lydia Circle also took toys that they collected at their December progressive dinner! Parents were able to do their own shopping for their children on December 16! What a wonderful ministry!
- Our recent **That's My Pan** fundraiser earned \$322.59 for Missions. These funds were included in our Rainbow Covenant giving for 2017! Many thanks to Michele Claney for organizing.

SAVE LIVES! DONATE AT OUR BLOOD DRIVE JANUARY 24

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24 from 3:30-7:30pm in the section of Wiley Hall that is just off of North Avenue. We are hoping to increase our 27 unit collected last fall! Look for more information in the bulletin. If you do not get a call, or miss signing up, just come anytime between 3:30 and 7:30pm!!

HOLMES FAMILY MISSION FUND

The Holmes Family Mission Fund each year benefits mission giving in the form of endowment allocations. This year the amount was \$335.48 and became part of our Rainbow Covenant fund for missions.

Missions Outreach designated those funds be given to Hesus House in Aurora in memory of Barb Homes.

RAINBOW COVENANT MINISTRIES WE SUPPORTED

We far exceeded the expectations of the Mission Outreach team this year. We thank the congregation for their generous hearts that enabled us to give \$6151.16 from Sunday morning special collections and various fundraisers throughout the year. This is in addition to mission giving of the \$44,000 that is given through our apportionments. We are now in a covenant relationship with our Cambodia



Salvation Army bell ringing has ceased for the season, but many in our congregation still enjoy the memory of ringing, singing and playing instruments. Thanks to Rick Carlson for again guiding this ministry for Baker that so many enjoy! Pictured here is Virginia Krammerer and the Swenson family.

Missionary Clara Biswas will learn much more about this ministry in 2018 and look forward to a possible visit when Clara is stateside! Below is a complete listing of all 6 bands of giving that Baker Memorial UMC supported in 2017!

- **Missionary To Cambodia #13952z** Cambodia, Purple band: \$2500 (Covenant Relationship)
Clara Mridula Biswas works in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She works with the 'poorest of the poor' in slum areas and garbage dumps to facilitate their move to relocation and rehabilitation centers. She assists education programs, giving 620 public school students music, computer, and art classes, and she also assists health programs that refer patients to hospitals and local organizations.
- **Peru-Titicaca Border Ministry**, Bolivia (#3021288), Red band: \$670
The region around Lake Titicaca is among the poorest in Peru and Bolivia, populated by indigenous Aymara. The goal are to strengthen their local churches, improve their economy and health, and develop sustainable resources. misionfronteras.com
- **UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot** (#901515) Orange Band: \$670
In 1996, a 48,000 square foot processing/warehousing

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facility was constructed on this historic property at the Sager Brown Center in Baldwin, Louisiana. Over 2,700 volunteers stay and work at UMCOR Sager Brown each year processing supplies for worldwide disaster relief and working in local outreach programs.

- **Tree of Life Ministry**, Pierre, South Dakota (#123615)
Yellow Band: \$670

This ministry with Lakota Native Americans addresses needs on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota by “nurturing the body, strengthening culture, and enhancing the spirit.” This ministry provides groceries and meals to the hungry; repairs to substandard homes; and supports local teachers as they reclaim native culture and language. treeoflifere Relief.org

- **Midwest Mission Distribution Center** (#50000150)
Green Band: \$670

Midwest Mission Distribution Center is located just east of Chatham, IL. MMDC opened in March of 2000. Since then everything has been done with donations from individuals, churches and groups, and with volunteer labor. Since the beginning it has distributed disaster relief items to at least 21 states and 29 countries. In addition to disaster relief kits and supplies, school supplies, and the school desks, the Center also sends many blankets,

hospital supplies, and sewing machines and bicycles that have been refurbished. MMDC is a cooperating depot in the UMCOR Relief Supply Network.

- **Hesed House PADS** (#60000017), Blue Band: \$670
Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc. (Hesed House) is a comprehensive homeless resource center working to end homelessness one person-one family at a time in Aurora. Hesed House equips ninety area churches 1) to provide food, shelter and services to its home-less neighbors, 2) to provide the opportunity to hope again (job training, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, legal services, veteran’s services, etc.), and 3) to work for systemic and societal justice on behalf of the least of these. Several United Methodist Churches support Hesed House PADS, both financially and with volunteers.

- **Additional Rainbow Covenant Giving:** Paul Webster missionary to Mujilia Falls, Zambia, Africa who spoke this summer to our congregation. These funds were sent in August 2017: \$300

- **Total Rainbow Covenant Giving: \$6151.16**
Rainbow Covenant Giving is sent to Northern Illinois Conference along with our apportionments. Also, the portion of our apportionments designated for missions is \$44,000. Praise God!

Pints for Pasta
Heartland Blood Centers
Donate Blood in January and receive a FREE Bowl (up to \$13 value)

Baker Memorial Methodist Church Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 24th ~ 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Located in Wiley Hall

To prepare for your donation ~ Eat Well ~ Stay Hydrated ~ Bring Photo ID ~
Questions on eligibility? Call 1-800-7TO-GIVE.
To make an appointment to donate, please go online to www.heartlandbc.org or
contact Pete Holmes at 630-377-2183.
Appointments preferred ~ Walk-ins always welcome!!

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January 2018

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World Kitchen

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Text APPT to 444-999 for Immediate Appointment
1-800-7TO-GIVE • www.heartlandbc.org #Don8bld

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER THIS MONTH

- **January 10** | UMM Fundraiser Sloppy Joes
- **January 17** | Leek, ham, potato bake, Corn with Peppers, Kale salad, Orzo & Spinach soup
- **January 24** | Honey mustard chops, ranch potatoes, mixed veggies and broccoli salad
- **January 31** | Chicken Dijon, firehouse green beans, rice pilaf, kale salad and vegetable soup



CREDIT CARD & PAYPAL DONATION OPTIONS

If you would like to donate to Baker Memorial UMC using a credit card or Paypal go to BakerMemorialChurch.org and click on the donate button or you can scan our QR code, shown

below, to give with your smartphone.

JOIN THE THIRD MONDAY NIL FOODBANK GROUP

Last month, Baker Memorial UMC volunteers packed Senior Boxes with Amazon donations of fresh produce and meat. They packed 6289 pounds of food providing 5241 meals for hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois. Baker Memorial volunteers at the NIL Food Bank the third Monday of every month at 9am. If you would like to join the group please just show up or call Marge Meanger for more information at 630-584-9582.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH BILL HYBELS

Are you overscheduled? Exhausted? Overwhelmed?

In this four-week video study, Willow Creek Pastor and



bestselling author, Bill Hybels, shares his own story of the wake-up call that changed everything-and the steps he took to simplify his life before it was too late. You'll discover how to stop living at such a frenetic pace and begin charting a new course toward satisfaction, purpose, and significance. Join us to discover

the power of simplicity in your schedule, work, finances, relationships, and soul. Classes are January 14, 21, 29 and Feb 4 at 9am.

MINDFUL MOMENTS SUPPORT GROUP

Mindful Moments is a support group for those who have loved ones with mental illness. Meetings are in the Upstairs Conference Room on first and third Wednesdays at 7pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

2017 YTD Financial Information

Operating Fund Balance as of 11/30/2017 is a POSITIVE \$75,438

Year to date

Total Giving to date \$1,033,929*

Total Disbursements \$1,027,076

Net Change \$6,853

**Includes \$37,000 donated for the Children's church center and \$44,000 Grant income and \$200,000 from the Collins Trust used to pay down the debt in July.*

Apportionments paid to date 2017 \$79,486

Overall fund balances are \$124,882 including restricted funds

(including the children's center and grant income.)

The finance committee wants to thank the congregation for their support of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church during the pledge drive. There is still time to submit 2018 pledges. We received the necessary pledges to confirm a balanced 2018 budget which included budget growth for a number of committees throughout the church. Thank you again for your support.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS SOON

Financial Peace University begins Sunday, January 14 at 7pm. Join this nine lesson class on money management based on Christian principles. Contact Paul Conterato for more information at 630-814-0144.

UNITED METHODIST MEN EVENTS

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sunday January 21 at 7am. All men of the church are invited to gather for food, fellowship and a featured speaker on the third Sundays.

Mark your calendars for the **UMM Super Bowl Party** on Sunday, February 4 at 5pm. All church members and their families and friends are invited. Please bring \$5 to help defray the cost of the food. For more information, please contact UMM President Tom Warren at 224-605-8121 or NIUHuskies50@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ANNOUNCING OUR 2018 READING PROGRAM

An idea for your New Year's resolution—read more books from our church library. There are many good books waiting for you, now, in the library. In addition, the following books were purchased by our UMW in order to deepen our spirituality and become aware of world situations that could affect us all. They will be available for your use sometime in January.

EDUCATION FOR MISSION

Without You There Is No Us | *Undercover among the Sons of North Korea's Elite* | by Suki Kim

In 2011, Suki Kim accepted a job teaching English to the all-male Pyongyang University of Science and Technology students. For six months she struggled to teach them about the world beyond their borders, knowing that the more they knew, the more they risked.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

50 Women Every Christian Should Know | *Learning from Heroines of the Faith* | by Michelle DeRusha

Read about these incredible women of faith—from Catherine of Siena to Corrie ten Boom. An engaging narrative reminding us we are not alone. God is always with us during our struggles in life.

Nuturing For Community | *An Indigenous peoples' history of the United States* | by R. Dunbar- Ortiz

This book challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against indigenous peoples was designed to seize the territories of the original inhabitants, displacing or eliminating them.

SOCIAL ACTION

Hospitable Planet | *Faith, Action, and Climate Change* by Stephen A. Jurovics

Based primarily on the Five Books of Moses, this book speaks to people of faith, offering a handbook on the Bible's greatest mandate for mortal existence—to choose life for the earth and all its inhabitants and develop practical skills to decrease their energy use.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Tattered and Mended | *The Art of Healing the Wounded Soul* | by Cynthia Ruchti

A gallery of stories to show that God heals artfully. Even the most threadbare souls can once again find healing and hope.

MIRIAM CIRCLE MEETING INFORMATION

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 14 in the Youth Center.

- 11:30am optional bring your own lunch
- Noon to 1:30pm meeting. Dessert provided by Teagan Sjogren

We will be decorating Tissue Boxes to give out as gifts at our March 4 Senior Living Center Concert. Everyone should please bring a 4-pack of tissue boxes. Please bring the square shaped boxes (not the long rectangle shaped boxes). Any brand can be used.

As always, friends are welcome!

Pray and Color | *A Coloring Book and Guide to Prayer* by Sybil MacBeth

Thousands are enjoying a new prayer practice called *Pray and Color*. This coloring book and guide helps anyone quiet the mind and pray while creating something visual and inspired. (Pages can be removed and copied for group use.)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

I Am a Bear | by Jean-Francois Dumont

A homeless bear living in a city has a hard time getting by, but when a little girl makes friends with him, his life becomes brighter.

SOCIAL ACTION

One Well | *The story of water on Earth* | by Rochelle Strauss

A richly illustrated and timely book about our water and its source. Its call to action shows how every one of us has the power to conserve and protect the global well.

YOUTH BOOKS


SPIRITUAL GROWTH

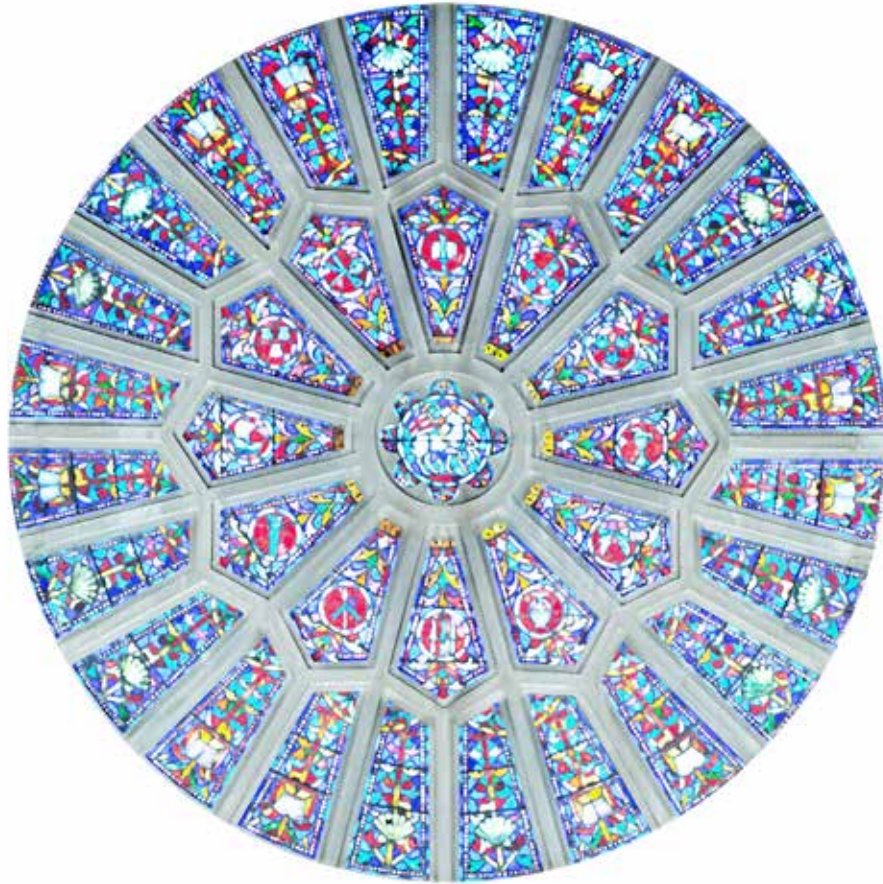
Christ Walk with Kids | *A 40-Day Spiritual Journey for Tweens and Teens* | by Anna Fitch Courie

It is important to start early with teaching our children the importance of exercise and healthy eating. "Christ Walk Kids" offers tweens and teens a process to grow in faith, grow in fitness and grow into the full stature of Christ. Jump up from the couch and start your own Christ Walk!

NOTE: An expanded printed copy of this list is available in the church library and at the UMW bulletin board

JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle School & Adult 10am Cherub Choir 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am High School & Adult Sunday	7pm Boy Scouts	11:30am Day Guest Lunch 11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30 Chancel Choir 4:30pm Chapel Bells 5pm Chapel Choir 5pm Wesley Singers 5pm Wednesday Night Supper 6pm BakerKids 6pm Chancel Bells	11:30am Day Guest Lunch	NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)	
 <p style="text-align: center;">1 New Year's Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 3pm Memorials Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 9am UMW Leadership</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 7:30am FaithFriends</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 9am Indoor Farmer's Market Wiley Hall 2-3pm Youth Outdoor Skate Party</p>		 <p style="text-align: center;">6</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> 2pm Sisterhood DBTP 6:30pm High School Fellowship	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> 9:30am SHIP Help for Seniors 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Trustees	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> 9:30am Phoebe Circle @FMSC 3:30pm Lazarus House Cooking 7pm Children & Family Ministry 7pm Finance	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm DBTP 7pm Priscilla Circle 7:30pm Missions	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> 7:30am FaithFriends	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> 9am Indoor Farmer's Market	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> 8:30am Pre Marriage Class
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> Youth Sunday <i>No youth Sunday School</i> 2pm Joseph Fellowship 7pm Financial Peace University	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> Martin Luther King Jr. Day 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Church Council	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> 5pm Woman's Emmaus	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> 11:30am DBTP 6:30pm Young Adult Study 6:30pm DBTP 7pm Mindful Moments	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> 7:30am FaithFriends 1pm Woman's Emmaus	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0e0e0;">Youth Winter Retreat</p> 9am Indoor Farmer's Market	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> Carillon Articles Due for next month
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