



# NEWS & VIEWS

## January 2020

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### January 8 1:30 p.m. Rolls and Coffee

Roll Call: Prayerful Thought

Devotions: Cheryl Metcalf

Hostess: Executive Committee

Program: Peggy Roe

Response Moment: Violet Shaw

Prayer Calendar: Janice Shobe



*Dorcas Circle*

Join Dorcas Circle on January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

A Great way to start your New Year!!  
Hostess & Devotions: Deanna Castle  
Program: Pat Fringer

friends to join in the JOY of singing together. The community performance is planned for Sunday, April 5. Music plans will be finalized soon. Call Susan 785-475-4015.



### GRACE KIDS SUNDAY

**SCHOOL** is every Sunday during worship after the children's service for kid's

ages 3 years old to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. During the month of December we had, most Sundays, around 10 kids in Grace Kids. We are in need of a couple of more Sunday School teachers. There are 5 teachers who rotate during a month taking turns teaching. Due to travel, health issues, and other church responsibilities there are times we are short help. Safe gathering training is required, but that is an easy thing to do. Please pray about this service and who the Lord will send to help.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of a couple of more people to assist in the nursery on Sunday mornings. At the present time we have five people who rotate weekly to be in the nursery for children ages birth to 5 during the Sunday church service. There are times due to traveling and health issues that we are short an adult to be in the nursery. This is not a difficult job and there is a really nice rocking chair to sit in. Since Grace Kids Sunday school is at the same time, sometimes there are children in the nursery and sometimes there are none. This service is a great benefit for young families to attend our church. There is also a speaker in the nursery so you can hear the church service. Nursery attendants need to be safe gathering trained, but that is not a difficult thing to do. If you are interested in helping with this service opportunity, please contact the church office at 785-475-3067.



Plan now to be a part of the 2nd Annual Easter Cantata!! Rehearsals will

begin on Sunday, at 1:15 pm. January 19. WE need voices of ALL AGES and abilities. We encourage families and



## THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR GORDON

### 2020 – New Year, Time for a Fresh Start?

Many people make New Year's resolution, did you think about one? Maybe you resolved to be more organized, or to do better self-care. Maybe you thought about many different things, but did you consider a fresh start for your spiritual life?

Maybe it is time for you to consider one or more of the following?

#### **A different version of the Bible:**

If you have been a Christian for some time, you probably know the Bible fairly well. There are verses you know by heart, and stories that are very familiar. Reading from a different version of the Bible can help bring new life to those passages. A translator's decision to use one word over another may give you some new insight you hadn't thought of before. If you regularly read from a modern version like the Common English Bible, consider a more traditional translation like the New Revised Standard Version. If you gravitate toward the more traditional, try something more modern. Search the web for Bible reading sites and apps (there are many free ones) where you can access a new version of Scripture.

#### **Experience a different devotional:**

Devotionals are helpful aids to lead us in Scripture reading and prayer every day, but we can become stuck in a rut with them as well. If you have been using the same book or website for more than a year, you may benefit from trying something different this year. A new devotional resource, like an unfamiliar Bible translation, can bring new life to your time with God.

There are many devotional helps available online and in physical and digital books. The Upper Room from Discipleship Ministries is a very good source. Try something new.

#### **Negativity:**

Although no one likes to admit it, there are seasons when many of us can fall into patterns of negativity. Discouraged by the news, the theology of others, policies of our denomination, and practices of our congregation can become sources of stress and fodder for complaining.

Removing negativity from our lives and choosing instead to find things to celebrate just might lift our spirits and renew our passions that matters most. Let's find where we can see the love of Jesus in the world and celebrate it.

The year 2020 could be one of new experiences in our church and in our spiritual life. Let's make room in days ahead for the Holy Spirit to do a new work in us and see what happens.

Happy New Year to each of you,  
Pastor Gordon



As a part of the regular youth fellowship events on Wednesday evenings, a meal is prepared and served. Meals are needed for future meetings and a volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall of the education building. There are still lots of dates available.



### WIDOWS & FRIENDS

Widows & Friends meet on January 8 at 11:30 pm. For more information call Charlotte Meints (785) 475-3959.



Prayers for Family & Friends of Dorothy Alstrom.

Prayers for Family and Friends of Roy Schweitzberger.



I am so thankful for so many church friends who remembered me while I recovered from Hip Replacement. Hope all have a Merry Christmas! Joy Votapka

### January

- 1: Robert Groneweg  
Betsy Haag  
Abbie Bainter
- 2: Maiah Castle
- 3: Chris Hackney
- 4: Alex Louderback
- 5: David Sporn  
Amy Kinkade
- 7: Angie Claussen
- 8: Kellen Doeden
- 10: Lynn Overmiller  
Trennedy Woolsey  
Harper Mathews
- 12: Kelly Moore
- 13: Makayla Marshall
- 15: Peggy Roe  
Liam Orr
- 17: Kelli Ann Bryan
- 18: Danielle Wasson  
Kiethen Fortin
- 20: Evan Shobe  
Konner Fortin  
Kennedy Fortin  
Brent Simmonson
- 21: Dan Wasson  
Rick Michel
- 24: Mathew Machart
- 25: Emily Perry
- 26: Cassidy Gillespie
- 27: Giuliana Smith  
Knox Louderback
- 28: Tonya Woolsey
- 29: Julie Chamberlin
- 30: Alana Raile

### February

- 3: Anita Weber
- 4: Jay Anderson
- 5: Ardith Louderback  
Tonya Tally  
Pam VanVleet  
Justus Roe  
Gary Olson  
Amanda Johnson
- 6: Chris Stanley
- 7: Kinsley McEvoy
- 8: Bobby Hill  
Elaine Bryan  
Jeffrey Groneweg
- 9: Morgan Jones  
Whitney Tally  
Natalie Brown
- 14: Danielle Weyeneth
- 15: Cheryl Metcalf  
Dwayne Detter
- 16: Dorothy Alstrom
- 17: Tucker Woolsey
- 18: Tamara Shaw
- 19: Keely Huff
- 20: Charlee  
Louderback  
Cori Isbell
- 21: Cynthia Matson  
Dawson Kempt  
Melissa Chambers
- 22: Caroline Pettibone
- 23: Kasie Jones  
Dalton Miller
- 24: Wayne Goltl  
Regent Erickson  
Jay Wilson
- 26: Devan Castle
- 28: Brittney Wesley  
Lawson Fortin  
Kim Brainard



Faithweaver Friends is a non-denominational Christian afterschool program for children enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are 2 sessions a year with the spring session starting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the United Methodist Church from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Children who enrolled and attended the fall session will be receiving a card to mail back to the United Methodist Church for easy enrollment for the spring session. Children who did not attend the fall session may enroll for the spring session online at [go.oberlinumc.org](http://go.oberlinumc.org) or by filling out an enrollment sheet. They can be picked up at Ward Drug store and the Oberlin City Library from January 6 – January 15. Enrollment sheets can be returned to Ward Drug, the City library, or Oberlin United Methodist Church. All enrollment sheets or cards need to be submitted by January 15 so materials can be prepared. One change for this spring is the older kids grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will be grouped together for activities and will use different curriculum than children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Volunteers for this program are always needed and must be safe gathering trained.



## Super Bowl Burritos (Orders are due by January 22, 2020)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

5 Burritos for \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Best Deal \$25.00** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Includes -10 Burritos and one 2 liter beverage)

*Choose:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Bean  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Beef and Bean  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Bean and Cheese

Total amount of order \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Best Deal Beverage choices:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Pepsi  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Diet Pepsi  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Root Beer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mt. Dew  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sprite

**Thank you for your support !!!**

Phone orders may be made to:  
 Robert & Robyn Rouse 475-8253,  
 Church Office 475-3067  
 or Any Junior High or Senior High UMYF Member  
 UMYF Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

**EVERY SUNDAY HAPPENINGS \*JANUARY CALENDAR\* EVERY WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS**

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Coffee with Pastor  
 10:45 am Morning Worship Service  
 Grace Kids during worship

9:30 am Morning Bible Study resumes on Jan. 8  
 5:30 pm Women’s Bible Study  
 6:15 pm Youth Supper  
 6:30 pm Youth Group  
 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

**January Ushers:** Sid Metcalf\*\*, Charlie Haag\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Church Office Closed 	2 10 am Devotions at Good Sam  Pastor on vacation until Jan. 6	3	4
5 4:00 pm Good Sam Worship Service	6 Back to School  7:00 pm 	7	8  1:30 pm Coffee & Rolls  UMYF starts	9 10 am Devotions at Good Sam  7:30 pm Men’s Bible Study	10 Pastor Gordon’s Day off	11
12  Potluck Meal following Worship All Church Meeting following meal	13	14 Pastor out of the office	15 	16 10 am Devotions at Good Sam	17 Pastor Gordon’s Day off	18
19 1:15 pm Easter Cantata Rehearsal	20	21	22	23 10 am Devotions at Good Sam	24 Pastor Gordon’s Day off	25
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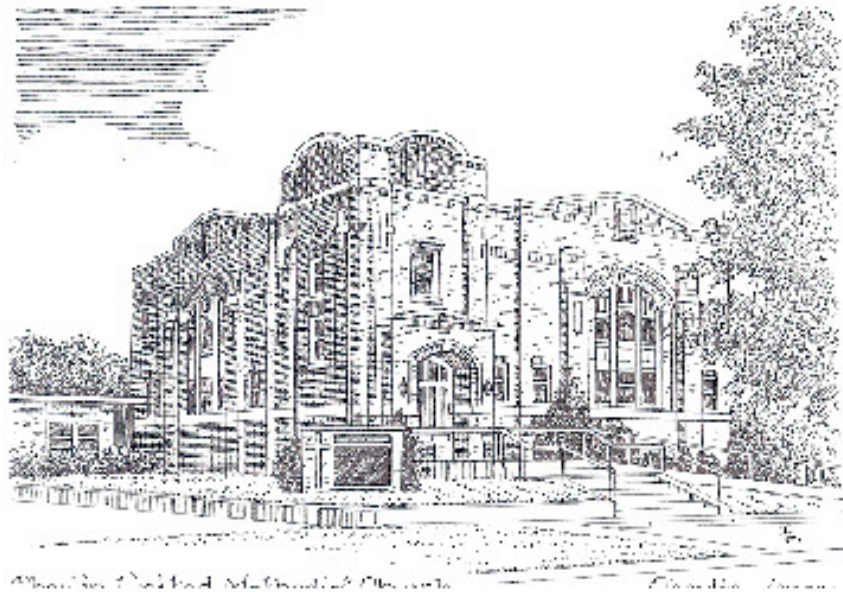
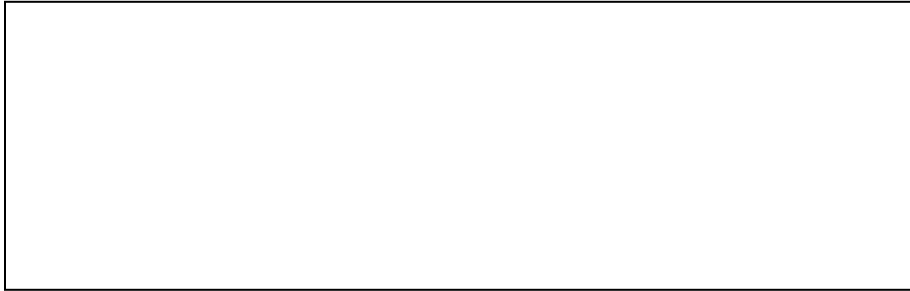
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