



THE MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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JANUARY 2020



The New Year is here. For some reason we all see the arrival of a New Year as a time we are allowed to make changes to our lives and our habits. It is a time to make improvements to our health, our attitudes, our finances, and our relationships. I suppose we all need those planned times of change to be motivated to change. We are all so blessed God does not make us wait for a new year or even a new day; He walks with us to change each and every moment of our lives. He calls us forth to change but for some reason we resist. I think the main reason is because it is easier *not* to change. It is easier to continue in the same manner we have done in the past. It is like when we have some piece of equipment, car, appliance, or other gadget that is not working as well as it could or as efficiently as a new one would, we stick to the old one and make do. We do not change whatever tool we are using because we are more familiar with the old one; we know how it works and all its little quirks. We know what we have to do to make it work the way we want it too work. Funny thing is, we do the same in relationships, clubs, families, and church. We resist change because we do not know how it will work.

Over the last year we have discussed and made changes to the way we organize our ministries and administration. I have heard people say, "that will never work here, we're different," yet it is working better in every other place that has tried that change. People have forgotten that even the system we currently have is not the same as it has always been. Actually, it is radically different! In the beginning of the Methodist Episcopal church, the clergy were the only people who made the big decisions and only men – and certain men at that – were able to be pastors. Times have changed and the world has changed with it. My precious stepmom grew up in a world that had few automobiles. Her family traveled by mule and wagon

wherever they went. Now she lives in a world that has seen moon landings and is discussing travel to Mars. She would have never believed people would fly around the world in airplanes. My dad never believed that men landed on the moon, obviously it was a hoax designed to fool us all. As he said, "You know they are out in the desert, no one can go to the moon." Changes even in my lifetime have been amazing! However, the one place we fear change the most is in church.

Mention "change" in the church and you can almost hear the audible gasp. "We cannot change; we like it just as it is." Therein lies the problem! Church is not for us. The worship service is not for us. We are not worshipping us. We are worshipping God. There is a facebook meme in which a church member says to Francis Chan, a well-known pastor, the parishioner says "I really didn't like church today" to which Chan replies "That's ok we weren't worshipping you." There is a comfort in worship that even I enjoy but God did not call us to be comfortable; He called us to be faithful in sharing the Gospel. That means we have to find ways to share the ancient Gospel story with a new generation, which is challenging. They often do not speak our language even though we both speak American English. They do not understand our services, prayers, or creeds. These things do not speak to their hearts. So, what do we do?

We have to make a decision: will we be comfortable or will we be uncomfortable. We have to make that same decision continually. How much discomfort can we stand in order to offer Christ to the world? How will we reach young people, people of different ethnicities, and people of different socio-economic backgrounds? If I had the answer to these questions I would not be pastoring a local church, I would be leading the denomination.

We have developed a vision for tomorrow. It will require all of us to do our part and to be a bit uncomfortable, to give a bit more time, a bit more effort, and a lot more prayer. On January 5th, we will be presenting the vision plan and talking about the

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future of First United Methodist of Titusville. The future depends on us. Can we be courageous and step out of our comfort zone? Will we choose to go forward? How will we do this? Guess what! We will start with prayer, listening to God direct us. Then we will talk to each other, make grand plans, and go forward in the boldness of Christ.

So what New Year's resolutions are you making for yourself? What resolutions are you making for your participation in the Kingdom of God in this place? God has given us all the gifts we need to grow the kingdom in Titusville; we still have to use them faithfully. The scripture tells us to fear not or not to be

afraid over 365 times, one for each day of the year and more. So let's remember these words:

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

— Luke 2:10-11 King James Version (KJV)

Happy New Year, I love being your pastor.

Pastor Wayne

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Winston Nathaniel	16 Pat Morgan	22 Diane Styles
1 Ken Studstill	16 Truman Scarborough	23 Mike Mustard
5 Paul Marsh	17 Marie Pridgen	23 Molly Titus
5 Carter Tabin	18 Isabella Messer	28 Ruth Alman
7 Wayne Cook	18 Victoria Sumlin	30 Jake Huether
9 Natalie Walls	20 Ken Cain	
13 Kenneth Pyles	20 Tom Mosier	

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

— Philippians 4:6



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Randy & Lynn Coleman	26 C.B. & Phyllis Till
22 Tom & Lisa Mosier	

In Loving Memory

*Our prayers are with each family member and friend of those
who have gone before us since All Saints Day, 2018*

*Helen Henry — November 1, 2018
Mary Ann Stallard — November 23, 2018
Lois Brown — December 17, 2018
Charles Custer — January 5, 2019
Libby Sherrill — January 22, 2019
Janet Russell — April 13, 2019*

*June Hansen — May 15, 2019
Marty Nance — August 19, 2019
Jim Mewborn — October 17, 2019
Beau Arnold — October 20, 2019
Richard Cherry — November 21, 2019
Karl Leech — December 16, 2019*

Memorial Gifts

We would like to acknowledge and thank the families and friends who have designated memorial gifts to our church this year in memory of those who have gone to be with our Lord and Savior.

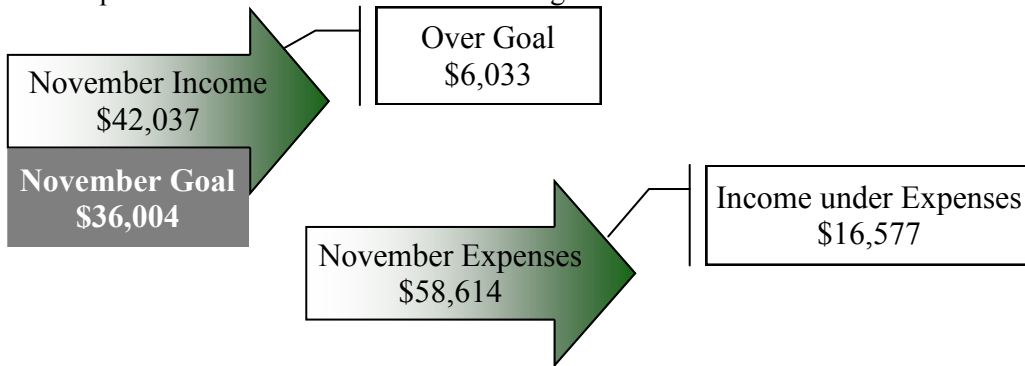
*Vance Alexander
Ruth Alman
John & Joanne Baker
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Lew & Barbara Brinkley
Nancy Bunting
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Ed & Debbie Grimes
Gary & Joanne Hamilton*

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Laurilee Thompson
Bill & Natalie Walls
John & Maxine Watkins
Herman Wattwood, Jr.
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Jim & Carolyn Winn
Richard & Amy Yunker
Caroline Zaffery*

The Church's Budgeted Finances

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.



The budget for 2019 is **\$432,047** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$36,004 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year.



January Prayer Focus

December 29–January 4 — Blessings in the New Year.

January 5 - 11 — Strength To Carry Out my Resolutions

January 12 - 18 — Remembering the shortcomings of the past year

January 19 - 25 — Keeping my focus on the Lord

January 26 - February 1 — Humbling myself before the Lord



Lay Liturgists/Readers For January 2020

December 29 — Jennifer Evans
January 5 — Rayelynn Henderson
January 12 — Mike Mustard
January 19 — Dale Mays
January 26 — Patsy Gadapee



Celtic Christmas




WHAT'S HAPPENING!

What's happening at United Student Ministry

Middle and High School students, Join us for Sunday School upstairs in the Education building at 9am as we read through the Bible.

Sunday evenings 6-7:30 join us across the street from the church at the youth room for fellowship, food and a relevant lesson.



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January 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day 	2	3 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	4 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	6 3:00pm Worship Design	7 11:00am Knit Wits 5:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Soliloquy	8 9:00am Patchwork Friends	9 9:30am PEO Meeting	10 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	11 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
12 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	13 1:00pm Staff Meeting 3:00pm Worship Design	14 10:00am UMW Meeting 11:00am Knit Wits 5:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Soliloquy	15 9:00am ADK Meeting	16 9:30am Ladies Day Out	17 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	18 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
19 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	20 MLK Jr. Day 3:00pm Worship Design 	21 11:00am Knit Wits 3:30pm Dove Circle 5:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Soliloquy	22	23 5:30pm Leadership Team Mtg.	24 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	25 7:30am UMM Breakfast 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 1pm Jeff Ferguson Memorial
26 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	27 3:00pm Worship Design	28 11:00am Knit Wits 5:30pm Handbells	29	30	31 1-3:30pm Food Pantry	

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J.D. Daniel - Organist	
Steve Rossi - Sound Tech	
Josh Huss - Lights and Visuals	
Dr. Bob Titus - Pastor Emeritus	

First United Methodist Church

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