



From the Pen of the Pastor . . .

Dear Friends!

Happy 2018 to you! I hope you have started the New Year in great fashion and have found some way to help others. I pray for this new year and the new opportunities it will have for us individually and corporately as Center UMC.

I just want to remind you that we continue our Bible reading Challenge in 2018. If you are current, you will be reading Samuel, Chronicles and Acts this week. If not, or if you haven't managed to start this challenge, then it is not too late to start!! After all, it is better to read half the Bible than none at all. So, why not let joining this Bible Reading Challenge be one of your New Year's Resolutions! I look forward to being your pastor in 2018 and for us to be listening for God's Will in our lives and in the life of the Church!

Blessings,

Cecil Donahue, Pastor

Condensed CenterPiece

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we typically do not have a January newsletter. Consider this a "mini-CenterPiece" to help keep us connected during the month of January and help us kick off the new year. We will resume our full monthly newsletter in February. Any articles, events or special notes for the February edition should be to Martha by January 22, 2018.

Special points of interest:

- ◆ **Saturday, January 6, 4:00 p.m.** - WOW will have their Christmas Party (postponed earlier due to snow)
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 9 - Seniors In Action Luncheon** will begin at 11:00 am. Entertainment will be the NoteAble Quartet. Reservations must be called in by noon on Friday, January 5. Call 336-643-7765.
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 10 -**
 - ◆ **WOW** resumes Wednesday evening Hot dogs and burgers!!!!
 - ◆ **Young Believers** will meet at 6:30p.m. (and again on January 24)
- ◆ **Monday, January 15** - United Methodist Women meet at 7:00 in the TV Room in the Kid Zone area.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 18 - Companions In Christ**—Bring your favorite soup, sandwiches or dessert for our annual CIC soup lunch at 12:00 pm.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 27 -**
 - ◆ **Burrito Delivery**—8:00 a.m. (Prep Friday, January 26 at 3:30)
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 30— PATHWAYS**—what a great way to start the new year by reaching out and touching those in need. Look for sign up on main hall bulletin board.
- ◆ **Quilting Group** will meet **every Thursday at 6:30 p.m.**
- ◆ **Missions - We are collecting the following items for Backpack Buddies the first 2 weeks of January:** Small cans of chicken, Rice 1 lb bags, Black eyed peas 14 oz, Box of strawberry jello (boxes only)

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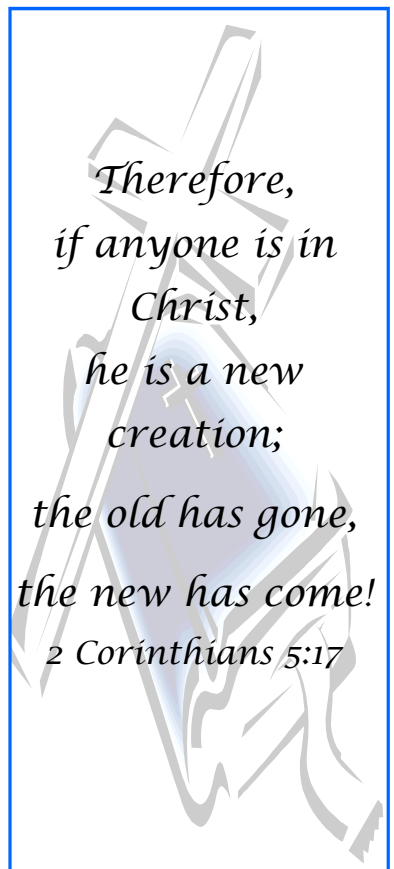
January Committee Meeting Schedule

January 7 -

Witness/Evangelism	3:00
Education	4:00
Church Council	7:00

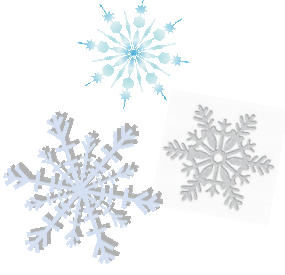
January 21 -



Worship	3:00
Finance	4:00
SPRC	5:00
Missions	6:00
Trustees	7:00





January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30 Girl Scouts	6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Choir			 4:00 WOW Christmas Party
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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