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"I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both a like. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus." (K. Thomerson, 1966)

Dear friends,

As we start the New Year of 2014, I hope that one of your New Year's goals is to love and worship God, and follow and serve Jesus Christ every day. It is easy to stray away from God and miss daily pray time and Sunday worship in these cold and bleak winter months. God is the Light of the world! God is calling you to love and worship him daily. It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of life and daily chores, but God is calling you to follow and serve Jesus and reach out to others in need. God calls us to share of our gifts of love, time and talents, and financial resources with God's people and God's Church. Our goal is to be a loving and generous church and serve people in the name of Jesus Christ. Here are a few new ways we are loving and serving Jesus through our church. Pray for how God is calling you to love, worship, and serve Jesus in the New Year!

Peace,

Pastor Jennifer

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NEW MISSION AND OUTREACH PROJECT: SOUPER SUNDAYS (by the Mission and Witness committee). We are opening our church on Sunday afternoons from 12noon to 3:00pm to anyone in need of a warm place, friendly fellowship, and a bowl of warm soup and bread. Our January Mission Pot is for "Souper Sundays" to help provide this warm soup and bread (for approx. 30 people) on the four Sundays in January. If anyone would like to help with this mission project, please call Tonia Szabo (721-5204).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC SURVEY UPDATE: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing." Psalm 100:1-2. We have received a good response of 21 surveys from church members and frequent attenders so far. The overall response is that worshippers like the worship service, and both contemporary music (praise music) and traditional music (choir, hand bells, organ) are valued and needed in our worship services. We are in the process of advertising for a new Music Director and my goal is for this new director to have the music abilities to lead different styles of music and song, with the ultimate goal of reaching community people, "un-churched" people, and new people with the love of God and our joyful worship music. Please keep this worship and music goal and process in your prayers.

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE IN SUNDAY WORSHIP: We love and worship God each Sunday morning at First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland. Our December worship numbers: Dec. 1-77 people, Dec. 8-79 people, Dec. 15-72 people. We hope you make Sunday worship a priority in your weekend schedule.

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE IN MISSIONS: UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF AND IMAGINE NO MALARIA PROJECT. We are a loving and generous church who reaches out to people in need, especially those who are suffering from natural disasters in their communities and countries. As of Dec. 15, our UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) disaster relief for the Philippines reached \$410.12. UMCOR Midwest disaster relief was \$20.00.Our December Mission Pot was for the Blanket Project (Church World Service) that provides blankets for people in need in the USA and different places in the world. The Dec. 8 Mission Pot was \$350.00, and UMWomen added \$200.00. Our special Christmas offering was for Imagine No Malaria project which fights the deadly disease malaria that kills many children and youth in Africa (every 60 seconds). It provides treated mosquito nets and community health education and is supported by The United Methodist Church worldwide. What a blessing it is to help save lives through our mission giving.

SIGNS OF GOD'S LOVE AND COMFORT. PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY. We pray for dear church members who have died and had memorial services at our church in December. Shirley D'Arcy died December 5th and her service was on December 12th. Ruth VonWagoner died on December 11th and her service was on December 13th. Please continue to pray for their loved ones. Thank you to our church volunteers who organized the memorial service receptions and welcomed visitors. May God's peace be with you all.

NEW BEGINNINGS

In the summer of 1874 a horde of grasshoppers swarmed onto a Kansas farm and devoured every green growing thing. On Dec. 31, 1874 the farmer wrote in his diary, "I have harvested this year; from 8 acres of corn, nothing from 16 acres of wheat, 350 bushels; from 6 acres of oats, feed only; from 2 acres of vegetables and potatoes, seed only, scarce and poor quality."

He could easily have given up but he didn't. On Jan. 1, 1875 he wrote, "A fresh New Year, Thanks be to God."

2013 has gone, it is now the past. We may have had victories or we may have had defeats, but either way it is still the past and we cannot bring it back. The most important time of our lives is right now. We must live in the present and look to the future. Whether we have had success or victories, we cannot stand on them. We must let the go and move on. As Christians we must continue to grow, we cannot stand still.

We cannot become discouraged from failures and give up. Many of our greatest advances have come from mistakes or failures. When we learn from our mistakes they show us a need for change. Sometimes we find it difficult to forget our mistakes and we live with some guilt. However, God forgives us, and we should forgive ourselves and move on.

We read in **2** Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." We have just gone through the Advent season and have celebrated the birth of Christ. Christ brought new life and hope into the world, and also a new calendar. Now every 365 days, God conveniently provides us with a new year and a chance for a fresh start.

Psalms 8:4 "What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? ... **8:6** You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet."

God has given us life, He has given talents, He has given us many material things. As Christians we realize that all that we have is really not ours. The ownership belongs to God and He has merely put these things in our care. So, perhaps now is a good time to do some soul searching about the past. Have we used our lives in a manner that pleases God? And now that He has given us a new year for a fresh start, if we are to grow as Christians, how can we use our past experiences to improve our future? How can we become better stewards of all that God has entrusted to our care? How can we make the coming year better than the past?

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philip. 1:4

Red Miller

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Wednesday, Jan. 8,- 6:30 PM - Parlor

<u>CHARIS CIRCLE</u> Monday, January 6, 7:00 PM - Parlor

Linda Maylone leads study from Upper Room "Can Charis be your New Years Resolution?"
All women welcome - come join us in fellowship.

ESTHER-MARTHA CIRCLE Tuesday, January 14 - 7:00 PM - Parlor

Program: Nature's Symphony All women welcome - Come join us!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN / CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN LUNCHEON Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 12:30 PM Congregational Church

Program
Charlene Berry's Dulcimer Event
"A Show You'll Never Forget"
Reservations due to Linda Maylone by January 12

Come join us for an afternoon of enjoyment and entertainment

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN PURPOSE

The organized unit of the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons though Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

UMW CONFERENCE WEBSITE: www.gbgm-umc.org/detcumw

UMW GLOBAL WEBSITE: new.gbgm-umc.org/umw UMW ONLINE WEBSITE: www.umwonline.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 12:30 PM Congregational Church

You are invited to attend our annual joint luncheon with the women of the First Congregational Church.

Where: First Congregational Church

When: Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Time: 12:30 PM



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Child care will be provided upon request.

A free will offering will be taken for the lunch

Coffee Hour

January

5th Nancy Lewis and Staff Parish Members

12th Gene & Twyla Hull In Memory of Abigail

19th This Hour is Available

26th Louie & Wallene Poteau

Altar Flowers

January

5th John & Lois Mathe In Honor of Their 58th Wedding Anniversary

12th Phil and Chris Shelly In Memory of Betty Intihar

19th Keith DeMolay
In Memory of Elenore D. DeMolay

26th AVAILABLE

2013 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD

MONA BEYER SHIRLEEN CURTIS DAVE & GLORIA DILLINGHAM **DOUG DILLINGHAM** ZACK & RACHEL DUNLAP KATHRYNE JAHN **ROY & JEANNINE KLAY** DOTTIE LeSUER JOHN & LOIS MATHS **CURTIS MATHISON** VINCE & LINDA MAYLONE LARRY & SALLY NITZEL TERI NITZEL & THE ZOO SANDY & JOHN OFIARA JANICE PODGERS LOUIS & WALLENE POTEAU ED & ELLEN ROTHFELDER **ILENE SAUNDERS** MAXINE SCHUTZLER ALICE SHEFFIELD GALE WILBUR & GEORGE KIRLANOFF SCOTT WOOLUM



POINSETTIAS 2013

NAME MEMORY

Almas, Dee Almas Charles Boomer, Fran Boomer, Bob

Boomer, Fran Ilitt, (Boomer) Linda,

Curtis Shirleen Tavtigian, Claire Dean, Jeff & Tami Oman, Roger

DeMolay, Keith DeMolay, Arthur, Eleanore & Suzanne

DeMolay, Keith Krueger, Robert E.

George & Gale Our Parents

Johnson, Maria Johnson, Jeremy H.

Jue, Jennifer Rev. Jun Wan Jue & Edward & Mary Lowe

Keirl, Kirk Keirl, Bill & Betty

Klay, Roy & Jeannine Mr. & Mrs Charles Taylor
Klay, Roy & Jeannine Mr. & Mrs. Walter Klay
Krieger, Lenora All My Loved Ones
Lester, Saundra Lester, Susie

Mathison, Curtis Mathison, Patricia (Wife)
Mathison, Curtis Mathison, Arlo (Brother)

Miller, Red & Anita Miller, Judy
Miller, Red & Anita Smith. Joe
Nitzel, Larry & Sally Parents

Ofiara, John & Sandy
Poteau, Louis & Wallene
Poteau, Louis & Wallene
Randall, Hazel
Rothfelder, Ed & Ellen

Schutzler, Maxine Schultzler, Ray & Blanche Steel

Speakman, Vivian & Terry Our Parens, Grand Parents, Uncle (DeForest) & Niece (Sadie)

Tolk, Fay Tolk, Henry

Van Wagoner, Beth Van Wagoner, George

Walsh, Cheryl & Michael Walsh, william

NAME HONOR

Demoley, Keith Polehna, Richard & Mary Ann

Mathe, John & Lois Our Children Rothfelder, Ed & Ellen Gelman, Isaac

Speakman, Vivian & Terry Amanda & Dylon & Our Church Family

7th Devin Leigh Ross
9th Jeff Dean Jr.
10th Lucille Farmer
Vince Maylone
11th Beth Van Wagoner

13th Michelle Hype 16th Joanne Johnson

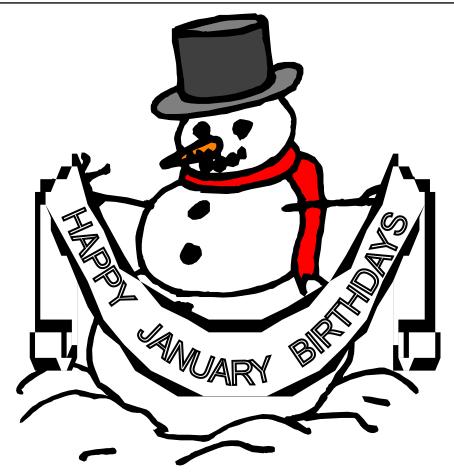
17th Nancy Farmer

18th Bea Carson

21st Kathayn Butler

26th Keith DeMolay Nancy Lewis

31st Verdice Miller



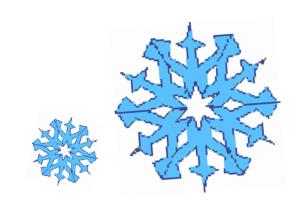
January Anniversaries

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January 2014

Monthly Planner

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 5 10:00 AM Worship Communion 12:00-3:00 PM Souper Sunday 7:00 PM Bible Study at Randall's | 7:00 PM Charis Circle-Parlor | 7 12:00 PM NA Meeting | 8:00 AM Early Birds 7:00-8:30 PM Dep/Anx Peer Grp | 12:00 PM NA Meeting 7:00 PM AA Mtg | 6:00 PM NA Meeting | 11 |
| 10:00 AM Worship 12:00-1:30PM Dep/Anx Peer Grp 12:00-3:00 PM Souper Sunday 7:00 PM Bible Study at Randall's | 13 7:00 PM Worship Committee | 12:00 PM NA Meeting 7:00 PM 6:30 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Esther-Martha Circle-Parlor | 8:00 AM Early Birds | 16 12:00 PM NA Meeting 7:00 PM AA Mtg | 6:00 PM NA Meeting | 18 12:30-3:00 PM Red Hats Meeting |
| 10:00 AM Worship 12:00-3:00 PM Souper Sunday 7:00 PM Bible Study at Randall's | 20 9:30AM-2:30PM Quilt Club | 21 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM SPRC 7:30 PM Ad. Council | 8:00 AM Early Birds 7:00-8:30 PM Dep/Anx Peer Grp | 23 12:00 PM NA Meeting 7:00 PM AA Mtg | 24 6:00 PM NA Meeting | 25 |
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Mission Statement

We are the Congregation of First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland and are a committed, loving, Christian community of Jesus Christ, in ministry, witnessing to the love of God as experienced in our lives, and expressed by: worship together, Christian nurture, education evangelism, Christian fellowship and support of one another, invitation to others to share our faith, social awareness, involvement and support of world wide Methodism. Our witness embraces all people.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.

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