

January 2019



## THE GOOD WORD

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*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Blessings Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

New Year's Day is a holiday of grace. New Year's begins with Rosh Hashanah in the Jewish tradition. The Islamic tradition ushers in New Year's with Muharram. In the Christian church, the New Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. In the secular world, New Year's begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>. No matter when we celebrate the beginning of a new year each tradition offers a theological insight, an opportunity for a new beginning.

The New Year is a place where we can start over, re-set, or begin again. It is a place in time where we are able to leave past disappointments, failures, or regrets behind and look forward to new opportunities and possibilities. It is a holiday of grace.

I love the concept of a “do-over.” The notion that no matter what has happened in the past there is an opportunity to make things better. For each of us there are opportunities to examine where we are and where we want to be. Are we willing to put the past behind us and move forward in a grace-filled way?

The grace of New Year invites us solve problems, forgive arguments, and change our past indiscretions into a future for growth. As children of God, we are offered many opportunities to do-over and begin again. God's grace surrounds us and allows our past to stay in the past while encouraging us to more than we had previously been.

The Jewish tradition on New Year's Eve is to reconcile all past conflicts and to enter the New Year with no resentment, anger, unforgiveness, or worry. It is where a person and leave the baggage of the past and begin anew. For Christians, the New Year is an opportunity to renew our relationship with Christ. New Year's Day offers us a new appreciation of God's grace and a new hope.

This year as we turn the page from 2018 to 2019, I pray that we all can become what God's Son Jesus Christ, our Messiah. Has called us to be...a new creation.

Blessings in the New Year.

I love you but God loves you more!

Pastor Sherri

# grace notes

**by Pastor Katy**

Welcome to a New Year! How many of you have made New Year Resolutions? I have not for many years, because I can never keep them. Instead I make daily resolutions, which are easier to deal with. Take some time now that the hustle and bustle of Christmas is over, find a quiet place, and be with the Lord. Some quiet music, a devotional, a walk outside, a seat by the fire, whatever puts you in a place of peace, find it, and pray. Let go, even if only for an hour, and let God. Happy New Year!

Matthew 11:28-30

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (NRSV)



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**PO Box 523**

**Mount Airy, MD 21771-0523**

*If you need more information,  
please contact the church office.*

## **Inclement weather policy:**

In case of extremely bad winter weather, a decision of cancelling church will be made by the trustees, the Lay Leader and the Pastor. The website and Facebook page will have that decision posted no later than 8:00 am and the announcement will be placed on the WTTR radio station (1470 AM).

## **Office Closing Policy:**

The office will follow the county school closing. In the event the office is closed, e-mail and voice mail will be monitored.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—11am**

USHERS/GREETERS

January- Sandy & Hearl Wright

READERS

January- Jeff Taylor

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Stephanie Maring	26	Dan Kruhm
3	Hearl Wright	28	Bea Wright
7	Michael Logue	29	Laura (Nace)
18	Jennifer Tingley		Hopper
18	Brianna Nicole Smith	29	Sherri Comer-Cox
24	Lauren Logue		

Anniversaries—None for January

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.

February Newsletter  
Deadline is:  
January 23rd



**Saturday,  
January 5th**

Join the Men for Breakfast

Leaving the church at 8:30am

Going to Buttersburg Inn in  
Union Bridge, MD

We will be collecting  
**Canned Meats**  
in January for



Please leave items in the back of the  
Sanctuary



Attention all seniors, council members and ministry leaders! We need your help to organize a senior ministry based on the needs of our church and community. We will have our first meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 10am. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

Blessings,  
Kathy

# Prayer Page

***Please Remember in Prayer:***

***Lifting Our Hearts In...***

***Praise***

New Year  
 Family, Friends during holiday  
 Dave Frazier-feeling better  
 Pastor Katy—end of semester  
 Friends who travel home for Christmas

***Prayer***

Sharon Long-healing  
 Cindy Watts-healing  
 Faith Arrington-healing  
 Bill Knill  
 Linda Lochstampfor sister, Marlene  
 TJ Bradley—cont. prayers  
 Cindy Russell-friend of Sandi Mennerick

***Prayer- Cont.***

Joe Gregor-cont. prayers  
 Ministries at TUMC  
 John Quick—Jesus is our Life Saver  
 Rev. Bud Kibbe  
 Lauren Logue  
 Steve Michael  
 Janice Hidey  
 Wanda Haddaway  
 Jane Dobson  
 Bob & Phyllis Herbig  
 John Hortie  
 Pastor Katy and Family  
 The Landerholm Family (missionaries)

***Prayers for Service Persons***

Sean Grimes (United States Navy)  
 Bahrain



## PRAYER FOR HEALING

Father, thank you for loving us and calling us out of darkness. There are those of us in need of your healing virtue today, by His Stripes we were healed. Father, we bind up all sickness and disease, and loose your healing virtue unto your children. For those going into surgery, we loose guidance to the hands of the surgeons. Touch all the sick and shut ins today and restore health to their bodies. In Jesus' precious name,

**Amen!**

Count Your Blessings.  
 Name Them **One by One**.  
 Count Your **Many** Blessings  
 See What **God** has Done.

# January 2019 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Psalm 139:7-18 Lord, in the new year, thank you for your constant presence. No matter how hard the previous year, no matter the challenges and anxieties facing us this new year, you are here. Help us remember Lord, that the promises and setbacks ahead are no match for your love for us.	2 John 11:32-37 Jesus, fullness of God, thank you for re- minding us that you are fully human as well. Your heart breaks, and you weep beside those who weep. When we cry out that you have been absent, or not done enough, show us the fullness of your glory yet again.	3 2 Corinthians 7:2-7 God of comfort and rest, we need your Spirit today. Like Paul, we are beset by conflict around us and fears within us. Show us that comfort comes from you and from those who love you as well, and call us to give comfort to those in need.	4 James 1:12-17 O Lord, sometimes it feels we are being refined by fire or pruned with shears. Like saints of old, we may face trials and temptations of a million different kinds. Give us the perseverance we need, Lord, or else we may fall. We need you here with us.	5 Psalm 23:1-6 Shepherd in Heaven, we are your flock. You have chosen us and call us each by name. When we graze in greenest pasture, we do so in delight of you. But when we are led through barren valleys, when darkness presses in, we trust in your voice alone.
6 Revelations 21:1-5 Jesus, Alpha and Omega, God of first, last, and everything in between, we long for the day when we see the new heaven and new earth. But for now, remind us in this new year that you are still making things new - even us - in your image.	7 Joshua 4:1-9 God, your promises still stand. Your faithfulness, your power, and your deliverance are always in our minds. Like the Israelites, remind us that no crossing is too difficult, no path is too perilous, if we walk in the boldness of your presence.	8 Ephesians 2:1-10 God, thank you for choosing us. When there was no way, you made a way. When we were trapped in death, you gave life. When sin seemed too dark, your grace shone brighter still. Never let us forget this gift of yours through your Son.	9 Romans 8:6-30 Abba, Father! Like the first words we speak as infants, we call out to you, O Lord. When this world seems off its track, spinning out of control, give us a glimpse of your ultimate redemption. Help us to be your Kingdom come, now, while we await its full arrival.	10 1 Peter 4:8-11 Jesus, help us love the grumblers, even those close to us, and even the one in the mirror! Show us your way of love and grace, a blanket that covers and redeems wrongs. Help us speak and serve with your words and your strength.	11 Colossians 3:12-17 God, clothe us with these good things. Though they may not fit right at first, give us enough of your love to pull it all together. Christ, be our tailor and our Savior, so that these qualities fit us, cover us, and make us reflect you to all.	12 Psalm 34:1-8 Let us taste and see, Lord, that you are good! When our lives return to their ruts, remind us that you inspire and magnify. When our ruts become pits, remind us that you rescue and deliver. Return us to your glorious presence.
13 Acts 12:1-6 We are reminded, God, that life following you isn't always easy. But you give us saints to show us the courage needed. In times of trouble and hardship, let us never forget that nothing can stop your Spirit from moving and stirring within us.	14 John 4:34-36 Lord of the Harvest, show us the ripe harvest outside our doors. Fields of abundance have been sown by your Spirit, and you now call us to work. Give us the tools and the patience for this task, so we may all rejoice together in eternal life.	15 Romans 5:1-11 Lord, we boast in all that we have through you. When we were down, with no hope or strength, Christ reconciled us. Now we boast, not in ourselves, but in you, in Christ, in challenges that produce hope, and in the glory you share.	16 James 4:1-10 God, we repent that we seek the world before you. The world says, "More! Take!" and we obey. So renew your promise to us again, God, that you draw near to us when we draw near to you. Let us find contentment and humility in you.	17 Psalm 119:105-112 Lord, let us live by your word alone. You light up our way; you guide our hands; you are our joy. We know that our life comes only by your word, the eternal Word that is Jesus Christ, our Savior.	18 Romans 8:31-39 Nothing can separate us from you, O Lord, because of Jesus Christ. Your victory is our victory. His life is now our life, because of your love and grace. Draw us ever closer to you, Lord, so that we can hear this promise again.	19 Ephesians 1:15-23 Jesus, we praise you because you are the fullness of God and all in all. We remember your temptation to control worldly powers, but you remained faithful and now sit with God in heaven. Give us strength to follow your example as your body, the church.
20 Acts 2:41-42 Rekindle that same spirit is us, God, as was in your earliest Church. Send your Spirit down again with fire and vision so that we may devote ourselves to teaching, lose ourselves in prayer, and find ourselves in fellowship.	21 Galatians 6:9-10 God, keep our spirits up. So often it seems that our lives of faith aren't getting us any- thing but disappointment or heartache. Remind us of your love so that we can re- main strong and committed to loving each other.	22 John 14:24-27 Spirit, fall afresh on us! Be our advocate, our guide, our great example, sent from our Father in Heaven to inspire us. When all has vanished from us, be our constant companion. Melt us, mold us, use us, O spirit of the living God.	23 Luke 15:11-32 Jesus, thank you for stories that continue to shape and challenge us. No matter how many times we hear your parable, you show us something new. Continue to show us grace from every angle, from every story, from every heart.	24 Psalm 62:5-8 God, you are our mighty fortress. Amidst life's floods and tremors, you are the solid, steady rock. When shadows try to hide us from your embrace, your hope is a light through the darkness. We trust you, we pour out our hearts to you, God.	25 John 21:15-17 Lord Jesus, how many times have we denied you? And yet how many times do you welcome us back! When we have turned away, when our love has failed, your love has always been steadfast. Call us back to you today, Jesus.	26 James 5:13-16 Lord, we turn to you in prayer for everything. In times of trouble or happiness, sickness and excitement, confession and supplication, you are there in prayer. Show us the path of righteousness, so that our prayers may be strong.
27 Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus, we need the rest you provide. In- deed, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. When our souls are yearning for relief from life's heart- aches, we thank you that you walk alongside us to shoulder our burden.	28 Deuteronomy 10:14-22 God of stiff-necked people, help us loosen up! Replace our fear and greed with love and joy. Show us the strangers you want us to love. Make our church their church, our family their family, because you have welcomed us.	29 Isaiah 41:8-13 God, how many times do we feel rejected by you? May it never be so, as we remember how lovingly you chose us and how faithful you are to us. Strengthen us, life us up, so that we may serve you with glad hearts.	30 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Lift our eyes, Jesus our Savior, to the things of heaven. Show us the glory of your Kingdom, of a place with only praise and joy. But then remind us, Jesus, of our earthly walk, so that we might build your Kingdom here.	31 Acts 8:26-40 Lord, show us all of the opportunities to share who you are! Embolden us to share our faith like Philip. Let us never tire of speaking with love and joy all of the ways your life, your Cross, and your Resurrection have changed us.		

Adult Sunday  
School



## Class at 9:50am

Our lessons in January are taken from the New Testament - continuing to look at "Our Love For God". We show our love for God essentially the same way that Old Testament believers were to show theirs: by a life of obedience. "This is love," writes John, "that we walk in obedience to [God's] commands" (2 John 6). We must not allow our love to erode by becoming too closely attached to this world. James is clear about that: "Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God" (James 4:4).

Furthermore, our love for God is meant to deepen even in the midst of this world's difficult circumstances. Paul's chains in Rome could not hinder either the progress of the gospel or his personal walk with the Lord. In fact, not even death can shake the Christian's confidence. As Paul so beautifully states, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). Our love for God took on new meaning when God came to live in our world; it will certainly take on new meaning when we go to live in his!

We would love to have you join us in the social room on Sundays at 9:50.

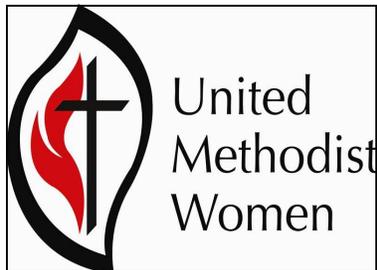


## Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study at 9:00 am

The Thursday morning Bible study will resume after a Christmas break on Thursday, January 11th and will meet in the Education Bldg.

The new study will be based on Paul's message in 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 where he calls the believers "Living Letters". We will study Paul's letters to them in First and Second Corinthians.

Bring your Bibles (any version because they each have an applicable interpretation) and join us. Call Jean at 410-635-6865 if you have any questions.



United  
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### UMW Fellowship

The UMW will host a lunch at 12:00 on Thursday, January 31st in the Social Hall. We will have a brief presentation and sharing time.

All ladies are invited. You can RSVP to Dee, Candy, Maria or Jean.

### Bible Studies



On Mondays at 11:00am Pastor Sherri leads a Bible Study at The Meadows Assisted Living facility. The ladies love devotion books.

If you have any devotion books, especially large print that you would like to donate to The Meadows, please bring them to the church.

### You are invited to attend Leadership Day

Date: January 19

Time: 10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Where: TUMC Fellowship Hall

Who: EVERYONE!



What is Leadership Day? It is a time for everyone in the church who serves in any ministry, on any team, or is on a committee to come together to plan activities for the New Year, set goals as a congregation, and brainstorm ideas. There will also be information and training. Lunch will be provided.

There is something powerful about seeking God's direction and working together to achieve it. Look forward to seeing you there!



## **January 2019**

As Missions goes forward into 2019, please remember to help support the good causes that the Missions Committee supports.

Taylorsville United Methodist Church supports “Feed My Sheep” a soup kitchen with Wesley Freedom Church in Eldersburg.

Disciple Makers is a Christian outreach at the college level in Pennsylvania. Westminster Rescue Mission is a Christ outreach for rehabilitation.

Unalaska United Methodist Church does a Christian outreach to support rural Alaska and pastoral outreach to Bering Sea fishing fleets.

The church continues to support Mt. Airy Net through monthly food donation and can food drives for food donations.

Please also continue to donate tissue boxes for Winfield Elementary which continue to be needed especially during the winter.

There are other mission projects that are also supported through the monthly church donations.

## **Community Corner**

For the community listing, available for the local area; go to [www.library.carr.org](http://www.library.carr.org) on the Internet for the library catalog and information. Then scroll down to the very bottom of the web page to below Programs and look for “Community Directory”. This is a link to the “Directory of Community Services”, a service of the Carroll County Public Library. Then click on left side for search terms such as resources, meals on wheels, outreach, volunteer opportunities, or soup kitchens or more. You can click on right side for community calendars.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
6 9:00 am Contemporary Service 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service	7 11:00 am Bible Study @ The Meadows 1:00 pm Bible Study	8	9	10 9:00 am Women's Bible Study  7:00 pm A Stitch And A Prayer	11	12
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2018  
YEAR  
IN  
REVIEW







## **Taylorsville UMC's Website Has Just Had A Renovation**

Taylorsville's church website has just undergone a major renovation. It now has a new look and feel along with a huge increase in additional content. Along with that increase in content, we want to make the site more useful to members of the congregation. One important new feature will be a landing page section where time sensitive announcements and cancellations will appear. So if Sunday worship is cancelled due to bad weekend weather, the notice will appear on the site's landing page (Home Page).

In addition to the standard Home and About Us pages, the Photos page has been expanded with hundreds of new and current pictures. Now for the new pages and content:

**Downloads Page** - This is where you will be able to view/download church publications such as the Newsletter and TidBits.

**Blog Page** - This is where educational and inspirational articles relating to the "Spiritual" will appear. I have invited several people to contribute, but anyone so inspired can just send an email to contribute.

**Sermons Page** - This is an archive of sermon videos from the 11 o'clock worship.

**Shroud Page** - Interesting content on the scientific research and history of the Shroud Of Turin.

**History Page** - Hundreds of photos and documents recording the history of the Taylorsville UMC community going back to the 1800's.

Please remember that while this new site has a lot of content, it is still under construction and changing weekly, so be sure to come back to check out the changes. The site address is still the same.

<https://taylorsvilleumc.org/>

**ENJOY**

**Jeffrey L. Taylor**



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### **Our Mission of Purpose**

We of Taylorsville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

**We're on the Web!**  
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