

# January 2025

## *THE GOOD WORD*

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Happy New Year!

May 2025 be a year of blessing for you and us all. For most of us, New Year's is a secular and sentimental holiday. It can be romantic and filled with nostalgia and emotions of reflecting on the past. But the New Year is also a time to look forward. To set goals and resolutions and make changes.

Maybe you have decided to take on more responsibilities in the coming year, or maybe you want to take on fewer responsibilities. Perhaps you have decided to get in shape or make healthier choices this coming year. Self-improvement or self-care goals make wonderful sense as we start a new year. And the same can be said for our faith.

Christians have not always made New Year's a significant celebration, but plenty of traditions around the new year help us re-engage our spiritual muscles. From New Year's vigils and affirmations of faith to John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Prayer, New Year's is a great time to recommit ourselves to draw closer to God and each other.

Consider making this year a year to volunteer more with the church or other community needs and resources. Consider making this year a year of prayer and fasting. Fasting for health but also for peace of mind and faith formation. Consider adding a little prayer or worship music to that walk you make for exercise. Or commit to setting a little time for the Bible or setting the goal of saying grace with dinner. It doesn't have to be anything complex. All you have to do is set a goal of making room for God in your regular walk throughout the year.

It might even help you keep your other New Year's resolutions.

Either way, let's give thanks for another year.

May God bless you, your loved ones, and your church with new joys, health and healing, fellowship and fun, and renewed faith. Even if it's only the size of a mustard seed, may your faith grow a thousandfold this year and into the next. Amen.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

**Pastor Josh**

"I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

John Wesley Covenant Prayer



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Stephanie Brodbeck	18	Brianna Smith
3	Hearl Wright	24	Dean Parrish
9	Audrey Parrish	28	Bea Wright

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

9 Chris and Amy Parrish

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### USHERS/GREETERS

January - Sam & Anna Grimes

### READER

January - Steve Iden

\*Let Office know if you can help\*

**FEBRUARY  
2025**

**Deadline is:  
January 23**



- \* The January meeting will be a luncheon on January 30th.
- \* The Souper Bowl Soup sale is coming.

More information to come on both.



**IS BACK!**

**Saturday, January 4-9AM**

**Bob Evans**

**206 Malcolm Dr.  
Westminster, MD**

**Let Steve or Hearl know if  
you are coming.**



**Cereal, pancake mix, syrup,  
canned meats/vegetables,  
shampoo, body wash**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:****Prayer**

- Prayers for Susan who was in motorcycle accident
  - Ann Lawson - back pain, prayers to feel better
  - Bea Wright in Lorien for rehab
  - Family of Kim Murphy, who passed away
  - John Eaton having continued prayers for healing
  - Glenda Harris doing well, continued prayers
  - Persons that suffer with seasonal depression
  - Sarah requests prayers for health
  - Joe Martin-continued prayers for healing
  - Rhonda Berg-home from hospital, needs prayer
  - Sheri's friend, Lisa Twilley, healing prayers
  - Children and the challenges they face
  - Bonnie's son's friend has brain cancer
  - Debbie Gillen, doing better
  - COVID, pray for people who have it & are suffering
  - Josh is having weekly blood draws
  - Chris - pray for relief of his pain
  - Uncle Jerry needs prayers for cancer
  - Clearfield Bible Church, Westminster burned down, pray for this congregation
  - Debra's brother, Jeff, with pulmonary fibrosis,
  - Chris's cousin serving overseas in Navy
  - Pray for the homeless near and far
  - Bonnie's great-niece, Micah-leukemia
  - Those grieving the loss of loved ones
  - Taylorsville UMC
  - The United Methodist Church
  - Pray for our Country and Leaders
  - Pray for our World, Peace, Enemies
  - For those in assisted living facilities, and employees.
- Our member in assisted living is Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneytown

**Joys**

- Happy Birthday Jesus
- New beginnings and adventures in the new year
- Gatherings with family and friends over the holidays

***Prayers for Service Persons***

Austin Flagler (Coast Guard)  
Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Tampa)

Thank you for your service!!

**We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.**

**Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles****JANUARY****January 5, 2025****Epiphany Sunday, Communion Sunday**

Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Title: "Jesus Revealed to the Nations"

**January 12, 2025****First Sunday after Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord**

Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon Title: "Jesus Revealed in Baptism"

**January 19, 2025****Second Sunday after Epiphany,  
Humans Relations Day**

I Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

Sermon Title: "Revealing Jesus: Wedding Gifts"

**January 26, 2025****Third Sunday after Epiphany**

I Corinthians 12:12-31, Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Title: "Tell Us About Yourself"

*January***New Beginnings**

Day 1 – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 2 – Jeremiah 29:11

Day 3 – Isaiah 43:18-19

Day 4 – Ephesians 4:22-24

Day 5 – Lamentations 3:22-24

Day 6 – Isaiah 40:31

Day 7 – 1 Peter 1:3

Day 8 – Ezekiel 36:26

Day 9 – Philippians 3:13-14

Day 10 – Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day 11 – Matthew 7:7-8

Day 12 – Acts 3:19-20

Day 13 – Isaiah 65:17

Day 14 – Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 15 – Malachi 4:2

Day 16 – 2 Chronicles 7:14

Day 17 – Colossians 3:9-10

Day 18 – Psalm 73:25-26

Day 19 – Psalm 23:1-3

Day 20 – Romans 12:2

Day 21 – Romans 6:3-4

Day 22 – John 10:10

Day 23 – Isaiah 41:13

Day 24 – Philippians 4:6-7

Day 25 – Proverbs 16:9

Day 26 – Isaiah 60:1-2

Day 27 – Psalm 40:1-3

Day 28 – Galatians 6:14-16

Day 29 – Psalm 98:1-3

Day 30 – John 3:16-17

Day 31 – Revelation 21:4-5



## TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT - 2025

### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Chairperson: Cindy Harris  
 Evangelism Chair: Pastor Joshua Gillen  
 Congregational Care, Outreach and Fellowship - Chair: Gail Leyh  
 Lay Leader: Steve Iden  
 Finance Chair: Dee Haines  
 Recording Secretary: Anna Grimes  
 Lay Leader to Annual Conference: Vacant  
 Ex officio Member: Pastor Joshua Gillen

SPRC Chair: Sheri Maring  
 Trustees Chair: Steve Novick  
 Missions Chair: Vivian Overholtzer  
 Worship Chair: Pastor Joshua Gillen  
 Memorial Chair: Glenda Harris  
 Church Treasurer: Anna Grimes  
 Financial Secretary: Susan Maring  
 UWIF Representative: Maria Novick  
 Historian: Vivian Overholtzer  
 Children's Ministry: Maria Novick

### **TAYLORSVILLE CHARGE CONFERENCE OFFICERS**

Lay Leader: Steve Iden  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference: Vacant  
 Recording Secretary for Charge Conference: Anna Grimes  
 Church Council Chairperson: Cindy Harris

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairperson: Dee Haines	Church Treasurer: Anna Grimes
Financial Secretary: Susan Maring	Trustees Rep: Steve Novick
Lay Leader: Steve Iden	Vice-Chair: Vivian Overholtzer
Church Council Chair: Cindy Harris	Ex officio member: Pastor Joshua Gillen
SPRC Rep: Sheri Maring	
Lay Member to Annual Conf: Vacant	
Members at Large (with vote): John Eaton, Melinda Bennett, Sue Leppert	

### **STAFF/PASTORS/PARISH RELATIONS**

Chair: Sheri Maring		
Sue Leppert	Melinda Bennett	Ritta Jones
Sharon Franklin	Maria Novick	
Vacant – Lay Leader to Annual Conference		
Ex Officio Members: Steve Iden (Lay Leader) and Joshua Gillen (Pastor)		

### **COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP**

Cindy Harris	Sheri Maring	Maria Novick
Sharon Franklin	Glenda Harris	Vivian Overholtzer
Pastor is the Chairperson – Pastor Joshua Gillen		Vacant-Lay Leader to Annual Conf
Ex officio Member: Lay Leader – Steve Iden		

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chair: Steve Novick (2025)	Vice Chair – Sandy Wright	
Vivian Overholtzer	Sam Grimes	John Brodbeck
Jeff Taylor	Sheri Maring	Gary Maring
Member at Large: with vote – Hearl Wright		

### **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

Chair: Vacant  
 Pastor Joshua Gillen

## TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT - 2025 Continued

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE, OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Chair: Gail Leyh      Sheri Maring      Vivian Overholtzer      Pastor Joshua Gillen  
Sue Leppert      Debra Taylor      Susan Maring

### **MISSIONS TEAM**

Chair: Vivian Overholtzer      Cindy Harris      Ritta Wilson  
Sandy Wright – Treasurer      Dona Wilson      Pastor Joshua Gillen  
Secretary: Anna Grimes

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

Chair: Vacant      Jeff Taylor – Tech      Vivian Overholtzer  
Gail Leyh      Steve Novick – Tech  
Steve Iden (Lay Leader)      Pastor Joshua Gillen

### **MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Glenda Harris      Cindy Harris      Sharon Franklin      Patricia Lentzner

### **ENDOWMENT**

Ray McConchie      Dee Haines      Susan Maring

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Teresa Leyh

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Maria Novick

## **Adult Sunday School Class in Basement Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee**



Our winter quarter lessons titled “A King Forever and Ever” continue in January. The songbook of the ancient people of God, the Psalms, praises the reign of God. Through these songs, God’s people find comfort in the assurance of God’s reign. He is the eternal and all-powerful King, who is “compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love“. As such, God’s people praise his righteous name for his powerful acts as ruler of an everlasting kingdom.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 9 in the social hall. We invite you to join us.

### **Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m.-Pastor Josh’s Office**

**Contacts: Steve Novick/Jeff Taylor** ~ The class is meeting in Pastor Josh’s office. Check with Jeff or Steve on that topic they are discussing.

TUMC is trying something new! This coming Saturday we will have our first “**Praise Jam Mic Night**”. Come share your talent or just come support those that will share! Contact Amy Parrish if you have any questions.



## Praise Jam Mic Nights



All Ages Welcome  
1st Saturdays:  
(Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5)  
6:30 to 8:00PM

Bring Vocals, Instruments, Jokes, Skits ~ Share Your Talents!

Lite Refreshments Served



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**Greetings! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

This seems to be a perfect time to remind you about donating items to **Santa's Regifting Shop** for November 2025. As you are packing up your decorations, perhaps there might be some items or decorations that you might want to replace or something you no longer want. Just put those items in a box and bring them to church to store them in the garage. If you have any questions, call me 410-596-7537.

Sue Leppert  
[slepp@comcast.net](mailto:slepp@comcast.net)

### Little Food Pantry

The Pantry now has a sign, supplies and is ready for use. This was Savannah Atwell's Eagle Scout Project.





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Office Hours  
M, W, TH  
9:00AM-2:30PM

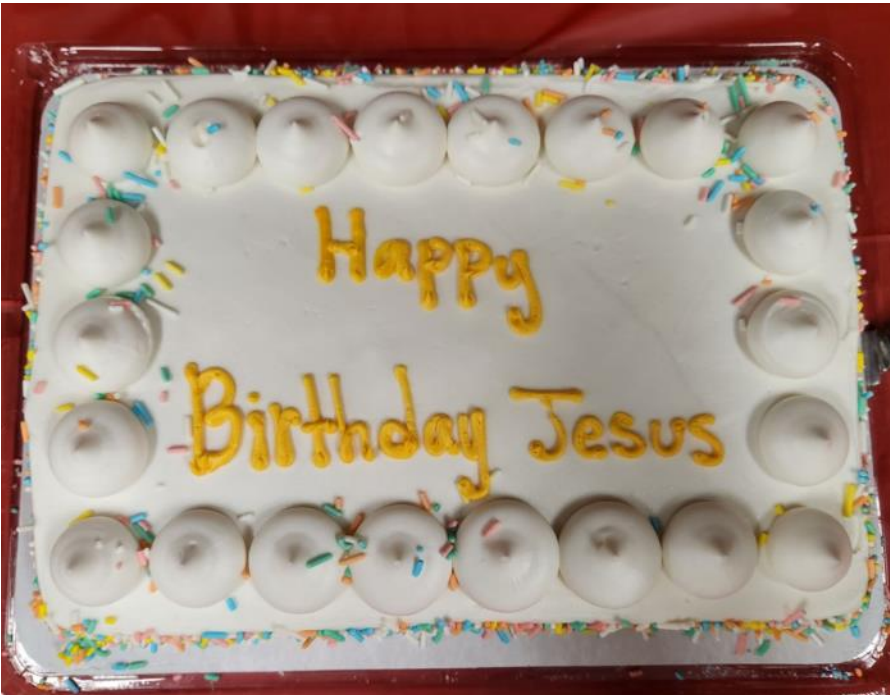


TAYLORSVILLE UMC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Coming Soon:</b> UWIF Souper Bowl Soup Sale			1 	2	3	4 9AM Men's Breakfast 6:30-8:00PM Praise Jam Night
<b>5</b> <b>Communion/Epiphany</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	6	7	8 6:30PM Choir	9	10	11
<b>12</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	13	14	15 6:30PM Choir	16	17	18
<b>19</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	20	21	22 6:30PM Choir	23 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	24	25
<b>26</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	27 7:00PM Council	28	29	30 UWIF Luncheon (info. coming)	31	

DECEMBER 29, 2024







#### **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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**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN  
CHURCH THIS MONTH**

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