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THE GOOD WORD

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Countdown Calendar February – Create A To-Do List



January Gift Calendar, a gift I received for Christmas. It is a way to brighten up January and continue the fun of an Advent Calendar.

The beginning of a new year, means getting a new calendar. I know, seeing the days, weeks, months and years fly by is a bit daunting. In fact, when writing this article, I mentioned to Anna we are already nearly through January. Actually, by the time most of you read this, it will be February. Even though calendars unforgivingly check off the days of our lives, I still love them. First of all, they are incredibly beautiful and they can be fun, as shown in the picture to the left. Calendars can show our love for animals, hobbies, nature-gosh, you name the topic and there probably is a calendar for it. They can be humorous, historical, and the ones I look for the most, inspirational, as the one below. Calendars are one of the most practical and informative tools we use.

A calendar can tell you when a holiday occurs, or special church celebrations begin and when to change the color of the paraments. If a calendar is large enough, you can write down meeting times, appointments, special birthdays, etc. There are even electronic calendars (which I am learning to use more often), but I still like my paper calendars.

Most of you know that I am retiring as of June 30th. As I mentioned to a church member, I will probably bawl like a baby on my last day, but that day is still five months away. I have decided to be positive and productive during this time. I am putting together a “to-do” list calendar. Because my calendar is brand new, all I would like to accomplish is not on it yet. When I arrived at TUMC at the end of June, 2020 (yes, I did come a couple of days early), I had a very brief meeting with Pastor Julie. I knew I had much to learn, but I also had to set up my office, which had not been used for months, so it also had to be cleaned. I had to figure out what was where, who was who, access to everything - well you get the picture. I want to bypass as much of this as possible for the new pastor, so much work to be done. You will be hearing about my “to-do” list throughout the next several weeks and months.



A perpetual inspirational calendar, it only had the month and day on it, so you can reuse each year or pass it along to someone else. This was Anna's in 2020 and she has the one I used.

Doesn't this sound like lots of fun? It actually does to me!

Pastor Patty



January-February 2022 Upper Rooms are in the back of the sanctuary.

Men's Breakfast
FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, February 5th
Leaving the church at 8:30am
Going to Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge, MD
Contact Ray or John with questions

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Ritta Jones	22	Michele Bittner
10	Mary Burgess	26	O.F. (Bud) Kibbe
14	Richard Wright	27	Emily Novick
19	Tad Leyh		

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Lee and Sandy Wright
4	Joe and Lisa Martin
11	Gary and Vicki Young
17	Pastor Patty and David Robinson

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS
February - Scott and Ritta Jones
March - Earl and Sandy Wright

READER
February - Ray and Candy McConchie
March - Robert Condon

For February we are collecting:

Jelly, pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti sauce, body wash

You can drop off items to the church office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:30PM

Thank you for supporting Mt. Airy Net.

(The Net will take any non-perishable items you are willing to donate.)

March

Deadline Is: **February 23**

Sermon Series for February 2022

January has gone by already and here we are in February! February the month of LOVE and our worship series with the theme of Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ continues. We still will have fun with Candy Heart messages. This is the period when we study the ministry of Christ and reflect on our own "coming to Jesus' faith", so I selected the book of Luke for our scripture series, but do not be surprised if a bit of the two books of Corinthians show up too.

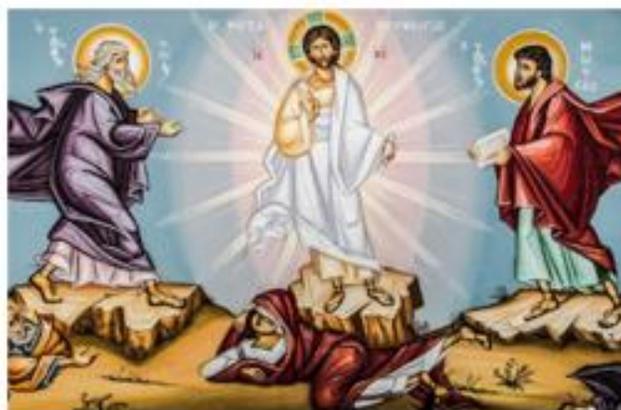
February 6th: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Hold Firmly – Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ. Luke 5: 1-11

February 13th: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – The First Fruits – Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ. Luke 6: 17-26

Happy 
Valentine's Day!

February 20th: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – Raised in Glory – Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ. Luke 6: 27-38

February 27th: Transfiguration Sunday – Seeing the Glory – Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ. Luke 9: 28 – 43



Lifting Our Hearts In...

Prayer

- Ron Dietzel, Pastor Patty's Uncle, having seizures
- Family of Fred Goodrich, Anna's nephew, who passed away from heart issues
- Family of Ron Thomas who died of COVID
- Family of Pearl Richardson who died of COVID & heart attack
- Scott & Ritta's grandson, Emerson, has a tibia fracture
- Three firemen that died in Baltimore
- Reis Family, Sharon's hairdresser who died of COVID
- MaryJane's old neighbor, Megan Ballinger-kidney & pancreas transplant & amputation of foot-being fitted for prosthesis
- Sue's cousin, Steve doing chemo for pancreatic cancer, waiting to have surgery
- Hospitals/staff overloaded from patients
- Holstein's sister-in-law, Karen-COPD
- Tornado victims-Kentucky, Illinois
- Kay's brother, Wes, cancer diagnosis
- Ryan DiMaggio-motorcycle accident-back to hospital from rehab for fluid in lungs
- Daniela's granddaughters, Maddie & Kylie, both have Pompe disease
- Rita Kolb needs our prayers
- David Frazier's sister, Ruth, had stroke
- Pastor Sherry has health concerns
- Sherry Fisher, Cindy Thornton's friend-scan showed growth of cancer-will try different chemo treatment
- Jeff & Debra's niece, Becky-multiple health issues
- Sue Maring's cousin, Debbie Scott, good results from 3 brain stimulations for Parkinson's
- Cindy Thornton's friend, Robert-had lung removed, healing
- Lisa's friend/co-worker, Valinda-cancer
- Trent-friend of Karen & Jim-healing from accident
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones during this time
- All suffering from COVID-19, and for their loved ones and a cure for virus
- Those in healthcare & National Guard who are on the front-line of testing & treatment
- Loved ones who are sick, having surgery, or about to give birth
- For those in assisted living facilities, those with loved ones in assisted living and employees who have extra responsibilities to love and care for these folks during this time when they are extra vulnerable. Our members in assisted living are Bud Kibbe, and Robert Wilson.
- Taylorville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Our World, Our Leaders

Praise

- Persons healing from COVID
- God's Love
- Beauty of the snow



Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes

(U S Navy-Bahrain)

Thank you for your service Sean!!

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.



Join us for Our Love Never Ends Worship Series.

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 8:00am 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.



Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg.

The adult Sunday school class which meets in the education building is continuing their study of Max Lucado's Ten Women of the Bible: One by one they changed the world. In February we will be continuing our study of Esther and Mary, the mother of Jesus. All are welcome to join this study anytime.

Adult Sunday School Class Two in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee Haines

God's justice is often perverted, miscarried and ignored – to our own peril. When a king strays from the path of justice, who can rebuke him? When a whole nation has forgotten – or despised – the law of God, how can the people be saved? Our February topics explore how people who obey God can correct course when injustice has become the rule of the day.

God's representatives bear the responsibility of seeking God's justice in the face of all kinds of opposition. Sometimes, as with Job's friend Bildad, wrong doctrine about God sounds right and results in faulty condemnation of the innocent. The final lesson illustrates the joy and life we find when we return to harmony with God's justice. Ultimately, though we work toward the reality of God's will enacted on earth as in Heaven, we are hopeful because justice does not depend on us alone. As we look at these lessons may we be reminded of what true justice looks like.

We meet in the social hall on Sundays at 9 am. We welcome you to join us.



United
Methodist
Women

Save the date!

ALL WOMEN ARE
INVITED TO THE
UMW LUNCHEON

February 24th at Noon

In the fellowship hall

Contacts: Dee, Maria,
Candy

See the article on page 8 of the Newsletter
by Kim Sorrelle

IN 2022,

let's choose to love.

To listen intently.

*To live love and show love to
the ones we're with.*

KIM SORRELLE



Getting to Know You...Scott and Ritta Jones

The past two years have been difficult, with the congregation sometimes unable to gather together; but when in-person worship has been possible, Taylorsville UMC has welcomed some new faces. Some of these visitors have made the decision to officially join the Taylorsville church family and this feature is a chance to get to know them better.

Scott and Ritta Jones joined Taylorsville UMC on December 12, 2021.

Scott grew up in New Castle, VA and Ritta grew up in Roanoke, VA and New Castle. They both attended Bethel United Methodist Church in New Castle and graduated from New Castle High School where they were high school sweethearts. They moved to Maryland in 2010 and live “just around the corner” from Taylorsville UMC.

The Jones' have two children—Jennifer Eggerl (David) who lives in Mount Airy and Jeffrey Jones (Elizabeth) who lives in Fredericksburg, VA. Scott and Ritta have 4 grandchildren—Ethan (16), Eli (12), Evelyn (5), and Emerson (3).

Although Scott is officially retired from Farmers & Merchants Bank in New Castle, he continues to serve on the Board of Directors and works part-time. Ritta retired as Office Manager for Harbor Physical Therapy in Columbia, MD. They both remain busy—Scott's favorite hobby is working on their daughter's horse farm and Rita enjoys reading and counted cross-stitch as well as volunteering for Habitat for Humanity in the ReStore in Westminster.

Taylorsville UMC is lucky to have Scott and Ritta as new members who have already been active in the church. They both volunteered at Vacation Bible Camp last summer and the Christmas Bazaar in November. They have regularly attended worship, participating in Advent readings and agreeing to be greeters/ushers. Ritta has participated in UMW meetings and Scott attends the monthly Men's Breakfast. In Ritta's words, “We both love attending Taylorsville UMC. Everyone is so welcoming, it's like a family.”



Unfolding the Rose

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older man.

The older preacher walked up to a rosebud, picked a bud, then handed it to the younger preacher telling him to open it without tearing any petals.

The younger preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher, trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and for his ministry.

Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try unfolding the rose, while keeping every petal intact....

It wasn't long before he realized how impossible it was to do so. Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to recite the following poem....

It was only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design.
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of everyday.
I will look to Him for guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.

The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments.
Just as He unfolds the rose.

The young Preacher said that now he understood.

I hope now that you do too!



(submitted by Vivian Overholtzer)

KIM SORRELLE, Author of *Love Is*

What Love Is: Choosing To Love All Year Long

I am a sucker for New Year's resolutions. And every year, I pick my resolutions in threes.

Two have hung around for a long time. I pledge to eat nutritiously and exercise intentionally, more than just taking the garbage to the end of the driveway once a week. For my third resolution, though, I go deeper — beyond working on my outside — and choose something to transform my inside.

Yet reflecting on 2021 and, frankly, all other years, I realize I have missed so much. It's like life is a movie, and I'm just a prop in the corner, an extra at best, mostly hanging in the back lot. I don't take enough time for people. Instead, I'm just playing a scripted role with lines that rarely change.

"Hi, how are you?" "Fine. And you?" "Fine." "Have a good day."

Why am I asking a question if I don't want to hear the answer? Maybe it's because the answer might take too much of my very valuable and extremely limited time. There are things to be done, after all. Emails to return, laundry to wash, errands to run, bills to pay, and if I don't hit the grocery store on my way home from work, I won't be eating leafy vegetables for dinner.

But God.

God is love, and God tells us to love one another. In fact, God commands us through Paul in 1 Corinthians 16:14 to "*Let all that you do be done in love.*" That's why my big resolution challenge for 2022 is to love — really love.

But how am I loving when I value my personal agenda above people? Surely, it's not love to ignore the person in front of me while thinking of everything ahead of me. When a friend calls, I'm not showing love by saying "uh-huh" as I watch the last few minutes of my favorite TV show. Does love take so little interest?

Real love, the way God loves, cares more about people than tasks ... no matter the size of Mount Laundry. Relationships — loving and caring for people — eclipse TV and to-dos all day long.

I've overlooked opportunities to connect, to give love, to live love. I'm sure there have been many times when I asked the "how are you?" question, and the person who I am supposed to love wanted or needed me to hear the answer. Maybe she received a tough diagnosis, or he lost his job, or she was going through a hard time in her marriage and needed someone to care and pray, but my face said, *Gotta run. No time for you.*

What would love do? Love would stick around. Love would want to hear the answer. Then love would really listen.

Undistracted, giving full attention, right there, at that moment — loving the person like God does, not seeing them as an obstacle to my plans. Without thinking about the turmoil of this morning's carpool or the meeting later tonight — just patiently listening. Fully engaged, no distractions, really hearing, caring, putting feet on love.

Sure, there are deadlines and moments when there really is no time, at least not right then. But later, love sets a time to get back in touch. Love follows up, follows through.

In 2022, let's choose to love. To listen intently. To live love and show love to the ones we're with. Let's ask "how are you?" with our hearts and ears wide open. Because that is what love would do, and I resolve to love.

Will you join me?

Lord, open my eyes, heart, and ears to live and give love. Please don't let another opportunity to love pass me by. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
(submitted by Kathy Cinnamond)

FEBRUARY

2022

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

TAYLORSVILLE UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00PM SPRC Meeting on Zoom	2 7:00PM Evangelism Meeting on Zoom	3	4	5 Men's Breakfast- Buttersburg Inn
6 COMMUNION 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website Pick up UMW Soup Orders	7	8 7:00PM Missions Meeting	9	10	11	12
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20 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship- Facebook live/website	21 7:00PM Council Meeting	22	23 March Newsletter Deadline	24 12:00 Noon UMW Luncheon	25	26
27 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship- Facebook live/website	28					Mt. Airy Net Collecting: Jelly, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Spaghetti sauce, Body wash



Souper Bowl SALE



Back by popular demand!!

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring another Homemade Soup Sale. The choices are **CHICKEN NOODLE AND BEEF VEGETABLE.**

Pick up date is **February 13th.** The cost is \$10 per quart. Please fill out the following order form and return **with payment** to Dee, Maria, Candy or leave in the church offering plate by **Sunday, February 6th.**

ORDER FORM FOR HOMEMADE SOUP

NAME _____

Phone number _____

BEEF VEGETABLE #quarts _____ **@10.00 each \$** _____

CHICKEN NOODLE #quarts _____ **@ 10.00 each \$** _____



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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorville 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.

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**May you see Love all
around you!**

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