

January 2023

THE GOOD WORD

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Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

January and New Year's Day start on Sunday. While that may seem inconvenient for those who plan to celebrate the night before and sleep in on New Year's Day, it is appropriate for Methodist traditions. The Methodist Church has a long history of marking the New Year with Covenant renewal services. Going back to John Wesley, the early Methodist societies would gather to celebrate the new year with worship and fellowship by renewing their Covenant with each other and God. Some Methodist and related Wesleyan churches still practice New Year's Eve covenant service.

When held on New Year's Eve, these services are also called Watch Night services. They began as nights to pray and fast for the new year, culminating in the covenant renewal. In African American worship service, the Watch Night traditions expanded to celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation going into effect at midnight on January 1, 1863.

For many, New Year's is a time to celebrate and cut loose; for others, it's a time to resolve to do better. Maybe eat better, exercise more, or improve oneself. That's okay and good, but we all know not every new year's resolution is followed through with.

A new year can also be a time to renew your commitment to your faith in God. The difference between renewing your faith or Covenant and making a resolution is that no matter how much you may fall short in your commitments, God never falls short in being committed to us.

So, this January, make your resolutions and have some fun, but don't forget to recommit yourself to growing in God's Love this year and every year.

Happy New Year, Merry Christmas, and may the Epiphany of Christ inspire you to new heights of Grace.

Pastor Josh



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS


1 Stephanie Brodbeck	18 Brianna Nicole Smith
3 Hearl Wright	24 Lauren Logue
7 Michael Logue	28 Bea Wright
18 Jennifer Tingley	

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



February
 Newsletter
 Deadline is
January 25

JANUARY
Mt. Airy Net is
Collecting:
 Canned: Lunches, Meats, Fruit
 Peanut butter & Jelly




The logo for Mt. Airy Net is a circular emblem with a colorful, multi-layered border. Inside the circle, there is a small illustration of a church building and the text "MT AIRY NET" and "A community network providing a safety net for those in need".

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS
 January - Sam & Anna Grimes
 February - **need-let office know if you can help**

READER
 January - Steve Iden
 February - Cindy Harris



MEN'S BREAKFAST
 FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, January 7th
 9:00 AM -
 Going to Buttersburg Inn in
 Union Bridge, MD
 Contact John Eaton
 with questions

Church Treasurer Needed



See Dee if interested

The icon depicts a pink piggy bank, a calculator, and several coins, with a computer monitor in the background showing a line graph with an upward arrow, symbolizing financial management.

Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this January

January 1, 2023

**New Year's Day, First Sunday after Christmas
Communion Sunday**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon Title: God's GPS

January 8, 2023

Epiphany, observed Jan 8

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Title: A Light to the Nations

January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday after Epiphany-Human Relations Sunday

Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-42

Sermon Title: Expecting More?

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon Title: Can You See the Light?

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday after Epiphany

I Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Title: Upside Down and Down Side Up



*Lifting Our Hearts In...
Prayer*

- Luca Brodbeck in NICU, also pray for his family
- Betty Baker - fell, in Lorien for rehab
- Sue's cousin, Tom –more health issues, needs prayers
- Ann Lawson - back issues, possible surgery
- Jeff & Debra's niece, Becky-many health issues, pray she can have surgery soon
- Sharon's friend's daughter, Whitney, cancer
- John's daughter-in-law, Patti cyst on brain
- Linda Cole-remission, needs prayers for healing
- Pray for homeless
- Karen Franklin-needs prayer for continued healing
- Prayers for those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Sandy Wright's friend, Janette had 2nd procedure-recovery going well
- Flooding around the country
- Sue's cousin, Steve, given 1 year to live-pray for more time
- Gail's friend, Rita-continued prayers from kidney transplant
- Continue healing prayers for Lisa-only 41-had single bypass
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Jim has cancer
- Eileen's father, Tom and Eileen's mom-health issues
- Sharon Franklin's niece, Jacque Eyler has multiple health issues
- Ryan DiMaggio-motorcycle accident, needs continued prayers
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Raymond, slow recovery from leg bypass, heart issues now
- Sherry Fisher, Cindy Thornton's friend-scan showed growth of cancer-will try different chemo treatment
- Lisa's friend/co-worker, Valinda-cancer
- Our member in assisted living is Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown
- Sam's sister, Roberta—memory issues in assisted living
- Health care workers
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Our World
- Our Leaders

Praise

- Wreaths Across America at TUMC-will be an annual event
- Nice Christmas services
- Celebrating holidays with friends & family
- New Year
- New opportunities



Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes

(U S Navy-Tampa)

Thank you for your service Sean!!



Mission Giving Tree

Thank you to all who have made it possible to support our mission projects.

So far we have collected \$540.

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.



Sunday School

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

Our January lessons, from the Old Testament historical books and prophets, describe God's promises to his prepared people. The Old Testament writers reminded the people that God's promises were reliable and trustworthy.

At the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, God promised to be a present help for Solomon. His promises of presence and deliverance would apply as long as the people acted justly and worshiped him purely.

Likewise, by way of the prophet's words, God responded to the people's experience of exile. Their situation came as a result of their failure to live faithfully and justly as God's called people. Through the prophet Isaiah, God promised to teach and direct his people. If they followed God, received him, and obeyed his commands, the people would experience the promised redemption and restoration.

Another prophet, Joel, proclaimed a similar message to God's people. God promised to be among his people and restore their land. As long as they followed him, they would never again experience shame.

God's promises, given through his prophets, addressed the people during their moments of need. The prophets offered an avenue for the community to hear and understand God's promises of renewal. However, the people would be required to change their behavior. They were to consider how they might serve others and avoid acting oppressively in any sense.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 9 in the social hall. We invite you to join us as we study God's Word.

Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick and Jeff Taylor



Sunday School News from Jeff Taylor:

The lessons in our Sunday school Deuteronomy study are now available on the web.

Come join us in person at **8:50 am every Sunday** in the Education Building (house next to church).

The YouTube videos of each lesson can be found on the playlist link below.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyHOBihQWOD6-EruZ_PDHL9_F87fQml2i

The PDF course materials for each lesson are on the Taylorsville web page at:

<https://taylorsvilleumc.org/ss-holding-page>

Both materials will be posted to the links above the week after each lesson.



Upcoming Event/Fundraiser

- ◆ **Event:** Mark your calendars for **Thursday, January 26th**. The **UWIF** will be headed out for a luncheon.
- ◆ **Fundraiser:** Our **February 12th Souper Bowl Soup Sale** will be coming soon.
We will be advertising in the next couple weeks in the Tidbits.

Westminster Rescue Mission

The WRM Ladies Auxiliary is currently having a cookbook fundraiser now thru January 15th. Cookbooks will be sold at \$15 each with all proceeds going directly to the programs at the mission to provide clinical, physical, and spiritual resources to heal the addicted and feed the hungry. This cookbook is in a very colorful binder and consists of approximately 200 pages. A sample cookbook will be displayed in the back of the church. Contact Sue Leppert at slepp@comcast.net if you are interested. Checks should be made payable to WRM.



A Few Reminders:

- ◆ Kaitlyn Flagler is still collecting plastic bags for her Girl Scout Gold Award. The bin is in the entry way of the church.
- ◆ **Printer cartridges** - there is a box in the office to put cartridges in. We make \$\$ for the church from these.
- ◆ **Amazonsmile** - designate **TUMC** on your account and we receive cash back on what you spend.

2022 Christmas Eve at Taylorsville






2023

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



TAYLORSVILLE UMC

Mt. Airy Net Collecting:
peanut butter & jelly, canned: fruits, meats, lunches

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION Mission Giving Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	2 Office Closed	3	4 6:30PM Choir	5	6	7 9:00AM Men's Breakfast-Buttersburg Inn
8 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	9	10	11 6:30PM Choir	12	13	14
15 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website WRM Cookbook sale ends	16	17	18 6:30PM Choir	19	20	21
22 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	23 7:00PM Council Meeting	24	25 6:30PM Choir Newsletter Deadline	26 UWIF Luncheon*	27	28
29 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	30	31				*Watch for UWIF luncheon/soup sale details in Tidbits

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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.



We're on the Web!
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*Join us for Worship
each Sunday at 10AM*

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