

January 2021

THE GOOD WORD

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**The Story of Christian Symbols told by
Taylorville UMC Stained Glass Windows
Window Three – The Beehive**



Above is just the Inset of Beehive image

As we move into 2021 the Beehive is a very apropos image to represent our resolutions, projects, and ideas for improving the church, our lives, and communities. Did you know that the window actually represents two Christian symbols – the **BEE** and the **BEEHIVE**? The bee is a symbol of activity, diligence, work and good order. Therefore, activity and work represent essential components to forge ahead with our plans. Also, some ancient legends claim bees never sleep, and so their image was often used “to represent Christian vigilance and zeal in acquiring virtue”.

There’s a bit more to our window than just the bees, there is the beehive. A legend about St. Ambrose, who was a writer and preacher, tells of when as a baby a swarm of bees landed on his face while he was in his cradle. His father saw this as a symbol that his son would grow up and possess a “honeyed tongue”, which became fact. He was the first to associate the body of Christ with a beehive. The Christian, then, is compared to a bee, working for the common good of the hive to which he dedicates his work and life.

The bee is also a symbol of wisdom, for it collects nectar from many flowers and turns it into nourishing and pleasing honey, which is the 'gold' of bees. We should and need to do the same, take whatever we have and transform it through our faithful work to create something good and useful for us, our neighbor and our God.

Bees produce good works for their neighbor at all times by pollinating the plants for food, beauty and air quality, so necessary for the survival of others. The symbolism goes on regarding the Church. Indeed, the bees work without rest and give their lives without hesitation for the good of the hive.

We can certainly understand why our predecessor selected the Beehive symbol for one of their and our beautiful stained glass windows.



Happy New Years – you busy bees

you – Pastor Patty.



Thanks to authors George Ferguson and Catherine Croisette for their wonderful book and article.

St. Ambrose compared the church itself to a beehive:
“The beehive is similarly the symbol of a pious and unified community.”



Next Church Council meeting is January 18th. Meeting is on zoom. Information will be emailed out.



**For January we are collecting:
Canned lunches
Jello and pudding**

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

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Stephanie Brodbeck	18	Brianna Smith
3	Hearl Wright	24	Lauren Logue
7	Michael Logue	26	Dan Kruhm
18	Jennifer Tingley	28	Bea Wright

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

NONE THAT WE ARE AWARE OF

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

February Newsletter 
Deadline is: **January 21**

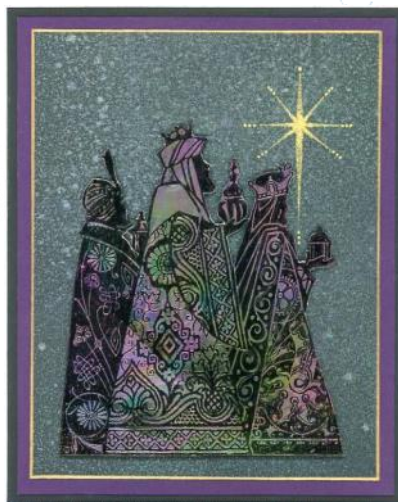
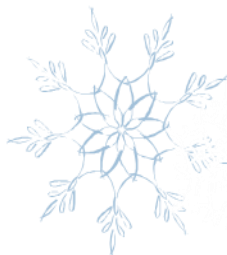
January-February Upper Room is here! You can pick one up in the church office or on the bench in front of the Education Building.



Dear Congregation:

Recently, I received some feedback on the format of our Sunday bulletin and was planning, at the first of the year, to move back to the format used prior to COVID-19. However, the format previously used, which is a bi-fold or tri-fold type bulletin, is not email or Facebook friendly. So as long as we are meeting virtually, the current format will continue to be used. We will print up a few for the handful of folks attending in person, but they will be printed in black and white, no longer in color, and two-sided to save costs. Please know the old format will come back in use, as soon as we start having regular in-building services.

The old ways will be made new again soon - Pastor Patty



Sermon Series for Epiphany and January, 2021

The Christmas season is not over until Epiphany, which we will be celebrating the first two weeks in January, as the actual date is January 6th. The remainder of January we move into the early ministry of Jesus in the “Follow Me” series.

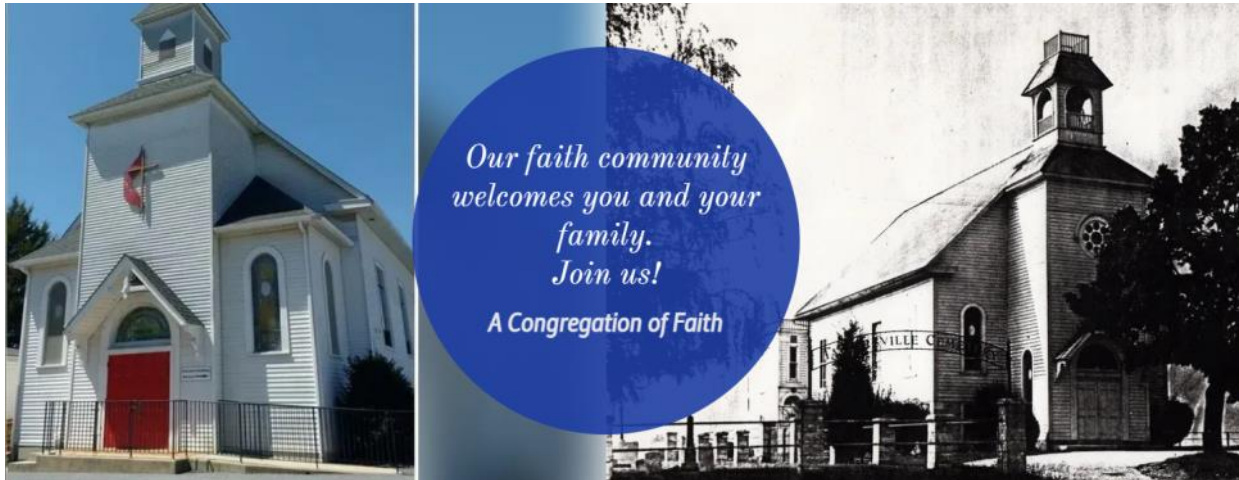
January 3rd-Second Sunday after Christmas – Living the Celebration – Ephesians 1:3-14

January 10th – Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord – Tearing Apart the Heavens – Mark 1: 4-11

January 17th – Second Sunday after the Epiphany – Anything Good – John 1: 43-51

January 24th – Third Sunday after the Epiphany – Follow Me – Mark 1: 14-20

January 31st – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – What have you to Do with Us? – Mark 1: 21- 28



Have you checked out the Taylorsville United Methodist Church website recently? David Robinson has been revising and enhancing the site with a new format, as well as new information. For the past several years Jeff Taylor has managed the website and he has been reviewing and discussing the changes being made with David, but because Jeff is busy with so many church projects the website workload will move to David, although Jeff will still have the capability to assist and give feedback.

The website is still a work in progress with many new areas still to be added. However, a section has been added that will show the worship services live, just in case you are not a member of Facebook. Also, there is a capability for visitors to the site to request being added to our mailing list. We can also track how many folks visit our website.

New areas we want to build include a kid's page to be developed with the help of Maria Novick, our superintendent of children's Sunday school and ministries. Another enhancement we are proposing is a more detailed page better describing all the churches ministries – Mission, VBC and so on.

Right now we want you to take a look and give us feedback on what you see that you like or dislike and ideas about what else we can include. The link to the website is listed below as well as the actual website address:

Link: [Taylorsville UMC](https://taylorsvilleumc.org/)

Address: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/>

The first point of contact for most folks looking for a new church is the church's website, so we have to continue to keep it fresh and relevant.

Thanks all for your feedback and a big thanks to David and Jeff for their expertise and hard work in making this happen. – Pastor Patty

TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT - 2021

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson: Ray McConchie	SPRC Chair: Jean Knill
Evangelism Chair: Vacant	Trustees Chair: Steve Novick
Congregational Ministries Chair: Vacant	Missions Chair: Vivian Overholtzer
Lay Leader: Steve Iden	Worship Chair: Kathy Cinnamond
Finance Chair: Dee Haines	Memorial Chair: Glenda Harris
Recording Secretary: Anna Grimes	Church Treasurer: John Eaton
Lay Leader to Annual Conference: Jeff Taylor	Financial Secretary: Susan Maring
Ex officio Member: Pastor Patty Robinson	UMW Representative: Dee Haines
	Historian: Vacant

TAYLORSVILLE CHARGE CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Lay Leader: Steve Iden
 Lay Member to Annual Conference: Jeff Taylor
 Recording Secretary for Charge Conference: Anna Grimes
 Church Council Chairperson: Ray McConchie

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Dee Haines	Church Treasurer: John Eaton
Financial Secretary: Susan Maring	Trustees Rep: Steve Novick
Lay Leader: Steve Iden	Vice-Chair: Vivian Overholtzer
Church Council Chair: Ray McConchie	Ex officio member: Pastor Patty Robinson
SPRC Rep: Jean Knill	
Lay Member to Annual Conf: Jeff Taylor	
Members at Large (with vote): Doug Gorsuch, Sue Leppert	

STAFF/PASTORS/PARISH RELATIONS

Chair: Jean Knill
 Vivian Overholtzer - 2021
 Glenda Harris - 2021
 Sheri Maring - 2021
 Robert Condon - 2022
 Ex Officio Members: Steve Iden (Lay Leader), Jeff Taylor (Lay Member to Annual Conference) and Patty Robinson (Pastor)

Cindy Harris - 2022
Jeff Taylor - 2022
Kim Gorsuch - 2023
John Eaton - 2023

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Vivian Overholtzer - 2021	Sheri Maring - 2022	Maria Novick - 2023
Cindy Harris - 2021	Sharon Franklin - 2022	Glenda Harris - 2023

Pastor is the Chairperson – Pastor Patty Robinson
 Ex officio Member: Lay Leader – Steve Iden

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair – Steve Novick	Vice Chair – Vacant	
Sheri Maring - 2021	Sandy Mennerick - 2022	Sam Grimes - 2023
Jeff Taylor - 2021	Steve Novick - 2022	Sandy Wright - 2023

Member at Large: with vote – Hearl Wright

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Chair: Vacant
 Pastor Patty Robinson

**TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT - 2021 Continued**

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Vacant

Sue Leppert

Kathy Cinnamond

Debra Taylor

Michelle Manco

Gail Leyh

MISSIONS TEAM

Chair: Vivian Overholtzer

Candy McConchie – Treasurer

Cindy Thornton

Cindy Harris

Secretary: Anna Grimes

Pastor Patty Robinson

WORSHIP TEAM

Chair: Kathy Cinnamond

Vacant (Paraments)

Steve Iden (Lay Leader)

Pastor Patty Robinson

Kim Gorsuch

Steve Novick - Tech

Cindy Thornton (Communion)

Jeff Taylor - Tech

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Glenda Harris

Cindy Harris

Sharon Franklin

ENDOWMENT

Ray McConchie

Susan Maring

Dee Haines

Doug Gorsuch

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair: Teresa Leyh

SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Maria Novick

SENIOR MINISTRIES

Debra Taylor

Kathy Cinnamond

The following classes are canceled until we are back in the church:

- Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study ~ 9:00 a.m. Questions call Jean Knill.
- Adult Sunday School Class in Basement Fellowship Hall ~ 10:00 a.m. Questions call Dee Haines.

Adult Sunday School Class ~ 9:00 a.m. on Zoom

We are continuing our study of the Book of Revelation through


Zoom. All are welcome to join us.

Contact Jeff Taylor with questions.

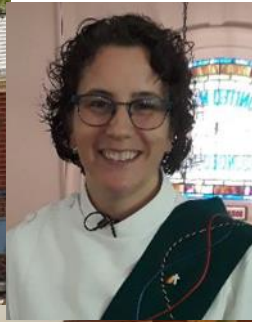
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REVELATION
IN CONTEXT**

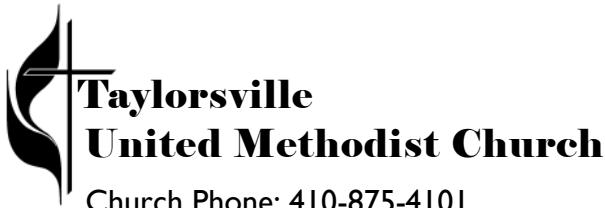
JOHN'S APOCALYPSE AND SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM

JANUARY 2021 TAYLORSVILLE UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00AM Sunday School- Zoom 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live or our website COMMUNION	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00AM Sunday School- Zoom 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live or our website	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00AM Sunday School- Zoom 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live or our website	18 7:00 PM Council Meeting on Zoom	19	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23
24 9:00AM Sunday School- Zoom 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live or our website	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:00AM Sunday School- Zoom 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live or our website						Office Hours M, W, T 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

YEAR IN REVIEW 2020





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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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