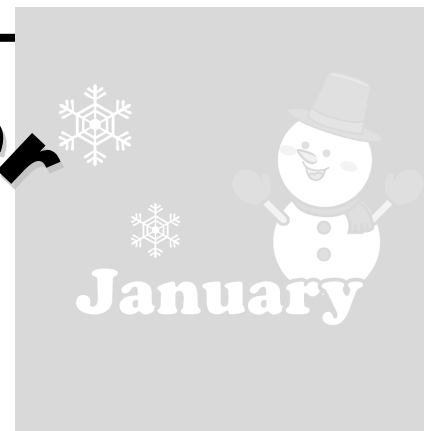


# Friendly Messenger

2020



Grace and peace to you! Happy New Year! I hope you had a blessed Christmas filled with the gifts of the season and the coming of the Christ child. It is still the Season of Advent so the New Year seems far away. As we just finished celebrating the holidays, you might have already decided your resolution, if that is your practice.

I am thinking a little differently about New Year resolutions this year. I had stopped making New Year's resolutions because I found that they seemed futile and would typically abandon them by the end of January. It would always be some self-improvement goal that seemed to be unfulfilling or just an opportunity for failure. However, I know that there are plenty of folks and resolutions that work and I applaud that. However, I wonder if there is a more life-giving approach to resolution-making.

Perhaps it relates to the nature of the goals we set. We often set them for ourselves; they are typically self-centered, at least mine have been in the past. What if, instead, we set goals or resolutions based on what others need from us? Do we ever make goals that make us better for the people around us? Do we ever think about what the people around us need from us and how that might require us to change? Would that in the end contribute to the more self-centered goals we might have set?

What if we asked those around us how we could be better for them this year? For example, a resolution may be to not have road rage. Is it so you feel more peace or to be less uptight for your family when you get home? If you would like to cultivate patience, is it so you can feel better about your capacity in dealing with difficult circumstance or so you can be present to the person who needs you? As an experiment, I asked my family what they needed from me for 2020. And now I have a new goal to work on!

This is not an easy task, if you choose to try it. It is human to think about ourselves. Even Jesus had the humanity of struggling with an outward goal. In the hours before his death on the cross in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed that the cup be taken from him if it were God's will...but he saw that more was needed. He knew what was needed for the salvation of others. He went to the cross on our behalf. We can transcend ourselves for what others need.

For this year if you focus on goals and resolutions, consider what the people around you need from you so that you can be better for them. It could be patience, time, grace, encouragement, attention, gratitude, or being more present. Pick one thing that would make you better for the people around you. And 12 months from now, you'll thank yourself!

Thank you so much for my Christmas bonus! What a wonderful and generous gift! I am so grateful for the ministry we share!



*Blessings*  
*Pastor Adrienne*

Thanks!

# Sardis Lutheran Church

## Congregational Meeting

11/3/19

Dwayne Whitener called the meeting to order. The 2020 Budget proposal along with nominees for Church Council, Nominating Committee, Scholarship Committee, and a Land Use Survey were handed out to the congregation. The floor was opened for nominations for 2020 Church Council, no nominations were made. Ken Propst motioned to close the nominations, Joe Biggerstaff seconded, and the motion carried. The floor was opened for nominations for 2020 Nominating Committee, no nominations were made. Jon Gladden motioned to close the nominations, Joe Bennie Fulbright seconded, and the motion carried. The floor was opened for nominations for 2020 Scholarship Committee, no nominations were made. Joe Biggerstaff motioned to close the nominations, Darrell Jarrett seconded, and the motion carried. The Congregational Meeting will resume on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Council Minutes  
November 10, 2019

PRESENT	ABSENT
Dwayne, Jane, Sherrie, Ken, Rick, Becky, Carolyn, Joe, Bruce, Pastor Martin	Nelson, Tim, Terry

Dwayne called the meeting to order at 7pm. Tim Whitener, Nelson Speagle and Terry Bledsoe were not in attendance. Becky had devotions. Minutes for the September Council meeting were read. Motion was made by Ken to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Rick, and the motion carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Dwayne;

FUND	October
Building Fund	\$5,255.01
Cemetery Fund	\$ 972.69
General Fund	\$5,555.72

Becky motioned to accept the Treasure's Report, Joe seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor Adrienne gave her report;

- In three weeks did 10 visits
- October 27<sup>th</sup> dedicated new front doors
- Assisting with Children's Christmas Program
- Hosted the FTF Seniors on November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Assisted with LMM Sunday 11/10
- Attending Steering Committee meeting 11/16
- Leading Prayer Service 11/20
- Confirmation Service Project 11/24

### Old Business

- Ken reported that we still do not have paving lined up
- Jem-Clean cleaned the Sanctuary carpet and pew seats
- Jeff Wilson fixed Pastor's heater in office
- Becky got a confirmation on Pastor Anna coming to visit us in 2020 for a Sunday to recognize Women of the Parish

### New Business

- Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Wesley Chapel Methodist on 11/27, Sardis is to provide sandwiches for the meal.
- Ken has talked with Harold Shuford on the possibility of him cleaning the church. To take to the Property Committee
- Had a request from the Hickory Department of Corrections for donations for a Christmas Meal. Jane motioned to send \$150.00, Ken seconded, and motion carried.
- Sardis will be feeding families again this year at Banoak. Right now, we have 36 families to provide food for a
- Thanksgiving meal. Dwayne and Barbara will pickup and deliver to Banoak.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

Submitted: Jane Moretz for Terry Bledsoe Council Secretary



The Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens group usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet in January on the 8th at Grace Lutheran. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

**Hymn Choir**

The Sardis Hymn Choir will sing the second Sunday in January. The hymn will be "Wade in the Water". We welcome you to join us in the choir room to prepare for worship at 10:15am.

**Sardis Sisters**

Women of Sardis will go on January 7<sup>th</sup> to see "Little Women" at the Carmack Theater. The movie will start at 7:00. We will meet in the lobby at 6:30 for tickets so we can all sit together.

**Winter Weather**

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wind chill  
windy  
winter storm

ACOLYTE / CRUCIFER / COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**January**

1/3 Mildred Fulbright  
 1/4 Catherine Houser  
 1/8 Susan F. Lewis  
 Graysen Whitener  
 1/14 Dianne Nail  
 1/18 Bryon Hollar  
 1/22 Justin Yoder  
 1/24 Ralph Stallings  
 1/25 Kasey C. Shaw  
 1/26 Kelly Reep  
 1/28 Kipton Jennings  
 1/29 Sharon Sigmon  
 1/30 Sarah Grove

**Jan 5** Samuel Biggerstaff Tim Whitener Tim Whitener  
**Jan 12** Jane Moretz Rick Johnson Becky Gladden  
**Jan 19** Tryston Sylvester Marilyn Teague Kathy Weaver  
**Jan 26** Ray Whitener Tryston Sylvester Rick Johnson

USHERS

Ben Whitener, Rick Johnson, Rick Lutz, Mike Hollar

ALTAR FLOWERS SECURITY

Jan 5 Catherine Houser Wayne Jarrett  
 Jan 12 Kathy Weaver Rick Lutz  
 Jan 19 Ben & April Fulbright Zack Stuart  
 Jan 26 Grace Hoyle Darrell Jarrett

LAY READERS & GREETERS

**Jan 5** Ray Whitener Evelyn Fulbright, Nena Babb  
**Jan 12** Gene Biggerstaff Rita Lutz, Betty Whitener  
**Jan 19** Dawn Covington Carol Mayer, Sherrie Midgett  
**Jan 26** Carolyn Truitt Margaret Propst, Barbara E. Whitener

COMMUNION PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP

Marilyn Teague Sherrie Midgett

COUNCIL CONTACT & ASSISTING MINISTER

Carolyn Hoyle Carolyn Hoyle

SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY

**Jan 4** No Meal Delivery  
**Jan 11** Nena Babb  
**Jan 18** No Meal Delivery  
**Jan 25** Carolyn Truitt

OFFERING COUNTERS

**Jan 5** Dwayne Whitener, Sherrie Midgett, Patsy Johnson  
**Jan 12** Dwayne Whitener, Al & Sylvia King  
**Jan 19** Dwayne Whitener, Mike & Sherrie Midgett  
**Jan 26** Dwayne Whitener, Susan Jones, Nena Babb, Sandra Roseman

<u>Delivery Week</u>	<u>BACKPACK PROGRAM</u>	<u>Pickup Warehouse</u>
<b>Jan 10</b>	Gene & Donna Biggerstaff	Barbara E. Whitener
<b>Jan 17</b>	Dwayne & Barbara Whitener	
<b>Jan 24</b>	Dawn Covington/Carolyn Truitt	
<b>Jan 31</b>	Joe & Phyllis Biggerstaff	

**Anniversary:**

**Ralph & Sheila Ramsey**  
 1-11

**January**

**Baptisms**

10-Heather J. Carroll 1988  
 Tracy Richard 1971  
 15-Gene Biggerstaff 1950  
 21 Kathy Weaver 1962  
 25-Bryan C. Hood (1953)  
 Leevada R. Wood 1959  
 Darrell Jarrett 1945

Please Note: Winter Address

Alfred Whitener  
 17145 249<sup>th</sup> Terrace SE  
 Umatilla, FL 32784

2020 Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting luncheon on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. A non-budgeted item will be voted on.

## January 2020 Sardis Lutheran Church

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thur                  Fri                  Sat

			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR Office Closed	2	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion, Baptismal Recognition 4:30 WELCA	6 Epiphany of Our Lord	7 7:00 Sardis Sisters, Movie Night at the Carmack Theater	8 10:00 Nellie B's 12:00 FTF Seniors at Grace 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion Hymn Choir Sunday 2:00 Confirmation at St Stephens 5:30 All Committees 7:00 Church Council	13	14 VBS Planning Meeting	15 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion	20	21	22 10:00 Nellie B's 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service & Holy Communion 12:00 Prayer Group 3:00 Trinity Ridge 6:00 LMM	27 Sardis Volunteer ECCCM	28	29 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	30	31	

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

*If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Also, check your Family Bible and advise your baptismal date. Thank you.*

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