



The Grapevine

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

Happy New Year! I am so excited to begin a new year in ministry with all of you! There are a lot of things that are going to happen this year that I am very excited about. We will begin by rewriting our church's mission statement to reflect what it is we do to be in ministry. With our Thrift Store being such a vital tool for outreach, we have been able to bring new faces into our sanctuary that otherwise would not have visited with us. Our mission as a church is one that reaches beyond ourselves and touches the lives of all of Gods children. Please pray about this time of discernment so that we can live into who God wants us to be.

Our Bible Study is beginning a three-year survey of the whole bible. That's right, three years. I hope that we will be able to enrich our relationships both with God and with each other as we travel this journey together. You are invited and encouraged to join in with us as there is always room in our Father's house for you.

We will begin planning our VBS for this year in January. We are looking for motivated and dedicated volunteers to be apart of our VBS Team. If you have any questions about getting involved with VBS this year, feel free to ask the office for more information, or give me a call.

We had a fantastic Christmas season with caroling and gatherings. My special thanks go out to our music director, Mrs. Twinette McDonald. With her dedication to the preparation and planning for a great Christmas Cantata, we were able to have a more meaningful Christmas season. She led the choir as well as organized a live nativity who processed during the cantata. I am also grateful to the rest of the choir as well as my own family that made this a Christmas to remember.

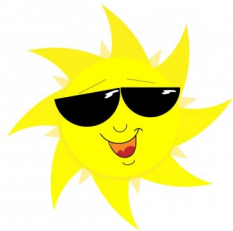
Grace and Peace to all of you! And remember, in the words of our Bishop, the best is yet to come.

Pastor Ted



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If you haven't been to our website lately, we invite you to

check it out for a couple of reasons...

Our Calendar for the church is listed there, all our events are at your fingertips. And all our Sunday bulletins and monthly Grapevine issues are also there for your convenience.



**SAVE YOUR CASH SAVER STORE RECEIPTS
FOR WARRINGTON ELEM SCHOOL...**

Warrington UMC now has a box at the main counter at Greer's Cash Saver food store on Barrancas...

Please drop your receipts in the Warrington Elementary Box after shopping there! You can also bring them to the church office...

These receipts add up to many dollars that will go to assist Warrington Elementary School children, school activities, and school supplies...

Thank you!

2019 A New Year full of Hope!

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

New Beginnings Thrift Shop

Is now open Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and Saturdays 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Bring your gently used items for donation and come volunteer an hour to help the ladies. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet people in your community.

FRIDAY FREE LUNCH!

Come by Friday's Noon to 2pm and have lunch with us!



Chili and Soup tasting contest

Sunday, Feb. 10 after worship service

Everyone is invited to bring their own Soup or Chili to be in the contest.

\$5.00 per family is a suggestion donation toward UMW mission projects.

Everyone gets to vote on their favorite Soup or Chili.

Women of the Church

The United Methodist Women will meet on Saturday, Jan 26 at 9:30

All the women of the church are invited.

Business meeting at 9:30 (plan next months activities) Chili/Soup contest.

Program: at 10:30 Discussion of lives of women in Bible times. Has it changed??
This years theme is "sisterhood".

Please check bulletin board for more information.

Lunch will be provided

Becky Hiller

2018 HIGHLIGHTS...

I started off my time here with an awesome VBS. We impacted the lives of 25 or more children and the joy experienced by all of us was unequalled.

We installed a new roof on the breezeway building as well as new skylights and gutters on the gymnasium building.

We assembled about 35 care packages for the homeless and distributed them through the thrift store as well as WEAC.

We began Holy Grounds Sunday school in September and this has been well attended. Future class offerings are being considered based on attendance. Come and join us!

We now have Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the parlor. Beginning the 9th of January, we will begin a survey of the whole Bible. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The UMW has begun to hold their meetings on the third Saturday of the month at 0930 in the fellowship hall. Ladies can contact Becky Hiller for more information.

In connection with Dickerson Literacy Initiatives, we were able to provide every student at Warrington Elementary School with two Accelerated reader books. This has encouraged the children in the school to do better in their reading. The hoped-for result is to have more children able to read because reading is the key to learning.

As a result of the book drive, we have been named a partner in education with Warrington Elementary. Additionally, we also adopted a third grade teacher and provided some much needed teaching aids for her classroom.

We were able to join hands with a new ministry called The Heart of Mom. Through this ministry we provided 10 Amazon Fire Sticks to be used in the patient rooms at the High Risk Pregnancy Unit at Sacred Heart Hospital. This helps a person in a bad situation feel a little bit better by helping them to forget that they are stuck in a hospital.

The thrift store has blossomed and is now a 5 day a week operation. This has been a blessing to the church and the patrons that we rely on to keep it open.

During the Thanksgiving holiday we were able to put together fourteen thanksgiving dinners plus an additional four gift cards to be distributed through WEAC.

We provided Christmas for 6 families via our Angel tree.

We now minister to the less fortunate among us every Friday with a lunch truck provided by Dharma Blue restaurant. Free meals are given out to whoever shows up regardless of their situation.

We continue to have Zumba and Jazzercise classes offered in our fellowship hall. There are many classes available and the costs are very reasonable. Check with the office for more information.