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Community News Brief

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B-PC Elementary Students Meet Local Author

BPC Elementary had a guest author Friday who spoke to Kindergarten, First and Second grades. Local Author Curt Mottaz read his book "Benji n' Dapa's Big Tractor Pull Adventure."

The book is written about tractor pull adventures with his grandson. Mottaz is from Marietta.



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Watson Honored

Justice Keene, Sports Director at Bomber Sports Net, Recognized Gene Watson ahead of the Macomb Basketball game last week. On Jan. 8, 1952 the first game was played at Washington Street Gym against Western High and Watson scored the first basket., Watson now enjoys watching his son, Kyle Watson, coaching the MHS 7th grade Bombers in the same gym and leading the Bombers to a win 34-29 over Canton the same night.

Local Author Bill Trotter Introduces Debut Novel

Local author Bill Trotter introduces his first novel *The Cowboy in the Jungle* Jan. 28 at New Copperfield's Book Service, 120 North Side Square, Macomb. Mr. Trotter will read from the novel, greet his readers and sign copies of the book from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 and again from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.



Trying to decide what you're going to do for the rest of your life is not an easy decision to make. But this is the quandry that Hank Stuart, the protagonist in *The Cowboy in the Jungle*, finds himself in. Motivated by 'do-gooder' tendencies, Hank who comes with

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POLICE REPORTS

Galesburg Man Arrested for Possession of Cocaine

On January 20, 2023, at approximately 23:12 p.m. a McDonough County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 67 at North 2300th Road. The red Honda Civic was travelling north and the driver, Nicholas R. Degracia, 34, of Galesburg, IL was driving with a suspended license.

During an inventory of the vehicle deputies discovered a small plastic bag containing a white powder. Deputies tested the substance and found it to test positive for cocaine. Deputies collected approximately 20 grams suspected cocaine from a cup near the drivers console of the vehicle.

Degracia was transported to the McDonough County Jail and lodged pending a bond hearing. Degracia was charged with driving on a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Macomb City Police

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Isaac H. Dunlap, 56, Macomb, was charged with careless driving

Tomya K. Shortridge, 21, Peoria, was charged with no valid drivers license

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Rodney d. Simpson Jr., 33, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct-municipal

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Lawson T. Meredith, 21, Huntsville, was charged with careless driving

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Jada A. Wilson, 22, Macomb, was charged with prohibited noises

Alexis D. Willie, 19, Chicago, was charged with careless driving

William J. Whitlock, 22, Macomb, was charged with disorderly conduct-municipal

McDonough County Sheriff

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Chloe Mae Wakeland, 22, Macomb, was charged with possession of a controlled substance

Jayda Lee Hines, 22, Macomb, was charged with possession of a controlled substance

Erika Lynn Smith, 25, Macomb, was charged with retail theft/disp merch less than \$300

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Kahlyah Auriel Turnipseed, 21, Macomb, was charged with driving on a suspended/revoked license

Tracey Lynn Probst, 46, Macomb, was

arrested on a McDonough County warrant, violating order of protection
 Arnold Trevino Serrato, 34, Macomb, was charged with retail theft/disp merch less than \$300

CITY COUNCIL PREVIEW

Council to hear departmental reports

by Patrick Stout
 Correspondent

City department heads will present quarterly reports to aldermen at tonight's Macomb City Council committee of the whole meeting. The meeting begins at 5:15 p.m. on the second floor of Macomb City Hall. It can also be viewed live on the Macomb YouTube channel, and will be broadcast beginning Wednesday on cable channel 15.

Council members may also discuss pending city ordinances that would change zoning for 740, 802, 807, and 815 Stadium Drive. Three property owners have requested that their zoning be changed from single-family residential to multi-family residential.

TODAY'S JOKES

Q: What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark?
 A: Frostbite.

Q: What's a snowman's favorite drink??
 A: Iced tea.

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Obituaries

Harvey L. Provine

84, of Macomb

Harvey L. Provine, 84, of Macomb passed away at 12:43 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023 at the Lamoine Assisted Living Center in Macomb.



He was born on June 16, 1938 in Macomb to William George and Zola Irene Sims Provine. He married Carole Noper on March 5, 1960 at the Ebenezer Church in rural Macomb. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Ann (Scott) Mellinger of Burlington, Iowa, one brother, Roger (Lorna) Provine of Macomb; one sister-in-law, Janie (Mike) Gillenwater of Dalton City, Illinois; nieces and nephews, Heidi (Sean) McKinney, Nick (Sunny) VanAcker, Lynnette Cale, Ross Provine, Katie Gillenwater and Sara (Mike) Shea; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step-father, John Alexander and one sister, Betty Shannon.

Harvey lived in the Macomb area all of his life. He worked for the City of Macomb as an equipment operator for over 30 years before his retirement in June of 2000. He was an Army veteran serving from 1961 to 1963.

He was a member of the Faith Fellowship Church in Tennessee. He enjoyed Antique Tractor Pulls, Horse Pulls and was an avid John Deere fan. He wintered in Texas and spent summers at Lake of the Ozarks.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 27, 2023 at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb with Pastor Ted Shirley officiating. Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Macomb.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Research.

You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obit published, including picture, family, work history and hobbies and other information should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

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Arlene Clayton

85, of Plymouth

Arlene Clayton, 85, of Plymouth, died at 6:45 am Thursday Jan. 19, 2023 at the Elms in Macomb.



She was born on Sept. 15, 1937 in Bushnell, to Irvin and Sadie Wilson Stoneking. She was united in marriage to William Charles "Bill" Clayton on Oct. 13, 1961 in Eureka. He preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 2008.

Arlene was a homemaker. She was a graduate of Carthage High School and attended Gem City Business College in Quincy. She was a member of the Colmar Christian Church. Arlene never met a stranger and loved to visit with her family and friends.

Survivors include a son, Blaine (Barbara) Clayton of Colmar, a daughter, Michelle (Clint) Harman of Plymouth, 2 grandchildren, Kieffer Harman of Carthage, Kory (Ali Markley) of Blandinsville, a great-grandson, Gideon Harman of Blandinsville, a sister, Darlene Oyer of Macomb, 2 brothers, Robert Stoneking of Gurnee, and Larry (Jan) Stoneking of Crest Hill, a brother-in-law, Tom Clayton of Plymouth, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill, 3 brothers, Gene, Kenneth and Michael Stoneking and a brother-in-law, Marvin Oyer.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday January 28, 2023 at the Colmar Christian Church in Colmar, IL by Rev. Dan Ormond. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the time of services at the church. Burial will be in Scott's cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Elms Nursing Home or Scotts cemetery.

The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta is handling arrangements.

Joyce Ann Litchfield

83, of rural Macomb

Joyce Ann Litchfield, 83, of rural Macomb passed away at 3:18 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023.



She was born on May 22, 1939 to Guy and Ruth Heaton Aten in Industry. She married Marshall Litchfield in 1958 in Industry.

She is survived by three sons, Jay Litchfield of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kendell (Suzanne) Litchfield of rural Macomb and Steven Litchfield of Norris; six grandchildren, Brock (Shelby) Johnson, Ryan (Blaire) Litchfield, Allyson Litchfield, Katie Litchfield, Sarah Litchfield and Kyle Litchfield; two great-grandsons, Rush and Rex Johnson; sister, Mary Jane Pollock; brothers, Neil (Phyllis) Aten and Jim Aten; sisters, Connie (Bill) Heitman and Bonnie (John) Britton; several nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Marshall Litchfield, and her sister, Elaine Bozard.

Joyce went to high school with Marshall and they married soon after graduating. The had a joyful marriage and lived a life of faith, love of family and service.

Joyce helped establish a young adult Sunday school class, worked behind the scenes to enable Marshall to preach at Doddsville United Methodist Church for 25+ years, and was involved in many of the church's missions. Joyce put her family before her own needs and assisted her boys in participating in many activities, she enjoyed the large Aten and Litchfield family gatherings, and later in life became the go-to sitter for grandchildren and grand-nieces (Creasey and Bozard girls). One of her favorite activities was attending any and all events her grandchildren and gand-nieces participated in. Joyce served her community by being a member of McDonough County Farm Bureau Women, served on the Macomb school board, and was an advocate for the farming community.

A special note of thanks and love to Joyce's niece, Susan Creasey, who was like a daughter to her, for much more than can be put into this space. A big thank you to the staff at The Elms and The Lamoine for loving care.

Joyce had an infectious smile and exuberant laugh that will forever live in the hearts of her family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the Industry United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in Industry Cemetery in Industry.

Memorials may be made to the Industry Fire Department and the Doddsville United Methodist Church.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements.

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Bushnell

EVERY MONDAY

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TUESDAY, JAN. 24

Friends Feeding Friends Meal

will be served at the Community Christian Center, 355 W. Main, from 4:30-6:30pm. Come for a free hot meal and fellowship with friends, all are welcome! Donations are accepted but not expected.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4TH

VFW Breakfast

Serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and french toast from 7-10 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. On-site, takeout, and curbside service available. For takeout and curbside service please call 309-333-9919.

FEB. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Celebration of Historic Quilts

held at the Bushnell Historical Society Heritage Room from 1-4pm. If you have a quilt that shows Bushnell/McDonough County history, genealogy or other connections to West-Central Illinois and would be willing to show it off, contact Jerry Eisele at 309-331-0164 or email jeromeeisele@gmail.com, Elaine McGinnis (leave message) 309-772-2347, Judy Brooks (leave message) 309-772-2352 or Judy

Ashton 309-299-5020.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25TH

70s Music Trivia for B-PC Baseball

at 7pm at the Bushnell VFW. Put on your bell-bottoms and platform shoes and help support B-PC Baseball with a night of Name that Tune Music Trivia. \$10/person, teams up to 10 ppl, Must be over 21 years of age.

Macomb

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

MCUSD Board of Education Meeting

The MCUSD #185 Board of Education will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the C.T. Vivian Library at Macomb Jr./Sr. High School, 1525 South Johnson Street.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

Macomb FFA Alumni Trivia Night

at the VFW, Macomb at 6:30pm. Cash bar, tea, lemonade & snacks provided. Register your team by emailing: thorman.ryan@yahoo.com

MAC Battle of the Brushes

held at the Macomb Arts Center, doors open at 6:30pm and the first round starts at 7pm. Food, cash bar, raffles, silent and live auction, music and fun!! Cost is \$25 for advance tickets and \$30 at the door. No one under 20 will be admitted unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more information email info@macombartscenter.org.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

"Birds, Brunch, and Beverages"

the Prairie Land Conservancy is hosting a bus tour of the MS River from 8am-5pm to see birds, eat brunch and have some beverages at local establishments. \$65 (includes brunch). Deadline to register is Jan. 25, 2023. For more information call or email: 309-833-4747, pc@prairiehillsrcd.org

Friends of the Library Annex Book Sale

will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Annex, 109 E. Jefferson St. This sale features Mysteries, Fiction, Science Fiction, Classics and Media. All proceeds are invest in the public library.

Trotter

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an agricultural and ranching background, is concerned whether or not the world will be able feed itself over the next 30 - 40 years. With this motivation and these concerns Hank decides to leave his beloved family ranch in the Sandhills of Nebraska to search for answers and his individual purpose in life. Initially his departure leads him to Arizona State University with a goal in obtaining a Master's Degree in International Agriculture.

Following graduation he departs for Central and South America visiting farms and ranches as well as meeting people from all sorts of various backgrounds. Two years later while living on a ranch in Paraguay, Hank is confronted by a decision where he must decide his purpose as it relates to the future of his family and ranch in Nebraska and to the agricultural dilemma confronting the world and the process of feeding the people of the world.

Bill Trotter farms and raises cattle near Macomb, Illinois. This is his first novel. A sequel is in the works.

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There is a particular need for a math tutor in the Tuesday/Thursday morning GED® class that meets from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the Canton Campus, and also for ESL tutors in the morning classes (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) at the Macomb Campus, according to Cyndi Johnston, adult education program coordinator and ESL teacher at Spoon River College.

In the ESL classes, tutors will help students improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening skills, and in learning about American culture. "I have several different levels from beginners to those preparing to take college level classes next fall," Johnston said.

"English is taught in almost every country in the world and most of our students can read and write English at varying levels but have trouble actually speaking it, which impacts their ability to communicate in social and business

situations."

No special degree is required and training is provided. "Volunteers are a vital part of student success. The need for tutors is great, the time commitment is minimal, and both tutors and students benefit greatly from the interaction."

For more information about being a volunteer tutor, contact Johnston at (309) 833-6038 or email cyndi.johnston@src.edu.

For more information about the Adult Education programs offered at Spoon River College locations, visit www.src.edu or call 309-647-4645.

Death Notices

Betty Jean McConnell

77, of Blandinsville

Betty Jean McConnell, 77, of Blandinsville, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023 at the Select Specialty Hospital in Davenport, IA.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe. Mark Hanson will officiate. Burial followed in the McConnell Cemetery near Fountain Green.

A memorial fund has been established. Contributions will be used towards the purchase of a Memorial Bench in her memory.

To leave a condolence, please visit her obituary at banksandbeals.com

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Obituaries

Ralph M. Twaddle

92 of Plymouth,

Ralph M. Twaddle age 92 of Plymouth, passed away with his family at his side, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Carthage. He was born April 4, 1930, in Macomb, to Leo and Marie Helmerichs Twaddle. Ralph was united in marriage November 10, 1951 in Colchester to Sylvia Cripe, she preceded him in death on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021.

Surviving to mourn his passing are 2 sons: Steve (Cyd) Twaddle, Shirley, AR, Randy (Laura) Twaddle, Blandinsville, 1 daughter: Sue (Tony) Kennicott, Melbourne, FL, 5 grandchildren: April Wolcott, Nathan (Camila Silva) Twaddle, Randy II Twaddle, Katie Twaddle, Brent Kennicott, 1 great grandson: William Twaddle.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 70 years Sylvia Twaddle, 1 brother: Loren "Barney" Twaddle and 1 sister: Martha Polvina.

Ralph M. Twaddle lived a very full life. If



anyone doubt's this, then the mountains are just big rocks and the ocean just a lot of saltwater. He stood for the principal that there was only right or wrong, no room for gray areas. When Ralph committed to something it was all out. Example being married to Sylvia for 70 years. As a farmer the rows were straight and the livestock well taken care of. Nothing made him happier than any machine running perfectly and he knew how to fine tune it.

Ralph was very proud of being a great husband, father, neighbor, and friend. He was a proud Navy Seabee and lived the motto "The impossible takes a little longer". Nothing was impossible for him and he could fix almost anything. He never gave up and always gave his best. He loved helping others and used his skills, knowledge, and resources to anyone in need. Always eager to help.

In Closing Ralph lived 92 plus wonderful years and if the Pearly Gates aren't level or they squeak when opening he can fix them.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation with the family will be 5-7P.M. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the Jones Mortuary. Friends may view the

pictures and sign the register book at the funeral home from 8:30A.M. to 7P.M. Saturday. Private graveside will be held at Scotts Cemetery. Memorial is to Shriners Children's Hospital. Online condolences and memories may be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Lady Mae ("Mae") Bucholtz

87 of Macomb,

Lady Mae ("Mae") Bucholtz, 87, passed away peacefully at 7:02 PM Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at the Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

She was born April 20, 1935, in Tampa, Florida, to Ralph and Alma (Rowland) Battle, who both preceded her in death. She married Donald Bucholtz on March 7, 1952 and he preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 2019. She was also preceded in death by siblings, Juanita Venzon and Bernice Montes, both of California.

Mae is survived by her children, Debbie (Butch) Atwood of Greenville, Karen Bucholtz of Macomb, Jeff Bucholtz of Bloomington, Keith (Sheri) Bucholtz of New Port Richey, FL, Donna (Mark) Kroll of Evanston, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Randy Battle, who resides in California.

Mae and Don began their family in Michigan, later moving to Macomb in 1965, and lived there for the remainder of their time. Mae not only raised their family, but held several different jobs in town through the years, having worked on the square at Mr. D's Shoes, Henkle's Dress Shop, and Kline's. She also worked for several years at the Aftercare program at St. Paul's School. These jobs were suitable for her warm and kind personality, because she never knew a stranger, loved babies and children, and was always willing to help someone.

Mae's greatest love in life was her family though, and placing them first was something she took pride in. She was a wonderful cook and baker, enjoyed reading, history, geography, gardening, and sitting on her patio, listening to and watching the birds. She loved music, and was also a great dancer.

Mae had boundless energy, was determined, organized, thrifty, non-competitive, fair, honest, and had a genuine appreciation for humor. She liked to dress nice, and was someone who still found time to hang laundry on the line and serve a Sunday dinner seven days a week. Mae had a genuine and sincere love of her church and her relationship with God was of great importance to her.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 AM Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 at St. Paul's Church in Macomb. Father Adam Stimpson will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Friday, Jan. 27, at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Interment will be private, at St. Paul Cemetery immediately following Mass, then a luncheon prepared by the St. Paul's Ladies Guild will be served immediately after interment, at the Newman Center in Macomb. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Please sign the guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.



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Obituary

Robert A. "Rob" Brown



69, of Augusta

Robert A. "Rob" Brown, 69, of Augusta, died at 7:14 pm Friday Jan. 20, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

He was born on January 21, 1953 in Paris, IL to Leroy and Dorothy Montgomery Brown. He married Rauna Cadwell Twaddle on Aug. 9, 2003 in the First United Methodist Church in Carthage. She survives.

Rob was a 1971 graduate of Hume-Shiloh High School in Shiloh Township, IL, following graduation he attended the American Lineman Builders Apprenticeship Training Program and worked in line construction for 10 years before moving to Augusta, in 1984 to begin employment with CIPS/Ameren until his retirement in 2015. He was a member of the Denver Lodge # 0464 AF, & AM, Quincy Consistory and was a former member of the Tri-County Country Club and served on the Hancock County Fair Board for several years. Rob enjoyed golfing, bowling and tinkering and building things in his workshop. He had a love for flying, and being a pilot. He was also an owner of a plane with 5 others that flew off the Carthage airstrip. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 50 years, and worked out of Local 51 and Local 702. He also loved to fish at Larry Hiland's pond, and loved his dogs, especially Rabbit and Sadie. .

He is survived by a brother; Roy (Donna) Brown of Edgar, 3 sisters, Janet Hartman of Pinellas Park, FL, Sue Reasor of Gainesville, FL, Neva Brown of Paris, IL, a step-son, Justin (Deanna) Twaddle of Quincy, 2 step-daughters, Cassie (Ricky) Phiri of Glendale Heights, Cari (Travis) Davison of Bluffton, SC, 9 step-grandchildren, Lily, Caleigh, Abby and Isaac Twaddle, Gemma, Eli and Ian Phiri, Everett and Eleanor Davison and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter in infancy, a nephew, Luke Brown and a

brother-in-law. Phillip Reasor.

A Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am Friday January 27, 2023 at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL by Pastor Sheri Renner. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, IL. Masonic rites will be conducted by Denver Lodge

0464 AF & AM following the visitation at 7:00. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Cremation will be accorded following the services with inurnment at a later date in Moss Ridge cemetery in Carthage. The Hamilton Funeral Home in Augusta, is handling arrangements.



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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

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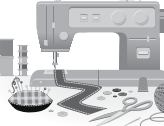
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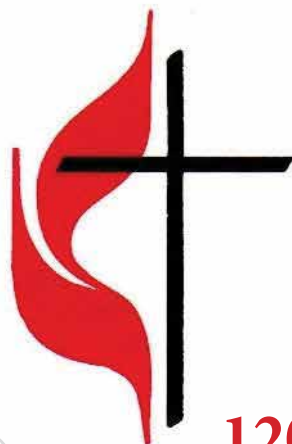
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