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TIDINGS

JANUARY 2019

Sunday Morning Church Service
in the Fireside Room 10:00AM
Coffee Hour to Follow



Lorrie Kulhavy, Sandy Meade
and Kathy Kirlis

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Worship and Fellowship
in Community

From the Pastor's Desk -

Here we go. We call it a new year but coming where it does in the cold heart of winter it just feels old. How can we take seriously this business of something new? Jesus said, 'Behold I make all things new.' What do you think he meant by that? Are things not always old? Whatever changes except that we keep getting older? Even the Bible says in Ecclesiastes that there is nothing new under the sun. We have seen it all. Haven't we? Or have we? Could there be something new coming, something unexpected, something good? Are we not a hopeful people?

Hope, it seems to me, is intimately connected to something new for what is the hope in what we have all seen before. Perhaps there is hope in knowing that something worked before, it should work again, I will give you that, but I think hope is really about something new, something better, something that will lift us from the same old same old to a new place, a place where even joy might be possible, where dread is gone, and fear is lessened, and peace is slowly but surely entering into our hearts and souls. Ah, yes, peace, peace within. Where does that come from? Well, I believe, it comes from God, and it is new every day, offered in each new day to anyone who will seek it, who will wait for it, who will let it be. Of course, such a thing will require a certain amount of trust, a faith in what is promised in God's love which is both as new as the first time you know it and as old as forever.

Still it is offered every new day in this New Year. May we, by grace, be prepared to welcome God's peace within and to live out our days in thanksgiving knowing the gift of them and this New Year.

Blessings, Larry



Welcome to the new look of the Tidings. The color for this year is green. The color of new growth. We have new people who have been attending this



year. We have tried new things like a Bible Study lead by our Pastor Larry and a Fellowship Luncheon. New growth is happening, however slowly. So, there will be

bits and pieces of green in the newsletter to remind us of this. Enjoy!

Julie

News:

December 5, 2018

The Sensor System provided by the Conference and Church Mutual were successfully installed. If there is a power failure or water incident a system of notification is in place activated by a monitor. If you have any questions about this, please contact Barbara Sallows-Davis or the Trustees.

Thoughts from Winnie...

God is so good to me!! Thanks to all who helped make the Christmas Shop another success.

Do you ever get tired of stuff? I certainly do. I have been on a task to weed out things. Others have done the same. Shopping was not top on my list this year as it would simply add to the pile of things. I was blessed by a closer walk with God, family, friends and connecting with the beautiful world God has created.

As we look forward to the New Year I challenge us all to take a giant leap of faith and move on into all God has in store for us. None of us knows all that this may entail; big things, little things but as we trust God and walk with Him we will do great things.

We live in uncertain times but we do not walk alone. God has promised to walk with us and I intend to hold Him to that promise.

Happy New Year!! I invite you to bring your friends and family to walk along with me.

Winnie

Lay Leader...

A follow up on Fellowship – This is always a busy time of year; hurry here, hurry there. Can I squeeze one more thing into my busy schedule. Then came Charge Conference and the luncheon. What a success that was!! More people (15) at Conference and 21 at the luncheon.

The food was wonderful but the fellowship, getting to know someone I see only at church, was better.

Many asked when we were going to do it again. Then more comments about having fun getting to know others in a different way.

Yes, we will do a luncheon again sometime in February or March when we have snow and don't know what to do for excitement. It will be soup and sandwiches, etc.

Fellowship is an unusual word but with God's help we are finding the true meaning and working together to accomplish it. God is at work in our midst. 1) We have fun, we make new friends and we all benefit. 2) Let us all work with him, don't be left behind.

Winnie Martin

Making church life easier...

We need to work together. It's so difficult needing to ask for help all the time. Please step up so you get less calls and emails from Julie and me to fill tasks.

You can help us by signing up for:

Liturgist

Coffee Hour

Thrift Shop

Periodically check on the needs for coffee hour:

**Coffee – Regular and Decaf
Sugar**

Let's all work together to make this year easier.

Thanks,

Winnie and Julie

January 2019 Memorial Flowers

	In Memory Of	Given By
January 6	Epiphany of the Lord	Sandy Barton
January 13	Arthur Washburn	Eleanor Washburn
January 20	Abby and Henry Ryder	
	Greg and Joseph Sweeney	The Sweeney Family
January 27	Feodor Teshko	Charlotte Teshko

January Birthdays



8	Mark Barton
9	Paul Johnson
12	Jordan Henderson Alyson Sweeney
16	Jesse Henderson
17	Katie Burke
19	Olivia Tyner
28	Marilyn Smith
29	Tiera Walsh

Bible Verse for January

Ephesians 4:16 Revised Standard
Version (RSV)

¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined
and knit together by every joint with
which it is supplied, when each part is
working properly, makes bodily
growth and upbuilds itself in love.



Effie Andrew's 95th Birthday!



Effie Andrews and Beverly Coose



Effie Andrews and her niece
Margaret Story

