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HAPPY NEW YEAR! And so we begin with a New Year's wish. I wish for you and your family the blessings of the Lord God Almighty for the new year, the Year of Our Lord, two thousand twelve.

During the month of January, I plan to preach a series of sermons on some of the beliefs of the United Methodist Church. I will preach on the significance of the Sacraments: Holy Communion and Baptism. One sermon will be on the Trinity. The two others will be on our understanding of the worth of people and how to live a holy life.

I invite you to share these five Sundays of January with us. Hopefully you will learn something about our church and our faith. There may even be a challenge in there for how we live our faith in the community and in our daily living.

I think that this is a proper time to say that our daily lives are important as a way of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is the time of year to tell the



Sermon Series "This We Believe"

January 1—1st Sunday after Christmas—Holy Communion —1 Corinthians 11: 23-26. "Holy Communion." The United Methodist Church has an open table for Holy Communion, meaning that everyone is welcome to receive the bread and cup.

January 8—1st Sunday after Epiphany—Mark 1: 4-11. "Baptism." As Jesus was baptized, so shall we be baptized..

January 15—2nd Sunday after Epiphany—Romans 3: 21-28. "Sacred Worth of People." Paul writes that each person is a person who has sinned and, therefore, it is by the grace of God as a gift that we are

stories of the faith. The new year offers the opportunity to reach more persons for Jesus Christ with a message of hope in the midst of the trials and struggles of our daily living.

This is a great time of year as others are ready to begin new ventures in the new year. Invite your friends, neighbors, family, work acquaintances, or just folks you meet each day to share the time of worship with you during these first months of the new year.

Here is what you get when you come to worship and study God's Word. You can tell them it is part of our "weight loss" program. This "weight loss" program is about the weight of sin which we can shed during the first months of the year.

You might tell them about our "free seating." We never charge for a seat in the sanctuary. Remind them that they would have to pay big bucks to hear a concert and speaker at Verizon Arena, but the Word of God is free.

One more: "free program" —you don't have to buy a program to see who's on first, or who the pray-ers are (pun intended).

Happy New Year from the people of the United Methodist Church. Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. Amen.

Bro. David

"I like it" ... on Facebook

Are you on Facebook? If not, you may want to open an account. Go to www.facebook.com. Follow the instructions to set up an account. You can get as complicated as you want to with all of the profile information.

Once you have an account, go to the search box at the top of the page. Type in Perryville. You may have to type in the whole name of our church, but on mine, after Perryville, the church shows up. We have a picture of the church. Click on that item. This will open up our page. Then click on "Wall." There are three options below the "Write Something." Click on "Perryville United Methodist Church + Others." This will open up all of the entries made to the Wall. Click on "Like it." You will be added to our friends who like the page.

Feel free add your comments. Let us know what you think. Check it out. Thanks.

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January 22—3rd Sunday after Epiphany— "Trinity." Matthew 28: 16-20. We believe that the Trinity is the expression of God in Three Persons.

January 29—4th Sunday after Epiphany—Colossians 3: 12-17. "Holy Living." Three Simple Rules: "Do no harm; Do good; and Stay in love with God."

**January 29—Sunday Night Live
-beginning at 6:00 pm.**



I will be loyal to U.M.C and support it by my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.”



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Carmon Anderson, Opal Boshears, Annie Dodson, George Holbrook, Tom Kelley, Dona Laywell, Mike Martin, Connie McNeal, Diane Robertson, Joe Tipton, Johnnie Mae Ware, Don Weiss, Penny Wegner CHURCH ATTENDANCE & FINANCES

PRESENCE: During the period of November 27, through December 18, we averaged 34 people in Sunday School and 78 in Worship Service.

SERVICE & WITNESS

Thanks to all who helped with the Living Nativity at our church, especially to H.P.I. Ranch for the costumes, lighting, and animals.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Julie Dains Ross

Ben & Sarah Hyatt
Carol and Robert Allen

David Womack

- Ann Davis (operating fund)
Barbara Spicks King (operating fund)
Cliff & Brandy Smith (operating fund)
Cindy & John Hopper (operating fund)
Arnie & Eleanor Jester (operating fund)
Liz Lee (bldg. fund)
Ruth Ann & Bob Smith (bldg. fund)
Carol & Robert Allen (bldg. fund)



Month of -11/27-12/18

Operating Fund

\$9,981.49

Building Fund

\$4,308.77

Designated Giving

\$758.56

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Perryville United Methodist Church is to make followers of Jesus Christ through Bible Study, Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Witness, and we are to serve as a Connection Center between God, Church, and Community.

Thank You PUMC

Tom Kelley and family would like to thank the people of the PUMC congregation for the recent Blood Bank donations given in Tom's honor. We are overwhelmed and again humbled by the generosity of our community and church.

Tom was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome 4 years ago, and has received 72 units of blood this year alone. So we feel so good to have some of those units replaced.

We also appreciate the continued prayers in our behalf that a stem cell match will be found. Meanwhile, since Tom received a new treatment in October, he has been maintaining a close to normal blood count. He goes to MD Anderson in January to be evaluated and advised about the status of a transplant. If a perfect match is not found, then a lesser match will be used. This increases chance for rejection but still can be very successful.

We thank Brother David and Becky for organizing the 2 blood drives in Tom's honor and for getting information to everyone about being tested to be a stem cell donor. We appreciate how warm and positive the congregation has been to us during this time. We are saving the box of cards everyone put together, when we thought we had a match last spring. We will take these with us and read them when we finally get the transplant. Sincerely, The Kelley Family



Meals On Wheels

Perryville UMC is actively involved in delivering Meals on Wheels and we are in need of more volunteers. *If there is anyone interested in volunteering their time to this cause, please call Katherine Keough at 889-3271.*

December food offering - We donated 115 pounds of misc. items this month to Partners for Progress.



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

- Ralph Davis 1/1
- Melinda Collins 1/3
- Glen Boshears 1/5
- Cooper O'Such 1/5
- Ana Gudahl 1/6
- Robert Lee 1/19
- Drew McKendree 1/20
- Ben Rives 1/20
- Cliff Smith 1/20
- Nancy O'Such 1/21
- Lindsey Smith 1/28

Delivery Schedule- Meals on Wheels

- Jan 3 I & L Rose
- Jan 4 I & L Rose
- Jan 5 K. Keough
- Jan. 6 K. Keough



Make January MEAT MONTH for Partners for Progress!

Winter is here and all families need a source of protein. Pick up some beef stew, tuna, chicken and dumplings, canned ham, or summer sausage. Add an extra can or two to your shopping cart and keep Perry County healthy.



- Luke & Becky Camp 1/9
- Ben & Sarah Hyatt 1/15

SPECIAL NOTE: We still need workers for C.H.I.M.E.S. and Greeters for the up-coming new year. Please let the office know if you are willing to help.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- Sun. Jan 1 9:45 am - Sunday School
10:55am - Announcements
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Mon. Jan 2m -OFFICE CLOSED
- Wed. Jan 4 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Jan 5 9:00am - UMM Coffee
- Sun. Jan. 8 9:45 am-Sunday School
10:55am - Announcements
11:00am- Worship Service
- Wed. Jan 11 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Jan. 12 9:00 am UMM Coffee
- Sun. Jan. 15 9:45am - Sunday School
10:5am - Announcements
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Wed. Jan. 18 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Jan. 19 7:00pm - Church Council
- Sun Jan 22 9:45am - Sunday School
10:55 am - Announcements
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Mon Jan 23 - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Wed. Jan 25 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Jan. 26 9:00am - UMM Coffee
- Sun. Jan 29 9:45am - Sunday School
10:55 am - Announcements
11:00 am - Worship Service
6:00 pm - SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE!

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Our Staff:

Pastor..... Rev. David E. Baker
Minister of Music..... Steve Collins
Pianist..... Lee Kelm
Secretary..... Becky Camp
Custodian..... Nate Spinks

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship service 11:00 AM



The holidays were *delicious*. Now all those goodies are showing up in a variety of places!

Let's *move* into a New Year!

Come **Zumba** with us on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the main church building.

JANUARY WORKERS ARE:

USHERS

Jan. 1 Dixie Martin
Jan. 8 Tom Musselman
Jan. 15 Nancy O'Such
Jan. 22 Greg Spinks
Jan. 29 Rick Fletcher

GREETER

Carolyn McCallister

C.H.I.M.E.S

Carla Kelley
Charla Edwards

LITURGIST

COMMUNION WORKERS

Carolyn Myers, Greg Spinks,
Nancy O'Such

January's Bread Angel is such.

Snacks for January - 1st K. Keough 8th K. Cole 15th C. Myers
22nd T. Musselman 29th C. Kelley

MARK THE CALENDAR~



ACOLYTE TRAINING & PARTY!

Sunday, January 8th @ 4:00 p.m.
Girls and Boys in 2nd – 7th grades are invited to be trained as "official" acolytes (candle lighters) for our church. After we practice and set up a schedule for *your* day to light the candles, we'll have a party and games!
Lynn Baker