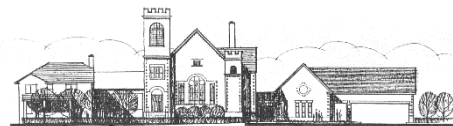


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Pastors Ponderings

Coming into a new year, people make all kinds of resolutions for the next year. These range from trying to be healthier, better time management, life and work goals, and a host of other changes people look to have in their lives. Spiritually, you may be wanting to spend more time with God or to serve God's kingdom through the life of the church or to volunteer with charity groups that help people. John Wesley had a Covenant Prayer that he would pray for the new year as a commitment to being open to growing spiritually for God and the Kingdom of God. Wesleyan's Covenant Prayer goes like this:

*I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.*

Wesley's prayer is a reminder of the Covenant relationship we have with God through Jesus Christ's saving grace. He starts by acknowledging humbly that we belong to God and that God will connect us where we need to be in life. God will put us to doing things for his Kingdom and sometimes those tasks in life might be hard. At times God might not use us for certain ministries but that we should discern through the Holy Spirit where we can serve in ministries and where we can use our Spiritual Gifts to serve God and others. There is a humbling tone to Wesley's Covenant Prayer that we might have all things and nothing at times in our lives but that we would know God's joy in all circumstances of life. In all things in life to yield to God and to glorify God in all aspects of life. I encourage you to pray Wesley's covenant prayer throughout this new year and be open to seeing where God uses you in ministry or simply calls you to be in relationship with the Lord humbly praising him in the business of life and in the stillness of life this new year.

New Year Prayer

JOIN US!

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Our January book club selection is [Clear](#) by Carys Davies. Let's start the year right by attending this fun group meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Hope to see a crowd of fellow readers there!



United Methodist Women

On Wednesday, January 8th at noon, UMW will be meeting to line dance! Refreshments will be served.

The February UMW meeting will be Wednesday, February 5th at noon in Fellowship Hall. We will be addressing Valentines cards for our members at home. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you at one or both of these meetings!

January Meetings

Finance	January 13	6 p.m.
Trustees	January 13	7 p.m.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

the gauntlet was thrown down...and you answered it with a resounding show of wonderful generosity!



You went above and beyond our wildest hopes...you raised \$1800 dollars!!!!

You were the 'Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner'....

But the real winners were our clients, because of your generosity, 159 Adults and 157 children received a whole chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls and a pumpkin pie! But you did not stop there...we were also able to provide a whole chicken for Christmas as well! Thank you, Thank you!



Preschool Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will open on January 20, 2025 to the in-house families and church families. If you wish to register for preschool, you should do that week. Registration will open to the public in February. Spots are not guaranteed and are filled on a first come first serve basis.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, January 14th from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the atrium. Please consider giving blood. To register, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter keyword CCBD.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life



Every Sunday a liturgist assists our pastor in leading the worship. Being a liturgist during worship service is one of the many rewarding ways to be involved with our church. For more information on joining the liturgist league please contact Ruth Griffis at 330-651-8316 or r.griffis@hotmail.com.

Winter Word Search

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| COLD | ICICLES | SLEDDING |
| DECEMBER | JANUARY | SNOW |
| EARMUFFS | MARCH | SWEATER |
| FEBRUARY | MITTENS | WINTER |



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 <p>Prayer List</p>	<p>Sue Bell, Keith Bingham, Donna Bricker, Ceil Gill, Carolyn Powell, Debbie Schrock, Jean Stryffeler</p> <p>Our members at home.</p>	 <p>January</p> <p><small>coloringpage.eu</small></p>
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