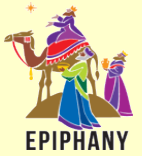




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Scripture Thought:

Then the **King** will say to those on His right,
Come, you who are blessed by my Father;
take your inheritance,
the KINGDOM
prepared for you since the
creation of the world.
For I was hungry,
and you gave me something to eat.
**I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink**
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes, and you clothed me,
I was sick, and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25:34-36

One of my favorite poems is one entitled, The Work of Christmas. It is written by Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981), a key figure in the life of the USA during the 20th century. Thurman was an author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He was also an early leader and mentor in the nonviolence movement that shaped and included Martin Luther King, Jr.

As we begin a New Year, may Thurman's words and a passage from Matthew 25: 31-36 be a reminder that we are called to make a difference for Christ and to Christ as we are gifted and able.

May God's Blessings be to you and yours in 2019.

*Agape',
Pastor Rob*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all,
To make music in the heart.*

*Howard Thurman, from The Mood of Christmas, p. 23
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From the Lay Leader
January 2019
"A Blank Slate"

January 1, 2019 is only a few days away. It is hard to believe another year come and gone. What did we accomplish? What opportunities were missed? I hope you have very few, if any, regrets.

At 12:01 AM on January 1, we begin with a blank slate so to speak. What plans do you have for 2019? Is your calendar marked with appointments and commitments already? Have you thought about your purpose for next year?

One of my favorite scriptures comes from Jeremiah 29:11-13. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

These are wonderful verses to help us remember our purpose in life. As we enter into the new year, remember God has good plans for our lives. He wants to give us hope and a future. We also have the promise of finding God when we seek Him with all our hearts. Why not make that your goal and desire from this day forward. Commit personally and as a family to seek the Lord each day.

May 2019 be a year of spiritual discovery for you!

Susan

Treasurer's Report



December 28, 2018

"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness."

2018 Budget \$49,293.00

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| Needed through 12/23/18 for budget | \$49,293.00 |
| Received to date for budget | \$48,085.00 |
| Behind Budget | \$ 1,208.00 |
| Paid out to date for budget | \$ 41,198.47 |

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

JIF Class



Thanks to Susan and Rob, with a little help from Adam Hamilton, for leading the Advent lessons on Joseph. They worked hard to make interesting and informative lessons about this earthly Father of Jesus from the small amount of information in our Bible. John will begin the second half on his study on Genesis. These lessons will feature the Parade of the Patriarchs. Come and learn how these great men of the Bible influence our thinking about the Creator God. All are invited to join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the JIF Classroom.



The UMM will meet at their new time and day immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Gerald will provide a bag lunch for the men.

Gerald

REACH UP REACH IN REACH OUT

Our Church Mission thru Community Outreach

Happy New Year! More opportunities to assist God's people are waiting for us in 2019. Our First Luncheon is just a time to celebrate God's gift of another new year, but during the month of January we will be accepting donations to benefit the Open Door Ministry in Haywood County. This organization not only provides hot meals but gives out food boxes and financial assistance to those in need. Please be as generous as you can to aid this worthy ministry.

I am currently working on the 2019 Missions Calendar; if you have any suggestions for worthy programs please let me know.

Beth



SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,
Waynesville, Saturday,
January 19th at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

Time to color! After a month of not meeting, we are ready to resume the gathering of our creative artists.

We will meet on Thursday, January 17, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to a great year and would love to have more of you join with us. You'll be glad you came.

WEBSITE

Visit our website at fumcwn.org

It has been updated and is updated weekly!

New Feature: You can click on the Upcoming Worship scripture and view the actual Pew Bible translation.

CONTACT information



If any changes or additions need to be made please contact me by calling 828-456-6944 or email jlf21@charter.net. Thanks, Judy

Flowers for Faith



Would you like to honor someone in a special way? A Birthday, anniversary, or memory of a loved one? There is a way to do this at Faith UMC...sign the Flowers for Faith calendar on the Bulletin Board. There are many open Sundays waiting for you. You will receive a reminder as your sign-up time approaches. Thank you for sharing this gift of beauty with our Faith family as we worship together.

Undeck the Halls



For those of you who are willing to help pack away the Christmas decorations following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 6, Susan will provide lunch for you.



Please remember the family & friends of Dee Stewart.

January Servants:



Greeters: Chris Johnson

Educational Entrance: Committee of the UMM



Our church now has assistance for the hearing impaired. If you have trouble hearing the service, please pick up a hearing aid in the narthex. A special thank you to Eduardo and Tracy for spearheading this project and helping to make our worship services more meaningful for all.

Rev. Robo Calling

Please be reminded to contact **Rev. Robo (400-7947)** if you have sickness, death, or any prayer needs.

It is a privilege for your Faith family to share your burdens or prayer concerns and lift you in prayer.

January Celebrations



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

10-Matthew Yarski
14-Bobby Allen
19-Doug Rogers
20-Carolyn Taylor
23-Janie Benson
23-Paul Warren
27-Chris Johnson



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

**... opening their
treasure chests,
they offered him
gifts of gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.**

MATTHEW 2:11, NRSV

