



The Faith Circuit Rider

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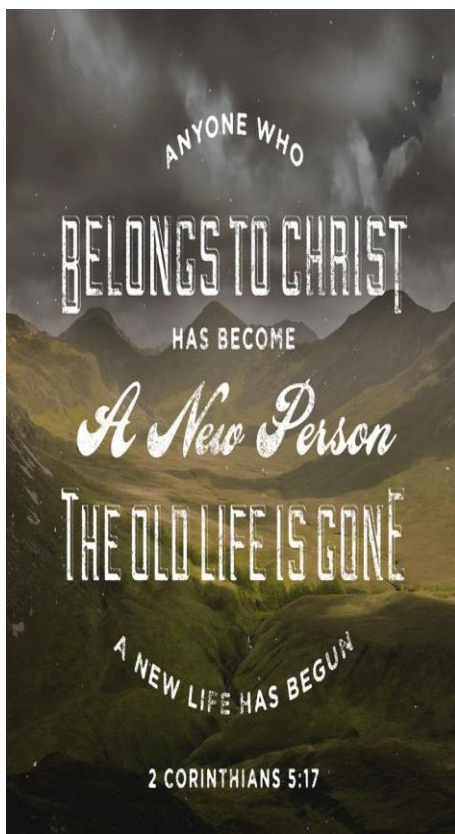
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Scripture Thought:



New Years is always a time of mixed emotions for me. Christmas (and all its mystery) is over and it is time to put away the tree and decorations for another year. It is also a time of new beginnings and I excitedly begin my preparations. So, I say a bittersweet goodbye to the old and welcome in the new with great expectations.

Looking back together as a church we have much to rejoice about. We had a fabulous Christmas season and have been incredibly blessed by serving others in our community. In some ways, it has also been a difficult year as dear friends have moved away, others have been unable to attend church, and still others have struggled with difficult medical issues. We also still grieve those who have gone to be with the Lord.

We look forward to what God will do in 2020. Our newly elected Leadership Team will begin a process of discernment for our future. The process will include study and prayer. We will be doing an assessment of the needs of the church and the needs of the community. The entire congregation will eventually become involved as we seek input and feedback.

What will this new year bring? The scripture tells us that “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17) I am looking forward to how Christ will work in and through us in the coming year.

Blessings for a fruitful New Year!
Pastor Sharon

From the Lay Leader
January 2020
“New Year’s Dedication”

Lord Jesus,
 We give you our hands to do your work and our feet to go your way. We give you our eyes to see as you do.

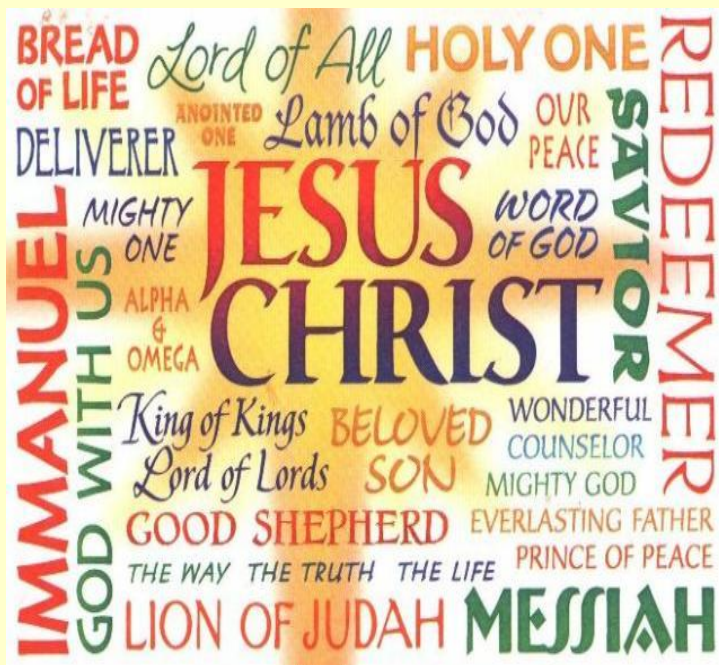
We give you our tongues to speak your words, our minds that you may think in us, and our spirits that you may pray in us.

Above all, we give you our hearts that you may love in us. We give you our whole selves that you may grow in us, so that it is you Lord Jesus, who lives and works and prays in us.

We hand over to your care, Lord, our souls and bodies, our minds and thoughts, our prayers and hopes, our health and our work, our lives and deaths, our families, friends, neighbors, our community and our country.

We dedicate ourselves to you that we may be used to glorify your name!

Susan



Treasurer’s Report



December 27, 2019

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

2019 Budget \$51,739.00

Needed to date for budget	\$51,739.00
Received to date for budget	\$55,739.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 4,000.00
Paid out to date for budget	\$40,377.96

JIF Class



Thanks to our Teaching team for the Advent study, Sent, Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas.

Our class is so blessed to have such dedicated and talented teachers. Thank you, Susan, George, John and Janie. A Christmas gift in their honor was given to Cops and Kids.

Coming in January...

A study on the Lord's Prayer titled Our Father, The Imprint of a Prayer.

Please read and study Session One before Sunday, January 5th, when this series begins. Also, please bring the study book and your Bible to class each week.

We look forward to sharing together our thoughts and insights.

We welcome new members to our class. Come for fellowship and learning at 9:45 each Sunday morning.



**SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS**

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street,
Waynesville, Saturday,
January 18th at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

Time to begin a New Year of Coloring and Fellowship. Hope to see you at 10:00 on the third Thursday, January 16, in the Fellowship Hall for our first meeting of 2020.

If you have been thinking about joining this great group, the start of a New Year is a good time to join us. Some of us stay after 12 for a light bring your own lunch. Beverage and dessert provided.



Visit our website at fumcwnc.org

It is updated weekly with the entire service from the greeting, announcements, prelude, prayer and hymns to the sermon, benediction and postlude!

**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



It's time to sign-up for weekly flowers for our Sanctuary in celebration, honor or memory of special people in our lives. You may sign the Flower Calendar on the Bulletin Board.



Kim Goodin New Email for Faith UMC:
kgfaithumc@gmail.com



Communion Service & Potluck Meal at 11:30 on
Wednesday Jan. 1st at Faith.

January Servants:



Greeters: John & Grace Davis

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.

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

9-Bill Barker

10-Matthew Yarski

11-Walter Lee

14-Bobby Allen

19-Doug Rogers

20-Carolyn Taylor

23-Janie Benson

23-Paul Warren

27-Chris Johnson



JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES

None



May the God of hope
fill you with all **JOY AND PEACE**
as you trust in him so that
you may overflow with **HOPE**
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13