

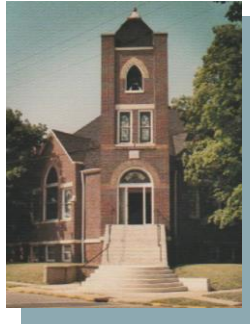
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"Committed disciples of Christ united in loving service."

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January birthdays and anniversaries

Anniversaries

- 1st – Pastor Dirk and Cathy Caldwell (1994)
- 2nd – Jerry & Sue Whalen (1971)
- 27th – Jerry & Judy Conkright (1979)

Birthdays

- 6th – Amy Remley
- 9th – Ruth Grant
- 12th – Clayton Remley
- 13th – Michael Sosbe
- 14th – Angie Renick, Joey Gerold
- 15th – Marilyn Welsh
- 21st – Scott Whalen, Madison Tharp
- 26th – Jeff Davis

military are several of those "Extension Ministries" that the UMC supports. As a Navy Reservist, I love being a part of that too!

One of the greatest theologians (and my favorite one), John Wesley, wrote in his journal dated June 11, 1739:

"I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that, in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation."

CHURCH IS NOT THE ONLY PLACE OF MINISTRY

A brand-new year! Finally, can we please put this one behind us and look forward to at least a good year! I will be praying for that...a good year. No, I'm going to pray for a great year—2021 will be a great year!

One of the great aspects of the United Methodist Church is that it allows for so many different contexts for ministry. True, there is a tendency to focus on parish ministry—ministry that happens in and through the churches. It makes sense that it be the focus because those churches are located in communities and communities have an abundance of people who love attending church and even more people who could benefit from being connected to a loving church family. There is great work that happens in parish ministry and I love being a part of that. But the United Methodist Church recognizes that it's not the only place of ministry. Colleges, hospitals, prisons, missionary work in foreign countries, and the

...THE MILITARY IS JUST ONE OF SEVERAL EXTENSION MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

This sentiment came from a conflict he had with some other parish pastors who were not amused that Mr. Wesley had taken to preaching in their backyards, so to speak. But it's a wonderful perspective isn't it? For John Wesley, preaching and pastoring could not be defined by territory or church building. Sharing the good news, caring for people, and loving everyone

happened everywhere! And so, the United Methodist Church allows for pastors to serve as chaplains and I am blessed, incredibly blessed, to serve as a chaplain in the United States Navy Reserve. Sailors, Marines, and Coasties need to be able to hear the good news, to be cared for, and to be loved too. For a season my parish will be the sailors on board the USS THE SULLIVANS (DDG 68) as it deploys as an escort to a carrier strike group.

Let me say this. Thank you. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you for taking care of my family. Thank you for receiving into your congregational life Dr. David Boyd, who will be the part-time

interim pastor while I am away. Please welcome him as you always do, with loving and supportive arms. Personal information about Dr. Boyd is included elsewhere in this newsletter article. I think he will be a great addition to Sunday morning worship services!

Twenty twenty-one will be a great year! Say it with me—2021 will be a great year! Being away from you all will be challenging and prayerful and something to which I'm not looking forward and so, my mantra must keep running through my head—2021 will be a great year!

Church family, on behalf of the Caldwell family, I'd like to thank you for your Christmas gift. It is so very appreciated.

Agape'



We welcome Dr. David Boyd during Pastor Dirk's absence



During Pastor Dirk's deployment, Rev. Dr. Aleze Fulbright, Conference Superintendent, has selected Dr. David Boyd as the interim leader for us and Darlington UMC. He is committed to serving the congregations not only in worship, but also in providing pastoral care through calls and/or visits when possible.

Who is Dr. David Boyd?

David is a graduate of Cedarville University and Trinity International University (M.Div, D.Min). He joined the staff at the University of Indianapolis in

2018, as the Assistant Director of the Lantz Center where he is the Managing Director of EA (emerging adults) Resources, a nonprofit which seeks to equip churches and parents to meet the needs of emerging adults. David and his wife, Rachel, are raising three boys.

WORSHIP SERVICES REMINDER...

Don't forget, while Dr. Boyd is here, we go back to viewing the service at 11 a.m. (not 10 a.m.) on the church website, christsumc.org. Click on the video tab, then click the Livestream link (blue) and it will bring up the video page.

Let's lighten things up a bit, shall we?

Get out your calculator and be amazed...

Begin with 66, the number of books in the Bible.

Add 13, the number of Paul's books in the New Testament.

Add 7, the number of churches in Asia Minor (Rev. 1:4).

Multiply by 3, the Trinity.

Multiply by 12, the number of tribes in Israel.

Multiply by 12 again, for the Apostles.

Add 600, Noah's age when the flood came.

Add 3, for Noah's sons.

Add 30, Jesus' age when he began his ministry.

Finally, add 33, Jesus' age at crucifixion.

Now, press the equal sign and turn your calculator upside down to see the source for the solution to all of life's problems—if it's been typed in correctly.

From the Newsletter Newsletter, January 2003

January 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|----------|
| EACH SUNDAY No SS or coffee fellowship until further notice. 11 a.m. Worship at christsumc.org | CHOIR NOTE: Choir is suspended until further notice. | GREETERS None | USHERS Linda Melevage Ruth Grant ACOLYTES Linda Melevage Ruth Grant | WORSHIP LDR Bill Whalen | 1 Have a blessed New Year!!! | 2 |
| 3 Epiphany Sunday | 4 | 5 No Bible study until further notice. | 6 Epiphany of the Lord | 7 No Thirty on Thursday (prayertime) until further notice | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Baptism of the Lord Welcome Dr. David Boyd | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 2 nd Sun. after Epiphany | 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 3 rd Sun. after Epiphany | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 4 th Sun. after Epiphany Bucket Sunday | | CLEANING Trustees COFFEE HOST None | Sunday Lectionary (Not chronological) 3 rd – Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-22 10 th – Ps. 29; Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11 17 th – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51 24 th – Ps. 62:5-12; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 31 st – Ps. 111; Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28 | | | |