

# The Parish Herald

Newsletter of the  
First United Methodist Church  
Meriden, Connecticut

Ric Hanse  
Pastor

December 2017



My favorite Christmas television special is “Charlie Brown Christmas.” The Vince Guaraldi song “*Christmas Time Is Here*” is woven throughout the special.

*Christmastime is here, happiness and cheer  
Fun for all that children call their favorite time of year*

*Snowflakes in the air, carols everywhere  
Olden times and ancient rhymes of love and dreams to share*

*Sleigh bells in the air, beauty everywhere  
Yuletide by the fireside and joyful  
memories there*

*Christmas time is here, families drawing  
near  
Oh that we could always see such spirit  
through the year*

Christmas time is here! It is time to celebrate God’s extraordinary love for us. God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.

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Christmas time is here! It’s time to string Christmas lights to celebrate Jesus Christ – the light of the world and the light of our lives.

Christmas time is here! It is time to decorate evergreen trees in celebration of Jesus Christ the One in whom we find everlasting life.

Christmas time is here! It is time to buy gifts for loved ones in celebration the greatest gift we have ever received – Jesus Christ.

Christmas time is here! It is time to sing Christmas carols that tell the amazing story of how God our Father reaches down into the muck of our sin sick world by sending His Son who rescues us from death and gives us the gifts of forgiveness and life that lasts forever.

Christmas time is here! Families drawing near. Whether you have a large family, a small family, or a family of one Jesus comes into the world at Christmas to bring everyone into God’s family. Are you in a vital and growing relationship with Jesus Christ? Then you are a member of Jesus’ family!

Christmastime is here. Whatever you are experiencing in life at this moment, please allow the Star of Christmas to enfold you in His arms, heal your hurts, and give you the gift of deep inner happiness that lasts forever.

Affectionately,

*Ric*

Pastor Ric



## CHRISTMAS EVE FIRST UMC, MERIDEN

### **6:00 PM: INFORMAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Gather with children of all ages for this fun and festive celebration of Jesus' birthday. Come sing Christmas Carols. Pastor Ric will read the Christmas story, "When My Mother Was Eleven Foot Four", and tell the story of the candy cane.

### **9:00PM SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Join in a sublime celebration of our Savior's birth. Hear the Christmas story from the Bible, sing your favorite Christmas carols and allow the light of Jesus to fill your heart. Pastor Ric will share the message, "The Day God Got Dressed," based on the Christmas story found in John 1:1-5, 14.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION**

Come close to Jesus by dropping into the Chapel to receive Communion a half-hour before each Christmas Eve service. Pastor Ric will offer the Lord's Supper in the Chapel from **5:30-5:55pm and 8:30-8:55pm.**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are upcoming events and exciting ways that the children are interacting within our worship services and our church. We hope to see you all at church over the next several weeks so that our children may participate in the following ways:

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Children must be at church by 9:30 a.m. to participate in the "Hanging of the Greens" worship service. Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** - Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School



**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday School Christmas Pageant during Fellowship  
We thank you for your continuing to support the Sunday School and look forward to a rich Holiday season.

## YOUTH NEWS

The youth group is open for **ALL YOUTH** from grades 4 through High School. We typically meet after worship until 3 PM (3:30 if there is travel off the site needed). All Junior & Senior High youth of the Church and their friends are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Jim Hazlett at 860.324.2588 or email at [jhazlett1222@gmail.com](mailto:jhazlett1222@gmail.com).

- 10/10 possible **caroling or indoor activity**
- 12/15 5PM help **set up for craft fair**
- 12/16 **CRAFT FAIR** with H.O.M.E. 8AM until 6 PM (in shifts),
- 12/24 **NO YOUTH GROUP** Merry Christmas,
- 12/31 **Lock-In** 6PM until the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2018.
- 1/7 Make your own **Pizza**
- 1/14 **Nativity Museum**
- 1/21 **Mission Trip Meeting**
- 1/28 **Indoor Games**
- 2/4 **Karaoke**



## FOCUS ON WOMEN

**UMW CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON:** Ladies, please join us for the Christmas Potluck luncheon on **Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will join our voices in song, have a seasonal craft, and bring your favorite Christmas ornament to tell about. Sign up in Roger's Memorial hall, or see Deb Molloy.

**UNIT 4** of the UMW will meet **Monday, December 11** at 12:00 pm for a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON**. All women are most welcome!

**UMW BOOK CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, January 2, at 7:30 PM at the home of Myrna Spencer, 126 Ann Street. We will be discussing "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. All women are welcome.

## MEN'S NOTES

**BROTHERS IN CHRIST:** Bible study, support & encouragement. The goal is to grow in our responsiveness to Jesus Christ in all aspects of our lives. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month, 8:00 am in the Parish House. If you have any questions or need additional information please see Hal Quigley. All men warmly welcomed.

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR ALDEN BARNES IS RETIRING

Dear First Church Family Member:

After sixteen years of faithful, joyous and inspiring service, our beloved Associate Pastor Alden Barnes is retiring. Please be sure to set aside these two very special days during which we will celebrate our beloved Alden. First, on **Saturday, 9 December** from 1:00 pm-4:00pm we will host an open house for Alden. Come spend time enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres during this catered event and spend time with Pastor Alden and Helen. Finally, on Sunday 31, December, Pastor Alden will conclude his ministry at First UMC by giving the morning message. After worship we will celebrate Alden and Helen's retirement with a special Coffee Hour. I look forward to being with you to celebrate Pastor Alden's extraordinary ministry with us.

Affectionately, Pastor Ric

## CHRISTMAS

The **MITTEN** Tree is set up in the Narthex of the Church to receive your hats, gloves, scarfs or mittens for children within the community. You don't knit? Purchased items are gratefully received. The mittens will be dedicated on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Items will be distributed to community children through several agencies that serve Meriden. This tradition was begun back in the 70's by Dot Hayes.

**CAROLING** to shut-ins and our nursing home members will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This is an **ALL-CHURCH EVENT**, open to all. We will have hot cocoa and donuts back at the Church. Sign-ups in Rogers Memorial.

**ADVENT COIN BANKS AND FOLDERS** are now available in the Narthex, the Cloister, or stop by the Church office to pick one up. These coin banks are a great reminder of the "reason for the season" when left out on coffee tables or the kitchen counter. They also provide for a wonderful teaching aid to children about the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Banks can be returned in the offering plates or the Church office. Thank you. Your Finance Committee

**CHRISTMAS CARD SERVICE.** Bring your addressed Christmas cards that you send to our Church family to Church. A box will be in Rogers Memorial marked "Christmas Cards." Don't put stamps on them. Instead, donate the money to the church that you would have spent for stamps. We will separate the cards and distribute them for you. No out-of-towners please. You'll help the Church and get your cards distributed. Thank you - Sarah Uylaky

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:** When I shared my pulpit message the end of June I had an assignment for everyone. I was looking for everyone to commit to serving, not because you want to do something good, but that you love the Lord and want to serve. Many people noted more praying and specifically praying for other people. The Prayer Chain Ministry may be for you. If you would like to a part of this important and supportive ministry, just provide me with your name and email address. You will be added to the list and will be one of our prayer warriors. As requests come in you will be sent an email and then pray. I look forward to growing our prayer ministry. Thank you. Holly Wishart

**PRAYER CHAIN** continues active and strong, and would love to be praying for your needs and desires. If you have a special need for prayer, please let our prayer chain coordinator (Holly Wishart) know so she can share your burdens and needs with those who are on the chain. Please make certain you have permission from the person(s) you are praying for, and then call Holly, 203-907-5725, or the Church office, 235-9620. You can also e-mail the office, [fumc@snet.net](mailto:fumc@snet.net), if you prefer.

# 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Creche

Tuesday, December 19, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 21, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 24, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Youth and Adults in revolving casts, enact a tableau of the traditional nativity scene. Christmas carols provided by the Wayne Roth Memorial Carillon will resound from the Church spire.

The Pageant will be presented during the 6:00 pm Worship Service on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

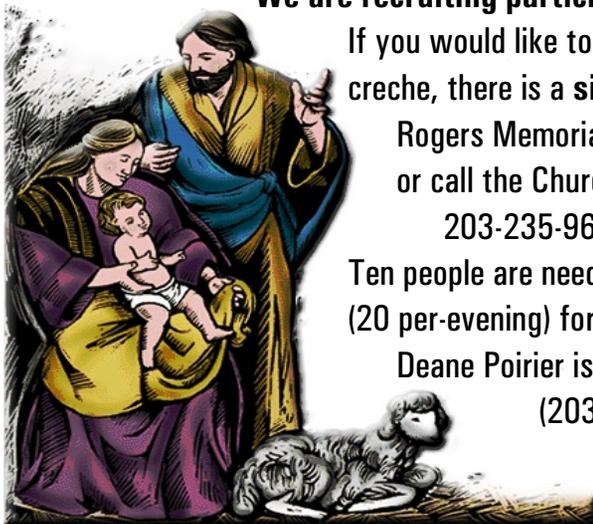
**A Great Family Experience of the True Meaning of the Season.**

**We are recruiting participants:**

If you would like to take part in the creche, there is a **sign-up sheet** in Rogers Memorial or call the Church office, 203-235-9620.

Ten people are needed (20 per-evening) for each tableau.

Deane Poirier is coordinating, (203) 235-5580.



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

If you wish to order a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary at Christmas. Please **indicate how many and circle** how you want the acknowledgment listed; place order form in the offering plate, or mail to the Church Office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please print.



# \_\_\_ In memory of – honor of \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ In memory of - honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Total # plants \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Please check:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my plant after the 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver poinsettias on December 26 or December 27.

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## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donations to the following special funds – please indicate amount and **circle** how you want the acknowledgment listed. Please print.

### Living Memorial

\$ \_\_\_ In memory of – honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_ In memory of – honor of \_\_\_\_\_

### Health Kits (Unit 4 UMW Mission)

\$ \_\_\_ In memory of - honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_ In memory of – honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** – please designate fund: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_ In memory of - honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_ In memory of – honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Total donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Giver's Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed** (poinsettia costs and donations) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Absolute DEADLINE** (to be included in the Memorial list) **for receiving memorials is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

First United Methodist Church

# CRAFT FAIR

## SAT. 12/16/17

### 9AM - 5PM

Brought to us by H.O.M.E. the Shelter in Orland ME  
And our Youth Group



Visit with SANTA  
10AM until Noon

### MISSIONS:

Six times throughout the year, United Methodist congregations celebrate **CHURCH WIDE SPECIAL SUNDAYS** with offerings. Your support is critical to the these important ministries. Church-wide special sundays enable United Methodists to offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships and student loans, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God's people everywhere.

Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrate **United Methodist Student Day** This offering provides United Methodist Scholarships and administers the UM Student Loan Fund to persons preparing for the ministry and missionary service.

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> we observe **HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**. The monies collected support Church-based community programs to strengthen social justice; UM Service Programs & Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.

**UNITY HOUSE** is a refugee house run by the South Meriden UMC. The Central District of the NY Annual conference has adopted the Unity House. We are providing three ways for you to participate. 1) **Change** in the collection plate. This includes coins only. 2) **Unity Jar**. A collection jar is available in Rogers Memorial. 3) **Check**. Checks made out to FUMC with "Unity House" in the Memo line will be given to Unity House.



**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILES:** Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 6:00 pm in Rogers Memorial. To speed your donation use the online *Rapid Pass option!* The American Red Cross has an **URGENT NEED FOR DONORS OF ALL BLOOD TYPES**. Red Cross blood products are being distributed to hospitals as quickly as donations come in. Schedule an

appointment and bring a friend - new donors are crucial to the success of a blood drive. <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

**"FOSTERING LOVE"** Children placed in Foster Care receive from 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Church a backpack with an outfit, a toy, and toiletries. Thank you for your generous help!

**"1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY"** The Meriden Soup Kitchen cupboards are always in need of supplies! As we celebrate Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month we ask you to bring in non-perishable food items as an offering of thanks to God for His great love. Boxes are in the cloister for your monthly 'love gifts.' Can't come on a 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday? We'll receive them on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday too!

**SOCKS IN A STOCKING:** In Rogers Memorial hall there is a quilted stocking where you can place new socks for adults and children. There is also an overflow bin available. Please see Jan Richardson or Deb Molloy if you have a question.

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- Dec 3**– Team 5: Nancy Coppola, Mary Alling, Kate Eglee, Bette Grasso, Mary Lavado, Tracy Wodatch
- Dec 10**– Team 6: Deane Poirier, Alison Green, Maurice Poirier, MaryEllen Brechlin, Trudi Schott, Mark Fancher, Carol Porsch, Lauren Rhines, Ellen Fisk.
- Dec 17**– Team 7: Myrna Spencer, Karen Caproizzo, Earl Yeomans, Linda Mizell, Jim Pearsall, Renee Pearsall, Betty Thomson, Mary Andersen
- Dec 24**– Team 8: Ed & Nancy Peterson, Donna Oddie, Gerry West, Jim Hazlett, Beverly Teixeira, Ruth Petrucelli
- Dec 31**– Team 1: Sue Winchell, Barbara Quigley, Evelyn Mills, Stacy Morgan, Sarah Uylaky, Cathy Bacon
- Jan 7** – Team 2: Stanley & Sharon Kapustinski, Brenda Daly, Nancy Tracy, Jan Richardson, Stacy Harris, Karen Harrison
- Jan 14** – Team 3: Debbie Molloy, Novelyn Cosmiano, Susan Farquharson, JoAnn Myers, Steve Rittenhouse, Jennifer Janus
- Jan 21** – Team 4: Ray & Rosanne Knapp, Jim & Sue Kostuk, Debbie Lippold, Toni Merrill,
- Jan 28** – Team 5: Nancy Coppola, Mary Alling, Kate Eglee, Bette Grasso, Mary Lavado, Tracy Wodatch
- Feb 4** – Team 6: Deane Poirier, Alison Green, Maurice Poirier, MaryEllen Brechlin, Trudi Schott, Mark Fancher, Carol Porsch, Lauren Rhines, Ellen Fisk.
- Feb 11** – Team 7: Myrna Spencer, Karen Caproizzo, Earl Yeomans, Linda Mizell, Jim Pearsall, Renee Pearsall, Betty Thomson, Mary Andersen



**Briefs:** We have openings for **ALTAR FLOWERS** all of January and all of February.

If you wish to donate flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please call the Church office, 235-9620. Thank you.

**COLD & FLU SEASON IS UPON US:** We are giving full permission to anyone who has cold or flu-like symptoms to stay home from all Church activities during these coming months. While we will miss you, we certainly understand your desire not to spread “yourself around.”

**BECOME A FAN OF FUMC ON FACEBOOK.** Search “First United Methodist Church of Meriden CT” (not FUMC). The official page has a black and white photo of the Church as a profile photo. You must ‘like’ us and then the page will be able to post content into your Facebook News Feed. Also, “share” FUMC on your FaceBook page so others can ‘like’ us too!



Did you know this **NEWSLETTER** is online at our web site at [www.FirstUMCMeriden.com](http://www.FirstUMCMeriden.com)? If you prefer to read the Church newsletter online and forgo getting a hard copy 10 times per year (no January or July) let the office know at [fumc@snet.net](mailto:fumc@snet.net). Thank you.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** will be made available in Rogers Memorial in the middle of December. Please fill out a Commitment Card to be sure you get envelopes. A reminder from our Financial Secretary and our Offering Tellers... Please use your assigned offering envelope number on **ALL GIFT GIVING** to the Church, especially during the Holiday season. This will help ensure that you are given proper credit. If you do not have offering envelopes, or a number, we will be happy to assign you one. Please check “Response” or call the Church office. Thank you

**ARE YOU CRAFTY?** Do you enjoy spending time with Church Family members? Then the new First UMC Craft Group is for you! We meet on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30pm. Please sign up in Rogers Memorial Hall. If you have any questions please see Dawn Szacik.

**WEDNESDAY WALKS** continue into the fall and winter! We meet Wednesdays at the Westfield Mall in front of former McDonald’s site at 6pm, and walk AWAY from the Food Court approximately 6:15 pm. We walk approximately 45 minutes. All ages, abilities are welcome!! It takes just one step to start a journey to health! Call or text Mary Lavado (860) 638-8781 or Val Levesque (203)443-4175 for any questions.

## WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Pastor Hanse, Congregation, Great UMW... *So many have been touched by your kind and giving spirit. So grateful for you.* We loved the men greeting us at 8:00 am. We loved the Radical Hospitality of UMW. We loved the Pastor greeting from Pastor Hanse. We loved the fellowship. Blessing, Thank you. Blessings and Joy, *Sister Daryl Normone* and Team Conference Nomination Committee

**DEAR FUMC FRIENDS,** Thank you so much for your warm sendoff for my last Sunday at FUMC. It was an emotional day and you all made it very special. Thanks to Holly & Ric for their kind words and prayerful expressions. The Hymns, gift card and beautiful handbell necklace from the Choir was so unexpected. I will treasure them always. It will be difficult to find a choir with the talent of FUMC. Thank you to all who helped during my preparations for the move. Special thanks to Valerie Levesque for her tireless help with the downsizing and packing. I will miss all my friends at FUMC. Please stay in touch and come visit if you are "down south". Love, *Sylvia Miles Guerin*, 6022 Wall Triana Hwy #312, Madison, AL 35757, Cell 203-631-0578

**BAPTISMS:** 11/5: *Jackson Peter Rhines*, son of Lauren & Peter Rhines, born June 4, 2017. Big sister: Maddy. Godparents: Daniel & Elizabeth Ferreira and Carissa Martin. Grandparents: Eric and Ellen Fisk, Christopher Rhines, Laurie Rhines

11/19: *Jayda Marie Inniss*, daughter of Shannon Johnson and Richard Inniss. She was born August 18, 2017. Grandmother: Simone Keen. Great-grandmother: Maureen James

**HOSPITALIZED** since the last Parish Herald: Eileen Andersen, Harry Gunter

+ **IN MEMORIAM** + Since our last issue of the Parish Herald, the following have passed into eternal life: 10/28: *MaryAnn Smith*  
Pastor Alden officiated at the memorial services for Dorothy Flint, Michael Wolosko, and Carol Davis.

**FOR TO US  
A SON IS GIVEN**



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, Seasonally. Pastoral & Lay Leadership  
**BOY SCOUT TROOP 52** Tuesday, 7:00 pm.  
**BROTHERS IN CHRIST** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 8:00 am, Parish House  
**CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**, Thursday, 7:30 pm, Sunday, 9:00 am  
**CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and Seasonal: 10:15 am  
**CONFIRMATION CLASS**, alternate Sundays after worship.  
**HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**, Sunday, 11:30 am.  
**YOUTH GROUPS**, Grades 6- 12 , Sunday, 1:00 pm  
**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** , 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
and Special Programs  
**WORSHIP SERVICE & CHURCH SCHOOL** at 10:00 am  
Sunday - Nursery provided.  
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Scan to go to FUMC website.

*The Staff of First United Methodist Church  
Of Meriden Wishes You All a Very  
Merry Christmas and a Happy 2018*

*Rie Hanse, Pastor*

*Alden C. Barnes, Associate Pastor*

*Kate Eglee, Lay Leader*

*Dorothy Barnhart, Director of Music*

*Tom Martin, Organist*

*Valerie Gwara, Director of Administration*

*Jim Hazlett, Youth Advisor*

*Donovan McLeod, Grounds Custodian*

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Soup Kitchen	2 8:00 AM Brothers In Christ
3 9:30 am Communion 10:00 am Worship Confirmation Class Bell Choir 2:00 PM City Creche Dedication <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	4 Advent Bible Studies 9:30 am & 7:00 pm	5 Boy Scouts	6 Bus Safety Meeting am 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	7 Chancel Choir		9 Alden's Retirement Party 1:00 pm
10 Education Commission 10:00 am Worship Confirmation Class UMW Luncheon - Pat Luck Bell Choir <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	11 Advent Bible Studies 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Unit 4	12 Boy Scouts 10:00 AM Curtis Home (Ric)	13 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	14 Chancel Choir	15 Soup Kitchen Craft Fair set up 5:00 pm	16 8:00 AM Brothers In Christ <b>CRAFT FAIR - YOUTH MISSON</b>
17 10:00 am Worship Caroling Bell Choir <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	18 Advent Bible Studies 9:30 am & 7:00 pm	19 Can You Spare A Drop? Blood Drive Boy Scouts Living Creche	20 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	21  Living Creche Chancel Choir		
24 Christmas Eve 6:00 & 9:00 pm 10:00 am Worship	25  Christmas	26 Boy Scouts	27 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	28 Chancel Choir	29	30
31 10:00 am Worship <b>YOUTH LOCK-IN</b> New Year's Eve	Director of Administration Vacation					

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>YOUTH LOCK-IN</b>  New Year's Day	2 Boy Scouts David Paul Service UMW Book Club (member's home) 7:30 pm	3 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	4 Chancel Choir	5	6 8:00 AM Brothers In Christ
7 10:00 am Worship Confirmation Class <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	8 Unit 4	9 Boy Scouts 10:00 AM Curtis Home (Ric)	10 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	11 Chancel Choir	12 Soup Kitchen	13
14 10:00 am Worship Take down Decorations <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	15 5:00 PM City Mission Martin Luther King, Jr. Office closed	16 Boy Scouts	17 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	18 Chancel Choir	19  Deadline for Parish Herald	20 8:00 AM Brothers In Christ
21 10:00 am Worship Confirmation Class Human Relations Day <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	22	23 Boy Scouts	24 Can You Spare A Drop? Blood Drive Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	25 Parish Herald Mailed Chancel Choir	26 Soup Kitchen	27
28 10:00 am Worship <b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	29	30 Boy Scouts	31 1:30 PM Craft Group Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm			

Kindly tear off and return to Church office. Thank you.

- ( ) Please add/drop person below to mailing list
- ( ) Would like offering envelopes
- ( ) Would like to join Church
- ( ) Changes in Address, phone, e-mail...
- ( ) The person below is in the hospital
- ( ) Please pray for:

NEWS FOR THE PARISH HERALD, COMMENTS, INFORMATION.

Signed.....

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Please do not use the East Main Street address.

Our E-Mail address is [fumc@snet.net](mailto:fumc@snet.net)

Phone: 203-235-9620

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And the Word  
became flesh and  
dwelt among us ...

John 1:14, ESV