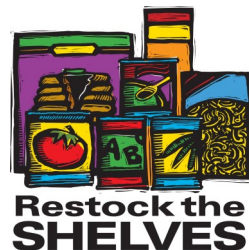


UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for January is Breakfast Cereal.



The food item for February will be Single Serving Fruit. Please, only Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail.

Lay Leader Forms

Lay leader forms with descriptions of duties are available in the Narthex, at the chancel railing, and in the office. If you are still being called to lead in Ministry, please complete and place in the offering plate or return to the office by February 2.

Please note that there are two new designations this year:

- **Intercessor**—One who prays with and on behalf of those who request prayer.
- **The Hands and Feet of Christ**—These are teams sent two by two (trained and commissioned by the pastor) to minister to shut-ins and nursing home members through prayer, anointing with oil, and Holy Communion.

“The Shack” Discipleship Group

The new Discipleship Group will be meeting at the parsonage on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. The first gathering will be this Tuesday the 28th.

Church Council Meeting

On Sunday February 9th at 6:30 pm, we will have our first Church Council Meeting. It is vitally important that all members of the Church Council be present for this meeting. Jeff Wright, our District Superintendent, will be joining us for this meeting. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List Changes

The Prayer List is being removed from the bulletin and given to the Prayer Warriors. If you would like a love one to placed on the prayer list, please give their name to Martha Spurlock, Pastor Robert, or the Church Office. If there is a specific need or healing request that you are willing to disclose, please list that also. The Prayer Warriors will keep your prayer request for one month. Please keep in mind that you will need to let someone know if you want your loved one to stay on the prayer list.

Here is the New Union Primary School Food List :

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| Jan —Breakfast Cereal | Feb —Single Serve Fruit | Mar —Mac n Cheese |
| Apr —Juice Boxes | May —Juice Boxes | June —Cash Donation |
| July —Cash Donation | August —Soup | Sept —Chef Boyardee |
| Oct —Ramen Noodles | Nov —Breakfast Bars | Dec —Juice Boxes |

Food Notes: *Soup (Chicken Noodle or Tomato) *Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or Ravioli) *Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef) *Breakfast Bars (Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry) *Cereal (Small bulk bag 7-9 servings) *Single Serve Fruit (Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail) *Mac n Cheese (Individual servings) *Juice Boxes (Apple or Grape)

January 2020						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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Important dates to keep on your calendar...

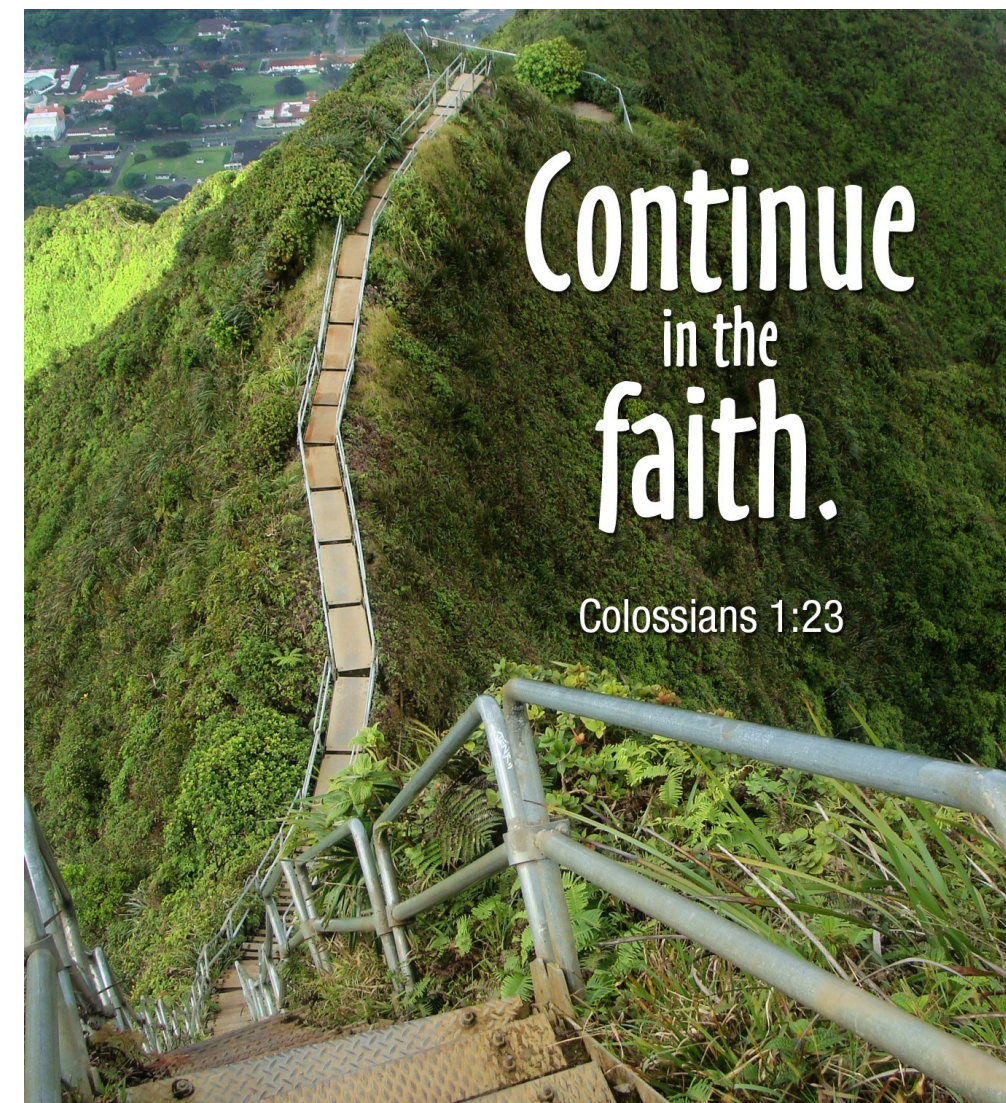
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| • January 24 | | Resurrection 2020 Weekend (Youth) |
| • January 26 | | Youth Returning from Resurrection |
| • January 27 | 6:30 pm | Contagious Discipleship at Parsonage |
| • January 28 | 11:00 am
7:00 pm | Ugly Mug Study Group
“The Shack” at the Parsonage |
| • January 29 | 6:00 pm
7:00 pm | Bible Study
Choir Practice |
| • February 2 | 12:00 pm | Fellowship Dinner |
| • February 3 | 6:30 pm | Contagious Discipleship at Parsonage |
| • February 4 | 11:00 am
7:00 pm
7:00 pm | Ugly Mug Study Group
“The Shack” at the Parsonage
NOW Team Meeting |
| • February 5 | 6:00 pm
7:00 pm | Bible Study
Choir Practice |
| • February 6 | 11:00 am | Susanna Wesley/Wesleyan Circle |
| • February 9 | 6:30 pm | Church Council Meeting |

	Last Week	Last Month (December)	Year to Date
Worship Attendance	46	56 (AVG)	48 (AVG)
Offering to Budget	\$2588.63	\$28722.44	\$6696.62

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The Trinity Companion
Sunday January 26, 2020



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203 E 1st St, South
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Worship begins at 11:00 am
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Greeters: Alberta Mitchell and Sandra Rich

Announcements: Martha Spurlock

Prelude: Seek the Lord Who Now is Present (GENEVA)

Lighting of the Candles: Jaxon Anderson and Maverick Webb

***Opening Hymn:** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies No. 173

Pastoral Welcome

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed No. 881

Gloria Patri No. 70

Lord's Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Blessing

Ushers: Phil Robbins, Christy Smith, Lana Prater, and Angela Tipton

Offertory Music: Victory in Jesus, Arranged by Glenda Austin

***Doxology** As found at No. 95

Children's Message: Patty Robbins

Anthem: Rejoice!

***Scripture Reading:** Colossians 1: 21-23

Message: Faith in God's Grace

***Closing Hymn:** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me No. 361

Invitation to Discipleship

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude: Shine, Jesus, Shine by Graham Kendrick

*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.
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Faith in God's Grace
Colossians 1: 21-23
Focus: "If you continue in your faith..."

The Cross is God's symbol of Grace. Grace never plays offense or defense. Grace makes many and diverse people One. The Cross is foolishness to the world. It is Faith to those who deny: the power of sin; the need to be in control; the way of the world's offensive and defense deadly games.

Look at the Cross. The horizontal bar represents the way of the world's deadly games.

Jesus says, "give unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar." We may replace Caesar's name with U.S. Government. Therefore, we give the USA our taxes, obedience to its laws, and out loyalty. If we refuse to pay taxes, the government will seize our assets and possibly put us in prison. If we get caught breaking a law, we will be tried in court, judged, and sentenced. If we commit treason, we could lose our life or be exiled. The Ten Commandments and the Levitical Law worked the same way. Give unto Moses or the Levitical Priest what the Law requires or else pay the penalty. (Please notice that position of Moses and the Priest of Levi to Judge the people is now the responsibility and authority of the Local and National Government. Not you, nor me, nor the Church.)

Look at the Cross. The vertical bar points from earth to heaven.

Remember the Lord's Prayer: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Look again at the Cross. Jesus' body hangs with His heart at the junction of the Way of the World and The Way of the Kingdom of Heaven. Look and listen to the rest of Jesus' words, "give unto God what belongs to God." Jesus specifically tells us what belongs to God in the Great Commandment. The Great Commandment has a specific order. It begins by commanding us to first look inside ourselves. We are commanded to love God with all of our heart, all of our soul, and all of our mind. The inside must be healed before our behavior, words, and deeds will reflect God through the Grace of Jesus Christ. "All" means our right and good thoughts, actions, and feelings. "All" means our bad and evil thoughts, actions, and feelings. Then and only then shall we know how to love our neighbor as self.

A citizen loves the United States by keeping her laws, paying our taxes, and being loyal to her constitution. Such loyalty has the hope of making diverse people One Nation.

A citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven loves their neighbor as self. A Follower of Christ fulfills their love of the Nation by making of her Disciples, or Apprentices, of Jesus Christ. (I wonder if we have gotten this backward?)

Look at the Cross: What does it look like to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus?

God's love is revealed through patience, kindness, not insisting on God's way, but seeing hope in all things. Look at Jesus suffering all of humanity's sin on the cross. Jesus personified Patience who suffered with his neighbor as self. Look at Jesus' death. Jesus personified Kindness who gives His eternal life to redeem the penalty of sin's eternal death. The person who personifies Kindness treats their neighbor the way they desire to be treated. This is the Way two people become ONE! Look at Jesus' tomb. He didn't insist on his way. The people who crucified Him had their way with Him. But Jesus's faith was never in the people, the government, or the religious leaders. Jesus' faith remained always in God, the creator, giver, and sustainer of life. Look at Jesus' Resurrection. On Easter morning, Jesus' first Apprentices saw the Hope

of Heaven on earth.

Apprentices then and now reflect Christ with us by personifying patience in suffering. Apprentices reflect Christ with us by reflecting kindness. Apprentices are the Kind of people who treat their neighbor as they desire to be treated, especially the one who curses us. "bless those who curse you, bless and do not curse." Apprentices don't insist on their way or even Jesus' way. Apprentices leave room for the Holy Spirit to work while we love our neighbor as God loves us. Remember, Jesus walked away from more people that He healed! Walking away is a sign of Hope in God, not self.

Faith in God's Grace reflects Love. Faith begins with Patience, personified!

One in Christ,

Robert

January



Van Drivers and Riders

5—Christy Smith & Donna Mahan
12—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
19—Diane Botts & Cathy Galyean
26—NO VAN (RESURRECTION)

Money Counters

5—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
12—Christy Smith, Diane Botts
19—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
26—Bill Cole, Tiffany Adams

Children's Message

5—Communion Sunday
12—Kim Parsons
19—Patty Robbins
26—Diane Botts

Scripture Readers

5—
12—Bill Cole
19—Paula Barton
26—Andrew Holyfield

Greeters

Alberta Mitchell and Sandra Rich

Announcements

Martha Spurlock

Ushers

Phil Robbins, Christy Smith, Lana Prater, and Angela Tipton

Communion Ushers

Fellowship Dinner Hosts



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

Denise Qualls; Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zac Carter; Steve Clark; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister); Wilma Mills; Raymond McCoy

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Sandy Wright, Jan Tate, Patty Cooper, Beth Hagan, Jean Hendricks, Bootsie Duncan, Deja Stallard Melott

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Matt Carroll; Bob Horne; Ida McCall; Judy Cole; Maurice & Patsy Lay; Andrew David Hartman; Jack Williams; Bill & Jean Hendrick, Larry Spears; Ann Nickles; April Hess

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.