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THE KEY



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January 2020 Newsletter

As we enter a new Year and a new decade, I am reminded that Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, once said "change is the only constant in life." I think we can be sure of that as we enter 2020.

Change is hard. Whether we see them as good or bad, there will probably be changes in our families, our communities, our country, and the world. This year we are guaranteed to see changes in our United Methodist Church, and I have no idea what they will mean for our denomination let alone how they will affect our little church here Hygiene.

This coming year I hope some things do not change. I hope with the certainty that relies on God that we continue to see a steady growth in our worship attendance. I hope that we continue to experience real Christian fellowship even outside of worship. I hope that we continue to have strong participation in our small group studies. I hope that we continue to look for new ways to serve the world outside of our congregation.

Although I strongly agree that change is a constant in our life, I would go a step further and say that if we are not changing, we are dying. Having said that, I would also say that as Christians, we are sure that God is a constant in our lives.

In her year-end e-mail communication, the Bishop quoted Jeremiah 29:11:

"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."

I trust that God has great plans for Hygiene UMC in 2020.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Advent study. Our Lenten study will begin on Wednesday, March 4, and sessions are tentatively scheduled for 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for further developments.

Blessings,
Pastor Rick

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Worship

10:00am

Communion
1st Sunday
of the
month.

Office Hours

Tues: 9-1pm
Or by apt
any time

Church Organization

Ad Board:

Everyone!

Vicky Andrew
Chair

Bruce Lance Vice
Chair

Jim Young Sec

Lay Leader:

Andy Ernst

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Alice Johnstone

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Don Warsavage

Vicky Andrew

Terri Goon

Everett Noble

Pastor Stewart

Sarah Young

Terry Lance

Judith Anderson

Amy Bowman

Communication

Terri Goon

Sarah Young

Logan Sacoman

Andy Ernst

Cinda Ritter

From your Lay Leader

Janus is the mythical Roman God who was guardian and patron of beginnings and of endings. He is shown as having two faces, one in front and the other looking back.

That is where January gets its name. As one year and a decade passed and another year and decade begins, the name is well used.

As I look back at the last decade and the year of 2019, it seems like it took but a blink of the eye to become yesterday.

A lot did happen in those 10 years some good and some not so great but we have little control in things except for those we ourselves control. I hope you have had more positive things in your paths.

As we look into the future, our vision is rather blurred at best. We all have things that we want to happen and so we make new year resolutions. Some we will keep and some will be not kept.

My wish for all is to have good health and a hope for peace in a torn world. May your travels be exciting and filled with good things. God has been at our side in the past and will be with us in the future. Travel lightly, see you in church or where ever our paths cross.

Be joyful in each day that the Lord has made.

Blessings, Andy, lay leader

Honoring our Veterans with wreaths!

Thank you Jim, Cinda, Thomas, Warren and Linda!



Prayers



Prayers for Dana Sacoman. He will be incarcerated another month or so. Prayers that he gets good treatment during and after that time.

Prayers of gratitude for the Young's new healthy granddaughter Zella Genevieve!

Prayers for our friend Jill Tompkins who has been fighting a flu while living in Illinois.

Continued prayers for Brad Andrew and Tara Musselman and Margie (Vicky's partner) and Ron (Leroy's friend).

Hearing Assist Church mouse...

Hearing assisted devices are now available for your use.

For instructions check with Andy.

From the church mouse, the missus and I want to wish all a happy New year although us mice don't celebrate like you human beans do. Why the missus were in our snug nest long before the clock struck 12. You see the youngsters have left the nest to begin their own lives and it's just us two. We are well kept, our larder is full of seeds and good things to say so we are blessed. And those hu-

man beans keep us entertained with all their comings and goings on. I don't think they are aware of the missus and me but we enjoy the stories they share each Sunday. And wasn't the Christmas candle light service nice. I was worried when they lit those candles. But no fires except the candles were to be seen. The missus really liked that. You know God's light shines in all those human beans. Well I better close and start working on my resolutions. Let's see #1 stay out of the humans way cause they get scared of us mices. #2 take a nap on the hour for 15minutes , #3 enjoy life to its fullest. Woops, time for my nap.

See you later, church mouse and missus

Grocery Coupons

Barbara Burneson continues to have Safeway grocery coupons available for sale.

Cinda Ritter or Terri Goon can also help you sign up your King Soopers coupon card if you prefer to shop there.

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Did you miss the sermon?

Were you curious about next Sunday's order of worship?

Would you like to schedule the use of the hall and wonder about usage?

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Maintenance

- ◆ Keep the 3 doors leading from the kitchen area **closed** when leaving Fellowship Hall and
- ◆ Keep the doors to the restrooms **open** to allow heat to keep plumbing from freezing.
- ◆ Be sure to check all the windows are shut in restrooms and fellowship hall.
- ◆ Turn the thermostat on the east end of Fellowship Hall and in the office turned down to their set settings. They will maintain a temperature above freezing.
- ◆ Turn all lights out and lock the doors to assure our Fellowship Hall is secure.



United Methodist News

This is a shortened version of the story that you can see in many national newspapers right now.

(NBC News) – A group of United Methodist leaders from around the world is proposing a plan to split the denomination over disagreements about gay marriage.

The agreement would create a new “Traditionalist Methodist” denomination that will continue to practice the ban on same-sex marriage and LGBTQ clergy.

In the past, Methodist clergy faced discipline for performing same-sex marriages or identifying as LGBTQ, but many progressive churches have defied such prohibitions.

Karen Oliveto became the first openly lesbian bishop to be elected in the United Methodist Church in 2016, and she says she has mixed feelings about the decision.

“At one level, I think this is a very graceful way we can go our separate ways and go do the ministries to which we’re called,” Oliveto said. “At the same time, there’s a sadness. I think there’s power in showing the world there’s a way to stay united, even in the midst of difference.”

The proposal would allow conservative churches forming the new denomination to keep their buildings.

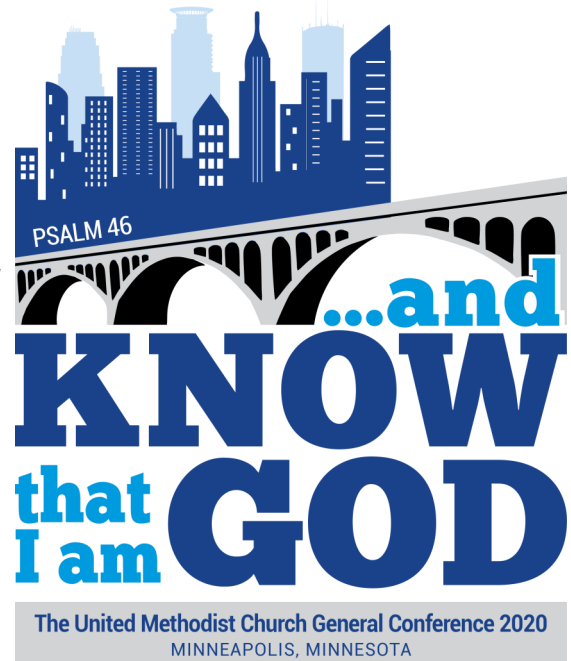
The split will be voted on in May. [At general conference.]

For specifics

[Click here for the press release.](#)

[Click here for the actual statement](#) or formal agreement.

[Click here for an FAQ about the Mediation Team.](#)



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 GS 5:30-8pm	8	9 Boy Scouts	10	11
12	13 Boy Scouts	14 GS 5:30-8pm Trustees 7pm	15	16 Boy Scouts	17	18 Palmerton Ditch meeting 8-11am
19	20	21 GS 5:30-8pm	22 PPRC 6:30pm	23 Boy Scouts	24	25 Hygiene Health Fair
26 Pot Luck	27 Boy Scouts	28 GS 5:30-8pm	29	30 Boy Scouts	31	