



PASTOR'S NOTES:

Ruth Anne & I thank each of you for the Awesome Christmas Gift(s). We have had such a wonderful year in 2018 worshipping God with our many missions outreaching to the community. But we also look forward to the many opportunities of 2019. Please pray for our General Conference in February—a pivotal time in UMC.

In the life of the church, January is always an exciting period. We begin (Jan 6) with EPIPHANY (Manifestation of the Lord) which is even more an ancient celebration among Christians. We observe the Baptism of the Lord (Jan 13) ----- a day we all remember, our baptisms, re-affirm our faith & welcome new confirmands into our congregation.

The New Year marks a time of new beginnings, a time for reflection and resolution. There's no better time to pause, take stock, and evaluate where you are on your personal spiritual journey. At Holiday Hills United Methodist Church our mission is "To Gather as God's people, Grow in faith, and Go into our Community as disciples of Jesus Christ." Where you began your journey is last year's news. More relevant is: Where are you right now? Where do you want to go? And how are you going to get there? Becoming that; "deeply committed Christian" is simply following Jesus' instruction to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) I have explained this often times as loving God with your head, your heart and your hands. With our heads we study God's Word, we learn and grow. With our hearts we worship, pray, listen and experience God's infinite love. And with our hands we serve God by serving others, in our church, in our community, and in our world.

Make it your resolution to take another step forward in your journey this year. A few possibilities include: Explore ways to serve the needs of our community, check out some of the small groups like UMM, UMW, Bible Studies (Disciple Bible Study), or choir. Find your place to serve! All of us have gifts for service to our Lord and HIS church. Perhaps you would like to share God's love through mission opportunities. There are many in our own area (Community Food Pantry), in Arkansas (Prison Ministry) and the U.S. (Heifer Project) without traveling to other countries. Make a commitment to worship each week, and to invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

Blessings to each of you and I look forward to seeing each of you even more this coming year!

Pastor Dan



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS:

As I look back over 2018, I wonder where the year has gone. It has been a busy year with lots of activities in which everyone could (and did!) participate. I have been amazed at the cooperation of all who have helped to make the year a successful one. No one seemed to be interested in taking the credit for jobs well-done, only joyful that they got done. Thank You! Thank you! Thank you! One and all for your willingness to do the job, (whatever it was) and the joy with which they were done. I only ask that you continue to be so joyful and willing for Stephanie in the coming year. I have enjoyed being your president and note that all of you kept your promises to me. Our UMW is one of the busiest, well-operating units in the NE District and one of many that grew in the past year. Thank you, G.A.L.S. for making it possible for our working women to participate in the UMW activities of the church. And to those who are not yet one of us, we welcome you in Christian love for all that you do for the church as well. Happy New Year! May it be one of the best years that have come and one of peace, joy, hope & love. May 2019 be the best thing yet!

Your loving servant,

President, Ruth Anne Brand



UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS:

We have had a wonderful productive year—supporting many local, state and international missions. Our continued support of the local food pantry (Storehouse) has been excellent. Many of you have helped with each of the projects to raise funds for these missions. We also had some very informative presentations from some of our missions that we support. Our next gathering with evening meal will be January 17, please bring a friend. Let’s all support our new President, Jim Steele and new treasurer, Johnny Varnadore. May 2019 be even better with more opportunities to serve the Lord.



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| 1/03 | Natalie Bishop |
| 1/12 | Don Snyder |
| 1/14 | Nancy Pagett |
| 1/15 | Marie Shacklett |
| 1/15 | Rachael Merritt |



HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 8 am Prayer Group 10:30 am UMW Meeting No DBS	3	4	5 9-12 Council of Ministries Retreat
6 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship Communion Epiphany Sunday 4 pm Confirmation	7 6 pm G.A.L.S	8 10 am Choir Practice 11 am Prayer 11:30 am Book Club 5-6 pm CLASS	9 8 am Prayer Group 6 pm Bible Study 9-11 Storehouse 10-4 pm Quilters	10	11	12 9-11 Storehouse
13 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship Baptism of the Lord Sunday Potluck	14	15 10 am Choir Practice 11 am Prayer 5-6 pm CLASS	16 8 am Prayer Group 11 am food prep The Call 6 pm Bible Study	17 6 pm UMM Gathering	18	19
20 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship	21 4 pm Yacht Club	22 10 am Choir Practice 11 am Prayer 5-6 pm CLASS	23 8 am Prayer Group 10-4 pm Quilters 6 pm Bible Study	24	25	26
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27 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship Men's Kairos @ Grimes	28 5:30 pm Walk to Emmaus Reunion	29 10 am Choir Practice 11 am Prayer 5-6 pm CLASS	30 8 am Prayer Group 6 pm Bible Study	31		