



Pastor's message:



As I sit here in the quietness of my home's "Upper Room", where I come to meditate, my thoughts are on my "Kairos" prison week-end just completed. God used the week-end to change lives. I think how blessed you and I are and I give thanks for all of us in the "free" world---our Body of Christ! As for me, I'm very happy. I recall a few years back, at the beginning of our "The Daniel Plan", we were asked to make an assessment of our Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus & Friends. And you know, I was pretty satisfied, except my personal weight/fitness. I am still consuming too many calories!!! But my main concerns now are on the division of people in our country both for our country leadership and the UM church.

God designed our bodies (both personal & the Body of Christ) to be healthy, providing everything we need to thrive and live abundantly. The Bible says, "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance" (1 Corinthians 13:7). It is Love---not fear, not guilt, and not peer pressure that causes us to keep going when we feel like giving up.

We must continue to make a conscious effort to know God and to draw closer to Him. The busier our life becomes, and greater the division, the greater need for contact with God. God established the church for us to Worship as a vital body of Christ. In the same manner, God wants all of us to be physically healthy so we will have the energy and alertness to serve him.

It is through the church, through the ministry of the Word and the sacraments, that God makes known His glory to us. Within the church's strong embrace, we are brought into communion with our Lord and behold the beauty of His grace. To receive a feeling of joy and victory, we must feel deeply the glory of life and of things to come. There must be expectations, anticipations, confidence, optimism, gladness, hope, love and joy. Life is good when we accept that God created and sustains us by His Love. Worship for the body of Christ is the same as exercise for our individual bodies.

With God's help and your encouragement, I plan to improve my physical well-being this year. I pray that you will improve the well-being of this Body of Christ by your Prayers, Your Presence, your gifts, your service and your witness.

Dear friends, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well (3 John 2). Pray for our UM church and our country!



UMM News:

We certainly are enjoying the wonderful meals prepared by the Quilters group for our monthly gatherings.

We were also glad that we could donate all the food for the Men's Kairos training this month. Our focus is on men who are making a difference in the lives of others. No matter what decision that is made at General Conference in St. Louis later this month, the church will still need to proclaim the Good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry and visit those in prison & care for the hurting people.

We have newly elected officers for 2019: President, Jim Steele, Vice President Mitch Mitchell Treasurer, Johnny Varnadore & Secretary, Bob Wanat. Wayne Weatherford is chairing our Valentine dinner for the Widows mite on February 14<sup>th</sup>—Valentine's day. We are also in the planning stages for our Shrove Tuesday Chili Supper which will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Ash Wednesday is on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We are so glad that we will have a major food event each month of the year available to the church and the community.

Be sure to sign -up on the  
flower calendar



If you would like to host our  
potluck please sign up on  
the calendar posted on the  
refrigerator in the kitchen.





UMW NEWS:

January has been a month of new beginnings but with new beginnings we also must continue with our old chores. This month has brought us joy (new church members), grief (loss of Mr. Jack), new responsibilities (new positions within the church) and continuation of things to do every week, month of the year.

Thank ALL of you that helped with our luncheon for "Mr. Jack's celebration of life". You went above and beyond all that you were asked to do---a special thank you to Jim Steele for his wonderful rolls. They make any meal a special treat!

Our next meeting, Feb. 6, will be our planning session for Mardi Gras since Ash Wednesday is on our March meeting day. UMM will provide chili; UMW will make the desserts.

G.A.L.S. will be kicking off their donations drive for Margie's Haven House during our Lenten season. We are being asked to get from our closet's one item a day for the 40 days of Lent to donate.

The first Sunday of February is our Souper Bowl Sunday with soup, cornbread & deserts being offered for a donation to the local food pantry. The money raised will stay in our community.

Remember that our widows will be offered "an Evening of Dining" on St. Valentine's Day. Please be prepared to help if you are asked to do so.

Welcome to the new year! May it bring you love and joy all year long. We hope you will join our small group for fellowship on the first Wednesday of every month (except July, it is the second Monday). May God watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from the other. Amen!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Weatherford, Wayne	2/4
Thomas, Kevin	2/6
Brune, Dennis	2/7
Bryant, William(Bill)	2/12
Eads, Carol	2/14
Johnson, Kathleen	2/18
Hugdens, Larry	2/19
Rana, Nancy	2/21
Bishop, Don	2/23
Wicher, Matt	2/23
Stevens, Ricki	2/27



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Natalie & Don Bishop



# HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK

<span style="float: left;">◀ January</span> <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">February 2019</span> <span style="float: right;">March ▶</span>						
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3 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Communion Souper Bowl Sunday	4	5 5-6 pm CLASS	6 8 am Prayer group 10:30 UMW meeting 4 pm Choir 5 pm Prayer 6 pm Bible Study	7	8	9 9-11 am Storehouse 9-2 pm Mt Eagle Board Meeting— Little Rock
10 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Potluck	11 6 pm G.A.L.S.	12 5-6 pm CLASS	13 8 am Prayer group 9-11 am Storehouse 10 – 4 pm Quilters 4 pm Choir 5 pm prayer 6 pm Bible Study	14 6 pm Widows Mite Valentine's Dinner 	15	16
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship	18 4 pm Yacht Club 6pm G.A.L.S. 	19 5-6 pm CLASS	20 8 am Prayer group 11 am The Call prep 4 pm Choir 5 pm Prayer 6 pm Bible Study	21 6PM UMM	22	23  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: left; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">UM General Conf. St Louis</div>
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