



HOLIDAY HILLS UMC- NEWSLINK JANUARY 2020

PASTOR'S NOTES:



During this new-year, 2020 when our UMC meets for General Conference in May will (in all likely-hood) be the most pivotal time in our church history. But you know what? No matter what we are called or who we are affiliated with, we will still be the church bringing Jesus Christ to our community.

In the life of the church, January is always an exciting period. We begin on January 5th with EPIPHANY (Manifestation of the Lord) which is even more an ancient celebration among Christians. We observe the Baptism of the Lord on

January 12th -----a day we all remember our baptisms, re-affirm our faith & welcome new people into our congregation.

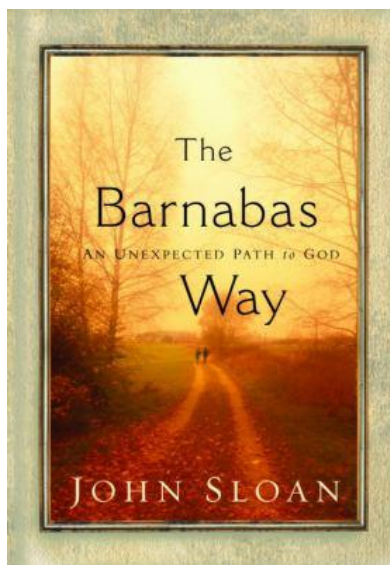
The New Year marks a time of new beginnings, a time for reflection and resolution. There's no better time to pause, take stock, and evaluate where you are on your personal spiritual journey. At Holiday Hills United Methodist Church our mission is "To Gather as God's people, Grow in faith, and Go into 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? 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

Pastor Dan's Suggested Reading for January



1/3 Natalie Bishop
1/12 Don Snyder
1/14 Nancy Pagett
1/15 Rachael Merritt
1/15 Marie Shacklett



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. Our next meeting will be held on January 15th at Bentley's Restaurant at 8 am, please bring a friend. Let's all support our President, Jim Steele and treasurer, Johnny Varnadore.



Our UMW has an exciting year planned for 2020, please come and join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am. If you cannot attend on Wednesday the G.A.L.S. would love to have you on the second Monday night at 6 pm. Our January meeting will be held on Wednesday the 8th @ 10:30. Please come and join us and bring a friend, we are having installation of officers, come and support them. We thank everyone for their support for the 7 project Christmas Kids. The UMW is looking forward to a meeting in late January to see how we can partner with Imagination Library to make this available for children in our area.

Stephenie Beene, President



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:30am Sunday School 10:50am Worship Communion Epiphany Sunday	6	7 9:30-10:30 am CLASS	8 8 am Prayer Group 9-11 Storehouse 10:30 UMW 3:30 Choir 5 pm Prayer Group 6 pm Bible Study	9	10	11 9-11 Storehouse
12 9:30am Sunday School 10:50am Worship Baptism of the Lord Sunday Pot Luck 1pm SPRC MEETING	13 6 pm G.A.L.S.	14 9:30-10:30 am CLASS	15 8 am UMM Breakfast at Bentley's 10-4 pm Quilters 3:30 Choir 5 pm Prayer Group 6 pm Bible Study	16	17	18 9-12 Church Council Retreat
19 9:30am Sunday School 10:50am Worship	20	21 9:30-10:30 am CLASS	22 8 am Prayer Group 11 am Food Prep 3:30 Choir 5 pm Prayer Group 6 pm Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:30am Sunday School 10:50am Worship The Wallen's-singing group @ 4pm	27 5:30 pm Emmaus	28 9:30-10:30 am CLASS 6 pm Game Night  <small>© Can Stock Photo</small>	29 8 am Prayer Group 10-4 pm Quilters 3:30 Choir 5 pm Prayer Group 6 pm Bible Study	30	31	