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From the Pastor

Dear ones,

In preparation for a new year, some folks will make a resolution to read the entire Bible. They all will likely make it to chapter 1, verse 26 of Genesis.

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...” (Genesis 1:26 RSV)

There are many different ways to interpret what is meant by “image of God.” My favorite, simple way to think of this is that we are created to reflect God’s glory. After all, an image is simply a reflection of light. We reflect God’s glory as we worship, as we follow Christ together, and as we serve others in love. The condition we face is that Sin came into the world and damaged, we might even say destroyed, the image of God in us. Sin robs us of the joy of fulfilling our created purpose. The good news is that through the coming of Jesus Christ (his life, death, and resurrection) and the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who are baptized into Christ, God is working to renew and transform us. We are being conformed to the image of Christ (see Romans 8:29) so that we may once again reflect the glory of our Creator.

If you are looking for a potentially life-changing resolution (other than reading the Bible all the way thru), consider resolving to do your best to reflect God’s glory with your life. I don’t say this to encourage you to “do right” or as an endorsement of some sort of works righteousness (being good so you can go to heaven). Rather, I want to encourage you to not resist being the person that God is renewing you to be, which is exactly what the powers of Sin and Death would have us do. As we are told in Ephesians 2, we are saved by the grace of God, through faith. We are not saved by our own efforts. This is comforting all on its own. But, it goes further saying that we are being saved for a purpose. We are “God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.” (Ephesians 2:9 RSV) So, it makes sense that we might resolve to allow others to see what God is working in us as we reflect God’s glory through worshiping, following, and serving.

Remember Christ!

Pastor David

Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
Nov. 28th	9:30 am Sunday School—45 Worship 10:30 am — 83	Views 142
Dec. 5th	9:30 am Sunday School—46 Worship 10:30 am — 115	Views 134
Dec. 12th Cantata	9:30 am Sunday School— 65 Worship 10:30 am — 132	Views 210
Dec. 19th	9:30 am Sunday School— 45 Worship 10:30 am — 109	Views 259
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve	Worship 10:30 am — 121	Views 150
Dec. 26th	9:30 am Sunday School— 54 Worship 10:30 am — 93	Views 149


2021		Tithes & Offering
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,137.95	
	Received Weekly	
Nov. 28th	\$ 6,370.00	
December 5th	\$ 14,882.17	
December 12th Cantata	\$ 17,786.80	
December 19th	\$ 12,183.79	
December 24th Christmas Eve Local Missions		\$ 1,861.00
December 26th	\$ 12,282.24	
Total Received	\$ 63,505.00	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 475,025.25
Total Received YTD		\$ 474,434.95
Overage or (Deficit)		(\$ 590.30)



The Flower Calendar for the 2022 year is in a note book in the church office. All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements. If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

Jan. 9 Carolyn Coffey
Jan. 16 MUMC Youth
Jan. 23 _____
Jan. 30 Eddie Barrett

2022 Flower Calendar					
February	6	13	20	27	
March	6	13	20	27	
April	3	10	17	24	
May	1	8	15	22	29
June	5	12	19	26	
July	3	10	17	24	31
August	7	14	21	28	
September	4	11	18	25	
October	2	9	16	23	30
November	6	13	20	27	
December	4	11	18	25	

 **Our Prayer List** Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

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| Nancy Andrews | Rev. Jim Clark | John Lesemann |
| Mary Ashley Barbot | Steve Cramer | Laura Coker Llanos |
| Jane Benton | Jim & June Davis | Harriet Locklair |
| Betty & Thomas Brewer | AC English | Tripp Lowder |
| Connor Brooks | Bill Flynt | Alona (Maila) Acosta Marquez |
| Family of Cheri Lyn Brown | Family of John Fox | Family of Martha Morris |
| Ronnie Brown | Lindsay Furse | Townes, Maggie, & Baby Henry Richardson |
| Stephanie Brown | Tommy Gales | Clarence Snyder |
| Chuck Buddin | Jack Horton | Joanna Taylor |
| Connie Burke | Sharon Huntsinger | Alex Thompson |
| Michelle Butler | Colleen Kennedy | Jean Turner |
| Paul Butler | Lamar Kennedy | Rebecca Whitehead |
| Miguel Calicdan | | |



Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the **military**, or who have limited mobility:

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| Joyce Bowers | Betty Wellock |
| Kevin Cribb | Anne Haley |
| Rosellas Daniels | Woody Haynes |
| Nita & Liz Denny | Kay Kirkpatrick |
| William Dodge | Margaret Lee |
| Jared Dube | Wilson Lepp |
| Riccardo Gaskin | Neal Mahoney |
| David Glaser | Sandy McCord |
| | Sam Tyson |

Memorial Gifts:

Cheri Lyn Brown
Give By:
Aubrey & Janie Ard
Mitch & Cathy Gardner
Sam & Cona Tyson
Annette Browder
Artie & Beverly Felder
Ann & G.G. Cutter
Mary Eaddy
Larry & Patsy Williamson

Ollie Mae Snyder
Give By:
Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Ava Justice
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

W.E. & Pauline Horton
Give By:
Bo & Amy Bozard

Wade McLeod
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Dalton Page
Give By:
Bo & Amy Bozard

Joey Moore
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Yvonne Porter
Give By:
Rock & Vicki Ouzts
Annette Browder
Pansy Ridgeway
Polly Ridgeway

Dr. Omar J. Jones
Give By:
Martha Jones

Eaddy Osteen
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Bernie & Evelyn Blascak
Give By:
Garson Taylor

Betty Daniels
Give By:
Pansy Ridgeway

Jake Ross
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Erline Gamble
Give By:
Garson Taylor
Ralph & Ellen Rossoni
Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Horace Browder
Give By:
Pansy Ridgeway

Clarence Wheeler
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Maurice Kirkpatrick
Give By:
Pansy Ridgeway

Charles Ingram
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Pam McCabe
Give By:
Genie & Winston Hodge

Fin Coffey
Given BY:
Pansy Ridgeway

Harlee Pearce
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Drew Taylor
Give By:
Genie & Winston Hodge

Jennifer Lazo
Given By:
Ann & G.G. Cutter

Sarah Richburg
Give By:
Ann & G.G. Cutter

Jimmy Taylor
Give By:
Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Sarah Richburg
Given By:
Ann & G.G. Cutter

Peggy Gardner
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Ryan Fischer
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Ben Brewer
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

Howard Elkins
Give By:
Ron & Alice Jordan

New Year = New ways to get involved

If you've been thinking of joining the choir, now is a perfect time to start! The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room, located behind the sanctuary. We would love to have you join our MUMC musical family. If you have a child who is learning to play an instrument, we would love to involve them in worship! Just let me know. Happy New Year!
Cindy McInnis, Music Director

Fierce Bible study is starting back on January 5th. It's not too late to join them. They meet on Wednesdays here at the church at 10 am. They discuss a different woman of the bible each week. This Bible study will run through the 2nd week of February. So, if you can not make it every week you will not be behind. For more info speak to Kass Varn.

Offering Envelopes

Happy New Year! We still have an abundance of envelopes from previous years. Please pick up giving envelopes located in the vestibule. The date does not matter, just be sure to mark your name on the envelope. Placing your gift (cash or check) in a marked envelope greatly reduces the time required to process and count the offering each week.



Members of the Nelle Wells Circle visited Covenant Place on Dec. 21st. They got to spend time with Margaret Lee, Kay Kirkpatrick and Woody Haynes.

Honorarium Gifts:

Happy Birthday!
Wells Wallace, McRae Wallace, Sydney Gaylord, Betty Coffey
Given By: Mitch & Cathy Gardner

Happy Birthday! Betty Coffey
Given By: Margaret & Tommy Cooper



Dear friends,

In Latin America it is customary for families to celebrate Christmas Eve with a special dinner waiting for Christmas. The idea is to keep vigil until 12 o'clock at night, and with great joy to hug and wish each other a Merry Christmas.

It is likely that today we will not be able to stay awake until midnight, but we want to send you our embrace and our affection, we want to celebrate with you remembering the incarnation of God. With joy we celebrate remembering that Christ was born and brought into the world to us love and light that transforms and redeems life.

In Spanish Christmas Eve is Noche Buena, literally "Good Night" and may this be a Good Night and may tomorrow, which is Christmas, be filled with joy and peace. We wish this for you, and together let us pray for all the families who will not be able to celebrate a special dinner tonight or tomorrow night. Tonight, we are in Bolivia with Sara's brother's family, and before each lunch they sing together: "Bless our bread lord, and give bread to those who have hunger, and hunger for justice to those who have bread." A beautiful Latin American song that moves us with its profound message of gratitude and commitment to the Kingdom of God.

We send you our love. May Emmanuel, God with us, bless you.

Sara and Dakin

Below, we share with you the greetings of the Bishop of the Methodist Church of Ecuador.

*"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)*

Greetings to all the brothers and sisters in your Church and organization. God bless your families and ministries greatly.

The Methodist Church in Ecuador (IEMUE) thanks God for the companionship in mission that He has allowed us to develop with you in 2021. Your prayers and your support have been a great blessing to carry out programs with families, youth, women, and children; enabling the Good News of love and redemption in Christ Jesus to transform many lives and homes. All the Methodist Churches in Ecuador thank you for being part of God's Mission in our country.

This time of Advent and Christmas there are many activities in all the Churches despite the pandemic and the new wave of the omicron variant, thank God it is not yet having a great impact in Ecuador. We still must promote all the protection and recommendations to stop the spread. United in Prayer we hope that the mercy of our Lord may be present throughout the world.

From Ecuador we pray that God's love will remain in your lives. Together we proclaim that God is among Us.
From the Middle of the World, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Christmas.
And may the new year of 2022 be full of blessings.

*Rev. Alfredo Pilatuña, Bishop
United Methodist Evangelical Church of Ecuador
Dec 2021*





2022

Happy Birthday!!

1/1 Jean Gamble
 1/3 Jean Prothro
 1/4 Nathan Downer
 1/5 Margaret Lee;
 Rebecca Gardner; Reid Norris
 1/9 Anne Haley
 1/10 Ann Cutler; Adelaide Ard
 1/13 McKenzie Prothro
 1/15 Rita Lamothe; Dawn Still
 1/16 Terrie Mishoe; Anna Lee, Rita Thomas,
 John William Gainey
 1/18 Terry Gamble; Kay Kirkpatrick;
 Winston Hodge; Jane Powell
 1/20 Tad Graham, Penelope Perkins
 1/21 Kathryn Ard
 1/25 John Land
 1/26 Caroline Norris Nash
 1/30 Kathy Ward; Ross Russell;
 Sarah Russell
 1/31 Bateman Brunson;

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Epiphany Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	3 8-12 MUMC Day School 11 am Prayer Team 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	4 8-12 MUMC Day School 10 am Bible Study 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	5 8-12 MUMC Day School 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	6 8-12 MUMC Day School 6-8 pm LMA Basketball	7 8-12 MUMC Day School	8 9 am-12 LMA Gym
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30 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	31 8-12 MUMC Day School 11 am Prayer Team 6-8 pm LMA Basketball					<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Happy Anniversary!! 1/08 Marshall & Betty Black 1/19 Ray & Kathy Ward </div>

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Christmas Festival



Christmas Parade



Painting with Kass



Upcoming events

1/1/22 District Youth Olympics

1/3-1/6 Ski trip

1/29/22 Revolution