

The Herald



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Picture a man stumbling along in a heavy fog, completely disoriented. Then, off in the distance, he sees the light of one small lamp. Its glow is sufficient neither to burn off the fog nor to illuminate the obstacles that might be on the ground between the man and that lamp. Still, it is a steadily burning lamp. Something within the man prompts him to believe that if he heads toward it, he will be going in the right direction. That "something" we can call "faith."

While heading toward the lamp, he finds another lost man whose eyesight is so poor he can't see the lamp. The first man takes the second by the hand and helps him toward the lamp also. The act of reaching out to another we can call "love."

And the lamp that draws him? It's called "hope."



Psalm 37:5, NRSV



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FROM THE PASTOR

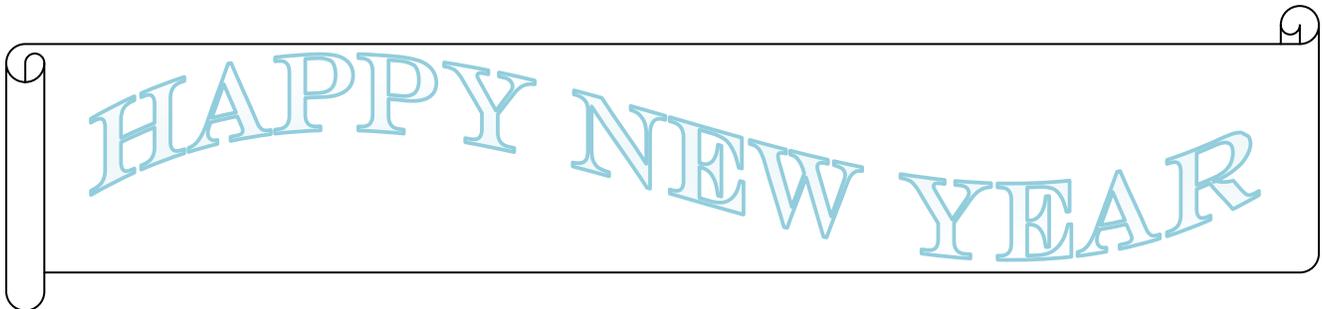
Isaiah 63: 7-9 God's Mercy Remembered

7 I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praise worthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

8 For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior

9 in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Pastor Dan



January 1 Epiphany Sunday: Matthew 2: 1-12; Psalm 72; Communion

January 8 1st Sunday after Epiphany: Matthew 3:13-17; Psalm 29

January 15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany: John 1:29-42, Psalm 40;
Human Relations Day

January 22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany: Matthew 4:12-23, Psalm 27

January 29 4th Sunday after Epiphany: Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 15

**Serving in
Worship
January 2017**

*Liturgy is the Work of
the People
for the Glory of God*



Liturgist

1/01 Peg Wittman
1/08 Lyle Tague
1/15 Sue Josephson
1/22 Anita Taft
1/29 Gayel Todd

Greeters

1/01 Jane & Larry Huey
1/08 Paul & Lori McComb
1/15 Allen Hulme
1/22 Barry Taft
1/29 Roger Dart

Ushers

1/01 Roger Dart, Susann Brainard
1/08 Bob & Dianne Arazy
1/15 Bob Kuder, Sue Norton
1/22 Kathy Krisher, Sharon Kelly
1/29 Sonya Pease, Mary Lou Bowers

Communion Servers:

1/01 Eileen Gill, Don Fernberg,
Mike Carr

Acolytes

1/01 Don Allis
1/08 Jessica Archer
1/15 Erin Nichols
1/22 Bob Kuder
1/29 Erin Nichols

Altar

1/01 Dee Colwell
1/08 Ruth Mori
1/15 Randi Wachter
11/22 Martha Kline
11/29 Dee Colwell

Media Booth

1/01 Randy & Carol Bloechl
1/08 Sue Norton, Todd H.
1/15 Rodney Nichols, Todd H.
1/22 Randy & Carol Bloechl
1/29 Rodney N., Sue Norton

Media Presentation

1/01 Carol Bloechl
1/08 Sue Norton
1/15 Tom Wulff
1/22 Carol Bloechl
1/29 Sue Norton

Coffee Hour

Men's Breakfast Group



To the CARE Team
Members for providing
refreshments for the
month of December.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

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January 7th, 2017 8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group

Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

Pancakes Eggs Sausage Juice

Coffee or Tea



Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3

Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!

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LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday January 15 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help.

Fund Raiser Night

January 24, 2017 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

At the Panera Bread bakery-café:

1501 Howard Rd., Rochester, NY

Sponsored by our UMC NC Seniors Group! All proceeds will go to support Molly Tolbert of CRU who is serving students on campuses at Roberts Wesleyan College, RIT, St. John Fisher, U of R, and SUNY Geneseo.

There will be flyers available at Church for you to present at time of purchase so that UMC North Chili gets a portion of the proceeds from each purchase. You must hand in the flyer or show an electronic version of it when you place your order.



Offering Envelopes are now available!

Please pick up Envelope Books from the table near the Sanctuary. If you can't find a booklet for your name and you would like one, please see Peg or Sandy who will assign a number and get one for you. It is appreciated that you pick them up. They are expensive to mail.



January Birthdays

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1/2 Elizabeth Hulme | 1/7 Gail Powell |
| 1/8 Larry Huey | 1/14 Amanda Archer |
| 1/17 Matt Huey | 1/18 Rory Bloechl |
| 1/21 Jim Miller | 1/21 Amy Cook |
| 1/22 Rodney Nichols | |

Prayer Concerns for January

Prayers for: Dolores & Todd C., Rick & Kitty P., Ashley, Sue D., Carl & Darlene and their family, Doris' son Aleson, Norm, Rose Cruz & family, Amy's Aunt Rose, Craig D., Norma's grandson Ross, Andy B., Sue Barker's son-in-law Larry, and her daughter Amy, Mary S.,



Virginia Allen, Todd & Delores Calvin, Gary & Marcia Caswell, Irene Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Mildred Tower, Barbara Ward, Lyla Weinreber

Thank you everyone for your prayers for our grandson Blake McCracken.

We are pleased to say that his heart surgery was a success. Blake had 5 of the 6 holes in his heart repaired during a 9 hour surgery @ Boston's Children Hospital. The surgeon said that the remaining hole was tiny and it should close on its own as he grows. He is now a thriving and happy three year old little boy that has endless energy.

Gary's brother Guy McCracken went home to be with the Lord on November 8th after a valiant battle with esophageal cancer. Thank you for your prayers and cards.

We also want to add a belated thank you to everyone for your prayers, kindness and love surrounding the loss of my Mom, Lillian Gehman. Your cards, memorials to the church, attendance at her Memorial Service and the beautiful reception that followed were very much appreciated.

Blessings to all of you ~ Gary and Susan McCracken

Membership in the United Methodist Church, What does it mean?

In view of having just received some new members, I thought this might be worth reviewing. My source for some of this material is The United Methodist Member's Handbook by George E. Koehler. He states "to be a full member is to *belong*. To be an active, living part of the fellowship of this church." We belong to a Congregation that is part of the body of Christ. It includes relationships with our fellow members, being part of small groups, taking part in activities, services and the Church's mission. We take on responsibility for it's work, it's well-being, it's missions, it's very life. We each bring our own gifts to the body.

We welcome and nurture people into a deeper relationship with God. We support one another in our ministries. Be it praying for those in need, welcoming people into our midst, celebrating through worship and song, taking part in the sacraments, serving in a worship service, bible reading, prayer and daily devotions, to thanking someone. "To belong to our congregation is to minister to others." We are all called upon as *laity—baptized Christians*, to minister to those around us. We are all ministers! Every day there are opportunities to serve or minister to those around us. From families, to friends, to co-workers, to neighbors, to anyone we meet. From listening to someone, praying for someone, to visiting someone, teaching someone, or to learning from someone. Keep your eyes and ears open for the next opportunity to minister, to welcome, to be a United Methodist!

By Susann Brainard





“Here am I; send me!”
Isaiah 6:8

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