

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!



2023

A Word from Our Pastor....

HTUMC Family,

New Year is a time when people take the opportunity to reflect upon their lives and decide what changes they are going to make to improve themselves. It is an exercise that for the vast majority of folk results in little change in their lives. Resolutions are made, but they come to end soon after they begin. Change is hard. For most of us, we just wind up being stuck where we are in life.

I think most of the cause of our lack of success is that we attempt these changes alone. We rely solely upon our own strength and resources to make significant change. It seems to me that is not a great plan. Change requires great intention and effort. We can be easily discouraged when the attempt becomes difficult. We become resolved that the change will never come and we simply abandon the effort.

The Bible tells us that any day is good for making life changes. It also reminds us that we are not alone in this exercise if we choose not to be. If you are planning on making some changes this New Year, do not go it alone. Ask God for help. The Holy Spirit has been given to us for moments such as this. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide you through the process. The additional support may just be exactly what you need.

A THANK YOU!

HTUMC Family,

Amy and I would like to thank you for your generosity this Christmas Season. It was greatly appreciated.

Rev. Matt

JANUARY EVENTS

1/1 No Sunday School

Sundays: Worship Service – 9:30am

Sunday School – 9:30am

Fellowship coffee hour after service

Mondays:

The Gathering – 7pm-8:30pm via Zoom

Tuesdays:

Samaritan Circle – Second Tuesday of the month

Wednesdays: The

Friendship Ring – First Wednesday of the month

Thursdays: Choir Rehearsal – 7:pm

Fridays:

Saturdays: AA 7:30pm

STAFF

Reverend Matthew J. Wissell,
Pastor

Nancy Rodriguez, *Christian Education Director*

Dr. Karl Henning, *Director of Music*

Rev. Barbara Otto, *Organist*

Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*

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GIVING ENVELOPS

2023 Giving Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex.

Please let the office know if you are no longer using your envelopes or if you interested in receiving envelopes for the first time. Thank you!

THE GATHERING

We will be starting a new book as of January 9th. The book is No-nonsense Buddhism for Beginners by Noah Rasheta. We also will meet via zoom starting on the 9th. We will continue to meet by zoom during the months of January, February and March. Beginning in April we will again meet in-person in the church library. The time remains 7 to 8:30. Anyone wanting more information should call Gail Noyes at 585-703-8801 or email at gannoyes@gmail.com.

JACK & JILL PRESCHOOL

We will be opening up enrollment in January for the 2023/2024 school year. We already have several children signed up for next year! We have openings available! Please contact Lisa Smith if interested.

In January our focus will be on themes of winter. We will make snow people, Icicles, snowflakes, and practice our cutting skills. We will explore winter animals and hibernation. Later in the month we will learn about Dr. Martin Luther King and talk about cooperation, acceptance, peace, and caring for all people.

ASK THE PASTOR

Question: Do United Methodist Pastors have ministerial responsibilities outside the church they are appointed to serve?

Answer: United Methodist Pastors are considered appointed to the community where the congregation is located. We are thus expected to participate in the life of the community. Participation can take form in many ways such as participating in the interfaith/ecumenical council, coaching teams, serving on boards or commissions, belonging to local community groups, generally being involved in the place where we are serving.

United Methodist Pastors are also called to service to the United Methodist Connection. We are asked to make ourselves available to serve with the various ministries of our District and Annual Conference. I am currently a member of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry for the Commonwealth East District. This committee is charged with evaluating

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Linda Phillips,
Tuckerman Ferris,
Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju,
Virginia Pickett, Susan Hess, Amy Briggs Kemeza, The Bennett Family, Sarah Pena, Judith Flachbart, Shirley Teague, Linda Murphy, Scott McGrath, Sarah & Libby MacQuarrie, Barbara Henning.

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and mentoring candidates who are beginning the process of Ordination as a Deacon or Elder in our Annual Conference. It is also responsible for licensing local pastors (non-ordained). I also serve on the conference Board of Ordained Ministry. The conference board evaluates candidates for Ordination and recommends them to the Annual Conference for approval. I am also a co-chair of the sub-committee of the board responsible for promoting spiritual growth and continuing education amongst clergy members. I am the person who facilitates the requests for grants from the Ministerial Education Fund.

NORTH SHORE MINISTRY

Thanks for the opportunity to have Christmas service and dinner which was greatly appreciated! I also brought dinners to those who couldn't come.

Ongoing needs:

Clothing- socks, long johns, undies, men's clothing, hats, gloves, scarves

Toiletries- toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, soap, tampons, sanitary napkins, razors, handwarmers

Food- coffee, tea, hot cocoa, soda, water, bread, tuna, mayo, sliced cheese.

Cold cuts, peanut butter, jelly, chips, pretzels, popcorn, cookies, instant oatmeal, cereal, ramen noodles, mac and cheese, canned soup, microwave foods such as mac n cheese. Popcorn
Gift cards for food places like Burger King, McDonald's etc.

Lastly, blankets, sleeping bags, but for the brutal days below freezing help with hotel rooms

Thanks for all your support!

Barbara

HTUMC LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY 2023

The Church Council

Pastor

Council Chair: Doug Bean

Lay Leader: Tracy Bell

Treasurer: Jodi Armstrong (non-voting staff)

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Tracy Bell

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