

Methodist Messenger

Dear Friends,

Church & Office

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<u>Pastor:</u> William "Bill" Pike Phone & E-Mail: Cell: 765-719-0712 bill.pike@inumc.org

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JoElla Haffner Cell: 765-230-0800 We've been hearing it for months: "I can't wait for 2020 to be over."

It may be naïve to think that 2021 will suddenly bring the world better times, but the fact remains that it stands as a beacon of hope after a year of challenge, sickness, violence, and loss. Psychologically, we need 2021, because it symbolizes a new beginning.

The Bible is filled with stories about new beginnings. Noah and his family gave a new start to the human race after the flood. Abram left his homeland to journey toward a place promised to him by God. The Jews returned to Jerusalem after seven decades of exile in Babylon. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph fled to Egypt, and then returned, after Herod's reign of terror.

Those are just a few of the many stories of new beginnings which run throughout the pages of the Bible. But the greatest new beginning has nothing to do with a change in location. Instead, it is about a change in heart.



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As the English Standard Version puts it, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Cor.5:17) True rebirth, a true new beginning, comes with the acceptance of Christ's invitation to repent of our sins and turn our lives over to him. In that act, the former person becomes something new, and their life will never be the same. If you don't yet have a relationship with Jesus, 2021 can be your year.

For those of us who converted to Christ years ago, we can still reclaim that sense of being a new creation through the rededication of our lives to serving Christ. If your faith life has become dulled or if you feel your relationship with Jesus is not what it was, ask him for renewal, and he will provide it. Let 2021 be the year you start a whole new phase of your Christian walk.

For our church, 2021 can be the year we ask God for empowerment in our ministry and in our evangelization. Through God's power, we can reach new souls in our community and bring them to Christ. We can meet the needs of more people, as Christ did, caring for the sick and poor. We can make this a year of growth and excitement, preparing our congregation for a new generation of ministry and outreach.

We have so much to look forward to as a new year begins. Jesus Christ specializes in new beginnings. Let him start one in your life today.

> Blessings, Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, January 14th & 28th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment FOR I KNOW THE Plans

I HAVE FOR You

DECLARES THE Lord

plans for peace and not for evil, to give you hope and a future

Jeremiah 29:11

JANUARY CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Friday, January 1

HOLY COMMUNION - Sunday, January 3

UMW - Wednesday, January 6, 7:00PM

UMM - Wednesday, January 13, 6:00PM

Ad Council - Wednesday, January 20, 7:00pm

By The Numbers Attendance & Giving Update

November 29

Sunday School Attendance: 21 Sunday School Offering: \$ 17.25 Worship Attendance: 27 Sunday Offering: \$ 1,100.00

December 6

Sunday School Attendance: 18 Sunday School Offering: \$ 23.00 Worship Attendance: 28 Sunday Offering: \$ 820.25

December 13

Sunday School Attendance: 18 Sunday School Offering: \$ 26.00 Worship Attendance: 24 Sunday Offering: \$ 1,160.00

December 20

Sunday School Attendance: 19 Sunday School Offering: \$ 29.25 Worship Attendance: 35 Sunday Offering: 695.00

PRAYER REQUEST

•Steve Lidester

•Glenn Livesav

•Payton Long

•Eladio Lopez

•Mike Marcel

•David Myers

•JD Norman

•Richard Pruitt

•Brandy Richmond

•Dean Richmond

•Keith Rhoads

•Nancy Sandlin

•Ronnie Seaman

•Larry Sharp

•Norma Sillery

•Angie Staggs

•Talia

•Mallory Stripling

•Melvin Sturgeon

•Billie Ann Thomas

•Tonya Thompson

•Bill VanBebber

•Ramona Wilbur

•Covid Patients

•Larry Wiatt

•Dennis & Elaine Weir

•John & Karen Wilbur

•Jean Thomas

•Joe Tolin

•Branden Monett

•Judy & Kevin Payne

- •Jessica Abton
- •Judy Altizer
- •Darlene Ames
- •Gary Austin
- •Susie Austin
- •Louis Ator
- •Bob & Carol Baird
- •Joy Bayless
- •Sam Bayless
- •Heather Billard
- •Heidi Bonwell
- •Marjorie Bowman
- •Gloria Brand
- $\bullet Teresa$ Brook
- •Mary Evelyn Bruin
- •Brian Bullerdick
- •Judy & Byron Butler
- •Nancy Hampton Campbell
- •Marci Conkright
- •Dan Cramer
- •Patty Curry
- •Kay DeBusk
- •Stan DeBusk
- •Kennedy Ellis
- •Eunice Farmer
- •Sylvia Green
- •Rita Guffey
- •Louis Hepburn
- •Jack Howell
- •Larry & Louise Hulse
- •Seth Hutchison
- •Glenellen King
- •Donna Lideski
- •Cindy Lidester
- •Hurricane Victims

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Marcus Light Frank Powers Carolyn Hedrick Ruth Blakeslee



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Holy Communion	4	5 Sue Howell & Betsy Newton Birthday	6 UMW Meeting 7:00PM	7	8	9
10 Linda Johnson Birthday	11	12	13 UMM Meeting 6:00PM	14	15	16
17 Jack Howell Birthday	18	19	20 Ad Council Meeting 7:00PM Darren Haffner & Alison Schwartz Birthday	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School: 9:30 AM Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



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