



New Market United Methodist

JANUARY **2023**

METHODIST MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

As I think most everyone knows by now, I have been a coin collector for most of my life. Of course, most of my "collecting" was done in the past – now I mainly just read about coins. I've always been especially interested in ancient coins, as they are truly pieces of history. Made by hand one at a time, it is fascinating to imagine who handled such coins, what they were used to purchase, and where they were spent.

Money is a topic that comes up fairly often in the Bible, and it's worthwhile to understand what coins were used in those times. The New Testament especially refers several times to the *denarius*. The denarius was the standard unit of coinage throughout the Roman Empire, and was roughly the wage earned by a laborer for a day's work. (Think of the parable of the workers in the vineyard in Matthew 20: "He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.")

The denarius was a silver coin and in the time of Jesus' ministry it pictured the Emperor Tiberius on the obverse and a seated female figure on the reverse. This figure is not named but many scholars believe she is Tiberius' mother, Livia. She is surrounded by the letters PONTIF MAXIM, for "Pontifex Maximus," an ancient term meaning high priest which was, at this point in history, automatically held by the emperor.





The New Testament also refers to smaller denominations of coinage – usually translated in English as a "penny" or "farthing." ("Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?") These are usually references to the *as*, the smallest full unit of Roman coinage. The as was a copper coin worth 1/16 of a denarius. There were coins which also represented portions of an as, and when we think of the "widow's mite," it was probably such a coin. ("But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.")

Now, the next time you come across Luke 20 where Jesus says, "Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it," you'll know exactly what coin that would have been, and whose face – Tiberius Caesar – was on it.

Blessings, Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, January 12th & 26th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Rachel Welliever

<u>Usher</u>

JoElla Haffner Lori Hedrick

Liturgist

1st Sylvia Green
8th Kelly Clifton
15th Rhett Welliever
22nd Sheila Chadd
29th Lori Hedrick

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Holy Communion

Sunday, Jan 1, 10:45AM

Prayer Meeting

Mondays, 4:00PM

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, Jan 4, 7:00PM

United Methodist Men's

Sunday, Jan 11, 7:00PM

Administrative Council

Wednesday, Jan 18, 7:00PM

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

On Saturday, November 26th, eight members from our church volunteered to ring the bell at Kroger's for the Salvation Army. Last year our Bell Ringers raised \$454.58 and this year they raised \$607.85. Thank you volunteers for giving your time to help the Salvation Army. To donate or learn more about what the Salvation Army does you can visit their website at salvationarmyusa.org.



Happy 1st Birthday Day Miranda!

Miranda is being held by her Mom, Jessica Leahy.

PRAYER REQUEST

- Airey
- •Mike & Marjorie Bowman
- Dick Chadd
- •Connie Cleek
- •Sally Dill
- Jameson Dolan
- Dolores Farley
- •Lizzie Fisher
- •Ken Harlan
- •Eli Hobbs
- •Larry & Louise Hulse
- •Sue Kinman
- Kristy Lowe
- Betsy Newton
- •Gerald Rasmussen
- Norma Sillery
- Joan Vessel
- Madonna Watson's grandson & wrestler
- •John & Karen Wilbur
- Dave Williamson
- Ukraine Crisis
- •Wisdom for our church's future

Our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of

Steve Lidester

Morris Geiger

Sandy Conrad

BY THE NUMBERS ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

December 4

Sunday School Attendance: 19 Sunday School Offering: \$ 14.00 Worship Attendance: 29 Sunday Offering: \$ 739.00

December 11

Sunday School Attendance: 21 Sunday School Offering: \$ 11.00 Worship Attendance: 29 Sunday Offering: \$ 320.00

December 18

Sunday School Attendance: 18 Sunday School Offering: \$ 29.10 Worship Attendance: 28 Sunday Offering: \$ 204.00

December 25

Worship Attendance: 19 Sunday Offering: \$ 545.00

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

December 14, 2022

Six members and two guests met in fellowship hall December 14, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. for the annual Christmas pitch-in meal and gift exchange. President Brooke Pike gave the table blessing.

The group enjoyed the meal and played games provided by Brooke Pike. Guest and friend of Brooke, Heather Byler, helped the group make paper poinsettias. She also provided decorations and favors with the help of Brooke.

The meeting closed at 8:00 P.M.







January Word Search



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Slippery
Melt
Hot Chocolate
Freezing Rain
cold
Bitter Cold



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day Holy Communion	2 Prayer Time 4PM	3	4 UMW Meeting 7PM	5 Sue Howell & Betsy Newton Birthday	6	7
8	9 Prayer Time 4PM	10 Linda Johnson Birthday	11 UMM Meeting 7PM	12 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30PM	13	14
15	16 Prayer Time 4PM	17 Jack Howell Birthday	18 Ad Council Meeting 7PM	19	20 Darren Haffner Birthday	21
22	23 Prayer Time 4PM	24	25	26 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30PM	27	28
29	30 Prayer Time 4PM	31				

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COME WORSHIP WITH US

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



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Just go to www.newmarketumc.org or google New Market United Methodist Church Indiana
If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, pleas contact Rachel Welliever