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Community United Methodist Church ~ January 2021 VOICE

Pastor's Ponderings... "2021: The Year of the Lord's Favor!"



Dearest Faith Family,
 Many people told me in 2020, "I just can't wait for this year to be over!" It was a hard, agonizing year in so many ways.

At the same time, look how God brought us through! Our church outreach ministries continued to thrive. Meetings, Bible Study, Sunday School, and Fellowship continued through the miracle of Zoom. Worship carried on—albeit in a very different form—inspiring, touching, and moving our congregation to *act* as representatives of Christ—God's perfect love working in the world.

Is there anything too hard for our Lord?

Genesis 18:14. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Jeremiah 32:27. "I am the Lord, the God of all people. Is anything too hard for me?"

Because God brought us through one of the hardest years any of us have ever experienced, just imagine what God will do in 2021, with our full dependence on God's perfect guidance through Jesus Christ!

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ~Luke 4:18-19

With great confidence, Jesus proclaimed these words from *Isaiah 61:1-2*, written some 700 years before his time. What does this proclamation from two vastly separate time periods tell us?

EVERY YEAR is "[The Year of the Lord's Favor.](#)" Every year, God continues to work out God's loving plan through God's precious people. As followers of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of the Lord is on *US*. The Lord has anointed *US* to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free.

There is no circumstance in the universe that is more powerful than God's People leading others into the Light of Christ's Love. A very Blessed New Year to you All, as you move forward in this unwavering faith that 2021 is "*The Year of the Lord's Favor.*" In Wondrous Anticipation of the Great Good God Will Do,

Pastor Steve



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- 1 Kathy Tall
- 3 Randy Ackerman
- 5 Steven Benson
- 10 Angela Franklin-Bina
- 12 Brianna Kuglar
- 13 Andrea Van Dyken
- 14 Hap Link
- 19 Robert Seamons
- 20 Debby Darnall
- 21 Paul Ruhnke
- 22 Cindy LaPee
- 23 Nate Currier
- 23 Val Herzog
- 23 Tatum Wise
- 27 Syble Fincher



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Welcome to 2021, and a big sigh of relief that 2020 is over! (or soon to be at the time of this printing) CUMC has sure done a lot for the community over the past several months. GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS! I've been thinking of a friend, mentor, Sunday School teacher of mine who, over the course of his life, has done so much of God's work very quietly. He was my Sunday School teacher while I

was in high school and college, and I stayed in contact with him and his family over the years until his death in 2014. He and his wife were also friends of my parents, all belonging to an adult group in our church. Mr. LoBue was always available to anyone who needed him for any reason. He'd drop what he was doing to help. He had a sparkle in his eyes, and was always cheerful and upbeat. When my mom died, he was the person I called first, and he left his own brother's hospital bedside to be with my family for Mom's memorial service. Ten years later when Dad died, I asked Mr. LoBue to come to our house and help us do a small service in the back yard. I didn't know it at the time, but he had a terminal illness. He never complained about his health, and true to form, he showed up and did a lovely service for my dad. Then he stayed and visited with my siblings and me for an hour or more. A couple of years later I got word that he had died, so I flew out to California to attend his memorial service. It was held in a huge church, and it was completely full. All of the attendees, including me, had been helped by this loving, Christian man for over 50 years, and there were many stories told that day. The one that brought tears to my eyes was told by Mr. LoBue's daughter. She found her dad in the kitchen, hours before his death, carefully cutting up a nectarine. She said, "Dad, let me do that for you. Go lie down." He replied, "I'm not preparing this nectarine for myself. It's for YOU." As we exited the church after the service, we were all handed a nectarine. So friends, you just never know how you may touch someone on your life's journey. God has so much work for us to do in His name. His work, our hands. Go cut up a nectarine for a friend, family member, or a stranger.
 Sally Standage
 Stewardship

January Worship

January 3rd Communion
 "MY BAD: Confession Is Good for the Soul" Luke 18:9-14

January 10th
 "Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Applied Theology" John 9:1-7

January 17th
 "If God Seems Distant, Guess Who Moved?" Luke 16:19-31

January 24th
 "FAITH: Facts, Fiction, Fantasy or Fable? YES!" Romans 1:18-23

January 31st
 "The Word of God for the People of God" 2 Timothy 3:14-17

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR COMMUNION GIVING
"January 3rd"
 ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED WILL BE SENT
 TO THE UTAH FOOD BANK



New Adult FUEL class

Do you have any New Year's resolutions? Why not resolve to join us as we dig into one of the most controversial books of the Bible, the epistle of James. Each week, beginning Sunday, January 10 through February 14 from 2:30 – 3:45 pm on zoom, we will move through this book to mine the riches of its wisdom. More than any other book in the New Testament, James places the spotlight on the necessity for believers to act in accordance with our faith, to truly walk the walk. This meaty epistle is filled with clear and practical applications that can help all of us to live out what Jesus preached in His sermon on the mount and guide us in helping God's Kingdom to come. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Nelson, aen7@hotmail.com.

Advent of Gratitude Donation Boxes

Don't forget to return your Advent of Gratitude donation box before Sunday, January 3rd. All donations will be sent to Jennifer Moore, our missionary to North Macedonia.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



GATHERING

Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

Please note – We will not have a Zoom Gathering on December 27!

Since we are still under coronavirus restrictions and can't have in-person Sunday School at the church, our Children's Ministry Team and Sunday School Teachers (*Lara Bartol, Rebecca Mabile, Andrea Nelson, Claudette Rothwell, Cynthia Rudh, and Susan Wagner*) continue to offer Sunday School to our children each week using the Zoom platform. We enjoy seeing the children each week no matter where they may be, and THEY also love seeing their faces on the computer screen! We have met their pets, learned the names of their stuffed animals and about some of their favorite things to do. Our ultimate goal is to help the children know God and help them to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Packets with supplies they will need for all the lesson activities are assembled and delivered to the children at the beginning of each month. Instructions are provided for activities that are to be prepared in advance. Our lessons are multi-sensory to appeal to every child.

In December we did an Advent study based on Adam Hamilton's book, *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. We have enjoyed learning about the names or titles used by the Gospel writers as they introduce the story of Jesus. The children have a better idea of what it means when they hear that Jesus is our King, or our Savior, or Emmanuel, the ways that God is with us and how he can be the light of the world. The children have enjoyed some fun activities that go along with the theme each week. Every Sunday we added another candle to our Advent wreaths and discussed the significance and meaning of that candle. The children are also beginning to learn more about the seasons of the Christian year.

The Children's Council tries to offer a variety of outreach opportunities for the children. Each month the children enjoy writing cards to our shut-ins, and in December they worked to make Christmas door hangers for the residents of The Terrace of Mt. Ogden, one of the nursing homes in our community.

For FUN, we offered a "Take It and Make It" activity that went out to our community. The children chose the crafts they wanted to make from our virtual catalogue. The supplies for 72 crafts kits were assembled that went out to 18 children of all ages. Many thanks to the Children's Council and Claudia Hoover who all helped get the virtual catalogue prepared, and to get the kits assembled and distributed.

We are looking forward to January 3 – February 7 when the children will hear **Favorite Stories of Jesus** from some of the adults in our congregation. We are still looking for one or two more volunteers who would be willing to share their favorite Bible story of Jesus! If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible by calling Claudette at the church.

Even though we miss seeing the children in person, we are having a great time at our Zoom Gatherings! **All children ages 3 – 6th Grade are invited to join us each Sunday at 11:15 a.m. for the Sunday School Zoom Gathering.** If your child is not on our list to get information about the Zoom Gathering, please contact Claudette Rothwell at claudette.rothwell@community-umc.net or by calling the church at 801-479-7430 and leaving a message. Anyone is welcome to join us – you do not have to attend our church!

SOUPER BOWL 2021

OK....OK.....OK. THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, TIME TO HELP THE FOOD BANK!!!!

We've done a little revamping of our Souper Bowl Challenge this year. We called the Food Bank and asked what they are in need of. They have asked us to build "Pantry Packs" that would be distributed to the schools. These "packs" can be made in your homes, at your leisure, then on Saturday February 6th we will be having a drive by drop off here at church from 9-11. If you can't make it that day, you can drop off the week before during office hours before the 6th.

- Pantry Packs consist of the following in a gallon bag:
- instant serve meal 15oz can.....spagettios or ravioli- not mac n cheese
 - tuna fish 5 oz mac n cheese 7.25 oz box
 - instant oatmeal packet ramen noodles 3 oz
 - granola bar fruit snacks-pouch
 - applesauce or fruit cup- individual size peanut butter or cheese crackers

I went to Walmart and bought their brand of everything possible \$3.21 was the cost of each pack.

Thinking under \$20 for 6 packs. .

We have issued the challenge to First UMC and they have accepted! The prized trophy is up for grabs. Let's make sure we keep it (and help keep a lot of kids from being hungry)!

Questions, Rhonda 801-388-7013

LETS KEEP THE TROPHY!!!!



Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join us as together we read and discuss the book of Mark each Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. using Free Conference Call. There is no advance preparation. You simply call in (951-981-7090) and join in the discussion. We usually only cover a small section of scripture each week, so even if you have to miss a week you can easily join in. Nate Currier facilitates the class. If you have questions, please call him at 801-771-0845. We hope you will join us!



Bell Choir Notes

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the bell choirs were not able to offer an in-person Christmas Concert in December. Instead, the Ringers of the Light and the Grace Notes recorded a virtual concert that was released on YouTube and our church website.



If you missed it, you can still find the concert on the church website and YouTube. Many thanks to **Wayne Tjoland, Warren Brown, and Evan Rothwell** for recording and taking the video, and to **Holly Pierce** for preparing the slides. Many thanks to the readers: **Pastor Steve, Tim Herzog, Rebecca Mabile, Gavin Hoover, Dan Walker, and Jennifer Prince and her sweet baby, Briarlynn. Jeanie Cox, Pat McKay, Tim Ruhnke, Kate Brotherton and Cindy LaPee** enhanced our musical selections with their instruments and voice and we thank them.

A big-thank you goes out to the ringers who worked hard to prepare the music under these very challenging circumstances. We look forward to the time when we can all be back together and ringing in-person for worship and for our community.



May the faith of God be with you this year.
 May the peace of God surround you,
 and may you be blessed each day!

Happy New Year



January 10th
 12:30 p.m. on Zoom
 All Are Welcome!!!

The Power of Prayer

"Prayer does not equip us for greater works – prayer is the greater work."

Oswald Chambers

If there was ever a time our world needed prayer, it is now. We have a prayer group that meets every other Thursday mornings from 9-10 am on Zoom. Won't you consider joining us as we praise God for Who He is and lift up concerns for our church, our country and the world?

Prayer opens the gates of heaven and ushers us into the presence of Jesus, bringing peace, hope, encouragement and blessings. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Nelson at aen7@hotmail.com or 385-244-1684. *"My house shall be called a house of prayer."* Matthew 21:13a

January 7th and 21st.

THANK YOU!

Dear CUMC Family,
 Cathy and I would like to thank you for the Veterans Day bag of goodies and the balloon. We were very surprised to find it on our porch and it meant so much to us as we went through the contents of the bag. We do consider the military an honor to serve our country when we did. Thanks again to our friends at CUMC. We love you all!!
 Scott and Cathy

CUMC,
 Thank you for the Veterans gifts on my doorstep. What a wonderful surprise. I had just gotten home after a long dental appointment so it was very joyful and raised my spirits.
 Cheryl Wyrick

Thank you for your donation of \$235 on Sept 17th and \$280 on Oct 8th. Your generosity will provide comfort and relief during one of the most challenging times facing our country. CCS is working diligently to ensure that we are able to assist thousands of people, while at the same time keeping our staff and clients safe. Your gift, along with the gifts of others, allows CCS to provide help and create hope.
 Sincerely,
 Bradford R Drake
 Executive Director

Merry Christmas CUMC Kids,
 I want to "thank you" so much for my beautiful card, I love Christmas trees so this was the perfect card. You're doing a great job. I think everyone at Church I so proud of you.
 Blessing,
 Laura P.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
 For the health and consideration of some of our members who attend worship, please try to refrain from using perfume/ cologne and other scented beauty products
 Thank you for your Compassion!



The Peace by Piece Quilters were able to deliver quilts to our honorees recently. May you always feel the warmth and love represented by these quilts.
 (With their quilts Laura Parker, Walt Hupp and Gary Brinkmeyer)



FACE MASK UPDATE

Here is your monthly update from Our Mighty Mask Makers! As of November 17, our 21 volunteers have made a total of **4,274 face masks!!!** We have distributed 2,571 masks at the church, and given away 1,506 to schools, clinics, recovery centers, and the Lantern House homeless shelter. We continue to hand out masks during the following hours:

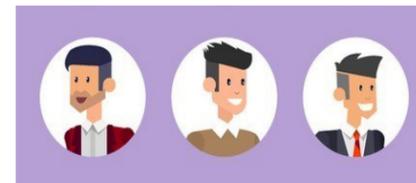
Sundays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.
 Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 Fridays from noon – 5:00 p.m. or if necessary by appointment (call Claudette at 801-698-2728).
 We want everyone to have a mask!
 And we want everyone to WEAR THEIR MASK when out in public!



FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone that helps with Family Promise of Ogden thru hosting, food, supplies, money donations, and prayers. Our next week to host will be **January 9th-17th**. If you would like to help by hosting or bringing meals, give me a text or call.
 801-388-7013
 Rhonda

Family Promise of Ogden



Men's 2 or More
 Saturday, January 16
 9 a.m. on Zoom
 If you are an interested newcomer, contact the church (801-479-7430) for the Zoom link.

Pastor's Bible Fellowship

Join us for a weekly bible fellowship time with Pastor Steve on Zoom. Wednesday mornings at 10am. If you have questions or need help attending please contact Pastor Steve at steve.reinhard@community-umc.net



January 2021 Ministry Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Italicized ~ Non-Church sponsored meetings or activities
 Please remember to call Valerie Ward 801-479-7430 or email valerie.ward@community-umc.net to schedule or cancel meetings or activities.
Check the website for the most current information!



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Combined Sunday School for Jr. High and Sr. High @ 10 a.m. on Facebook and Instagram.

Youth Group Activities Are cancelled at this time due to the coronavirus

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime! If there are any changes made last minute I will notify you all immediately! God Bless!
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