



# The Messenger

First United Methodist Church  
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7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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### Times of worship —

Saturday Worship 6:00 pm  
Sunday Family Worship 10:30 am

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### MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services  
Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. 185  
7:00 p.m. 139  
Jan 4 6:00 p.m. 17  
Jan 5 10:30 a.m. 97

The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

**PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE**

*Next Messenger: Jan20th*

## COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### Jan. 12 Philippians 3:12-14 "Forward - Focus"

The theme for this message will be: What is most important for the new year? St. Paul believed that the Christian life is one of forward motion, upward (spiritual) living, and not living in the past. How will you focus this year?

### Jan. 19 Matthew 3:13-17 "An Act of Obedience"

Epiphany Season/Baptism of Jesus

One of the ways we celebrate the Epiphany season in the church is with the text on the Baptism of our Lord. Epiphany reminds us of the revealing of Jesus as the Divine Son of God. Through Jesus' obedience and through His Baptism we come to hear the message that Jesus is the Son of God!

### Jan. 26 Matthew 4:18-22 "I will Follow"

The beginning of the calling of the disciples came with the words: "Follow Me". What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ (for the transformation of the world)? What does it mean to be a follower? What can it mean to us individually and as a witness to the world?

### CONGRATULATIONS to

- LeRoy & Sharlene Albertsen on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!
- Brad & Kelly Stitz who have a baby boy!

If you are only receiving the complimentary photo from Lifetouch Pictures, you may pick up your picture at the front desk.

**SPECIAL THANKS**  
to the congregation  
for the Christmas  
gifts to the Staff.  
So nice to be  
remembered!

*Pastor Bailey, Verona,  
Ellen, Nancy, Jackie,  
Suzi, Nina, Michelle,  
and Jason*



- \* The family of Delores Eason. Funeral Services were held on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Tom Loeck and family in the death of his sister.
- \* The family of Mary Lou Ware. Her funeral is Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.
- \* Ben Parrott and his family in the death of his grandmother.
- \* Marissa Kennebeck in the death of her grandmother.

### THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAILEY

**"And the one seated on the throne said, 'Behold I make all things new'." (Rev. 21:5)**

I believe that this poem by Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) might help us begin the New Year:

"Another year is dawning;  
dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting,  
another year with thee.  
Another year of progress,  
another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
thy presence all the days.  
Another year of service,  
of witness for thy love;  
Another year of training  
for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning;  
dear Father let it be,  
on earth, or else in heaven,  
another year with thee."

Another year is dawning. What will you make of it? Will you trust more this year in God? Will you renew your commitment to walk with Jesus? Will you let the Lord be your guide day by day?

Anne Graham Lotz (Billy Graham's daughter) and her husband Denny attend football games at their alma matter, the University of Carolina. There are thousands of people and Anne can't see where she is going so her husband, who is 6'7" and can look over the crowd, takes her hand and leads them to their seats.

She says, "The way I get from the car to my seat is simply to take my husband's hand and follow him closely through the crowd."

What a great illustration for us in the New Year. Our Lord Jesus says, "Just take my hand, don't worry about what you can't see, and let me do the leading. I know the way and I know what is best for you."

Can we do this? Let's make it a resolution!

May God keep you in His love.

- Pastor Dennis Bailey -



- Jeri Riesberg
- Darlene Jensen
- All of our shut ins
- Wilma Tranter

The Heavenly Bound Book Club has an exciting book for this month. It is "Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain. **Once you start reading it, you won't want to put it down!**

Queen Beans : Tuesday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00  
or Thursday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon.  
Church: Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00

### NOTICE TO TREASURERS OF FUNDS;

Time to turn in the books for audit. Please leave them at the church for pick up. Thank you.

### THANK YOU -

- To the church family for the wonderful gifts, goodies and messages . The support from all of you is very much appreciated. Keeley Honold
- To Dr. Chris & Jana Bogue for the donation of the outside Christmas angel - she brightened our church beautifully.
- From Susan Gentilucci, Martha Eischeid, Jonathan Ware & Robert Ware acknowledging their gratitude for Rev. Bailey, the UMW and the church members and friends for the support and care given to our Dad over the years. He was proud to be a long time member of this church.
- To all who sent cards of congratulations for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We enjoyed each and every card.  
LeRoy & Sharlene Albertsen

**THE MISSION COMMISSION** is excited about the opportunity for our congregation to become a part of an effort to raise funds for renovating the teach housing at a seminary in Nigeria where Kelly Fischbach volunteered five years ago. Kelly brought this project to our attention when she received emails from her friends in Nigeria. She will be sharing more details with the congregation during worship on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 toward this project.

Note: The Church Services time of rebroadcast has been changed to the following times on CAAT6:  
Wednesday at 8:00 AM Thursday at 11:00 AM Saturday at 5:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) & 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

**NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.**

## Calendar for January 11 - 23

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JAN 11</b>
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JAN 12</b>
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JAN 13</b>
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JAN 14</b>
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
5:30 p.m.	Mini Methodists
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Wolf)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JAN 15</b>
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00 p.m.	Youth meetings
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JAN 16</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JAN 18</b>
8:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JAN 19</b>
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JAN 20</b>
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JAN 21</b>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Book Club at Queen Bean's
7:00 p.m.	Book Club at church
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JAN 22</b>
3:30 p.m.	U M Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00	Youth meetings
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JAN 23</b>
12:00 noon	Book Club at Queen Bean's
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA

### MESSAGE FROM BRITTANY HOLDSWORTH

HELLO Church Family..... I have been given the opportunity to spend my spring break serving at a school for deaf children in Kingston, Jamaica through an organization called the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf. The trip is being done through a college-age ministry in Cedar Falls that is sponsored by Nazareth Lutheran Church. I have decided to take advantage of this opportunity because I am interested in serving others and opening my eyes to the struggles those who live in third-world countries are faced with each and every day. I am hoping to grow in my faith and to learn how I can be a blessing to others in my life. If you would be interested in supporting my trip there are a couple ways in which you could help. First, and most important, you can support me through prayers. Prayers for safe travel, meeting my financial needs and for life changing experiences for myself, the team I am traveling with and for the people I will be so very privileged to meet. If you would like to make a financial donation in support of my trip, your check can be made out to First United Methodist Church. I can't wait to tell you all about my experience when I return!

Britanny Holdsworth.



Lydia

### Sunday School

We are starting our study on Lydia. Lydia was a seller of beautiful, expensive purple cloth. She heard the teachings of Paul and wanted to learn more about him. She then asked for her whole household to be baptized. During Lydia's time, a household meant family, friends, employees, and slaves. That was a lot of people! In this lesson we are going to be going to 4 different rooms for our rotation. In the art room, children will celebrate baptism as they dye cross patterns on a cloth and will learn that God made them unique. During movie time, children will learn that God changes hearts and uses us to help others grow in faith. Children will play a variety of games in the story and game room and learn that they can be a good leader and listener. They will also know that God loves each and every one of us. In drama kids will learn that Jesus asks us to be missionaries and tell others about Him.

Those that were awarded scholarships from the church last year, please turn in your first semester grades to Suzi and let her know where you would like your check sent. You can email to [suziolberding@msn.com](mailto:suziolberding@msn.com) or mail them into the church. Thanks!



### UM Kids

I am excited to announce that our church was awarded a grant from Community 4 Children Decategorization Project, Community Partnership for Protecting Children. With this grant we are going to be able to purchase banners for all of our UM Kids to hang in the hallway and show off their patches that they have earned through Pioneer Club. We will also be able to go swimming and have our own pinewood derby day! I believe that this will be a great thing for our church!

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders just finished the unit on Understanding the Bible and received a Understanding the Bible - Bible award, the Good Food Activity Award, the Designs Activity Award and Critters Activity Award. They are now starting to learn about Getting Along with Others, Team Games, and Mission Awards.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders completed the All About Church Bible Award, the Playing Together Activity Award, Feeling Good Activity Award, and Animals Activity Award. They will be starting on the Helping Others Bible Award, the Cooking, Puzzles and Family Activity Awards

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### WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.  
Sundays

6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays