

The Circuit Crier

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From the Desk of Jin Ming

Dear families in Christ,

I would like to encourage all of you to commit to reading through the Bible this year. I will be in the process of reading the entire Bible again, and God willing will have completed it in Dec, 2020. I still find many parts of the Old Testament very difficult to read; the wars especially, and the constant disobedience of the people of God. Maybe we are not that much different. We see the goodness of God all the time in our lives and then turn right around and sometimes do what we know is not pleasing to Him.



Psalm 119:105 says, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." If you read the Word of God and meditate on it until it becomes alive within, you will find that you will know God's will for your lives. Your peace will increase and your love for God and each other will grow stronger. Try it, what have you got to lose? You may be surprised how much it will impact your lives.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, " All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

I am blessed as your pastor and look forward to serving God and all of you in the New Year. My love and prayers be with you.

Happy New Year to You All!



January and February Scripture Readings

**January 5th: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795);
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12**

**January 12th: Isaiah 42:1-9; Ps 29 (UMH 761);
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17**

**January 19th: Isaiah 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11 (UMH 774);
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42**

**January 26th: Isaiah 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758);
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23**

**February 2nd: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15 (UMH 747);
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12**

**February 9th: Is 58:1-9a, (9b-12); Ps 112:1-10 (UMH 833);
1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20**

**February 16th: Deut 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8 (UMH 840);
1 Cor 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37**

**February 23rd: Ex 24:12-18; Ps 99 (UMH 819);
2 Pet 1:16-21; Matthew 17 1-9**



Worship Committee Meeting

There will be a Worship Committee meeting in the church Library at 3 pm ON Monday, January 6. All Worship Committee members are encouraged to attend.



John Wesley Covenant Service on January 5

Please come and renew your commitment to our Lord and Savior this Sunday, January 5! The rewards are immense!



United
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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Date: January 14

Time: 1 PM (Executive Committee at Noon)

Program: Northwest Language Arts Cultural Center

Hostesses: Kathleen Flower and Linda Osborn

Date: February 11

Time: 1 PM (Executive Committee at Noon)

Program: Senior Housing in Coupeville

Hostesses: TBD

Date: February 27

Time: 1 PM

Day of Prayer and Denial

Held at Kathy Van Winkle's home



Administrative Council Meeting

The next Church Administrative Council meeting will be held in the CUMC library at 7 PM on Monday, January 6. All committee chairpersons are encouraged to attend.



AARP SMART DRIVER TRAINING

The next AARP Smart Driver training course will be held from 9 AM – 4 PM on Friday, February 21st in the CUMC Fellowship Hall. Please contact Maddie Rose via phone at 360-632-1752 or by email at icmystique@comcast.net to sign up.

a birthday prayer for you

May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace,
and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.

Happy birthday, child of God!



January

3rd Emily Hancock & Val Hillers
6th Don Sherman 8th Alan Hancock
11th Mareanna Rebeschke-Smith
12th Jill Hein 13th Virginia Brown
16th Elizabeth Hancock
31st Bill Johnson

February

1st Beth Haight 3rd CJ Roberts
4th Carmen McFadyen
5th Kathleen Anderson & Linda Osborn
10th Pat Coffey
14th Jan Vaughan
17th Eve Parrish 19th Dan Miranda
20th Bruce Faunce 23rd Wylie Vracin
24th Ramona Laster
25th Brian Haight

A New Year Note from Jin Ming:

On December 29, the last Sunday in 2019, I preached “Unwrap Your Gift”. Here is my invitation to you to unwrap your gift. Please don’t wait.

- 1. Begin each day (or make time during your day) with God. Spend at least 30-60 minutes in Bible Study, prayer and meditation. Following the example of Jesus, let us wake up early in the morning to pray.**
- 2. Begin each week in God’s home. Make regular church attendance a scheduled event. Paul admonishes us to “not neglect our meeting together (Hebrews 10:25). Make attending worship a holy habit.**
- 3. Begin each month with a love-gift to God’s ministry through our church (orgive regularly). You can give without loving, but you can’t love without giving. The ministry depends on your giving.**
- 4. Be ready to continue being a spiritual supporter for our children and youth. Let us enhance this special ministry in our community. If we plant good seeds both within and outside of our church, we will have a wonderful harvest with much new fruit.**

If we keep on following these four ways to unwrap our gifts, our church will gain new heights in the future. Are you ready to unwrap your gift?

Have a wonderful New Year!



2019 in review!

It was another great year for our church family! We increased our membership with 8 wonderful people. We raised nearly \$12,000 for people in need, both here in our tiny town and across the nation and globe. We celebrated our love for our Lord and each other, both in worship and by gathering together at our Strawberry Social and Christmas Bazaar. During the year we lost some beloved friends and family members, and we grieve in their absence, but we also celebrate their new relationship with God.

