

# The Messenger

A Newsletter of the First United Methodist Church in Greene  
January/ February, 2018



## A New Year's Prayer from Pastor Michele

*"Now listen daughter, don't miss a word ... the king is wild for you. Since He's your Lord, adore Him."*

Psalm 45:10-11 (The Message)

Don't miss God's Word for you today: the King is wild for you. Not only is He wild for you, He gave His life for you. His Name is Jesus. He is "the One who is, the One who was, and the One who is coming" (Revelation 1:4). Did you hear John's words? He is coming! Hallelujah! The King is coming! And on that day, He will come:

- riding on the clouds in all His glory. (Revelation 1:7)
- wrapped in a blood-soaked robe, bearing His name: the Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)
- eyes ablaze with fire and crowns adorning his head. (Revelation 19:12)
- with His royal title etched on His robe and thigh: "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

(Revelation 19:16)

Until that glorious day, Jesus gives us a great promise. He is preparing a place for us. And when that place is ready, He will return for us. He asks only one thing: Make yourselves ready. Words from Psalm 45 speak to how we make ourselves ready: "Now listen daughter, ... Since he's your lord, adore him" (Psalm 45:10-11). Daughter of the coming King, your King who is wild for you, who is captivated by you, asks one thing as we await His return. He asks for our adoration ... our honor.

The first step of preparation is to walk in the reality of His sacrificial love ... to know that no matter our past, Jesus makes us beautiful. His sacrifice erases every drop of sin. He makes all things new! So, if you don't feel beautiful today or if you feel shame, guilt, hopelessness or unworthiness, remember this: Your King, Jesus, redeems. Your King restores. Perhaps you fear that if people saw the real you, the secret things you hide from the world, they wouldn't like you. Remember, your Savior knows everything. Nothing is hidden from His eye. And not only does He like you, He's wild about you!

Today, let's band together to honor and adore our King, to prayerfully prepare our hearts to walk in the newness of who we are in Jesus. Here is a New Year's Prayer to confirm our commitment:

Dear Jesus, You are awesome in glory and majestic in power. You are the King over all the earth, and You are my King. Today begins a new year for me. Thank You for Your promise that You're preparing a place for me. With that promise tucked in my heart, I can stand secure in You as Lord of my life. Thank You for sealing me with Your Spirit and engraving my name on the palm of Your hand. Thank You that You have made and are making me beautiful in Your sight. Help me to confidently walk in that beauty. Prepare my heart for my reunion with You at the foot of Your eternal throne. Awake my soul morning by morning to meet with You. Fix my heart on Your steadfast Word. Show me my sin. Humble my heart to repent of it. Sift me if You need to, Lord. Destroy in me anything that steals my affection from You. Give me an obedient, surrendered heart. Draw me close so that I can hear even the faintest of Your whispers. Saturate me with Your love so that I can love lavishly and give generously. Ignite a fire in my heart for more of You. Infuse me with the fullness of Your Holy Spirit power and use me as Your vessel. Revive me when I am weary. Strengthen me from within to walk in the plans You have for me, to follow Your will, even when it's hard. Enable me to trust You in all things. Show me Your ways and move my heart to walk in them.

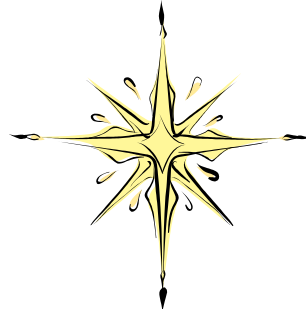
I love You, Jesus! And I ask all this in Your precious and holy Name. Amen.

From Pastor Michele (cont'd)

Just think of it! One glorious day, we will kneel as one family before the throne of the One whose Name is above every Name. Unimagined joy will fill our hearts as our eyes lock on those of our Reigning King, and we finally see Him face to face!

Grace and peace to you and yours in this new year!

*Pastor Michele*



## EPIPHANY

Come and celebrate the coming of the Wise Men.

Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> –

First United Methodist Church, Greene ~ 7:00 pm



### HELPERS, ETC.

January 7: Nursery – Ketcham Family  
UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> – Dylan Ketcham

*Communion: UMCOR Coin Offering Project*

January 14: One Room Sunday School  
UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> – Evans Family

January 21: Nursery – Estabrook Family  
UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> – Evans Family

January 28: Nursery – Jennifer Griffin  
UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Burghardt

February 4: Nursery – Lindsey B  
UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> – Gorsline

*Souper Bowl Sunday*

*Soup & crackers donation for food pantry –  
Communion UMCOR Coin Offering project*

February 11: Nursery – Natalie Specht  
UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> – Cummings Family

February 18: One Room Sunday School

February 25: Nursery – Jennifer Griffin  
UPK-2<sup>nd</sup> – Chrissy Smith

**BIRTHDAYS: January**

**February**

- 6. Anita Vassil
- 9. Emily Dunckle
- 10. Bob Clark
- 11. Roxanne Bell
- 13. Kevin Rounds
- 24. Grant Sullivan
- 26. Mary Zaengle, Esther Evans, Bud Zaengle
- 28. Julia Amell
- 31. Bettie Baldwin

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- 6. Anjolie Cronin
- 7. Addison Rowe
- 9. Ray Sullivan, Ann Marble
- 16. Jacob Acevedo
- 19. Ruth Young
- 22. Ashton Craver
- 23. Lester Crampton
- 27. Scott Craver

**ANNIVERSARIES: January**

**February**

None listed

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None Listed

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:**

No meeting in January.

In February meet at the home of Kay Clark (114 Cutler Rd.,) 9:30am. Make Valentines. Snacks provided.

**LECTORS**

January

- 7. Youth
- 14. Kristen Burghardt
- 21. Debbie Barnes
- 28. Lisa Loveless

February

- 4. Youth
- 11. Leslie Gorsline
- 18. Lorna Eroshevich
- 25. Ray Sullivan

**ATTENDANCE**

November

- 5. 85
- 12. 70
- 19. 67
- 26. 60

December

- 3. 75
- 10. 74
- 17. Not listed
- 24. 55 (morning  
33 (4pm)  
70 (8pm)

**COFFEE HOUR TEAMS**

January

- 7. Team # 5
- 14. Team # 6
- 21. Team # 1
- 28. Team # 2

February

- 4. Team # 3
- 11. Team # 4
- 18. Team # 5
- 25. Team # 6

**USHERS**

January

- 7. Mary Webb, Edie Miller
- 14. Millie Turner
- 21. Esther Williams/ Judy Kelly
- 28. Judy Halstrom/ Connie Smithka

February

- 4. Mary Webb/ Edie Miller
- 11. Judy Halstrom/ Connie Smithka
- 18. Millie Turner/ Edie Miller
- 25. Esther Williams/ Judy Kelly



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# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.  NEW YEARS DAY	2.	3.	4. Soup & Scripture Bible Study, 6pm	5. Epiphany Service 7pm	6.
7. Communion/ UMCOR Coin Offering  Sunday School resumes  Confirmation Class resumes 12:00pm	8.	9. Applefest 6pm  Choir, 7pm	10.	11.  Soup & Scripture Bible Study, 6pm	12.	13.
14. Leadership installations during worship  One-Room Sunday School  Confirmation Class 12:00pm	15.	16. GAC mtg. 7pm @ Central Bapt  Choir 7pm	17. Finance 6pm/ Ad Council 7pm	18. Soup & Scripture Bible study, 6pm  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	19.	20.
21.  Confirmation Class 12:00 pm	22.	23. Choir 7pm	24.	25. Soup & Scripture Bible Study 6pm	26.	27.
28  Confirmation Class 12:00pm	29.	30. Choir, 7pm	31.	\		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Soup & Scripture Bible study 6pm	2.	3.
4. SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY  Communion/ UMCOR Coin Offering  Confirmation Class 12:00pm	5.	6. Choir, 7pm	7.	8. Soup & Scripture Bible study, 6pm	9.	10.
11.  Confirmation Class 12:00pm	12.	13. Choir, 7pm	14. ASH WEDNESDAY worship, 7:30pm	15. Soup & Scripture Bible study, 6pm  Newsletter Deadline	16.	17.
18. First Sunday of Lent  One Room Sunday School  Confirmation Class 12:00pm	19.	20. Choir, 7pm	21.	22. Soup & Scripture Bible study, 6pm	23.	24.
25.  Confirmation Class 12:00 pm	26.	27. Choir, 7pm	28.			

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Thurs. Feb 15 – March/ April dated information please.