

FROM THE PASTOR:

This month, we find ourselves at the birth of a New Year and a New Decade, celebrating the abundance of our resources, joining our intentions for health and renewal with our desire for lives that are more loving and gracious. We are being challenged to reach out in love and share our abundance with the least, the lost and the lonely among us. What a great opportunity! What a wonderful challenge for us as we begin a new year that promises to be full of adventure and transformation!

A New Year often begins with a list full of new resolutions and new commitments. I don't know about you, but resolutions are not one of my strengths. I always start out strong and stumble in the first few weeks. We all know that change is hard; however, it is important to remember that change is not impossible! As we begin this journey together I am reminded of John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service. During this service, Wesley reminds us that we recommit ourselves to one another, to the work of the Gospel, and to be in a relationship with God. When we joined this church, we made a vow to participate in this community of faith through our prayers, presence, gifts, and service; we also were called to participate in the community we live in. During this gentle, joyful, hopeful season – a season of renewal and commitment, we are encouraged to renew our commitment to one another and to God.

The following is the covenant prayer that John Wesley wrote in 1775. I invite you to make this covenant your own: ***I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure; when there is work for me and when there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace. Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfillment and when it is lacking; when I have all things, and when I have nothing. I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose. And now, O glorious and blessed God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. May it be so forever. Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.***

May it be so – now and forever. May you be blessed with the gifts of God: hope, peace, joy, love, and renewal in this and every season.

Shalom, Pastor Greg

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

◆ Pastor Parish Committee

Sunday, January 12th @ 10:45am

◆ Education Committee

Sunday, January 12th @ 11:30am

◆ Worship Committee

Sunday, January 19th @ 10:45am

◆ **Finance Committee**

Sunday, January 19th @ 11:30am

Sunday, February 9th @ 11:30am

◆ **Trustees**

Monday, January 20th @ 6:00pm

SCOUT SUNDAY

Come and support our church Scout Troop on Sunday, February 9th at 9:30am. The scouts will participate in the worship service.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH @ 4:30PM

Soup Cook-Off. Bring your favorite pot of soup!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH @ 4:30PM

To Be Announced - Watch the bulletin for more information.

Scott County Clearinghouse:

NEEDS:

JANUARY: Monetary Donations:

Checks payable to Scottsburg UMC, Memo line: Clearinghouse

FEBRUARY: Cereal, Oatmeal, PopTarts, Bar Soap

January: Monetary Donations: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pop Tarts, Laundry Detergent

Please bring your items and place in the box in the north entrance.

CHURCH CALENDAR

If you have events and or meetings planned at the church, please call Beth at the office, so we can get those on the master calendar

Children's Church Memory Verses

January

Acts 16:31 -- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

February

Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

New Women's Bible Study Class

"Romans: Good News That Changes Everything"

A New Women's Bible Study Class will begin on Sunday, January 26 at the Scottsburg UMC from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The materials used for this 6-session study will be "Romans: Good News that Changes Everything" by Melissa Spoelstra.

You simply cannot escape bad news. Even when you vow not to listen to the news or read the latest blog, somehow negative headlines find ways to seep into your life. Amid stories of natural disasters, violence, and conflict, we sometimes forget the most important news of all. In the women's Bible study, *Romans: Good News that Changes Everything*, Melissa Spoelstra shows us that the gospel truths shared with the early church at Rome echo into our day, reminding us that we still have good news to embrace and to share with others. You'll be spiritually renewed in this six-week study and encouraged by the transforming Good News of the gospel regardless of what bad news you face.

If you would like to be a part of this bible study please call or email the church office to register by Sunday, January 19. Each participant that registers in advance will receive a bible study workbook on the night of the first lesson. A donation of \$20.00 per participant to help with study material expenses will be appreciated but not required. When registering please include your name, cell phone number, & email address. Contact the SUMC church office by phone: 812-752-3545 or email: bmaloney.sumc@gmail.com.