

Lamp^{lighter}

January 2019



from the
Pastor's pen

It is always amazing (at least to me) that we're beginning another new year. Without a doubt, 2018 was filled with joy AND sorrow, pain AND pleasure. And the best thing to remember is this: **That God was with us every step of the way! Each day God provided grace, love, blessings AND more.**

What should we expect in 2019? I, for one, want to get to January 1, 2020 and look back and know that expectations have been exceeded.

So, what should we expect of ourselves? What does God expect of us? Those are challenging questions, but remember that God exceeds all of our expectations.

Read it yourself:

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine..."

Eph 3:20

The truth is, 2019 won't be any different than the start of any year. However, new beginnings can remind us that we have limitations and we need to trust in God alone.

It is God who knows the future...and Our beginning and all the moments until our end. It is appropriate to ask WHO holds the new year in His hands?

Our challenge is this: How do we look at 2019 and have focus AND faith rather than fear? How do we keep from being distracted from the path God has planned for us?

- ❖ Focus
- ❖ Faith
- ❖ Determination
- ❖ Perseverance
- ❖ Commitment

All these things will keep us near enough to hear; we've got to be ready to listen.

A.D. 2019 is a lot like A.D. 19 – a year in which Jesus of Nazareth was learning to follow the Word of God in his life. Jesus learned to trust God, and so can we...so **MUST** we!

Dear Ones, while our lives are full of the unexpected, nothing takes our Lord by surprise. God has everything under control and possesses total knowledge. So, whatever happens this year, let's practice studying God's word for guidance, praising God in thanksgiving and sharing the marvelous God we serve at PPUMC and beyond. We can expect God's promises to sustain us. So Happy 2019! May the Lord bless you and keep you. And to God be the glory this year and always. I'm blessed to be in ministry with you at Pikes Peak UMC.

Pastor Dea

UMW Dorothy's Circle

**Pikes Peak United Methodist Church
December**

The December 6th meeting of the UMW Dorothy Circle met at 11:30 in Gamber Hall at Church for our traditional Christmas luncheon! In the last years, we have met at President LaVada Brown's home, which was greatly appreciated! This year 13 ladies were able to attend, with Pastor Dea doing the decorating and bringing the entrée while all the other ladies brought side dishes of salads, desserts and hors d'oeuvres! It was a feast! And a wonderful time of fellowshiping!

Pastor Dea took photos of the group as we gathered 'round the Christmas tree! After the meal we were encouraged to share our most memorable Christmas tree ornament, where and when we received it and why it is so important to us! Lots of happy memories were shared, some bringing a loving tear while others brought laughter, what a delightful time we had.

Thanks to each and every woman who was able to attend the luncheon, we look forward to the coming year with joy and anticipation for the work ahead our UMW will be involved in.

We will begin the New Year, 2019, on January 3rd by meeting for our prayer and self-denial program in Gamber Hall at Church. The Secretary will prepare a summary of what our group did in 2018 in preparation for the upcoming year. Hope to see everyone there! Happy New Year all...

Secretary
Gretchen



Dorothy Circle Christmas 2018

Front row (l-r): Susie Gallivan, Millie Ware, LaVada Brown, and Ruth Reed.

Back row (l-r): Rachel Thompson, Chery Wilson, Jessie Cooper, Sally Simmons, Denise Sherwood, Gretchen Arnold (peek,) Karen Wiest, and Ann Keetch.

Pastor Dea was the photographer.





Saturday, January 19th



The Dorothy Circle is meeting at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursdays of the month in Gamber Hall. January's meeting is the annual service of self-denial. All women are invited for this time of mission discussion and fellowship.



MINISTRY

****Join us for our committee meetings 2nd Saturdays 9 a.m.****

Contemplative Worship
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 4 p.m.
(Rachel Thompson's Home)

Gentle Tai Chi – led by
David Hays
Tuesdays @ 1 p.m.



Monthly Giving 2018

Monthly budget \$6451

October \$4009

November \$6352

December \$4878 (as of 12.22.18)



Birthdays

5 Rachel Mae Williams
8 Kelly Baines
11 Dalton Myers
 Melissa Baumgartner
13 Rachel Schilowsky
14 Mary Kay Marshall
18 Jessie Cooper
22 Jim Rawlings
 Marshel Thompson
23 Pastor Gene Sharp
24 Evelyn Drayton
 Lori Lee Keating
 Suzy Peet
28 Mel Trafton
30 Noah Baumgartner
 Levi Ware

Anniversaries

4 Russ & Virginia Van Der Wege
12 Cletis & Ruth Reed
16 Stephanie & Blake Adams
21 Bill & Carole Garriot
26 Tyler & Christine Wood

Westside Cares



Westside Cares needs:

Women's underwear - all sizes,
Boxers and briefs - men's - all
sizes, Men's shoes - size 9 or
larger, Adult socks, Girls socks,
Adult gloves, Mens jeans - size
30 - 36, Girl's underwear,
Family size toothpaste,
Deodorant, Tampons and pads,
Large shampoo and
conditioner, Empty pill bottles,
Plastic grocery bags. **NO
household items, please.**



SAVE THE DATES - JANUARY

UNDECORATE the Church
Saturday, January 5 @ 9:30 a.m.

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Administrative Council Meeting  
Sunday, January 13  
after worship



## *Grace Notes*

*This is a new feature in our  
Lamplighter newsletter.  
It will have thoughts and  
inspirations for a blessed life.*

Health enough to make work a  
pleasure.

Wealth enough to support  
your needs.

Strength enough to battle with  
difficulties and overcome them.  
Grace enough to toil until good  
is accomplished.

Love enough to move you to be  
useful and helpful to others.  
Faith enough to make real the  
things of God.

Hope enough to remove all  
anxious fears concerning  
the future.

*- Johann Wolfgang Goethe*



### Our SHUT INS:

Dick & Sue Bush,  
Maria Castle, Bill Edwards,  
Harmon Hammitt, Shirley  
Harr, Evelyn Hartley, Jim  
Hodges, Ruth Pierce, Rachel  
Schilowsky, LaMona  
Sherwood, Hal Smith

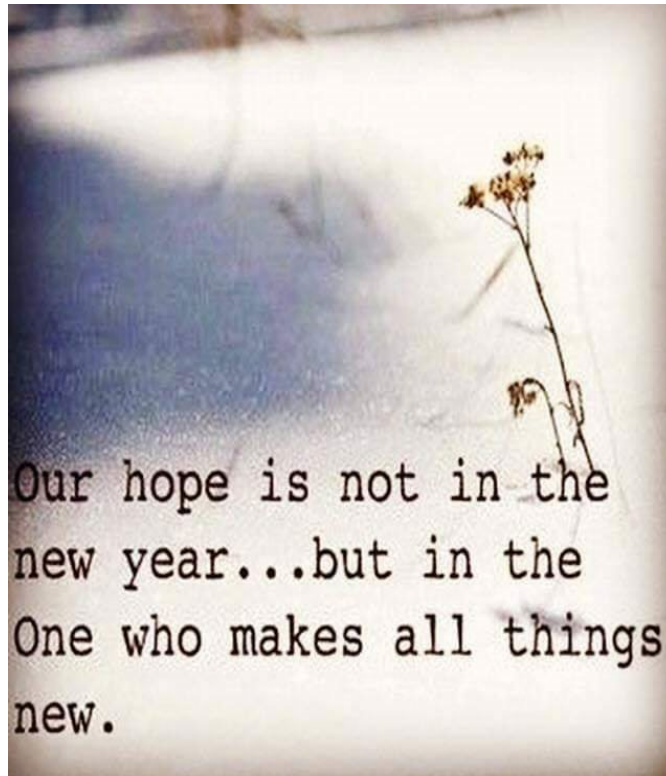
- Persons and families experiencing crisis
- The ministries of our church
- Neighbors – those we know; or not
- *Pastor Dea sends a weekly prayer email with our weekly list. Are you on the e-mail list?*



## **MEETING**

**Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**AFTER SERVICE**



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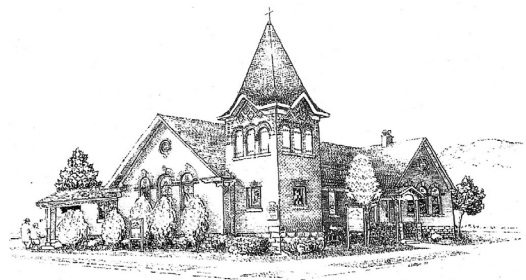
Sunday Worship 10:50 AM

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