

The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2020

A New Year with New Resolve.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ (Matthew 5:33-37a)

Are you one of those people who make New Years resolutions? You know, “this year I’m going to the gym, losing weight, volunteering more...” The kinds of promises you break when you show up to the gym and are surrounded by muscular rippled bodies, walk past the desert case, or realize you’re really shy. I stopped making those promises after years of making and breaking them because if I make a promise, the promise is more important to me than the goal.

Instead of the promise, I now resolve to “do better” or “try harder”. That way, if I fail, my integrity is intact.

What if we approach church the same way? What if our resolve was to do better or try harder. What if we, as a church decide to improve over 2019 so that at the end of the year, we might stand proud because our goals have been reached and maybe even exceeded. All without the extra pressure of a promise which we may without a thought somehow break. This year, let’s resolve be more than we were and look back on January 1, 2021 with pride”.

Blessings,
Pastor Scott

It's "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

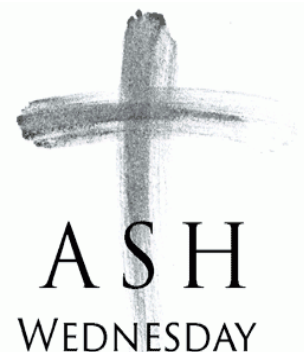
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY LUNCH
This Sunday, FEBRUARY 2nd.

FUND OUR MISSIONS AND FILL UP ON A
VARIETY OF SOUPS AND FIXINS *
Fellowship Hall ~11:00-12:00

*Please label the Soups you bring

February 26th is
Ash Wednesday

Let us observe the beginning of the Lenten Season with a Pancake Breakfast Meal starting at 5:30 followed by a 7:00pm service of the imposition of ashes and devotion of Lenten Discipleship.



ASH
WEDNESDAY

Youth News

Resurrection 2020

Four youth and two college students attended Resurrection 2020 with six adult leaders.

We thank Kim Eby, Mary Hatmaker, Kim and Greg Prater who provided leadership and transportation for our trip.

The speaker, Reggie Dabbs, shared his faith journey with us as he encouraged our youth to claim their places as God's child. All of the youth "loved Reggie and got a lot out of his stories".

Thanks be to God.

Carol Long

Thanks to all who are contributing to The Souper Bowl Sunday meal and all who attend on Sunday, February 2nd, the Youth appreciate you.

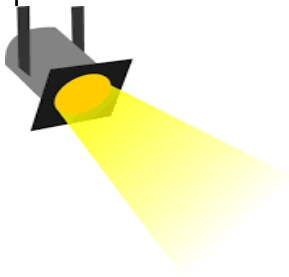
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Lessons & Carols Dec. 17, 2019

The evening of Praise through Lessons & Carols couldn't have been more perfect! The Music, Musicians, Vocalists and our own Choir were superb. The reception afterwards was well attended and the food wonderful. We want to thank all who donated their time & energies to this event and especially to our choir Director Josh Allen for his leadership, love and devotion to our Church.

A few photos for you.....

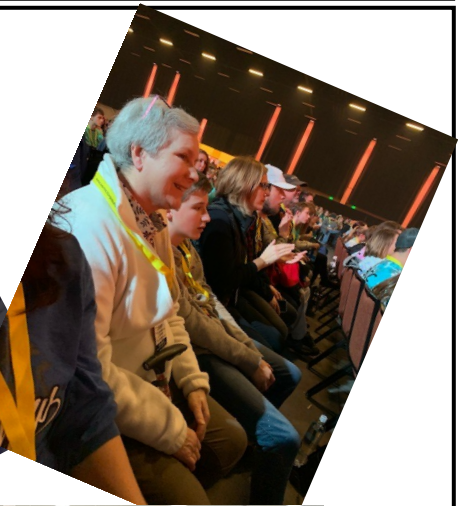




THE “FIX-IT” PEOPLE

Does anyone ever wonder who keeps the light bulbs replaced when it’s a little dark? Or, who makes the door quit sticking, or keeps the emergency lights working or who paints and tiles the out-of-order bathrooms? Who plasters walls? Who moves furniture from one room to another. Who plants Spring flowers, who waters those flowers thru the dry summers? Who trims the shrubs, cuts the grass (starting this spring)? Wonder no longer. They are the fine MEN & WOMEN volunteers of this Church. They are dedicated members with a skill or talent that just step up and Do-It. They are sitting around you in Sunday service, yet they do not ask for recognition. We want to say “THANK YOU” to each and everyone. Your deeds are recognized and appreciated by all of us. BRAVO !!!

“RESURRECTION 2020”



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