

# *The Methodist Messenger*

In the Spirit of John Wesley

*“Bringing faith into life by loving God  
and all people as God loves us”*



# JANUARY 2017

"You crown the year with your  
bounty, and your carts overflow  
with abundance."

Psalm 65:11

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*A New Year's Blessing  
from Pastor Cynthia*

*May the coming year be one of increased riches of grace—*

*Hearing His voice more clearly,*

*Knowing His heart more deeply,*

*Resting in His love more fully,*

*Trusting His care more completely,*

*Walking His pathway more peacefully,*

*Knowing His presence more intimately,*

*Blessed by His goodness more abundantly.*

~Roy Lessin

# Prayer Ministry

There's always room for prayer! We have a dedicated group among us that are anxious to pray with and for you and those you love and care about. Just indicate your request, concern or praise on your attendance card on any Sunday morning, and we'll take it from there.

Want to be added to our list of prayer warriors? Let us know on that attendance card.

As the third year of Angel Tree ends, I want to thank everyone that helped to make 2016 Angel Tree a success. I received all packages back by Dec. 11— I knew I could count on my church to come through. I have had some of you come up and want to help for 2017 year. I will be contacting you when the time gets closer. If there are any more that would like to help, please call or email, heck even text. This is a great ministry. Your ongoing support is awesome.



As I am writing this, I am looking at all the packages that I have in huge Christmas bags per family, wondering how I am going to get everything in my car to take to church for the Angle Tree Christmas party Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. I am going to call on a few that offered to transport these awesome gifts to church since I have not been well (liver infection), and am not supposed to lift. I will finish this writing after the Christmas party. The Christmas party well, we had some very nice, cute and thankful children in attendance, and lots of help. Thank you for helping. God is good. I know that several of you really put some thought into these gifts and wanted to get that one certain item that their angel would like. In just speaking to the parents/caregivers, they are so thankful to the church. For many of the children, these gifts are the only ones the children will be getting this year. In taking the gifts to the houses last year, a few didn't have a Christmas tree, the gifts were just put on the table.

For 2017, I would also like to include being able to give a gift basket of dry goods to each family, beans, pasta, canned veggies, no expired items please. I think that it would help these families out. God loves a cheerful giver.

Andrea McDonald  
360-4477 (cell) 530-3977 (home)



Hi all, hope your Christmas was great. I don't know about you, but it is weird to say 2017. I am pleased to be your UMW president for 2017. We have some interesting programs for you this year. I will be doing the January program. Be prepared to do some hands-on activities. Don't worry, they won't be graded. Please join us for our board and general meetings. For those who didn't like the meetings before, come back and give us another chance.

**We will be having a UMW district meeting at our church Jan. 14, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Please join us. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our District President is Betty Avery. She is very nice and welcomes all opinions.

Cat Barclay will be passing out a survey—please fill out and return it, we really want your opinion. Remember that we are all entitled to our own opinion.

**Board meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m.:** Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, we'll be off for July and Aug, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, no meeting in Dec.

**General meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month after coffee hour (will not go past an hour, maybe a little more):** Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16, Spring luncheon May 7, June 18, no meeting in July or Aug., Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, a gift exchange in Dec, maybe secret Santa.

**Spring luncheon will be May 7; and the Christmas Bazaar will be Dec. 9.** Hopefully all these dates work for everyone. These can always be changed, let me know your opinion.

**Your local board members are:**

Andrea McDonald: local President

Cat Barclay: local Vice President

*Cat Barclay is also the local Secretary, and would welcome someone else taking over the Secretary position. (Please contact Andrea McDonald at 360-4477 if you're interested.)*

Vicki Beeman: local Treasurer

I am also the District E & I, which is Education and Interpretation. I inform you and those in the district about Scholarships that are available for our ECCO Retreat March 10-12, 2017 (a Fri.-Sun. event). More information will be coming. Please let me know if you would like a scholarship and I will get you the necessary paperwork. Scholarships are available at the local, district and conference levels. If you want to attend, let me know. I would like to see more ladies from our church in attendance this year. Last year's program was great, even though it rained, the whole weekend was so relaxing.

The District also has scholarships available for Mission U. There will be a weekend event that will be at the end of July, with scholarships available for those that would like to attend. I also would like more ladies involved in Mission U. I went to the one on Climate Justice last year, it was very interesting. I was surprised. It is in Nevada this year. I will be going, and have room for 3 more. Please think about attending these events. Mission U will also have 2 other events in Aug., more

information will be coming.

Our church will also be working on Mission Today, which is a form that is to be filled out and returned to District.

Also, please consider getting involved in the Reading program. There are many books in the library that are part of the program. I recently picked up some more books. Each group of books focuses on an area of study. They are very interesting. The program book has more titles, some are available through the library. Last year, I got a book on tape. I like to listen while knitting or crocheting.

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Some thank yous to catch up on:

- Men who helped UMW have a good Fall Bazaar, including Roy Randles, Bob Peden, John Meadows, Jim Shoemaker and Bob Junell.
- Men and women who rang the Salvation Army bell at the Post Office December 10th, including Larry McDonald, Jim Gregory, Roy Randles, the musical combo of Bob Peden and John Meadows, Patty Ferrell, Cat Barclay, Samantha McDonald and Vicki Beeman.
- Men and women who helped make the Angel Tree party a success, including those who bought & wrapped the gifts, those who delivered them to absent families, those who provided cookies and juice and cups (Sue and Jeanette and Andrea), those who provided music and story (Rebeccah and Cat) and helped the families find our party location (Andrea and Chris and Janice) and made it a party (John and Samantha and Carol and Pastor Cynthia). A special thanks to Jim & Susan Boyd for getting Santa Claus to attend!

Thanks also to those who came to the Church charge conference. District Superintendent Debra Brady made us work for our business part of the conference, getting it done well and promptly. But then, on a Sunday when Pastor Cynthia had already preached to us one great sermon, DS Debra Brady spoke to us about being in a relationship with the Holy Spirit above us as are the fungi in a forest floor with the network of tree roots above them. It was amazing.

Our next UMM dinner meeting will be at 6:30 PM on the second Monday of January. Please call me for dinner reservations, or just show up and hope for leftovers.

- David Beeman, UMM President 584-2911

## Ministry Support Team (MST)

MST is the leadership group in our church that is tasked with caring for our resources; money, staff and building.

**Next Meeting:**  
**Thursday, January 12th**  
**at 5:00 pm**

## Trustee Report

A replacement thermostat/timer for the heating and A/C was installed in Mary Lane Hall.

A volunteer who would be willing to update the church property inventory is needed.

- Jim Gregory



## Choir Update

The choir will be singing during the worship services January 8th.  
We're looking forward to singing together again for our Lord!

In Christ,  
*Candy*

## WORSHIP CONNECTIONS

### Worship Coordinator

**Jan. 1:** Chris Payne  
**Jan. 8:** Cat Barclay  
**Jan. 15:** Peggy Gregory  
**Jan. 22:** Mary Jane Gozun  
**Jan. 29:** Chris Payne

### Lay Worship Leaders

**Jan. 1:** Sue Hensel  
**Jan. 8:** Carol Collar  
**Jan. 15:** Jan Franke  
**Jan. 22:** Bob Junell  
**Jan. 29:** David Beeman

### Greeters

**Jan. 1:**  
**Jan. 8:**  
**Jan. 15:**  
**Jan. 22:**  
**Jan. 29:**

### Ushers

**Jan. 1:** Verne Adams, Mike Bertaina  
**Jan. 8:** Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina  
**Jan. 15:** Creed Cavazos, Mike Bertaina  
**Jan. 22:** David Beeman, Jim Gregory  
**Jan. 29:** David Beeman, Bob Junell

### Counting Team

**Jan. 1:** Sue Hensel, John Meadows  
**Jan. 8:** Vicki Beeman, Patty Ferrell  
**Jan. 15:** Sue Hensel, Karen Shoemaker  
**Jan. 22:** David Beeman, Jim Gregory  
**Jan. 29:** Rebeccah Eversall, David Beeman

### Coffee Hour

**Jan. 1:** Diana & Lily Boone  
**Jan. 8:**  
**Jan. 15:**  
**Jan. 22:**  
**Jan. 29:**

**At FUMC Hanford, we take the vows of membership very seriously. We have promised to uphold the United Methodist Church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

***Please keep the following in your prayers this month:***

**Prayers of Health Concern**

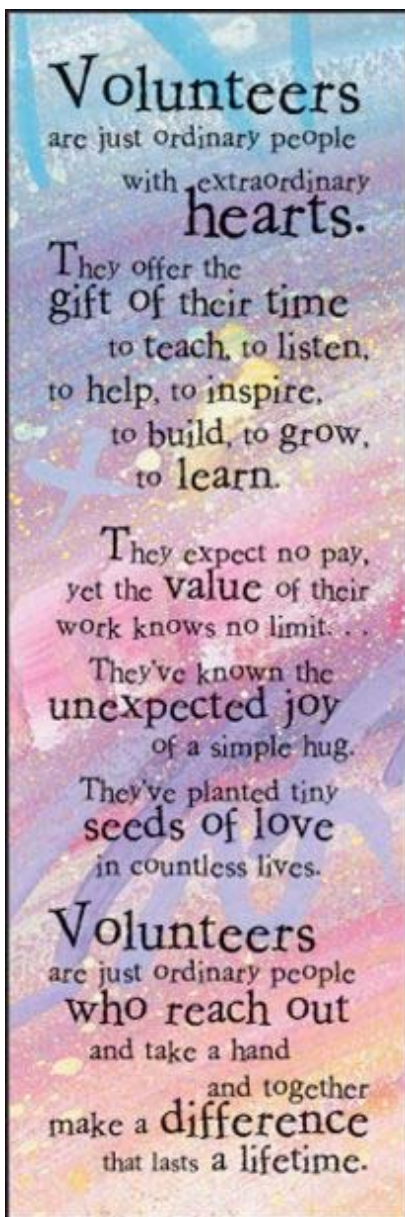
Tami Pick; Randy Chono; Dorothy Jensen; Bonnie Peters; Mary Durham; friends of Mary; Mary's sister, Ann Davis; Mary's niece, Myka Davis; Mary's nephew, Charles Gifford; Casey Lehtnen; Jim Taylor; Mike Pina; and Jan Junell.

**Praise Report**

Pollie's niece, Katrina Tolentino, passed the medical bar exam. Thank you for your prayers!

**Other Prayer Requests**

- For the friends and family who grieve the loss of Kathleen Wilson
- For all those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes
- For the end to violence against all people. For peace & love to prevail
- Police Officers, Firefighters, Ambulance and other first responders
- Those in the midst of crisis, tragedies, disasters, accidents and conflicts
- Laundry Love ministry, Salvation Army Food Giveaway, Shower Ministry, and our food offerings to the Soup Kitchen
- 1st Christian's Rev. Tom Warren & family
- For caregivers and those caring for their parents
- The Noonan, Castanon & Wilson Families
- Ministry Support Team & Trustees
- Thanksgiving for all the church volunteers who give so graciously of their time and talents. We are the church!



Wherever Methodists are gathered, there always seems to be food! If you agree (or not), won't you prayerfully consider hosting a Coffee Hour after church one Sunday morning?

Coffee Hour not your thing? How about greeting our church family and/or visitors on any given Sunday?

There are sign up sheets conveniently placed in the hallway on your way to fellowship after our worship service.



## Helping Hands Ministry

Be on the lookout for ways in which we can be of service to one another. When you find a way, offer help or let the Church office know.

Need help with a project or situation? Your church family wants to help. Please ask.

Want to help? We are building a data-base of people willing to help.

Please see Pastor Cynthia if you are interested in serving or have further ideas.





**Canned Food Drive  
For the  
Episcopal Church  
Soup Kitchen Report:**

This is a great opportunity to help in our community but will not be possible without your support, so please join our church in this battle against hunger. **Please no expired items.** There's a container in the main entrance where you may drop off your donations. Thanks again and God bless!

**Shower Ministry**

for the Homeless at The Hanford Pentecostal Church has been wonderful.

**Thank You to everyone who has donated.**

We will continue to collect in the coming months. Put items in the Narthex.

Needs: *Shampoo, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Talc or Baby Powder, Terry Bathmats*

**Peden's Family Cookbook  
For Sale \$20**

Makes a great gift this holiday season! Books can be purchased through church office.



LAUNDRY LOVE IS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT AMONG SEVERAL CHURCHES IN OUR COMMUNITY TO OFFER A REGULAR OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY TO COME AND DO THEIR LAUNDRY. LAUNDRY LOVE PROVIDES SOAP, MONEY FOR THE MACHINES AND FELLOWSHIP.

Our next Laundry Love event is planned for  
**Thursday, January 19th  
from 3-8 pm.**

Volunteers are needed! Talk with Peggy Gregory or just come on by!



**Mission Service Opportunity**

**Friday,  
January 20, 2017  
8 a.m. to noon**

**Salvation Army  
380 East Ivy Street**

Join us in helping distribute fresh food to those in need in our community.  
Volunteers are needed!  
Many hands make light work!



Join Other United Methodists in Music at the

**5th Sunday Sing**  
**January 29 - 3:00 PM**

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Carpooling available from our church