



Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

December 2018

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Adult Sunday School
Sundays—9am

Worship
Sundays—10am

UMW
2nd Thursdays—
6pm - December 13
No January meeting

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Christmas Friends

December 2 begins Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. This year, we are going to travel through the season with Charles Schulz's Peanuts characters as we discover what Christmas is really all about. I want to personally invite you to join us throughout the season, from helping



us decorate all the way to Christmas Eve service. We want all ages to join together from the oldest to the youngest to grow as disciples. Maybe, you are like Charlie Brown and don't feel like you are supposed to feel. Or, like Sally, you never get what you really want. Like Linus, you didn't even know they still made wooden trees. If you are feeling a little bit beat up by the commercialism and insistence to be jolly this season, Tanner Valley UMC is the place to find answers. Come and learn

about God's greatest gift, but also build friendships and find support through our Progressive Dinner and Christmas Café.

I also want to encourage you to keep an eye out for those around you who may be having a hard time this season. This season can intensive feelings of loneliness, grief, and sadness. As we approach the darkest day of the year, the darkness in our souls can seemed amplified. With that in mind, I encourage you to seek out those who are struggling this season, and invite them to Tanner Valley. God may use a child in the play to speak to their hearts. They may find a new friend through our Christmas Café. A new tradition like Christmas Eve Service may help them to look at the season through new eyes. Let us do our part in inviting those with no church home to join us in ours so God can his do his part of binding broken hearts.

Rev. Crystal Jacobson

UMW Update

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I am just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I am just another cook. If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing. If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't. Love bears

all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure.

I found this paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13. I had saved it from Tanner Valley newsletter from years ago. It really spoke to me in every day words that I understood. It still does! I hope you will read it over again and live my the words.

There were sixteen of us present at our November UMW meeting. Dorothy and Donna did a great job with their presentation and pumpkin pie.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas celebration on December 13 at 6:00p.m. We will have a pitch in dinner. Everyone brings a dish to share with all. We always have lots of food and lots of fun and fellowship. Plan to attend and share the Christmas spirit.

Wishing you the happiest of holidays!!

Nancy



Christian Education Updates

Can I let you in on a little secret? My kids and I have been listening to Christmas music since way before Thanksgiving. Gasp! I know, I know...in years past, I have usually waited until after the November holiday to even think of considering Christmas music as a valid choice. But, one day I turned on the radio as I drove my boys to school and there it was, the Hallmark Christmas Music Channel. The three of us really enjoyed the music that day, and the next day, and the next day, and, well, you get the picture. It made us happy to sing along to the familiar tunes. One of our favorites is "White Christmas," especially when being sung by Bing Crosby. The song was written in 1940 by Irving Berlin and first introduced by Bing on his radio broadcast on December 24, 1941, just a few weeks after Pearl Harbor. Over thirty years later, "White Christmas" was used as part of the evacuation signal for Americans in Saigon. The code was: "The temperature in Saigon is 105 degrees and rising." This will be followed by the playing of "White Christmas." So what is your favorite secular or religious Christmas song? I hope you get a chance to listen to it or sing it with people you love this holiday season.

I've always found the following scripture to be musical to my ears and maybe you will, too..."For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9:6

-Amy Delp

Christian Education Happenings and Updates:

On December 16, during the worship service, our Tanner Valley kids will be performing "A Charlie Brown Christmas." You won't want to miss this timeless classic!

There will be no Christian Edu. meeting in December. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at 7 p.m.

Council Highlights

The Administrative Council met on November 7, 2018 with eight of seventeen members present. Kim called the meeting to order after which Pastor Crystal offered a prayer asking for wisdom and discernment in our decision process.

Finance and Treasurer's Report: Peg provided the treasurer's report for the month ending October 2018. The following is a summary of that report.

For the General Account, there were deposits of \$7,509.00 and withdrawals of \$9,860.39 leaving a balance of \$2,778.32. Average weekly giving through 43 weeks is \$2,095.50 and this is \$512.83 below the weekly budget need of \$2,608.33. All expenses have been met.

For the Special Account, there were deposits of \$5,448.50 and withdrawals of \$11,446.94 leaving a balance of \$15,425.74. The deposits and withdrawals reflect the activity in the Faith Promise account as a result of Faith Promise Sunday and withdrawals for payments to the selected mission organizations.

The 2019 budget worksheet was provided with an explanation on the proposed items. The requirement for those committee chairs with General Account budget areas are asked to review their areas and be prepared to discuss changes or proposals in the December Finance Committee meeting.

Trustee Committee: The Memorial Committee has provided a list of uses for memorial funds. The Trustee Committee is working on some of the items, such as a new sign by the road. This will be discussed at their meeting the week of November 11th.

Christian Education and Family Ministry Committee: Pastor Crystal reported on the Junior Group. Attendance has been between 7 and 14 for the meetings with 22 different attendees overall. The children have extended invitations to their friends a total of 31 times.

Missions Committee: In their last meeting, they discussed how to divide up the work so that Jean can begin to take a lesser role during the coming year. She and Mary Schneider will co-chair the committee but they will share responsibility for certain activities with other members of the committee.

Pastor Crystal provided the following information.

Nominations for committee membership are complete and will be published near the end of November.

She met with the Memorial Committee and noted that letters have been sent to memorial families and donors.

There are two families seeking baptism for their young children. These will be scheduled for around Thanksgiving or early December.

Pastor Crystal will not be available December 25– January 1.

Larry Delp, Council Secretary

WORSHIP SERVANTS

December 2

Greeter

Lois Blodgett

Acolyte

Bella Hoffman

Reader

Kim Schmeltzer

December 9

Greeter

The Feller Family

Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

Reader

Barb Branigan

Ushers

P. Titkemeyer, D. Chapman, J. Vandermuellen, R. Hesse

GIC

Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

December 16

Greeter

The Huddleston Family

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Dorothy McCool

Ushers

Bill & Debbie Robertson,
Paul & Nella Hoffbauer

GIC

Donna Morgan, RuthAnn Hoyt

December 23

Greeter

John & Barbara Vandermuellen

Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

Reader

Larry Delp

Ushers

Doug & Cathy Dorsel,
Rich & Nancy Hesse

GIC

J.Schmeltzer, P. VanDyke

December 30

Greeter

Norma Dean Fox

Acolyte

Bella Huffman

Reader

Tracey Meyer

Ushers

Kim & Jean Schmeltzer,
Larry & Peg Delp

NOTE: Assigned Worship Servants are requested to find a replacement if they will not be able to fulfill their duties on the date indicated. Trading places a week or so before avoids any confusion on the assigned date.

Thank you for volunteering and for

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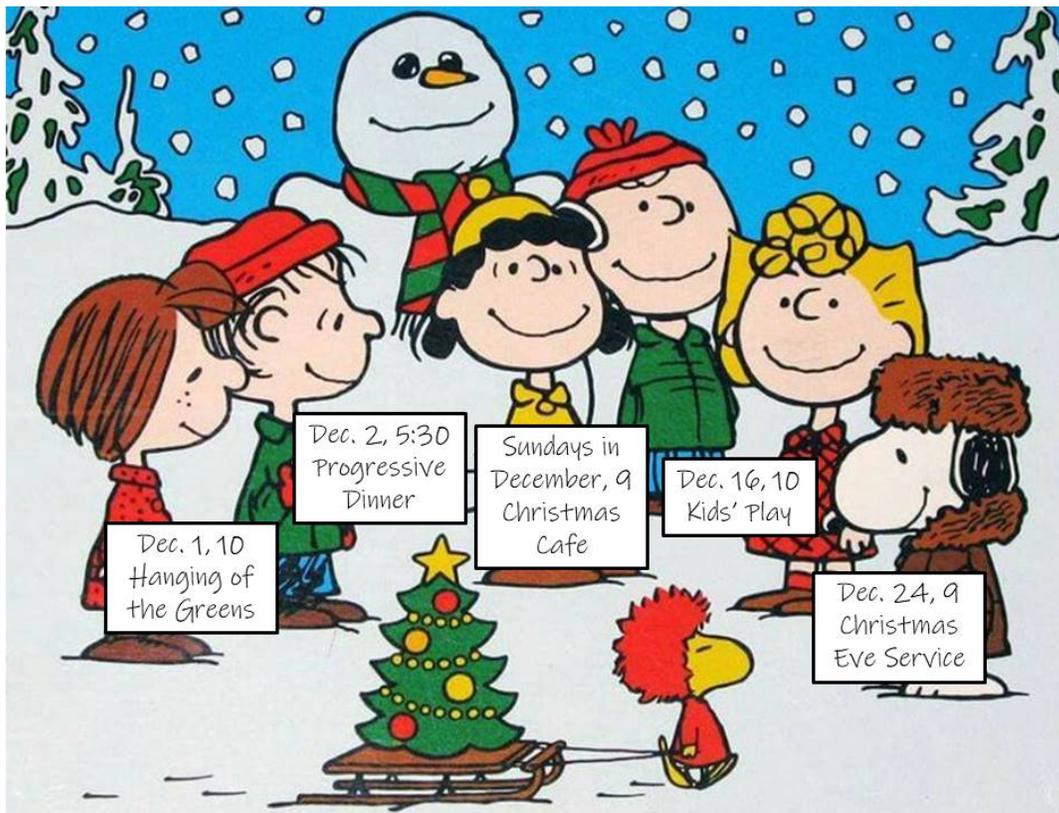
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	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
2	9am Christmas CqFé 3pm Junior Group 5:30pm Progressiv dinner	3 7pm-Missions	4 1:30pm-Nursing Home	5 6:30pm Heart House	6	7	8 10am Hanging of the Greens 10am Rivertown Quilters
9	9am Christmas CqFé 3pm Junior Group	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	9am Christmas CqFé 3pm Junior Group	17	18	19	20 6pm UMW Dinner	21	22 Newsletter deadline
23	9am Christmas CqFé	24 Christmas Eve Worship	25 Christmas Eve Worship	26	27	28	29
30	9am Christmas CqFé	31 Christmas Eve					

BIRTHDAYS: 4-Pam VanDyke; 6-Martha Fields; 9-Samantha Maxfield; 10-Nick DeLuca, Mary Schneider; 15-Diane Goodwin; 26-Derrick Robertson, Ryleigh Offutt; 31-Lauren Cline

ANNIVERSARIES: 6-Nick & Crystal Jacobson; 22-Charles & Lois Blodgett; 22-Steve & Candy Feller; 26-Larry & Peg Delp; 29-John & Sharon Huddleston

...MAKING DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST...

January 2019



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		1 	2 6:30pm Heart House 7pm PPR meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3pm Junior Group 7pm Missions						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3pm Junior Group 6:30pm Feed My Sheep 7pm Rivertown Quilters						
20	21  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	22	23	24	25	26
7pm Christian Edu.						
27	28	29	30	31		

BIRTHDAYS: 6-Nancy Hesse; 8-Jacob Dorsel; 15-Ethan DeLuca; **ANNIVERSARIES:** 23-Gerald & Lucy Bowell
20-Richard Goble; 26-Lydia Jacobson; 31-Dylan Williams