

The Grapevine

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This Month's Events



New Years Day
January 1



Square dance
January 18

An Irish toast for the New Year; "May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."

Pastor's Paragraphs

As we begin a new year, I can't think of any better way to start it off than to make a plan to read and study the Bible in the year ahead. Make it a plan simple enough that you'll be able to keep up with it. A chapter a day is a good way to start. Begin reading Genesis or one of the gospels. Or you can read the book of Acts which tells how the church got started. If you're really crunched for time just pick a chapter in the New Testament and read a verse a day.

Don't worry about things you don't understand, just let God speak to you as you read. Usually something will jump out at you that you can focus on during the day and give you direction. Another idea is to partner with a close friend or family member and then compare notes on what you each found most interesting. Remember God wrote the Bible not to impress us with His wisdom but to speak to us each day, so listen as you read and see what God has to say about your life and the direction He may be leading you in the year ahead. Have a Happy New Year and may God fill each day with His goodness and His love.

Pastor Trevor



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful dish garden that you sent for my Dad's funeral. I really appreciated all your thoughtful cards and expressions of sympathy and support. I was overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness.

Love,
Trevor and Carol

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Trevor and United Methodist Church,

We want to thank you for your part in making this year's Outpost a success. We had the opportunity to hand out over 2,000 Bibles across Macomb County. Thank you for letting us partner with you to reach the community of Romeo!

We know that the Word of God does not return void, and we were reminded of that promise this year. We received a testimony that one of our packages sat unopened in a home for over a year. The woman proceeded to tell us that she had opened it three days prior, and had been reading it ever since. This is why we do what we do. Please keep us in your prayers as we go forward with what God has placed on our hearts.

Thanks again,

Don and Amy Cade
Outpost Ministries, Inc.

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



If you don't have plans for New Year's Eve, celebrate with your church family. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on December 31st in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack or a dessert and your favorite game. Bring friends and family! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

JANUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP TIME

5th Sandy Edwards and Linda Eastman
 12th Lynn & Bob Bachholzky and Bev & Dave Lee
 19th Mischele Makhlouf and Becky Laseke
 26th Louchrisa and Phil Schwan



NURSERY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Service

5th Naomi Stasak
 12th Joyce Benham
 19th Craig and Judy Engwall
 26th Dave and Lisa Faris

11:00 A.M. Service

5th Lamb Family
 12th Dale and Jenny Teller
 19th Louchrisa Schwan
 26th Lamb Family



GREETERS

9:00 A.M. Service

5th Naomi Stasak
 12th Stella Wheeler
 19th Sue Rhoads
 26th Ginny Power



COMMUNION STEWARDS

January 5 - Pews

9:00 a.m.
 Joyce Benham
 Becky Laseke

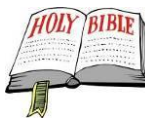


11:00 a.m.
 Marty and Karen Rastigue
 Elaine Parr

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

9:00 Service

5th Nancy Domke
 12th Sue Coker
 19th Gwen Beskin
 26th Steve Domke



11:00 Service

5th Steve Trenchemontagne
 12th Carol Herm
 19th Marty Rastigue
 26th Laurie Trenchemontagne

Sound Board

5th Claudia Royal
 12th Mischele Makhlouf
 19th Laurie Bennett
 26th Dave Beskin

Altar Flowers

5th Open
 12th Carol Vergaeghe
 19th Open
 26th Open



*Please be sure to submit dedication form and payment to the church office one week before flowers are sponsored so that they can be ordered from the florist.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Seasonal Flowers	Mary Jo Hosler	586-337-2692
Baby Blanket Ministry	Ilene Lock	586-752-3952
College Ministry	Paula Grooms	586-752-4003
Fellowship Hour	Becky Laseke	586-337-1361
Greeters	Gayle Beitel	586-232-3388
Nursery	Laura Salsido	586-752-1039
Sound Board	Dave Beskin	586-781-8346
Ushers	Craig Engwall	586-504-6655
Communion	Marilyn Bracy	586-752-6964

USHERS SCHEDULE

	Traditional Service	Contemporary Service
5 th and 12 th	Craig Engwall – Lead, Judy Engwall, Hannah Engwall, Tom Weeks	Don Adkin
19 th and 26 th	Janet Bauer – Lead, Derek Beaumont, Sue Rhoads, Doug Forsgren	Doug Posey

RUMC January 2020 Calendar

Wed	1 st	New Years Day Office Closed	
Sun	5 th	Communion Sunday	
Tue	7 th	SPRC Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mon	13 th	Finance Meeting Church Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sat	18 th	Square Dance	6:00 p.m.
Sun	19 th	Bless Your Heart Blood Pressure Check	10:15 a.m.
Mon	20 th	Martin Luther King Day	

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and concern for my recent hip surgery. Recovery is going well! Thank you to Pastor Herm and Carol for the visit and also for the prayer shawl!

Laurie Trenchemontagne

Weekly Meetings

Communion Sunday	First Sunday of each month		
Traditional Service	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Fellowship Time	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Prayers for Church	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Prayer Room 106
Contemporary Service	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Christian Counseling	Monday	10:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Library
UMW Bible Study	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	
Knitting Class	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Room 110
His Table Community Meal	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Men's Fellowship	2 nd & 4 th Tues	7:00 p.m.	Room 107
Santa's Workshop	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	
Hand Bell Choir Practice	Wednesday	6:45 p.m.	Choir Room
Christian Counseling	Wednesday	12:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Library
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Choir Room
Turning Point Office	Tue & Thurs	9:30 a.m.	Room 106
AA Meeting	Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The chili cookoff and talent show will be Sunday, February 9th, so get your favorite chili recipe out, and also get practicing your talent. More details to follow.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE 2019

The 12th Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar and Rummage Sale was a success thanks to the generosity of so many. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents in any way – the elves who created our items every Wednesday, the bakers, soup makers and volunteers who worked on the day of the Bazaar and Rummage sale, and everyone who donated to the Rummage Sale. Thanks also to Barry Benham, Larry Back and Nathan for all the heavy lifting and to Ed Buckner who put up our banner. It is such a blessing to be part of a generous and caring church family.

Santa's Workshop will start again on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to begin planning our 13th Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar and Rummage Sale. We meet every Wednesday and everyone is welcome. If you feel you are not "crafty" we can find something for you to do, or you can just sit and visit.



January

Birthdays

3rd Joyce Benham
 Elaine Roberson
 5th Nancy Garner
 8th Amira Adams
 Ed Buckner
 11th Chris Smiles
 13th Judy Howard
 16th Larry Back
 Susan Rhoads
 John Wiers

18th Shelly LaLonde
 21st David Beskin
 Laura Forsgren
 Louchrisa Schwan
 23rd Doris Hicks
 25th Laurie Bennett
 Melissa Lewis
 27th Rachel Adams



Come have some fun square dancing on Saturday, January 18th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with caller Walt Zatorski. No experience needed. Snacks (no meal) will be served. Bring friends and family. Sign up sheet will be in the lobby soon.

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have you enjoyed a delicious treat and a hot cup of coffee on Sunday mornings following the 9:00 service, then we need your help. The 2020 Volunteer Schedule for Fellowship is being coordinated and there are Sundays with no volunteers. No volunteers mean no treats or coffee.

No experience is necessary as you will be paired with experienced volunteers. All the supplies, this includes treats and beverages, are provided by the church. You are welcome to bring your own treats if you wish, but it is not necessary. Cookies, donuts and other treats are always kept in the church freezer for Fellowship Hour and coffee and punch supplies are also available.

If each member or family in the church took a turn volunteering for Fellowship Hour, we would fill the schedule for the entire year. We presently have some wonderful volunteers helping with Fellowship Hour but I don't think it is fair to ask them to serve more than twice a year. It takes at least 3 people per Sunday for fellowship to go smoothly.

I am asking that you might consider volunteering to help with fellowship. It takes only getting to church a little before service to make the preparations.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Laseke at 586-337-1361.

Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 10/31/19

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$ 285,215	\$ 301,768	\$ -16,553
Expenses	<u>293,930</u>	<u>301,768</u>	<u>- 7,838</u>
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* Ministry shares are paid 100% through 10/31/19.

Please continue to be faithful in your 2019 giving which supports your church's mission for the coming year.



***** Your church needs your Financial Support!**



January Food Pantry Needs:

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| Jelly | Coffee |
| Pancake Mix | Tea |
| Cereal | Dish Soap |
| Saltine Crackers | Laundry Detergent |
| Sloppy joe mix | Shampoo |
| Canned Beets | Shaving Cream |
| Children’s Snacks | Disposable Razors |

We appreciate any non-perishable food items and toiletries that you can donate. THANK YOU! ☺

During the month of November, Samaritan House served 479 individuals including 12 new families. Volunteers worked a total of 855 hours. 202 Thanksgiving baskets were distributed

Please bring your donations to Samaritan House, 62324 Van Dyke (between 28 & 29 Mile Roads) in Washington Twp. on Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can contact Samaritan House at (586) 336-9956. Donations are also accepted at the Graubner Library or outside the church office.

Free Income Tax Preparation...Sign Up!

Every year, Samaritan House partners with the Accounting Aid Society to bring free income tax preparation to residents of Northwestern Macomb County.

To qualify, residents must have an individual or family income not exceeding \$55,000.

Income tax appointments begin Jan. 25, 2020 and continue every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., through April 11, 2020.

If you are eligible for this **free** service, we will start taking appointments on Jan. 7, 2020. Please call Samaritan House to set up your appointment at (586) 336-9956 beginning Jan. 7.



Please join us for a fun-filled evening that includes dinner, entertainment and great company!

Dinner to include penne pasta with meat sauce, bowtie pasta with Alfredo sauce, chicken, vegetable, salad, bread and dessert. Beverages included are coffee, tea, pop and juice. A cash bar and Gluten-free pasta will also be available.

- Enjoy strolling music by **John and Rick Salsido** of Wayward Wind
- Strolling comedian/magician **Jason Abbott**
- **Raffle baskets, Money tree and 50/50 drawing**

Our goal is to raise \$15,000, which will enable us to stock our food pantry for two months!

Get your tickets early. This event has sold out two years in a row.

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Tammy at shevents@att.net or call (586) 336-9956

Did you know that Samaritan House delivers groceries to 20 to 25 homebound local residents each month? And you can help!

Because we are expanding this program, deliveries now take place on the third Wednesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. They take 1-2 hours. We are always looking for drivers!

If you can help, contact Judy at (586) 336-9956 or by emailing samaritanhouse@sbcglobal.net

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS FOR 2020

Mark your calendar!!



Saturday, January 18, 6-8 p.m.	Square dance
Sunday, February 9, 5 p.m.	Chili Cook Off and Talent Show
Sunday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Lenten Meal & Study
Saturday, March 14, 6-8 p.m.	Square dance
Sunday, April 26	Family bowling
Thursday, May 7	Prayer Breakfast at Simpson Park
Saturday, May 16, 6-8 p.m.	Square dance
Sunday, June 7, noon	Picnic and Games
July 24-August 2 Wednesday, July 29	Simpson Park Camp Meetings Pizza and camp meeting together
Saturday, August 15	Photo Road Rally
Saturday, September 19, 6-8 p.m.	Square dance
Saturday, October 17	Hayride and bonfire
Saturday, November 14, 6-8 p.m.	Square dance
December	Secret Santa
Sunday, December 13	Adult Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 31	New Years Eve Party
Watch for more details to come	