

### Calendar for the Week

Sunday	Jan	19	9:00am	Chapel Prayer
Our nursery is staffed from 9:00am – 12:30pm			9:30am	Courtyard Fellowship
			9:45am	Sunday School
			11:00am	Worship
				Human Relations Day Special Offering
			12:30pm	Youth Fellowship
			3:00pm	Children's Teaching Training
			7:00pm	SPRC Meeting
Monday	Jan	20		Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
				Church Office Closed
Wednesday	Jan	22	6:00pm	Covered Dish
			7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	Jan	25	10:00am	Memorial Service for Suebelle Jackson
Sunday	Jan	26	9:00am	Chapel Prayer
			9:30am	Courtyard Fellowship
			9:45am	Sunday School
			11:00am	Worship – The Master's Men
			5:00pm	Trustees Meeting
			6:00pm	Finance Meeting
			7:00pm	Church Council Meeting

### Upcoming Birthdays

January	February		
19 Sally Doyle	2 Heidi Hamilton	13 Huntsie Strickland	
20 Chris Coffman	2 Patti Queipo	14 Sherrell Taylor	
20 David Ennis	5 Ronnie Wood	14 Deborah Wood	
22 Cheryl Coats	7 Brandon Tyndall	17 Harold Butts	
29 Elizabeth Barina	11 Anna Uzzell	18 Willie Ferrell	
30 Ashley Woodrow	11 Attie Ross Welch	19 Sharon Perry	
30 Jack Woodrow	13 Bill Creighton	19 Betsy West	

*Is your birthday missing? Contact the church office to add.*

### The Food Pantry Needs You

There are two opportunities each month to volunteer at Dunn's Food Pantry on the second and fourth Tuesdays. There are many ways to help on each of these food distribution dates. Please consider volunteering this month on January 28 from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

### Church Communications

If you are not currently receiving church communications via email and would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact the church office to make sure we have your current email on file. Thank you!

### Youth Fellowship after Worship Today

Let's kick off 2020 with lunch and fun! Youth will meet today from 12:30 – 2:30pm. Mrs. Julie has great things planned!

### Children's Teaching Training - Today at 3:00pm

Come peek behind the curtain to learn all the tips and tools to serve as a Sunday School teacher or Children's Church leader. Engage with the teaching materials, explore the classroom, and learn from your fellow church members' firsthand experiences. Join us for this exciting service opportunity open to both men and women. You will grow as much as our children! Training will be held in the Visioning Center from 3:00 – 4:00pm. Please contact Julie Malcolm at 704-881-3311 or [jmalcolm1@gmail.com](mailto:jmalcolm1@gmail.com) to find out more.

### Covered Dish Supper Planned for January 22

Let's start the New Year out right and share our first meal together in 2020! Bring your favorite recipes to share! We will need meats, veggies, casseroles, rolls, scrumptious desserts and anything more you'd like to bring.

### 2020 Volunteer Coordinators

We have numerous opportunities for church volunteers. Below is a list of coordinators for each of our volunteer areas for 2020.

Acolytes:	Caroline Wilson
Altar Flowers:	Huntsie Strickland
Altar Guild:	Susie Creel
Children's Church:	Julie Malcolm
Nursery:	Heidi Hamilton
Ushers:	Lois Dail

If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact the coordinator or call the church office at 910-892-2339. There are many other serving opportunities available for anyone interested. Please contact Pastor Beth for details. Thank you so much for your willingness to serve!

### Divine Street Preschool Taking Applications for 2020-21

The Divine Street Preschool is now accepting applications from within our congregation for the 2020-21 school year. Applications will be made available to the community on February 1. To apply, or for more information, please contact our Preschool Director, Patti Queipo at 919-207-7238.

### The Master's Men Ensemble

Sunday, January 26 – 11:00am

*Celebrate the gospel message of God's love in songs performed by this exciting male a cappella choir.*

**<https://mastersmen.org>**

## Human Relations Day

### Every One of Us is of Sacred Worth

We are all family. When we walk past our neighbor who is hiding in plain sight, we limit the gifts and graces that our sisters and brothers in Christ bring to the table. We limit the experiences, the voices and the beloved community that take place through mutual sharing of gifts. With a special offering celebrating Human Relations Day, we join with United Methodists around the world, remembering that the size of the table of divine love is unlimited.

Across the United Methodist connection we come together to help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in an offering set aside for Human Relations Day. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: all of God's children are important.

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. On Human Relations Day, we join other UMC congregations in a special offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

In recognizing Human Relations Day, we are called to make an impact in communities where people struggle because they don't have the tools or resources to reach their God-given potential. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens.

Did you know:

- 57% of giving on Human Relations Day supports Community Developer Programs?
- your gifts on Human Relations Day help train over 125,000 volunteers?
- your gifts on Human Relations Day help at-risk youth and youth offenders?
- giving on Human Relations Day has supported a volunteer program since 1976?

Learn more about our rich and long history of generosity at <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/human-relations-day>. Our hope is to inspire you to learn more about the work we accomplish together through the ministry we call connectional giving. Please use the special envelope provided for your gift and place in the offering plates this morning.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

inspired by Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

You command us, Heavenly Father, through your prophet Isaiah to listen and pay attention, for we are far away from you. The sharp tongues of the prophets do not let us have a glib faith. Your Son, our Savior, has been sent as our light in a dark world.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Father God, you listen to us like you listened to the Psalmists when we sing our songs, cry our laments, and put our trust in your gracious mercy. Help us delight in your will. Put your law and your help in our hearts, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have called us to be saints together. As we grow in our faith in your Body, the church, fill us with your spiritual gifts, that we may not be lacking in zeal or courage.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Lamb of God, John the Baptist proclaimed that you take away the sin of the world. Take away our sin, our selfishness, that we may be your people in a world that needs you more than it can admit. Help us take no offense in the fact that we need you too.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Open our ears, Holy Spirit, that we may hear your call through the Scriptures, the preaching of your word, the singing of your inspired hymns, and the praying of our prayers. When we hear you call, may we walk with you as readily as Andrew and Peter.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We bring before you those whom we know need healing, hope, and heavenly help. As we name them in our hearts or have spoken them aloud, touch them, and us with your presence.

Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Make all our petitions selfless, like those you taught us to pray. And hear us now as we lift our voices together in the way you taught us to pray.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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