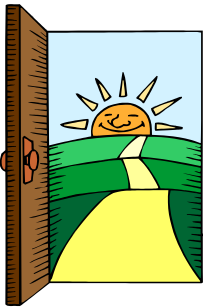




The Open Door
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PUMC Connections

From the desk of... Reverend Thomas A. Davenport

New Year, New Day!

Every year, we are given a chance to push the reset button! It comes in the form of January 1st each year. Of course, this is actually an arbitrary day, something that we assign to that day, probably associated with a time near the longest day of the year (actually December 21-22 should be the beginning of the new year, but nobody asked me!)

The opportunity is that we each get a time to say, from this day, I would like to do this...

From this day, I would like to change this... or do less of this...or more of this...and it is helpful that many people are thinking the same way.

You will notice lots of ads for smoking cessation and exercise equipment! It is also a great day to evaluate what we are, and decide if that is who we want to be!

The United Methodist Church is also in this process. At our General Conference in 2016, the delegates asked the Council of Bishops to help the General Conference with issues facing the Church related to Human Sexuality. We all know how the world has changed, and our government laws regarding homosexuality have changed. We may agree with these changes, or we may disagree. We are all part of the change.

The same is true of the Church Universal. Some of the parts of the church have taken a stand with an orthodox position on sexuality, and other parts of the church have chosen to be more accepting and welcoming. The United Methodist Church has created an international commission called "The Way Forward", which has been meeting to discuss how we can approach the issues we face. They are people of all theological persuasions, liberal and conservative, young and older, male and female, clergy and laity. They hope to present a document that will help us as a denomination. This may prove to be true, or it may convince some that a schism is necessary. (a schism is a splitting away from the denomination or dividing creating a new denomination).

It is a discussion every local church ought to have, and I hope that this year, we as a church will sit down together and talk frankly and honestly with each other about sexuality and the church. Keep watching this spot!

Pastor Thom

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Deadline
For February Issue:
Monday January 15, 2018

January 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Family Fun Night 6pm Basketball in the Gym 7-8pm	Chimes 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	Girl Scouts Parents Mtg 6:30 SH	Cub Scouts 6:30-8 pm Gym	
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	8 Boy Scouts 6-8:30 SH/Gym	9 Family Fun Night 6pm Basketball in the Gym 7-8pm	10 Chimes 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	11 Girl Scouts 6:30 SH	12 Cub Scouts 6:30-8 pm Gym	13 Cub Scouts 11-3 Gym
14 8am Mens' Breakfast-Michelles 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	15 Boy Scouts 6-8:30 SH/Gym	16 Family Fun Night 6pm Basketball in the Gym 7-8pm	17 Chimes 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	18 Pre-school Parents Mtg 6:30 SH Juice Plus 6:45pm Lounge Trustee Mtg 7pm-YL	19 Cub Scouts 6:30-8 pm Gym	20 Visioning Day 10-2 SH Cub Scouts & Pack Mtg 4-8:30 SH/Kit/Gym
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	22 Boy Scouts 6-8:30 SH/Gym Finance Mtg 7pm Conf. Rm.	23 Family Fun Night 6pm Leadership Council 7pm Lounge Basketball in the Gym 7-8	24 Chimes 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	25 Girl Scouts 6:30 SH	26 Cub Scouts 6:30-8 pm Gym	27
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Head Usher for January: Dave Schmitt
Trustee on Duty for January: Jim Pierce



1 Jean Closson	13 Adam Fulop
1 Russ DeBoer	14 Emily Miley
5 Katelyn Ford	18 Lilian Fulop
7 Mark MacCarron	18 Michelle VanderMeer
8 Sue Gartz	20 Richard Burton
9 Steve Carstens	20 Allison Gumper
9 Rhonda Cermak	21 Jim Parker
9 Elizabeth Kester	22 Doug Bailey
9 Carol Woolworth	24 Kalten Alkema
10 Clifton Pullen	26 Maya Pardee
12 Tyson Holderbaum	26 Patricia Davenport
12 Val Pardee	29 Betty Holmes
13 Jeanne Cartens	30 June Thomas



There are no January Anniversaries.

Are you looking for a Church Directory, Shut-In List, or Newsletter? You can find them in the Kiosk in the Narthex in the winter, and in the Social Hall in the summer.

Pat Arney has accepted the position of Staff Treasurer of Parchment United Methodist Church. Welcome, Pat!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

April Rummage Sale	\$755.41
Kindleberger Festival - Pie Booth	\$602.00
Bazaar (a/k/a Holiday Gift Sale)	\$2,950.38 (net)
September Rummage Sale	\$1,028.25

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

	<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
12/3	77	12
12/10	91	17
12/17	95	17
12/24 am	93	15
12/24 pm	145	-0-
12/31	57	13

Kudos Korner

Kudos to our Acolytes!

Thank you Kalten & Connor and Sophie & Leah. You are all doing a great job and we appreciate you!

~Missions~

2017 Local Outreach—Globe Offerings

Ministry with Community	\$ 285.00
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission	\$ 268.00
Open Doors	\$ 106.00
Generous Hands	\$ 210.01
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 245.25
PUMC Food Baskets	<u>\$ 459.50</u>
	\$1,573.76

2017 World Missions Non-Conference Globe Offerings

Missionary Delbert Groves (2 offerings)	\$ 894.11
Heifer Project	\$ 176.00
P.E.T. Project	<u>\$ 64.10</u>
	\$1,134.21

2017 World Missions Conference Offerings

Human Relations Day	\$ 116.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 224.00
Native American Ministries	\$ 141.00
Peace With Justice	\$ 109.00
Blanket Sunday	\$ 123.00
Special UMCOR Disaster Relief #1	\$1,485.61
Special UMCOR Disaster Relief #2	\$1,079.00
World Communion Sunday	\$ 123.00
United Methodist Student Day	<u>\$ 111.00</u>
	\$3,511.61

2017 Lenten Soup Suppers

There were six (6) Lenten Soup Suppers, beginning Ash Wednesday. Hosts were: Choir, Scouts, The Weavers, UMM, UMW, Nancy Lenz & Volunteers.

Total of Lenten Soup Suppers:	\$ 371.71
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Total of our 2017 Offerings: \$6,591.29



January 20, 2018 Vision Day!!!

Please mark your calendars to spend a portion of your day with your friends and family of Parchment United Methodist Church! We will have an important day to do some self-reflection and work around the idea of a vision God has for us. Each of us is needed in this process, every voice is important. These words get used interchangeably, and to be honest, they are different and have different purposes!

So, on Saturday, January 20th, from 10 to 2 we will begin this process.

I hope that everyone connected to Parchment United Methodist Church and our ministry will attend and contribute to this day. It will be some work, some fun, some prayer, and some food.

We will have a sign-up so that we will have enough food!

Pastor Thom

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Contact Kandie Wood if you would like to set up an electronic offering to be automatically deducted from your bank account on a weekly or monthly basis. You may designate an amount to go to the Regular Offering and, if you wish, an amount to go to Ministry Shares. (This is the same process that was used for the former Building Fund electronic offering.)

There are forms on the counter outside the office, in the Kiosk in the Narthex, or ask Kandie or Kathe for one.

REMINDER: If you change your address, phone number, or email address, please let Kathe in the Office know so the church records can be updated. **Thanks!**

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