



## PUMC Connections

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

### Epiphany:

According to Merriam Webster, Epiphany is January 6 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ.



*All Kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.*

### PUMC Vision Statement:

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It is also defined as:

1. a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential or meaning of something.
2. an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event) usually simple and striking.
3. an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure.

The epiphany for all Christians is that our life as we once knew it is over! Because we have been born again, our old life is a thing of the past and our new life as a disciple of Jesus Christ is everything!

This is hard! Everything about the world tells us that we can go on living as we once did, and still be a disciple! The call to give everything even our lives is just a metaphor, or a suggestion. However, Jesus said something completely different. We are called to leave our families, our wealth, our home, and follow!

While I understand this, I am not convinced that Jesus is asking everyone of us to leave everything on that list! However, I do believe that Jesus is calling us to live different lives, as disciples.

A disciple is not a bystander. A disciple is not thinking about how the church can help them. A disciple is not casual about being a "member"! A disciple is always thinking about how to share the love of Christ with the broken world! For the sake of the Gospel, a disciple lives to offer Christ anywhere and to anyone!

We are called to be disciples, this is our epiphany! This is our vision, to invite, welcome and love anyone and everyone!

Grace and Peace,

Thom

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Deadline  
For February Issue:  
Monday January 14, 2019

# January 2019

Sun

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6 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	7	8 Fam. Fun Nite 6pm - SH/Kit/ Gym	9 6:30 Boy Scout Comm Mtg - Conf. Rm.  6:30 Basketball 6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir	10	11	12
13 8am Men's Bkft Michelles  9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	14 Womens Can- cer Survivors 6pm—YL	15 Fam. Fun Nite 6pm - SH/Kit/ Gym	16 6:30 Basketball 6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir	17 Trustee Mtg 7pm—YL  Juice Plus 7pm- Lounge	18	19
20 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21	22 Fam. Fun Nite 6pm - SH/Kit/ Gym  Leadership Council 7 pm Lounge	23 6:30 Basketball 6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir	24	25	26
27 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	28 Finance Comm Mtg 7pm - Conf. Rm	29 Fam. Fun Nite 6pm - SH/Kit/ Gym	30 6:30 Basketball 6:30 Chimes 7:30 Choir	31 Kathe-Vacation		

**Head Usher for January:** LaMarr Miller

**Trustee on Duty for January:** Jim Pierce



5 Katelyn Ford	13 Adam Fulop
7 Mark MacCarron	14 Emily Miley
8 Sue Gartz	18 Lilian Fulop
9 Steve Carstens	18 Michelle VanderMeer
9 Rhonda Cermak	20 Allison Gumper
9 Elizabeth Kester	21 Jim Parker
9 Carol Woolworth	22 Doug Bailey
10 Clifton Pullen	24 Kalten Alkema
12 Tyson Holderbaum	26 Maya Paradee
12 Val Pardee	26 Pat Davenport
13 Jeanne Carstens	30 June Thomas

### PUMC Members who passed in 2018:

Walter Adams, III  
 Russell DeBoer  
 Dorothy Ann Hausermann  
 Betty Holmes  
 Margaret Mead

We also said goodbye to  
 Constituent, Richard Burton.



There are no January Anniversaries.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN



Monthly Breakfast Meeting is the second Sunday of the month at 8 am at Michelle's Restaurant on Gull Road.

Nut and Candy Sales continue!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



#### Coming events:

Chili Cook-off, February 10, 2019 11:45 am  
 Lenten Breakfast, March 9, 2019 9 am  
 Rummage Sale, April 12 1-6 pm  
 and April 13 9 am-2 pm  
 Mother/Daughter Banquet, May 9, 2019 6 pm  
 UMW Potluck, June 6, 2019 6 pm

**A word of caution about adding to the Blessing Box during cold weather:**

**Remember that canned food can freeze. Items without liquid are best.**

### DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

	<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
December 2	97	17
December 9	89	19
December 16	93	18
December 23	78	16
December 24	161	
December 30	71	16

## Kudos Korner

**KUDOS** to our Worship Committee Chair, Kay Miller, who is retiring from this position after 17 years.

And **KUDOS** to our Finance Committee Chair, LaMarr Miller, who is retiring from the Chair position after many, many years.

We thank you both for all the years of dedicated service to this church!

# ~Missions~

## 2018 Local Outreach—Globe Offerings

Ministry with Community	\$ 278.03
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission	\$ 298.41
Open Doors	\$ 266.00
Generous Hands	\$ 186.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 278.00
Free Community Dinner	\$ <u>315.00</u>
	\$1,621.44

## 2018 World Missions Conference Offerings

Human Relations Day	\$ 106.06
Blanket Sunday	\$ 190.00
Native American Ministries	\$ 152.00
Peace With Justice	\$ 192.00
Special UMCOR Disaster Relief #1	\$ 462.00
World Communion Sunday	\$ 80.00
United Methodist Student Day	\$ <u>35.00</u>
	\$1,217.06

## 2018 Lenten Soup Suppers

There were six (6) Lenten Soup Suppers, beginning Ash Wednesday. Hosts were: Thom & Elyse, UMW, Choir, Weavers, Girl Scouts\*, and Boy Scouts\*.

Total of Lenten Soup Suppers: \$ 346.50\*

**Total of our 2018 Missions Offerings: \$3,185.00**

\*Donations kept by Scouts and not included in totals.

## Our Vision!

Come as you are!

We welcome you, we love you, and offer HOPE!

At our Leadership Council and at our 2018 Charge Conference, we affirmed our new Vision Statement.

What this means for us is that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we are moving our focus to reaching out to the world.

This is the natural consequence of becoming a disciple! The most important way we can service Christ in the heart of Parchment is to Welcome, Love and Offer Hope to our neighbors and community. It means we spend our energy and effort serving others.

As the body of Christ, we seek to serve others rather than to be served! This is the model Jesus presented to us as he came, not to be served but to serve! We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, adopt this same way of living!

This year, as we grow in our understanding of what this vision means, we will be integrating this statement into our leadership, our committees, our worship, and our lives! I hope everyone will memorize these words in the coming weeks, so it becomes our new nature, as disciples of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Thom



## BUILDING SECURITY PERSON NEEDED...

Parchment United Methodist Church will take applications for someone to serve as Building Security for our facility. Security duties include, but are not limited to the following: Keep daily check on locking of doors and windows; checking of all rooms of building after building is vacated for the day; report breaches in security to Trustee contact person; other security duties as determined by the Board of Trustees to whom the position reports. Hours shall be as needed 365 days/nights per year to perform the described duties.

Resumes/applications should be submitted to Marti Poolman, Chairman of Staff/Parish Relations Committee at Parchment United Methodist Church.

**HELP WANTED:** Trustees are seeking a **snow removal person** for sidewalks and steps of the church. Snow removal must be done by 8 am Monday through Friday to accommodate the pre-school, and by 9 am on weekends. (PUMC has a snow-blower available for use.)

Hourly rate is **\$12.00**. Please contact the church office if you are interested. (269) 344-0125.

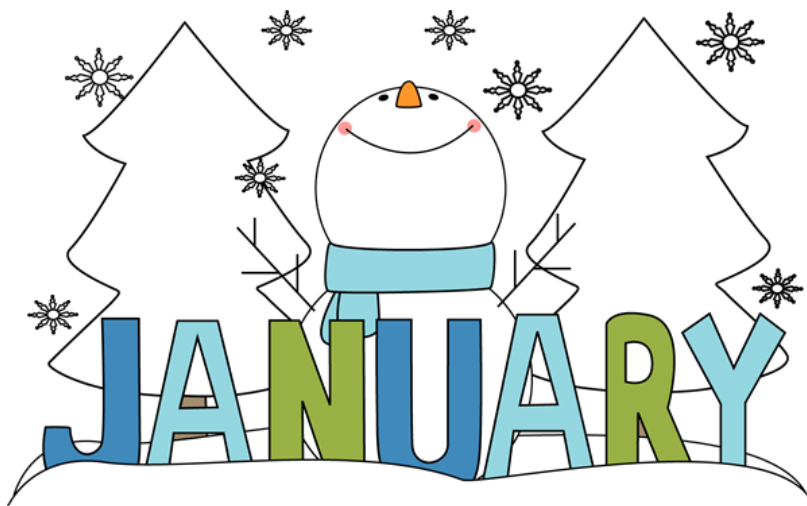
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the Heart of Parchment



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