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Gibsonville United Methodist Church exists to **Welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ, **Equip** us with a faith that helps us grow as disciples, and **Send** us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus' sake.

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Live Streaming

In order to access this new worship opportunity:

- Go to our church's website, www.gibsonvilleumc.org
- Scroll down to 9:00AM Contemporary or 11:00AM Traditional Worship Service (live stream)
- Press or click on (live stream)
- This will bring you to the selection of screens for our services.
- For LIVE Streaming click or press on the forward arrow.
- For one of the prior Sunday recorded services, select the video for that date.

January 2020



A Pen And A Thought



Resolution – A firm decision to do or not to do something. It may just be me, but it seems like I hear and read fewer people talking or writing about resolutions lately. If it is true that the concept of a New Year Resolution is not as frequently referred to as it once was, perhaps it is because people have wised up to the fact that resolutions are no more than hot air. On the other hand, if it is false that people are no longer interested in resolutions, then perhaps it is me who has lost touch with the culture. As a pastor/preacher, I hope I have not lost touch with the culture. Or maybe I have just grown wiser over the years. Maybe I have finally lived long enough to realize that people want to make changes – most of the time for the better – and the “new year” seems to be the most accessible time for people to make changes.

But given the bent we human beings have for *not keeping* resolutions, there is one more option to think about. Just to take the most obvious (and largest) resolution, in a nation of 329,663,350 people (as of 9/18/19), I wonder how many of them have made a resolution going into 2020 to lose some weight? Of those, over 209,000,000 people are over the age of 18. It is estimated that 45 million people go on a diet every year. Americans spend about \$33 billion dollars a year on weight loss products, yet nearly 70% of us (me included) are overweight or obese. (Statistics are from US Demographic Studies and US Health Information Sources).

Percentage-wise, the statistics tell us that nearly 20% of us are on a diet at sometime doing the year, and 70% have no lasting result. That is a fairly low percentage of people losing weight. In other words, our track record at keeping weight loss resolutions is very low.

So what in the world is wrong with us? We have high goals and great aspirations, but we fail at keeping our highest intentions more often than not. Why is that?

Let me suggest two reasons. *The first reason* we fail at our resolutions is that we do not take our “shortcomings” seriously enough. For instance, when it comes to losing weight, most of simply focus upon how it would make us look if we lose weight. But we do not think about what the extra weight is doing to our long-term blood sugar lev-

els, our circulatory system, and cardio system, or our joints. If we thought of that more often, and more seriously, we would probably lose more weight and keep it off longer.

I read that of the nearly 210 million adults in the US over age 18, only 4.5 million are over age 85. That means only about 1 of 50 people (2%) live to age 85 or over. It would help us all to decide when we are younger (below age 50) if we want to increase our chance to live to age 85. Another way to seriously look at it would be to decide if we want our dietary habits to significantly decrease our chances to live a longer life. Is the pleasure of overeating great enough to miss out on the pleasure of seeing our children raise their own children, or even our grandchildren raise their children? (Here you could think of all the things in which you obtain joy, and ask yourself if you want a while longer to experience them).

A second reason we so often fail at “resolutions” is that we live by the flesh, and not by the Spirit. *“Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want” (Galatians 5:16-17).* I believe If we are going to make a successful resolution in any area of life this New Year, it will be because we try to live lives *that are worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:10).*

While making room for the year of our Lord 2020, live by the Spirit of God. Find out what is pleasing to the Lord, and try to do that, not from a sense of guilt, but from a sense that God is our Creator, and Christ wants our joy to be complete. God, through the Holy Spirit, will lead us in the ways of holiness, and give us the desire to capture those ways in our hearts, until he is ready to receive us, no matter how long that may be!

Happy New Year
Pastor Barry

Love In Action

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with “absolute commitment to the way of love.”

Love, declared the minister and activist, “is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” And, he said, anyone who’s “devoid of the power to love” is “devoid of the power to forgive.”

King distinguished between true love and “empty sentimentalism,” however. He taught — and showed — that love is “the active outpouring of one’s whole being into the being of another.”

Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate “active outpouring” of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

“Because of Calvary I’m free to choose,” writes Max Lucado in *When God Whispers Your Name*. “No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.”

A Prayer For The Journey

The following prayer, almost 1,000 years old, was written for pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) — 500 miles across northern Spain. Use this adaption as you journey into the new year:

God, you called your servant Abraham from Ur in Chaldea, watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard your children, who seek to grow in you this year. Be their companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defense in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in the darkness, their comfort in discouragement, and the firmness of their intentions. Through your guidance, may they be enriched with grace and virtue, and be filled with salutary and lasting joy.

—from the 12th-century *Codex Calixtinus*

Ministry Architects/Renovation Team Update

VISION SUMMIT WEEKEND January 4-5, 2020

Everyone is invited to participate in a "Vision Summit" to be held the weekend of January 4-5, 2020, at Gibsonville UMC.

The basic thing most people in the congregation need to know is the purpose and the schedule:

The Purpose:

The goal is to build clarity and consensus through a fun, positive process that involves key stakeholders in the children's and youth ministries. We will come out of the process with three documents pertaining to the children's and youth ministries:

- Mission Statement (who, how, and why)
- Values (the spirit at which we all go about the ministry)
- 3-year Revolving Goals with 1-year Benchmarks

The Summit Schedule:

Saturday, January 4, 2020

9:00 AM CM/YM Volunteer Training

Anyone who works with children or youth

10:30 AM Vision Session #1

Church members, Renovation Team Members, and Staff

2:00 PM Vision Session #2

Renovation Team and staff

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:30AM+ Consultant available for a one-on-one

(Note: Renovation Team members please see your Google Drive for YOUR complete schedule. The above schedule is the one for church members).

Work is progressing on our efforts to revitalize the children's/youth ministries. Following below is a brief update of our work through November. Further updates will be provided in the future.

- A Vision Summit has been planned for January 4-5, 2020.
- A "save the date" postcard for the Vision Summit has been developed and mailed to the congregation.
- Job descriptions have been developed for Sunday School Teachers
- A plan has been developed to contact the children/youth and their families on a monthly basis.
- Updated 2020 budgets for children's/youth ministries have been approved by the Finance Committee and Charge Conference.
- The 2020 children's/youth calendar has been developed and published. Revisions will be made as necessary.

Renovation Team asks for your prayers and support for this very important project to succeed. The Vision Summit will serve as a watershed event for the church in our efforts to bring God into the lives of so many children and youth who don't yet know Him. Please come and support this Vision Summit (January 4-5) as we develop a blueprint and action plan for the church to help spread God's love. The Renovation Team thanks you in advance.

January Music News At GUMC

To many minds (including this career musician's), music is one of the great mysteries of God. How can his creatures construct instruments of woods, metals, felts, plastics, and so on to emit sounds that so successfully map our interior aural landscapes? How can humans physically configure themselves so that voices embody the mathematical laws governing musical intervals? How can these investments of persona (literally, "sounding through") communicate emotion and thought? And, above all for our purposes here, how can voices and instruments combine to extol the glory of God the Father, to share the compassion of God the Son, and to ride the winds of God the Spirit? Here's my simple and honest answer: I do not know.

Now, here's another mystery for you: how does GUMC manage to offer traditional choral and handbell music on a regular basis? My honest answer: I am not totally sure. We are currently short four handbell ringers, and we could use another four choral singers (ideally, one bass, two tenors, and one soprano) to make a complement of sixteen (four to a part) in the Chancel Choir. But, you say, what about the full chancel for our recent Advent Music Program? The answer: we were able to augment our ever-faithful regular numbers with three outstanding seasonal volunteers: Sherrie Allred, Martha Hallquist, and Lynn Woodruff. So, if you're open to joining us as we begin new music in January, text or call me at (336) 337-6510, please. Many thanks!

Rob Hallquist, Director of Music, Traditional Worship

Leadership Retreat

When: **January 18th 2020 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
Where: **Fellowship Hall, GUMC**

Who is included:

- All Chairs and Co-Chairs of each Ministry/Committee**
- All team Members of each Ministry/Committee***
- All interested Church Members or frequent attendees**

*Not sure if you are on a committee, see "Church Ministry Infrastructure and Budget 2019" publication located in the Welcome Center. Also a separate invitation will be sent out by mail, to all members of each Ministry/Committee in first week of January 2019.

Food: light snacks including coffee and beverages will be available starting at 9:00 AM on date of retreat.

Our 2020 Church Leadership Planning Retreat is being planned for Saturday, January 18th, 2020. Last year we found the experience very informative and worthwhile. We will discuss how each Ministry and the Committees that support them are organized and how they all are tied to our Church's Mission of Serving God in our church and community.

So mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this year's Retreat. The more involvement and focused we become will allow us to have a very successful year in 2020 to better meet our Church's Mission of WELCOMING people to faith in Jesus Christ; EQUIPPING us with a faith that helps us grow as Disciples; and to SEND us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus's sake.

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JANUARY		JANUARY		JANUARY		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Fruit & Protein Sunday 8 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 8:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments in Narthex 9 AM ACTS29@9 9:45-10 AM Coffee & Refreshments in Fellowship Hall 9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 2 PM Take Down Christmas Decorations 4-6 PM Jr. Girl Scouts	6 7 PM Boy Scouts	7 8 AM Men's Breakfast 7 PM Alive in Christ 7 PM Cub Scouts	8 6 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 10 AM Coffee Time 7 PM Renovation Team 7 PM Care & Share	10 5:45 PM Brownie/Daisy	11
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MEALS ON WHEELS - Monday January 27—Friday January 31						

Stewardship Update

I will be faithful to Gibsonville United Methodist Church, and uphold it by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness.
- Membership Vow of the United Methodist Church

By Our Prayers

Prayer request cards are available in the Welcome Center and Sanctuary pews. If you would like to share joys or concerns with the congregation, please complete this card and return it to the church office or to Pastor Barry or place in the offering plate. The prayer list is updated weekly in the Sunday Worship Bulletin. The Alive in Christ study group prays for these requests each Tuesday evening at the church.

By Our Presence

Date	ACTS29@9	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance 11 AM
12/1/19	28	39	75
12/8/19	Sunday School: 40, Combined Service: 125		
12/15/19	37	36	102
12/22/19	36	40	101

By Our Gifts

By our Gifts (as of 11/30/19)

Annual Budget	<u>320,403</u>
Operating Fund Received in November	29,549
Operating Fund Received Year to Date	263,819
Operating Fund Needed Budget to Date	289,595
Above/(Below) Budget to Date	(25,776)
Building Fund received in November	4,662
Building Fund received Year to Date	78,357
Mortgage Payments Year to Date	78,320
Above/(Below) Mortgage Payments YTD	37
Mortgage Principal Balance	732,411

A complete copy of the current financial statement is available in the Welcome Center.

Pastor Barry's Office Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sabbath Day	9:30am- 12 Noon 1pm - 3pm	9am - 12 Noon 1pm - 3pm	9am - 11am

NewsLetter DEADLINE Please have all articles and information for the February 2020 Newsletter in the church office no later than Wednesday January 23.

Our Service

Acolytes

January 5: Ainsley Rash
January 12: Devin McMullen
January 19: Jeri Barringer
January 26: Brantley O'Day

Altar Flowers

January 5: Advent Altar
January 12: Open
January 19: Open
January 26: Open

Altar Guild Nancy Johnson & Amanda Morrow

Camera Operator - 9:00 AM

January 26: Tony Jacobelli

Camera Operator - 11:00 AM

January 5: Lucas Troutman
January 12: Emily Jones
January 19: Melissa Troutman
January 26: Barry Deaton

Communion Servers

January 12: Ben & Sandy McMillan

Counters (Offering) - Red Team

Elizabeth Ingle, Julie Isley, Boyce Johnson

Greeter - 9:00 AM

Claude Little

Greeters - 11:00 AM Bill & Shirley Beyer

Coffee

January 5: Denise Little
January 12: Denise Little
January 19: Denise Little
January 26: Denise Little

Nursery 9:00-10:00AM

January 5: Lillie Cline & Elizabeth Ingle
January 12: Lillie Cline & Ann Moore
January 19: Lillie Cline & Donna Hughes
January 26: Lillie Cline & June Owens

Nursery 10:00AM-12:00PM

January 5: Lillie Cline & Michelle Rash
January 12: Lillie Cline & Glada Cater
January 19: Lillie Cline & Emily Jones
January 26: Lillie Cline & Amanda Morrow

Usher (Head) 11:00AM:

Randy Randolph

Upcoming Activities & Information

Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees will meet in the Wharton Class room Sunday January 12 immediately following the 11:00am worship service.

Care & Share: Will meet Thursday January 9, 7:00pm at Blakey Hall.

Circle 2: Will meet Tuesday January 28 at 11:30am in the church parlor.

Circle 3: Will meet Monday January 20 at 7:00pm in the church parlor

History Committee: Will meet Tuesday January 14 at 2:00pm in the conference room.

Men's Breakfast Group: The United Methodist Men breakfast group will meet Tuesday January 7 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited! Contact Van Moore for additional information (336) 447-4149.

UM Men's Nite Out: Will be Thursday January 23 at 7:00pm to see Elon Men's Basketball game.

Coffee Time: Due to conflicts that many have with Wednesdays, Coffee Time will change to Thursdays starting in January 2020. Please come out at 10:00am to enjoy some conversation and light refreshments.

Christmas Decorations Take Down and Storage Your Help Is Needed!!

Please come and help take down and gently store all the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Meet in the Sanctuary Sunday, January 5 at 2:00pm.

Worship Slides: If you are interested in serving God by clicking the slides during worship, please sign-up on the board outside the parlor or contact Donna Lemons. The slide presentation will be prepared ahead of time. As Pastor Rick is no longer with us and we are in transition, we could use your help. Donna's contact info is: dmlemons61@gmail.com or 336-239-7142.

Congratulations to Michelle Rash

This year the recipient of the United Methodist Women's service award went to Michelle Rash, a most deserving young woman, who is well known for her unselfish service on many committees, 7 years of heading up Vacation bible School and, most recently serving on the SPRC and Ministry Architect Team. Congratulations Michelle!



Children & Youth Ministries



Come and bring a friend!

Saturday, January 4th: Tree Toss at the Conservator's Center - Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh my! Join us as we get up close with some of God's most amazing creatures. We will get the opportunity to make toys for some seriously big cats! Meet at the church at 11 am. Lunch will be provided. We will meet back at the church around 5pm.

Sunday, January 12th: "You Choose" Discussion - Join Ryan for a Choose-Your-Own-Adventure Style evening of discussion with a surprise special guest. This event will reoccur every second Sunday of the month with new discussion topics and new special guests! Meet at the church at 4pm. Dinner will be provided. Pickup at 6pm.

Sunday, January 19th: Bring-a-Friend Game Night - Do you have a friend that thinks they are all that at board or video games? Tonight's the night to show them who's boss. Join us for a bit of healthy competition as we play our way through a variety of games. Meet at the church at 4pm. Dinner will be provided. Pickup at 6pm.

Sunday, January 26th: Scavenger Hunt - We have set up a scavenger hunt that covers the entire church! Can you complete it before the timer goes off for dinner? Show us what you got and see if you can outsmart Ryan in this brain twisting evening of fun. Meet at the church at 4pm. Dinner will be provided. Pickup at 6pm.

Join us Saturday, February 8 from 2-4 for Winter Fest! This FREE event for children, youth and their families will feature a variety of fun and games including a visit from Frozen's Elsa and Anna, an indoor snowball fight and a hot chocolate bar. This event is being organized by the Ministry Architects Renovation Committee and there will be plenty of opportunities for people to volunteer and support this outreach effort. For more information contact Michelle Rash, Ann Moore or Katy O'Day.



The Staff Parish Relations Committee wanted everyone to know where we are in the process with the Children and Youth Coordinator position. A job description for the full-time position has been developed and we are in process of posting to websites and newspapers. We will also be conferring with Ministry Architects to see how they might aid in the search process. While our search is ongoing, Ryan has agreed to stay on in his current capacity on an interim basis. With Aaron's departure, we will need to make sure safe sanctuary guidelines continue to be adhered to (an additional adult at all children/ youth functions), and are looking to other adults within the congregation to help fulfill this need at any children/ youth events. We will continue to update the congregation on progress in the hiring process for the role.

Matt Morrow
Staff Parish Relations Committee

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Fruit and Protein Collection

The church supports the food pantry for the community that is housed at Gibsonville First Baptist Church. 25-30 people/families are served every week! Let's help supply them with canned fruits and non-perishable protein items (such as peanut butter, beans, canned meats, brown rice and quinoa). During the school year, the Out of the Garden, backpacks filled with food for children to have during the weekend will also benefit from our FIRST SUNDAY FRUIT AND PROTEIN! **Please be mindful of expiration dates.** You may also make a monetary contribution. Make check to GUMC and mark "Food Pantry".

Community Christmas Party

This year our very generous congregation provided a Merry Christmas to 26 children and 10 families from Gibsonville Elementary School.

The SEND Committee would like to thank everyone that made generous contributions, or volunteered by shopping, wrapping or preparation before and during the party. We would also like to thank the following restaurants in our area that donated food this year for the Children's Party: Delancey's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Kimbers, and Texas Roadhouse.

How To Find Peace

Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what his will is.

—Amy Carmichael

Live Nativity

Thanks to all who helped make the Live Nativity that was held Sunday December 15 a success.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Altar Flowers - It's that time againwe need volunteers to sign up for altar flowers for 2020. There is a flower calendar located on the bulletin board outside the church parlor for the congregation to volunteer to provide flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. A dedication mention will be placed in the bulletin noting that the donation was in honor of...or memory of...or whatever you specify. After the Sunday service, the donor has the choice to take the arrangement home, or deliver to the home bound, nursing home residents, etc. For additional information contact the church office.

Nursery Volunteers Needed! Don't miss out on the opportunity to minister to our children. We need volunteers to help with the nursery during services. If you would be willing to serve, please contact Nancy Johnson at (336) 380-1955 or the church office.

The Living Present

There are two ways of remembering. One is to make an excursion from the living present back into the dead past. The other way is to summon the dead past back into the living present. ...

When Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me," (1 Corinthians 11:24), he was not prescribing a periodic slug of nostalgia.

—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*



Memorials & Special Gifts to Honor Friends & Loved Ones

IN MEMORY OF

Andy Brown, Sr.
Joe Thompson

Dr. Richard C. Conrad
Don & Glenda Blalock
Willie & Barbara Ingle
Donnie & Celia Summers

Eunice Crotts
Don & Glenda Blalock
Max & Pam Litten

Phyllis Davenport
Jean Butcher

Jimmy Flynn
Joe Thompson

Carl W. Gerringer, Sr.
Jean Butcher

Faye Cheek
Clarence & Elizabeth Ingle
Willie & Barbara Ingle
Joel & Julie Isley
Donnie & Celia Summers
Joe Thompson
Irma Walker
Linda Waynick
Wharton Sunday School Class

Jake Helmes
Wharton Sunday School Class

Peggy Summers
Larry & Betty Clapp
Willie & Barbara Ingle

Richard & Matt Younger
Joe Thompson

IN HONOR OF

Tim Wood, Nancy Clark, Our Ushers, & the Renovation (church repair) Volunteers
Don & Glenda Blalock



Peggy Summers
November 23, 2019

Note of Thanks

Dear GUMC Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, food and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. I am blessed to be supported by such a caring Church. Thanks to each of you.
Ginger Jarrett

GUMC,
The Family of Carl Gerringer would like to thank you for your prayers, thoughts and flowers during this difficult time. We are so grateful,
Linda Gerringer & Family

Our sincere thanks to our church family for the Thanksgiving basket. We appreciate the time it took to collect so many delicious, fun, and useful items, pack the boxes, and deliver to so many of us. We appreciate each of you. Blessings,
Mattie & Ted Bales.

Thank you so very much for the beautiful thanksgiving basket. It really brightened my day to be remembered by my church. Also, thanks for the cards and calls. It is so good to hear from you. Please keep me in your prayers as I fight CLL daily.

I pray for my church and members to have a Merry Christmas

and a happy and healthy New Year. I love you all.
May God bless each of you,
Love,
Pat Lewis

Youth Group,
Thank you so much for thinking about me and bringing a Thanksgiving Basket! Emma and Devin brought the basket and they were so cheerful and friendly. God bless our Youth Group.
Sincerely,
Don Merner

GUMC Members,
Thank you for the many cards and prayers since my recent fall. You have been so thoughtful. I truly appreciated the Thanksgiving Basket and all of the goodies.
God bless you all,
Edna Weisner

Dear Church Family,
Thank you very much for the lovely Thanksgiving basket. It brought so much cheer. It is so nice to be remembered.
Please keep us in your prayers.
God bless you all,
Larry & Betty Clapp

Dear GUMC Family,
Thank you for the Thanksgiving gift basket.

It was so thoughtful of my church family to think of me

during such a difficult time.
Love,
Linda Gerringer

Dear GUMC,
It was such a joy to receive a wonderful thanksgiving basket. It is truly a blessing to be a member of such a loving and caring church.
Thank you again,
Celia Summers

Dear GUMC,
There aren't enough words to express my gratitude to you for the generous love offering. I appreciate you all and wish you a Happy Healthy New Year!
Edith Younger

Dear GUMC,
Thank you for such a wonderful love offering for Christmas. I could hardly believe how generous it was!
Blessings,
Pastor Barry

JANUARY Birthdays

- 2 Joey Crotts
Molly Zimmerman
- 4 Susan McBane
- 6 Lillian Clark
Colton Griggs
- 7 Deleno Flynn
Kendra Hiatt
Emma Kirkman
- 8 Bentley Owen
- 9 Kailey Ezekiel
- 10 Jane Allred
Chriss Buckner
- 13 Lisa Fields
Melissa Nordmeyer
- 14 Anita Johnson
Paula Lewis
- 15 Joe Thompson
- 17 E.R. Gerringer
- 18 David Harrison
- 19 Kyle Brain
- 21 Kim Brain
- 24 Frankie Allred
- 26 Abygail Duquette
- 28 David Lea
- 30 Larry Clapp
Meredith Walker
- 31 Susan Flynn
Craig Veiga

JANUARY Anniversaries

- January 1
Don & Teresa Merner
- January 8
Claude & Denise Little
- January 20
Michael & Linda Hunt