

# THE FIRST WORD

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2020-01 First United Methodist Church – 109 West College Street – Winnsboro, SC 2020-01

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I hope you are enjoying these special days of Christmas (December 25-January 6). Sometimes I think we make such an emphasis on the preparation of Christmas it is hard to just enjoy the celebration to have a moment to revel in the miracle that a tiny baby born in a manger in a cave in Bethlehem will save the world. May you take a moment to glory in this miracle! May you build up your reserves and strengthen your soul.

Then, I want to lift up the words of Howard Thurman, to remind us that the work of Christmas is not done. As followers of Christ we have a call on our lives.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
    To find the lost,  
    To heal the broken,  
    To feed the hungry,  
    To release the prisoner,  
    To rebuild the nations,  
    To bring peace among all,  
    To make music in the heart.

*Howard Thurman, from The Mood of Christmas, p. 23  
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May we be instruments of peace and do the work of Christmas in this coming year!

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Pastor Meg



**TO MEMBERS  
OF OUR  
CHURCH  
FAMILY WITH  
BIRTHDAYS IN  
January**

**If you do not see your birthday on the list, please  
let us know!**

- Jan. 19 Kay Williams
- Jan. 20 Win McMaster
- Jan. 21 Jacob McDonald
- Jan. 22 Ed Gates
- Jan. 23 Gini McDonald
- Jan. 30 Susan Hindall
- Jan 30 Michelle Taylor

**Lisa Lewis Meyer** The Heritage at Lowman, PO Box 444  
White Rock, SC 29177

**Mabel Ward** 320 Seven Farm Drive, The Summit  
Place/Daniel Island, Charleston, SC 29452

*Please, remember in prayer those serving our country in  
our armed forces both at home and overseas.*



Jonathan Bankhead, Mike Taylor,  
Ernie Hughes, Paul Dove, Louise  
Taylor, Sylvie Hinnant, Susan  
Fowler-Hindall, Marion Robinson, Lisa Lewis Meyer,  
Mitzie Renwick, Marie Wood, Frank Martin, Brent  
Dorrier, Kenny Martin, Lynne Moore, Dean Gaddy.

*People will stay on the prayer list one month. If after  
their four weeks you would like the person to stay on  
the prayer list, please call the church office.*

**OUR MINISTRY FOR JANUARY**

**USHERS:** Tony Caulder and Johnny Caldwell

**COUNTERS:**

Mary Jim Gunter and Patsy Black  
Sallie Kate and Donnie Laird  
Jane Hinnant and Steve McDonald  
Roy Barnett and Jim Baughman

**Acolytes:** Carson Taylor and Grant Taylor  
Owen Wilson and Sidney Wilson

Mary Margaret Swearingen, Walker Blackwelder,  
ILenna Derrick, Cobin Rabon and  
Pressley Jane Rabon

**Liturgists:** Sarah McMaster, Grant Taylor, Sarah  
Bryant, Eddie Watford, and Robert Pemberton

**When you can, remember to send a card, call or visit:**

**Brent Dorrier**, NHC Parklane, Room 236, 7601 Parklane  
Road, Columbia, SC 29223

**Evon Estes** The Crossings, Villa Room 240  
2300 Clemson Road Columbia, SC 29229

**Win McMaster** 5301 Creedmoor Road Apt. 418  
Raleigh, NC 27612 (919)322-0355

**Doris Myfelt** 3195 Rio Dosa Drive #2103, Lexington,  
KY 40509 (859)309-9284

**Dot Yon** Goodwin House Apt. #401, 3440 S. Jefferson  
Street Falls Church, VA 22041

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website! The audio version can be found  
on our website at**

[www.firstumcwinnsboro.com](http://www.firstumcwinnsboro.com)

**Visit us on Facebook, too!**

**In Memory**

Mr. Jack Pope  
Mr. Jack Stevenson  
By Larry and Nancy Stevenson

Mr. Roy Allison  
By Charles and Susan Dove

**In Honor**

Bob and Sarah McMaster  
By Michael and Carol Doyle

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out of office for Lectionary meetings.  
Visit [www.firstumcwinnsboro.com](http://www.firstumcwinnsboro.com) to see the  
calendar for the entire year.

Sunday School 10:00 am Children’s Music  
 Ministry – 10:30 am Worship Service – 11:00 am

# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Epiphany Sunday, Cake After Service.  Sarah McMaster Mary Margaret	6	7	8 Administrative Council Calendar Meeting 5:30 pm  Trustees 7:00 pm  Choir Practice 7:30 pm	9	10	11
12 Eddie Watford Walker Blackwelder	13	14	15 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Sarah Bryant ILeanna Derrick	20	21	22 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	23	24	25
26 Grant Taylor Carson Taylor	27	28	29 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	30	31	



In the United Methodist Church, Epiphany marks the arrival of the Magi from the East who bring worship and gifts of devotion to the Christ Child, revealing his divinity.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on **Sunday, January 5** for Epiphany cake and find out who finds the coin and is crowned King or Queen for the year. The coin reminds us to always look for Jesus, just as the wise magi did so long ago.

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**REMINDER: Calendar Meeting – January 8 at 5:30 pm.  
 Committee Heads, please bring your 2020 calendar/meeting  
 dates.**

# MEG ON

## METHODISM



### Our Wesleyan Heritage

United Methodists trace our heritage back to a pair of brothers who started the Methodist movement in 1700s England. John and Charles Wesley, helped lead a movement to "spread Scriptural holiness over the land."

John Wesley and the early Methodists placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

Grace pervades our understanding of Christian faith and life. By grace we mean the undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit.

While the grace of God is undivided, it precedes salvation as "prevenient grace," continues in "justifying grace," and is brought to fruition in "sanctifying grace."

We assert that God's grace is manifest in all creation even though suffering, violence, and evil are everywhere present. The goodness of creation is fulfilled in human beings, who are called to covenant partnership with God. God has endowed us with dignity and freedom and has summoned us to responsibility for our lives and the life of the world.

In God's self-revelation, Jesus Christ, we see the splendor of our true humanity. Even our sin, with its destructive consequences for all creation, does not alter God's intention for us—holiness and happiness of heart. Nor does it diminish our accountability for the way we live.

Despite our brokenness, we remain creatures brought into being by a just and merciful God. The restoration of God's image in our lives requires divine grace to renew our fallen nature.

Source: UMC.org

level up!  
training opportunities



### Excellence in Ministry Training Sunday, January 12, 2020

Washington Street United Methodist  
Church  
Opening Session: Workshops: 3:30-5:00pm

\*You will attend only *one* workshop. You are encouraged attend!

- "How to Reach New People: Practical Evangelism" – Rev. Martin Quick, Associate Pastor, Journey UMC
- "Taking Care of God's Money" – Beth Westbury, Conference Treasurer
- "Taking Care of Business: Trustees" – Kay Crowe, Conference Chancellor
- "Congregational Care" – Rev. Faye Stephens, Minister of Congregational Care, Mt. Horeb UMC
- "Resolving Conflict in the Church" – Rev. Millie Nelson Smith, Congregational Specialist for Columbia and Hartsville and African American Church
- "How to Start and Grow an Endowment Ministry" – Douglas D. Himes, Ph.D. President, Douglas Himes Associates LLC

- “Think outside the Box: Creative Worship” – Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, D.S.
- “A Mission Miscellany: A little of this and a little of that from an Outreach Perspective” – Rev. Gary D. Phillips, Salem UM
- “Advocacy for Justice” – MORE Justice Leaders, Rev. Connie Barnes, Rev. Smoke Kanipe, Rev. Joel Jones
- “Epworth Local Church Representative: Be the Face and Voice” – Sherry Mims, Associate Dir. of Church Relations and Assistant to the President; Lisa Livingston Fusco, Senior Director of Development
- “Strengthening Youth Ministry” – Chris Lynch, Congregational Specialist, Rock Hill and Spartanburg and Ministry with Young People
- “Strengthening Ministry with Children and Families” – Rev. Taylor Pafford, Minister of Children, Youth & Families, Washington Street UMC
- “Discipleship in the 21st Century Church” – Rev. Dr. Christopher Greene

Register with church office before January 5th.

Listening Session with the SC General Conference Delegation 2020 will be held for Columbia/Rock Hill and Greenwood Districts, January 26, 3:00pm at Union UMC, 7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo. This is open to all church members and pastors. More information at <https://www.umcsc.org/gc2020/>

Columbia District Staff-Parish Relations Committee Training will be held February 2, 2020, 3:00pm at Mt. Hebron UMC. There will be an opening session for all, then break-out groups for small church, mid-size church and large church. Register at <https://columbiadistrict.wordpress.com/news-events/>

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Training, February 2, 2020

SPRC & Pastor Training, February 2, 2020, 3:00pm, Mt. Hebron UMC , Christian Life Center, 3050 Leaphart Road, West Columbia.

The following topics will be included. You can also sign up at the training to receive sample personnel policies, discipline forms, performance reviews, safe sanctuary policies, leave forms, job descriptions, etc.

1. Opening Session – Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson, D.S. – General Duties of SPRC and Rev. Diane Moseley – Local Church Sexual Harassment Policy and Resources
2. Break-out Groups based on Staff Size (see below)
  - Chris Carver, Human Resources Director, Mt. Horeb UMC – “Best Practices for SPRC in the Large Church” (25 + employees)
  - Rev. Matt Yon, Pastor, Bethel UMC – “Best Practices for SPRC in the Mid-size Church” (6-24 employees)
  - Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson – “Best Practices for the SPRC in the Small Church” (5 or less employees)

REGISTER AT THIS LINK – Either the pastor or SPRC Chair should register *the entire group* (we simply need a head count, not individual names of every SPRC member). <https://forms.gle/n6VZVkdhYZ5PxqZcA>

The Stewardship Summit will be held Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 10:00-3:00pm, at Union UMC, 7582 Woodrow Street, Irmo. Our speaker is Dr. Robert “Bob” Crossman. Lunch provided. Cost of the event is \$15. Pre-registration is required by February 23 deadline. Register at <https://www.umcsc.org/living-generously-register-now-for-2020-stewardship-summit/>. Clergy can earn one CEU by attending the Stewardship Summit and reading two books: “Committed To Christ: Six Steps to a Generous Life” by Bob Crossman and “God vs. Money” by J Clif Christopher.



**Another successful Christmas from First United Methodist Church to Epworth! Thank you to all who donated and participated in this special ministry!**

## Children's Musical Presentation

What a Blessing! Our children presented the congregation with a Christmas musical program. They also helped the Choir with the Choir's Musical presentation.



**And a Merry Christmas to All!**



## The Winnsboro Christmas Parade 2019

First United Methodist Church had a float in the parade. What a treat. Everyone had a great time. Special time of fellowship and a chance to showcase our church. Thank you to all who participated and to all who came out to cheer the group through the parade route.



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*Seek God, Love All People, Change the World*