

The
Good
News

JANUARY



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2019

Happy New Year, Church! It has been a wonderful December! I hope you all took the Advent lessons to heart and found hope, peace, joy, and love on a deeper level this Christmas.

When I think of the angel's song, which signaled Jesus' birth, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" I am filled with an assurance, a peace that comes from something bigger than my hope. It is a peace that comes from being reconciled with my God. Colossians 1:19-20 tells us this truth,

"For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

The Word of God tells us that in our reconciliation that we find peace. And, in the cosmic powers of creation, I believe that to be true. However, I must ask, am I at peace on a regular basis? Are you? How do we get to the point that we feel like we are living in peace? I read a great article by Lloyd J. Thomas, Ph.D., *Building World Peace* where he talks of peacemakers taking intentional action within themselves, toward others and civically. In the article, he quotes many wise men concerning peace.

Albert Einstein said, "*Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding [and then, to act accordingly]. ...Man is here for the sake of other men only. We are here for the sake of serving others---only!*"

Only? Christ taught us in the Sermon on the Mount that peacemakers shall be called the children of God." Christ encouraged people to love, understand and behave toward one another, so they could live together in peace. Peacemakers know the value and benefits of service...of serving others.

Physician and peacemaker, Albert Schweitzer wrote, "*I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.*"

I've come to understand that people serve in varying ways, but those who serve as an intentional choice, serve with understanding and peace.

Award-winning author, feminist, and social justice activist, L. R. Knost once wrote: "*Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. All things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So, go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.*"

The broken world awaits us, even as we are broken too! The needs of the world and of God can't wait for us to be in a perfect state, we must act intentionally and without pause. I believe that acting out peace, even in our own brokenness brings healing to ourselves, as well as the other.

Peacemakers also, distinguish between another's actions and who they are as human beings. Gandhi wrote, "*Always love for the Adversary. ...When you conflict, you must engage in active non-violence [civil disobedience] because: the effectiveness of non-violence makes violence irrelevant as a mode of effectively creating peaceful outcomes. The right actions make the structure of oppression irrelevant.*"

Dr. Thomas' article impressed me with this old truth of love. "*Pacemakers believe that love is the only force powerful enough to bring about peace within one's self, peace in relationships and peace in the world.*"

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It is my hope that I/we can be peacemakers in 2019 and strive to live each day with each relationship and in the wider world choosing to intentionally act as our Holy Word taught us.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

In God's Love, Rev. Deb



Outreach News

DECEMBER THANKS:

- More than 100 bags were filled for the Senior Citizens of Denver Inner City Parish. Just imagine someone who thought that he/she had been forgotten getting YOUR bag! **Thank You!**
- Our ECC children, children of our congregation, children at Westview Elementary, and children in the Growing Home programs will have warm heads and hands with NEW hats and mittens--**Thanks to YOU!**
- Your generosity at the delicious UMW Christmas brunch made personal Christmas gifts possible for 10 kiddos aged 2 to 16. Each gift was specially chosen for the recipient from his or her personal "Santa" list. For example, you gave a 16-year old boy some special headphones and a dartboard (soft darts!!!) and a 4-year old a Mickey Mouse outfit and a Mickey Mouse! **Thank You!**

JANUARY OPPORTUNITIES:

- There is a credit union commercial airing now that asks something like "...do you want your money going 1000 miles away or do you want to help your own community?" Not that our contributions to worldwide crises are not important; they are vital. But we have a very real need right here in our Northglenn

United Methodist community. Reverend Deb has a discretionary fund, known simply as **The Pastor's Fund**. The recipients of this are totally anonymous, known only to Reverend Deb. The needs are varied with rental help being the most prevalent request. This fund is being called upon more and more and the money is just not there to meet the needs. **January 20th is Human Relations Day.** What better way to celebrate this than to make a donation to help those in our own community family? Place your check in the offering plate at any time in January, marking "Pastor's Fund" in the memo line.

- Just a "heads up" that our Growing Home guests will be with us from February 17th through 25th. More information will come in the February newsletter, and you can be assured that YOUR HELP will be needed!

ONGOING:



Remember to pick up a large jar or two of **SMOOTH** peanut butter for "AfterHours Denver".

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS



January 20, 2019 Rev. Deb will hold a Membership Class from **11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**, lunch will be included. All non-members are invited to attend. Sign-up sheet will be available on the round table in January.



Our JANUARY theme is: **“Healing Families”**
 and our Bible verse is: **“God heals the
 brokenhearted and bandages their
 wounds.” Psalm 147:3**

Below is a list of our January Bible stories that we will use to guide the children in learning about this Bible verse and our monthly focus.

JANUARY LESSONS

- **1/6:** Magi Seek a Healer
- **1/13:** Jesus Heals
- **1/20:** Jesus Heals a Young Woman
- **1/27:** Jesus Heals Ten Men

ATTENTION CONGREGATION . . .

Would you like to be a substitute Sunday School teacher? This is something you can do once, twice, or multiple times during the year. Sometimes our regular teachers have family commitments or events that cause them to be unavailable on Sunday mornings. This is a great way to give a little that helps A LOT! Please contact Bethany Greiner at 303-250-1235 or Elaine in the office. Thank you for your consideration.



Group meets regularly on Sunday evenings. Activities for the month will be noted on future Sunday Announcements. For additional questions, please contact Bethany Greiner at 720-887-2687 or greinerfam5@hotmail.com



Please join us Sunday mornings at 10:30a in the Library. We look forward to seeing you!

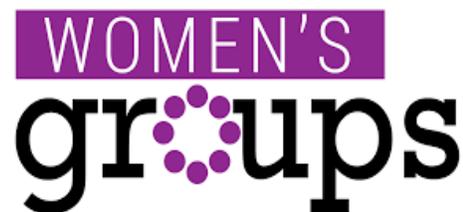


Our *Men's Coffee Fellowships* are wonderful opportunities to get to know each other and have the delightful chance to try and solve the problems of the world and sometimes the church. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday's at 9:00 a.m.**



We also meet at the Atlanta Bread Company in Northglenn on **Thursday's at 9:00 a.m.**

All men of the church are invited to join us.



Kaleidoscope Growth Group



Our group meets on the **second Monday of the month.** Women of NUMC are welcome to join us. If you would like more information, please call Sharon Huckins at 303-659-3945 or Marji Myers at 303-452-8099.

Quilters



We meet at Phyllis Frank's home each month on most **Thursday's from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** If you would like to join us or need directions, please call Phyllis Franks at 303-451-6576.

Yadah, Yadah Book Club



The women's book club will meet on **Wednesday, January 2nd at 9:30 a.m.** in the church library. We will be discussing "Glory

Over Everything" by Kathleen Grissom. The next book we will read is "Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman. We will discuss this at our February meeting.

If you like to read and discuss, come join our group. For more information, please call Gay Weber at 303-452-1723.

OO's



The OO's Growth Group (Officers and Organizers) will on **Thursday, January 3rd** in the Library at **6:30 p.m.** We meet the first Thursday of every month and try to finish up the months business by 8:00 p.m. We'd love to have you join us. For more information, please call Marji Myers at 303-452-8099 or Phyllis Modica at 303-427-0035.

Cuddle Makers



We will meet on **Monday, January 7th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall to work on our small quilts and bears. For more information, please call Joyce Priest at 303-452-1412.

Yellow Rose



The Yellow Rose ladies are taking a break in January and will reconvene in February on **Wednesday, February 13th**. For more information, please call Gay Weber at 303-452-1723.



ALL WOMEN, ALL SERVICES at Northglenn United Methodist Church and their guests

are invited to an evening of

CELEBRATING the NEW YEAR

(Sponsored by Northglenn United Methodist Women)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2019
6:00p.m. in our GATHERING ROOM**

Please bring:

- Your favorite Christmas dish: appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert, etc. (soups and drink will be provided)
- Your own table setting of plate, bowl, silverware, cup or glass
- A wrapped, "white elephant" gift to exchange (may be silly, ugly, or charming but NOT newly purchased)
- A friend, neighbor, daughter, sister, mother (not required)

Please sign up by Sunday, January 6, 2019 so we can have seating and coffee ready for you and your friends



Please keep Bill Jones, Dorothy Hale, Jordan Sawdo, Jean Emslie, and Rachel (Rae) Russell in your thoughts and prayers.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!



Our fellowship card party will meet on **Saturday, January 12th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Library. We will have a potluck with cards starting at 6:00 p.m.



BUNCO will meet on **Saturday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Library. Please bring a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you.

For additional information, please contact Leslie Wilson at 720-502-6667 (home) or 719-761-2286 (cell).

Sign-up sheets will be on the round table.



Happy New Year to you from your preschool staff. We hope your holidays were filled with friends, family and many good memories.

We had two successful fundraisers. Our "Breakfast with Santa" event was such fun with parents, grandparents, cousins, and students attending. We truly appreciated Santa Brent and Elf April Nichols for their help with this event. The "Holiday Shop" was so cute to watch as the children shop the "store" to select one special present to give to the person of their choice. We were pleased to see their thoughtfulness, independence and their decisiveness in choosing. They all had big smiles on their faces as they paid for and wrapped their special purchase.

The teachers collect *new or slightly* used items/trinkets such as small Winter decor, candles, jewelry, new "fancy" lotion sets, new tools like screwdrivers, tape measures,

stationary sets, etc. If you have an item such as this and you'd like to donate to us, please drop them off to Mary and they will be saved for this the 2019 "store".

Child Care Licensing inspected our school in December and as usual our playground has issues. We will be brainstorming ways to keep the gravel where it needs to be under the swings and slide and hopefully can find a solution that will meet all the requirements, regulations, and our budget.

We are starting to give tours to families that are interested in enrolling in the 2019/2020 school year. Please help us spread the news about our school program to family and friends. If you know of someone interested in the preschool, please have them call and schedule a tour.



Hope this New Year brings you much joy!

*NUMCECC Director,
Mary Scholl*



Pat and I wish to thank all of you in the Church Family who supported my sister and us during the past year as she fought leukemia. Your loving response to her suddenly passing has reaffirmed for us the words over the South entrance: "Love Grows Here." Thank you all.

~Ron and Pat Hodges



NUMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1:</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: gold;">HAPPY NEW YEAR!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Coffee (FH) 9:30A Yadah Yadah (L)</p> <p>7:00P Venturing Crew (FH)</p>	<p>3:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters * 6:30P O-O's Meeting (L) 6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:45P A Cappella (FH) 7:00P PALS Meeting (YR) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>4:</p>	<p>5:</p> <p>1:00P Nutcracker movie (L)</p> <p>4:30P Asian Choir (S)</p>
<p>6:</p> <p>10:30A Adult Sunday School (L)</p> <p>UMY Fellowship (YR) - TBA</p>	<p>7:</p> <p>9:30A Cuddle Makers (FH) 6:30P BSA Troop 212 (FH)</p>	<p>8:</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study (L)</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">6:00P UMW New Year's Celebration (GR)</p> <p>6:30P Cub Scouts-TIGERS + LIONS (SS)</p>	<p>9:</p> <p>TOTES OF HOPE PROGRAM</p> <p>9:00A Men's Coffee (FH) 10:00A Church UNdecorating</p>	<p>10:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters * 6:30P Trustees Meeting (L) 6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:45P A Cappella (L) 6:30P Family Scouting (SS) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>11:</p>	<p>12:</p> <p style="background-color: cyan;">2:00P Diane Coblentz funeral</p> <p>4:30P Asian Choir (S) 5:30P Dinner + Cards (L)</p>
<p>13:</p> <p>10:30A Adult Sunday School (L)</p> <p>12:00P Finance Committee (L) 1:00P Church Council Meeting (L)</p> <p>UMY Fellowship (YR) - TBA</p>	<p>14:</p> <p>6:30P BSA Troop 212 (GR) 6:30P Cub Scouts-BEARS (SS) 7:00P Paletteers Meet (FH)</p>	<p>15:</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study (L)</p> <p>LADIES Movie Night</p>	<p>16:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Coffee (FH)</p> <p>7:00P Venturing Crew (FH)</p>	<p>17:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters *</p> <p>6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:45P A Cappella (L) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>18:</p>	<p>19:</p> <p>4:30P Asian Choir (S)</p>
<p>20:</p> <p>10:30A Adult Sunday School (L)</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">11:30A Membership Class (L)</p> <p>UMY Fellowship (YR) - TBA</p>	<p>21:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Martin Luther King Day</i></p> <p>6:30P BSA Troop 212 (FH)</p>	<p>22:</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study (L)</p> <p>6:30P Cub Scouts-TIGERS + LIONS (SS) 7:00P SPRC Meeting (L)</p>	<p>23:</p> <p>TOTES OF HOPE PROGRAM</p> <p>9:00A Men's Coffee (FH)</p>	<p>24:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters *</p> <p>6:30P Family Scouting (SS) 6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:45P A Cappella (L) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>25:</p>	<p>26:</p> <p>4:30P Asian Choir (S) 6:00P BUNCO (L)</p>
<p>27:</p> <p>10:30A Adult Sunday School (L)</p> <p>UMY Fellowship (YR) - TBA</p>	<p>28:</p> <p>6:30P BSA Troop 212 (FH) 6:30P Cub Scouts-BEARS (SS)</p>	<p>29:</p> <p>10:30A Bible Study (L)</p>	<p>30:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Coffee (FH)</p>	<p>31:</p> <p>9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters *</p> <p>6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:45P A Cappella (L) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)</p>		