

The
Good
News

February



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Good day to you Church, I hope you are in good and generous spirits.

In the past few weeks, I've been studying the book of James. James is a book rich in telling us how to be faithful Christian. He challenges us when he says, ***if you say you believe in God and there's nothing in your actions that prove it, you are deceived.***

James 2:14-17, The Message is saying: ***Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?***

James is asking us; how long will we mistakenly equate faith with believing the right things about God? Remember, James also says, a demon believes the right things about God yet has no faith in God. I'm struck with the thought that our right beliefs about God do not naturally bring us to or give us a saving faith.

I believe James is teaching that faith is not something that exists in one's head. It lives in our day to day existence or it does not live at all. Faith is the tangible action that makes what is invisible seen. It's how we see God act and interact in our lives. I love that James uses a human example to help define his point.

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

All this makes me wonder if we believe one must do the right things in order to be saved and not merely believe the right things. Remember, Paul teaches us in Romans 3:28, ***Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.*** So, does the bible contradict itself? Are Paul and James at odds?

The answer is no. We must remember not to take a verse out of context. Paul is talking about faith in a God we cannot see, but who sees us and has given us a gift of life. The context of James is talking about the relationship between that faith and the works. He is examining and teaching that one idea of faith leads to godly works and one that does not. One is true, and the other is false. One is dead, the other alive; hence, ***Faith without works is dead.*** (James 2:20).

We also find this idea taught to us in 1 John 2:4 as well, ***if you say you have come to know Him, yet you do not keep His commandments, then the truth is not in you and you are a liar.***

Therefore, we are justified by faith, which most Christians believe. That is, we are made righteous in the eyes of God by faith. However, that faith, if it is true, will result in deeds that lead to God's gift of salvation. Another scripture to remember is Ephesians 2:8-9, ***For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.***

I pray that each of you has grappled with this scripture and found your expression of works, works that honor and glorify your God. Amen.

Rev. Deb





Outreach News

THANK YOU!

- ♥ January 20th was Human Relations Day. Thanks to everyone who celebrated this day by contributing to the Pastor's Fund. If you did not have a chance to donate, it is not too late. Please make your check payable to NUMC, write Pastor's Fund on the memo line. Place your check in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

FEBRUARY OPPORTUNITIES:

- ♥ **Growing Home** families will be our guests from **February 17th through February 23rd**. We will be hosting at NUMC in the Fellowship Hall. There are schedule slots that need to be filled: *Wednesday night overnight and Saturday night overnight*. Please let Sharon or Bob know if you are available for those times (303-659-3945).
- ♥ **February 17th** at NUMC we are designating as "*UMCOR Sunday*", formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing. Because of UMCOR Sunday, our contributions to a specific disaster will go 100% to that need. **No** "administrative costs" are taken out. Please give generously!

The following is from the UMCOR organization, "Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need - today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do it's something "we" do.

When You Give You Equip Christ's Body to Serve in His Name. That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity - without regard to race, religion or gender - together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- ♥ When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- ♥ When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- ♥ When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- ♥ And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared.

- ♥ **February 24th through March 7th:** Mission Team to Sager-Brown, Baldwin, LA. Pastor Deb will join them March 3rd through 7th.

Please give as you are able. Make your check to NUMC and in the memo line, indicate "**UMCOR Sunday**".

ONGOING:



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

YOU ARE ALL SPECIAL VALENTINES!

Happy Valentine's
Day!



**On Sunday,
February 10th,
we are
celebrating
couples with
50-plus years
of marriage.**





Our FEBRUARY theme is: **“Family Wisdom”** and our Bible verse is: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength.”* Deuteronomy 6:5.

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

FEBRUARY LESSONS

- **2/3:** Families Remember God
- **2/10:** Family Traditions
- **2/17:** A Family’s Faith
- **2/24:** Family Proverbs

WE NEED YOU!

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 Elaine in the office. Thank you for your consideration.



- February 3** – SOUPER Bowl Collection at church services, no evening UMYF
- February 10** - TBA
- February 18** – **No UMYF** – Please plan to attend the Common Ground bowling event
- February 24** – Fellowship: SOCK WAR, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*The above schedule is subject to change.

If you or anyone you know is interested in youth group, please contact Elaine in the church office at 303-452-5120 or church@numc.org.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2019
PLANNING MEETING – Anyone and everyone who is interested and available to help, please mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, February 24th at 11:45 a.m.** in the Library.

Our VBS theme this Summer will be:



Please join us Sunday and Tuesday mornings at 10:30a in the Library for Bible Study. 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.

WOMEN'S groups

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, February 6th at 9:30 a.m.** in the church library. We will be discussing

"Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman. The next book we will read is "Eva's Story" by Eva Scholoss. We will discuss this at our March meeting. If you like to read and enjoy good conversation, come join our group. For more information during February and March, please call Karla Johnson at 970-764-0756.



OO's

The OO's Growth Group (Officers and Organizers) will meet on **Thursday, February 7th** 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, February 4th 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 will meet on **Wednesday, February 13th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Library. This month is our annual soup and games. Please bring a can of soup to share. Yellow

Rose will provide bread and drinks. If you want to bring additional items, please advise Leslie Wilson at 720-502-6667 (home) or 719-761-2286 (cell), lesliew@benner.org.



It's Brunch Time again! **Sunday, February 10th** the UMW will host a brunch where you can enjoy delicious food amidst the special company of your fellow Northglenn United Methodist friends. This brunch will immediately follow the 9:00 a.m. service and Go4th service attendees will definitely have a chance to be first in line. The suggested donation for the brunch is \$5.00 per adult with the proceeds going to the "Pastor's Fund" which is Rev. Deb's discretionary fund to help with emergency needs of our church community. Of course, to have a successful brunch, we must have delicious foods. A sign-up sheet for these will be on the round table in the Gathering Room. Please plan to attend, not only because the Pastor's Fund is always in need of but because **YOU** need the special time the brunch offers!



Please keep Bill Jones, Dorothy Hale, Jean Emslie, Rosa Soler, Jerry Stoverink, and Rev. Deb's family in your thoughts and prayers.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!



Our fellowship card group with a potluck dinner will meet on **Saturday, February 9th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Library. Cards will begin at 6:00 p.m.



BUNCO will meet on **Saturday, February 23rd 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), lesliew@benner.org.

Sign-up sheets will be on the round table.



Happy February!

It is registration time for the 2019-2020 school year. Church and current families are signing up now. New family registration will begin in March. If you are interested in more information about the school or to schedule a tour, please call Mary at 303-452-1587.

Our school is a partner of Adams County Five Star School District 12 and we offer the "Colorado Preschool Program". This is a State funded free preschool program for 3 and 4-year old children (age as of 10/1/19) who might qualify. Some of the factors for qualification are: Financial need/ children on the free or reduced lunch schedule, parents who didn't graduate High School, Bilingual, frequent relocations, and speech or developmental concerns. If you know of a family with these qualifiers, please have them call immediately. Registration begins March 1st.

We had our annual Licensing inspection in December. We had a few small violations such as staples and thumb tacks being used in the classroom, plugs being uncovered in the Gathering room, and Dawn liquid soap in the reach of children. These were easily fixed. A bigger violation, which we always struggle with, is keeping 6-inches of gravel under the playground swings and climber. We were fortunate that FCI Constructors, Inc. donated the materials and labor to take care of moving gravel. We are working with a playground specialist on plans to do a minor remodel of the playground to avoid this situation in the future. Our next challenge is addressing storage of chemicals in the preschool wing custodian area.

The students are going to be hosting a "Friendship Tea" and inviting parents for a Valentine's Day treat. We will also be mail carriers and delivering Valentine's and notes to mailboxes in friends' classrooms.

The school will be hosting "Literacy Night" and working with families to better understand the importance of encouraging literacy with young children.

*NUMCECC Director,
Mary Scholl*



NUMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1:	2: 4:30P Asian Choir (S)
3: COMMUNION Sunday! UMYF – SOUPER Bowl Sunday collection at Worship Services 10:30A Adult Sunday School (L)	4: 9:30A Cuddle Makers (FH) 6:30P BSA Troop 212 (FH)	5: 10:30A Bible Study (L) 6:00P Northland Choral (FH)	6: TOTES OF HOPE PROGRAM 9:00A Men's Coffee (FH) 9:30A Yadah Yadah (L) 7:00P Venturing Crew (FH)	7: 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 (L) 6:30P PAL's Meeting (YR) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)	8:	9: 10:00A UMW Brunch Set-up 4:30P Asian Choir (S) 5:30P Dinner + Cards (L)
10: Celebrating couples with 50-plus years of marriage! 10:00A UMW BRUNCH – Yum! 12:00P Finance Committee (L) 5:30P-8:00P UMYF – Jump City, Westminster	11: 6:30P BSA Troop 212 (GR) 6:30P Cub Scouts-BEARS (SS) 7:00P Paletteers Meet (FH)	12: 10:30A Bible Study (L) 6:30P Cub Scouts-TIGERS + LIONS (SS) 6:00P Northland Choral (FH)	13: 9:00A Men's Coffee (FH) 11:00A Yellow Rose (L) 6:30P Trustees Meeting (FH)	14: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! 9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters * 6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:30P Family Scouting (SS) 6:45P A Cappella (L) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)	15:	16: 4:30P Asian Choir (S)
17: 10:30A Adult Sunday School (L) 2:00P – 4:00P Common Ground Bowling for Peanut Butter NO evening UMYF – Attend the Common Ground Bowling event	18: Presidents' Day ECC – NO SCHOOL 6:30P BSA Troop 212 (FH)	19: 10:30A Bible Study (L) 6:00P Northland Choral (FH) LADIES MOVIE NIGHT	20: 9:00A Men's Coffee (FH) 7:00P Venturing Crew (YR)	21: 9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters * 6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:45P A Cappella (L) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)	22:	23: 4:30P Asian Choir (S) 6:00P BUNCO (L)
24: 10:30A Adult Sunday School (L) 5:30P UMYF Fellowship – Sock War (YR/FH)	25: 6:30P BSA Troop 212 (FH) 6:30P Cub Scouts-BEARS (SS)	26: 10:30A Bible Study (L) 6:30P Cub Scouts-TIGERS + LIONS (SS) 6:00P Northland Choral (FH)	27: TOTES OF HOPE PROGRAM 9:00A Men's Coffee (FH)	28: 9:00A Men's Group (ABC) 9:00A Quilters * 6:30P Brass Practice (S) 6:30P Family Scouting (SS) 6:45P A Cappella (L) 7:30P Chancel Choir (S)		