



CROSS TALK

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A Spot of T

(Get it? 'Cause my last name starts with a 'T'?)



We don't have a theology of the new year in the church. You can point out a verse here and there that speaks to the idea of a year, but there is really nothing about what type of "resolutions" the believer should make or with what attitude the believer should enter a new year. To those of you who have put time and energy into this yearly ritual, please don't take this as a rebuke. In fact, it is a worthwhile endeavor to evaluate one's life and find things you may want to improve on. Just know I can't really give you chapter and verse on this.

Where our faith is concerned, our lives are not organized by the year. Our lives are organized by and guided by how we order ourselves by God's divine will. We continually work – by the help and guidance of the sanctifying grace of God through the Holy Spirit – to be molded such that we begin to resemble God through the life and teachings of Christ. Our heart begins to desire that which God would desire. We work and act as Christ did and instructed us to do. Acting justly. Loving mercy. Walking humbly.

Then, there are the challenges we face. Our response to them is even more important than the situation itself. Some challenges will be more difficult than others. Fatigue in our bodies and souls can overcome our work to become people of the Divine. This is nothing that can be fixed by a resolution – at least not by itself. It requires perseverance. It requires reliance upon God.

By all means, make your resolutions...but give your life to God.

Peace,



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRIVIA Night

Trivia Night Coming Soon

Get your teams together and plan to compete in an evening of fun and fellowship at the first **Trivia Night at Christ Church on Friday, January 25, starting at 7pm.**

Entry fee is two canned food items per person.

Mulligans can be purchased for five canned food items. *Limit one per team.*

Teams are asked to bring their own snacks and beverages.

Winning team earns a plaque and bragging rights.

All proceeds to benefit the F.I.S.H. Community Food Pantry.

So, mark your calendars, gather friends, family and neighbors, spread the word, and join us for a fun-filled evening.

*“Every good
& perfect
gift is from
above.”*

James 1:17

Baptisms to Celebrate

Congratulations to two baby girls baptized at Christ Church in the month of December.

On December 16, Madison Nichole LaSpina, daughter of Matt and Sabrina LaSpina, and granddaughter of Yvonne &

Jack Paxton was baptized during the 10am service.

On December 30, Riversong Heidi Tiedeman, daughter of Pastor Chris and Emily Tiedeman was baptized during the 10 am service.

May the Lord continue to watch over these children ... and may they follow the path the Lord has provided before them.

**Congratulations
Madison &
Riversong!**

Online Giving

Christ Church is working with VANCO Payment Solutions to provide online giving opportunities.

The GivePlus system offers a full range of online giving for the church. It will be

accessible through Facebook. For those not on Facebook, the church will offer a paper form in which members would complete and drop off at the church office, where the

information would then be entered by someone from the Finance Committee. Be on the lookout for more information to follow in the new year.

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Flower Chart Up

The **2019 flower chart** is posted by the garden doors. This is your chance to sign up and provide altar flowers for those special dates when you want to recognize someone, a special occasion, or

remember a loved one. Write your name and the reason for the flowers on the chart (ex: in memory of... or in honor of...) If you have picked a date to provide flowers, you will be responsible for contacting the florist and then arranging

payments with them directly. No payment will be taken here at the church. Thanks for helping beautify the altar throughout the year.



God is all you need!

Let spirituality be your new year's resolution ...

May God bless you ...

Wishing you the happiest of years ...

God is all you need to succeed!

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** January 1st in observance of New Year's Day!

Serving for January 2019

8am Greeter — Don & Joyce Sparling

10am Liturgist — Jan 6 & 13: Lana Garber
Jan 20 & 27: Kortnee Singer

10am Greeters

1/6 Ruth Biggs, Rollin McCoart
1/13 Ruth Biggs, Rollin McCoart
1/20 Ruth Biggs, Rollin McCoart
1/27 Ruth Biggs, Rollin McCoart

10am Ushers — Kurt Brackenhamer,
Chuck Dwyer, Rollin McCoart

Scripture Reading for January

1/6 Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

1/13 Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

1/20 Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

1/27 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

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Worship Services
Sunday 8 am & 10 am
Sunday School for all ages 9 am

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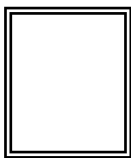


Items for the next newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **January 21st**.

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