

Our
160th
year!

Partnering with God to: *Connect, Grow, and Serve*

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A Note From the Pastor

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New year, new you. Out with the old and in with the new. These New Year's sentiments along with the words of the Jewish hymn, "May This Be the Year," which sing, "A new year, a good year, a chance to start all over," view the new year as a totally new beginning. When midnight on January 1st ushers in a new year, we make resolutions and have dreams for what the new year will hold. We also bring into the year the fullness of who we are, shaped by years past. It is the continuation of a journey, not a completely new beginning.

So, I wonder, what ways we can grow together in this new year? What parts of ourselves we can offer through mission and other opportunities this year? What new discoveries will we make this year?

We have opportunities to grow through Sunday worship, Wednesday noontime devotionals, small group studies, and youth group gatherings. In the new year, we are cooking again for Tuesday's Table and will be looking for volunteers to prepare

food and package it! Maybe this is a way you can share your gifts in 2021.

Although we don't fully start over in a new year, the beginning of the year offers us a chance to reflect, dream, and hope. It is also a time to be reminded of the ways that God continues to shape us and make us new. As we move from 2020 into a new year, we are reminded of Isaiah 43:18-19: Do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

In 2021, what ways do you hope to be made new by God? Where are you looking for guidance from God? What are your prayers for this New year?

The words at the beginning of the Jewish hymn, "May This be the Year," hold a prayer that can be ours for this year.

Here are the lyrics sung by many of our Jewish neighbors during their new year celebration Rosh HaShanah.

May this be a year of love and kindness. May strangers come to be friends. May truth and compassion always guide us. Amen.

May this be a year of hope and healing for all of those in need. May all of our deeds be a blessing. Amen.

Happy New Year Stanardsville UMC!

Blessings,
Devon Earle

Birthdays

January

2 Scott Haas
3 Aliyah Baker
4 Ava Alvarez
4 William Lofiego
4 Levi McDaniel
5 Jeremy Tooley
8 Kelly Capecci
8 Carol Haas
8 Ryan Richardson
12 Diane Lawson
12 Barrett Moore
15 Glen Collier
17 Kimberly Eppard
18 Evelyn Deisbeck
19 Holsten Conley
21 Avery Baker
23 Ann Deisbeck
23 Blaise Van Dyke
24 Jessica Chillemi
25 Gary Cropp
28 Caylee Bass
31 Beverley Taylor
31 Olivia Wishert

February

6 Blair Freid
8 Danease Arrington
9 Connie Flora
9 Kathy French
9 Holly Perkins
11 Erin Rocha
12 Kylie Shifflett
13 Scott Durrer
15 Haywood Lawson
19 Nathan Kirby
19 Cyndy Sprinkle
20 Mike Deisbeck
20 Melvin Shifflett
21 Ainslie Whitmarsh
25 David Mack
27 Shelton Mullins
27 Lil' Jonithan Mullins
28 Robbey Houchens
28 Dennis King



HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST



- All the many volunteers who helped read scripture and assist in other ways at our Christmas services
- The many volunteers who recorded music for special programs during December
- All those who came in to decorate the church, and to Donnie Bowman for getting all the lights up

MISSION NEEDS

The mission needs for January are for bath soap and men's and women's razors. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has so generously helped supply needed items for those in Greene County who do not have sufficient funds for all their necessities.



JANUARY AT THE STATION

- Jan. 2 Communion Drive Through- 9-11 a.m.
- Jan. 4 SUMC Men's Group, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Carroll Deane's Life Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14 SUMC Reading Group-1:30-3:00 p.m.
- Jan. 18 GRACE Board Meeting, 6-8 p.m.
- Jan. 19 Trauma Healing, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21 Susanna Wesley Circle, 1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 25 Carroll Dean's Life Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 26 Trauma Healing, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities

A weekly ministry opportunity is available on Sign-up Genius for YOU to read scripture some Sunday.

If you have any trouble signing up, just call the office and the secretary will sign up for you.

Total Operating Budget for 2020	\$198,532
Needed as of December 27	198,532
Received as of January 27	<u>172,113</u>
Short	\$ 26,419



**Church
Finances**



A big Thank You to Val Shifflett for submitting this recipe - it sounds wonderful!

Magic Cookie Bars

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 14 oz. sweetened condensed milk
- 6 oz. package semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 3 1/2 oz. can flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven 350, 325 for glass dish. In 9x13 baking dish, melt butter and sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over the butter. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over the crumbs. Top evenly with remaining ingredients; press down gently. Bake 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool thoroughly before cutting. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

*DEAR SUMC FAMILY,
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE PHONE CALLS, THE WONDERFUL CARDS, AND FOR ALL OF YOUR PRAYERS WHILE I HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH MY CANCER TREATMENTS. I AM ALL FINISHED WITH THEM NOW AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE. GOD IS GOOD!!!*

*IN CHRIST,
ALINE BOWMAN*

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees began their regular meetings on November 18. Action plans were discussed and items were picked up for completion. All current items are in progress or complete.

Thanks to the Houchens for yard maintenance and clean-up, and Carroll Deane for garden area clean-up, and Jessie Huddleston for fixing the lighting.

READING GROUP

The next reading group meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Station.

MEN'S GATHERING

All men are invited to the January Men's Gathering which will be held at the Station on January 4 at 6:30 p.m. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet at the gathering in the past, now is your time. Come join us as we begin the new year with fellowship.

THANKS FROM THE HEART

UMW BOOK REVIEW

"Girl Gone Missing"

by Marci Rendon

Rene Blackbear, better known as Cash, is a 19-year-old Ojibwe woman. She has lived all her life in Fargo, ND, and has one true friend, who is Sheriff Wheaton.

Sheriff Wheaton had rescued Cash from a car accident when she was very young and she then spent many years in foster care, even starting to work when she was 13 years old. Sheriff Wheaton wants Cash to make something of her life so he enrolls her in college.

Cash begins to have dreams about blonde girls calling to her for help. Cash soon heard about a missing coed and since she and Sheriff Wheaton had previously worked together on another murder case, he asked her for her help. This draws Cash into a web of deceit and danger.



I enjoyed this book and would recommend it. It is in the Social Action category.

The author, Marci Rendon, is a Native American playwright, poet, author based in Minneapolis. She is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation.

Reviewed by Marion Daughtry



Always Say a Prayer

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN PRAYER

John Ganoë, Scott Haas, Wanda Cox, Joyce Sims, Linda Bush, Pete Pritchett, Sue Lam, Sherri Morris, Ryan Herring, Troy Lamb, Trista Looney, Danny Michau, Jill Churnick, Knox Walker, Kelly Woolford, Tracy Shackelford, Michael Mack, Foster family, Bill Deisbeck, Lenny Dove, Aline Bowman, Joel Spencer, Tony Jamerson, Charlie Carter, Tim Morris, Cindy Swigert, Barbara and George Norcross, Chaz Anderson, Mabel Shifflett

God's Plan for "The Station" God's Plan for Rachel's Haven

THOSE IN LONG-TERM CARE

Louise Hayes and Virginia Snow

Please call the church office at 434 985-3888 if you have a name you would like to submit for the prayer list.



God's work done in God's way
will never lack God's supply.
Hudson Taylor