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Sunday Worship
Worship ~ 9am
Sunday School ~ 9:50am
Worship ~ 11am

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Cartoon Corner



Bible Quiz

According to the Gospel of John, which disciples led others to Jesus, and whom did they lead?

- A. Matthew led Judas.
- B. Andrew led Simon-Peter.
- C. James led John.
- D. Philip led Nathanael.
- E. All of the above.
- F. B and D.



Answer: F (See John 1:40-42, 45ff.)



January UMW Calendar & Events



January

1		Happy New Year!
7	12:30 p.m.	Executive Team Lunch out at Rise & Dine
21	9:30 a.m.	Susanna Wesley Circle
24 & 31		Sub sale orders taken by Susanna Wesley Circle for Super Bowl Sunday

Mail Bag

Lisa and I want to thank you for the generous gift you provided to us at Christmas as well as your kind words and encouragement. We thank you for your support. We are grateful for your partnership as we serve God together in this community. May God bless you in this holiday season and throughout the year to come.

Pastor Buff

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to the UMW, for their generous gift. It always takes me by surprise, and always comes at a time when Tamra and I find ourselves at the end of our money with more week left to live. Somehow, every year it comes at just the right time! So again thank you.

Thank you to all of our generous congregation! Every year the wonderful gifts you bestow, upon our family are more appreciated than any of you can ever know. We love you all, and love being part of this VUMC family!

Hank Stamm

VUMC ~ Thank you all for including us in your missions with a \$145.00 donation!! We do appreciate all your support in helping us provide food for our 300+ kids!!

Merry Christmas & Hugs

From all of us at Generous Hands

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely white poinsettia left by my door a few days ago. I'm sorry I missed seeing the deliverer.

Hope you all had a happy holiday and receive blessings galore the coming year,

Sincerely,

Grace Rayman

May the blessing and joy of this Christmas Season be with you throughout the coming year

I think of you often and wish I were still there,

Love, Char Rice



Taking Down of the Greens

The Christmas decorations will be taken down immediately after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, January 3. If you could stay for a few minutes and help, it should not take us long to restore the sanctuary to its customary appearance. Many hands make light work! Please plan on staying after the 11:00 worship service on January 3 to help with this annual project.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated in the worship service on Sunday, January 10. Parents who wish to present their children for baptism should contact Pastor Buff. On Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting for the parents of children to be baptized. At this session, we will discuss the meaning of baptism and review the baptismal liturgy. The meeting will last about an hour.

New from the District Office



Bishop Deborah Kiesey announced that Rev. John W. Boley will serve as the new Clergy Assistant to the Bishop for the Michigan Area, effective July 1, 2016. Rev. Boley currently is the Superintendent of the Kalamazoo District in the West Michigan Conference, a position he has held since 2014. At the request of current Clergy Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Melanie Carey, she will receive an appointment to a local church in the Michigan Area later in the upcoming appointment season. Rev. Carey began serving as Clergy Assistant to the Bishop in July 2015.

"I am thrilled that John has agreed to serve as the Clergy Assistant to the Bishop." Bishop Deb said, "John brings gifts of listening and wisdom, with a deep faith that under-girds all he does. He has been a wonderful colleague at the cabinet table, and I have no doubt he will continue to bless the entire Michigan Area in the years to come."

Read more at <http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=eb411f11b2c5f0654d55f67fa&id=5fc6591128&e=5f318b2af9>.

Kids Hope USA News



Our annual Kids Hope Christmas party was a big success! We celebrated in the Taylor room by making ornaments, decorating Christmas cookies, singing carols and enjoying delicious treats with family and friends.

And, of course, there were presents and stockings filled with snacks and fun surprises. They all loved their handmade hats from our VUMC Christmas Bazaar.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a wonderful experience for our Kids Hope friends.



Pastor's Article

For seven years, Kirsten Russell has served very competently as our Administrative Assistant. Three years ago, she also assumed the duties of the Financial Assistant. We have all benefited, not only from Kirsten's technical competence, but her calm, friendly, helpful demeanor. She knows her job well and she knows this congregation well.

Kirsten has now decided to move on to other opportunities. Her last day in the office was Friday, December 11. The Personnel Committee is working to find a replacement as well as making sure that all necessary tasks are covered during the interim.

We ask for your patience during this period. Because we do not have a permanent person in the office, it is possible that phone calls will not be returned as promptly as usual, there may not be someone in the office when you drop in, and it may take longer than usual to find the answer to your question or provide the service you need. If this happens, it is simply evidence of how much we have come to rely on Kirsten over these past years.

We also need your help. If you can be of assistance during this interim period, whether that means simply sitting in the office and answering the phone or helping with other tasks Kirsten handled, please let us know. Also, if you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to the church office.

We are deeply grateful to Kirsten for her years of service to our church. She will be difficult to replace. Please pray that God will lead us to the right person or persons to assume this important responsibility in the life of our congregation.

Love in Christ,



Dr. Bufford Coe

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