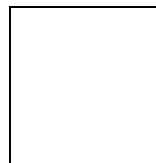




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The Moravian Daily Text for January 1, 2020 is very pertinent to the Cedar United Methodist Church as this congregation steps into a new year together. It reads from Psalm 66:10: "You, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried." And from Romans 5:3-5: "We know that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Life might be rather boring if we had no trials through which to grow! The important thing is that we learn from them and allow God to work in us and through us to become more like the persons God desires us to be. I am grateful that this congregation has been willing to face the challenges of the past year through the transitions in pastoral leadership. We have all learned in the process. And we have come to a point where we can begin to let go any hurts, any frustrations that have developed. Letting go includes the step of forgiveness—both giving to others and requesting it for ourselves. This is the grace that God requires of us and empowers us to do. Let us seek it intently, pray for it, and open our hearts to receive it. As we enter this New Year, may each of us let go of any baggage that might hinder the love that God pours out for us, and the exciting possibilities that God has for this congregation!

Pastor Judy

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Rule of Christ Training Invitation

Dear Members and Friends of Cedar United Methodist Church:

Thank you for the gracious support and warm welcome I have experienced since beginning my ministry with you. I am genuinely excited about what the future holds for this community of faith that is called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to a very important upcoming event in the life of our church. On January 4th from 10 am until noon, a consultant from the MN Annual Conference will be leading our congregation in a Rule of Christ training event. At least one other congregation will be sending people to join us. This Rule of Christ training is a process rooted in Scripture that can be used to foster and strengthen healthy communication, while thoughtfully addressing situations of conflict. While the presence of all persons in positions of leadership is expected, everyone in the congregation over the age of 16 is strongly encouraged to attend this Rule of Christ training/workshop. This is an individual, family, work, school, and church-equipping life tool that you will want to understand and begin using right away.

Thank you for your commitment to Cedar. We have been made better because you are a part of us!

Blessings, *Pastor Judy*

Youth and Children’s Meetings

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 6:00-7:00 pm.
Please join us to help plan fun activities.
If you have any questions about youth activities contact
Steve Neitzel at 612-328-5075.

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WORSHIP SERVERS JANUARY

Worship Assistant/Reader:

1/5 Merilee Doll
1/12 Jim & Sheryl Zagaros
1/19
1/26 Bev Nye

Greeters:

1/5 The Neitzel Family
1/12
1/19
1/26

Coffee Fellowship:

1/5
1/12
1/19 Lorraine Holdsworth
1/26

Flowers:

1/5
1/12
1/19 Lorraine Holdsworth
1/26

Ushers:

1/5 Doug Jensen
1/12
1/19
1/26

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New Member Class

Pastor Judy will be leading a new member's class on Sunday, January 12th after worship and fellowship time. Content will cover the foundations of the Methodist Church, Methodist theological understandings, the structure of the church and basic tenets, including the process for membership. We may schedule a second class if needed. Feel free to come and explore together, even if you later decide formal membership is not your wish. We also welcome current members to attend and share some of their own experiences of what membership has meant to them (and make sure Pastor Judy knows what she's talking about!).

Missions

Jesus said that whenever we do something for those in need we do it also for Him. Thank you to all of you who lived your faith by buying gifts or donating money for gifts for our Christmas families to help make their Christmas merrier. We were overwhelmed by your generous response and so was the social worker at Johnsville Elementary who delivered the gifts to the two families. God bless you all.
Junelle and Sue



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In Gratitude

I wish to thank all of you who came together to make our celebration of Christ's birth a meaningful and blessed event. From those who decorated the sanctuary, to those who helped lead worship, to the choir, the handbell ringers, those who provided special music; to the ushers, the candle lighters, the youth and their excellent program, the choir and its directors for the wonderful cantata; to those who provided refreshments each Sunday and cider and hot chocolate with cookies on Christmas Eve...I'm sure I'm forgetting someone! And Charlie and I want to thank you for your cards and gifts. From the very beginning of our ministry we have felt part of your family here. We wish you a blessed New Year as you move into the future that God has for you.

Pastor Judy



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What is a Watchword?

The Moravians have a custom that I thought would be fun to share with the Cedar congregation. At the beginning of every year we pass baskets down the pew and each person in the congregation can draw out a card that contains a scripture or two, along with a hymn verse. This scripture will be that person’s watchword for the year. It may not speak to you right away, but over time the meaning for your life may become clearer. It is also fun to have different groups draw their own watchword—perhaps one for the whole congregation, one for the Ad Council, SPRC, worship committee, the youth, confirmation...wherever we would like a word from God through a guiding scripture. At Cedar we will be drawing watchwords on January 5th. If you will be unable to attend church that day and would like a watchword, let the office know and we can draw one for you; or we can save the basket of scriptures for you to draw from when you are back at church.

Charge Conference

We are notifying the congregation that we will have our annual Charge Conference on January 19th after worship. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Susan Nienaber will be leading the Charge Conference. As usual, we will review the proposed 2020 budget and elect our leadership for the next year. Committees will provide reports on their activities over 2019 and any additional business needing the approval of the congregation will be considered. Rev. Nienaber will also update us on the process for the assignment of our permanent pastor. We also hope to spend some time together as a congregation discussing our core values and mission. We encourage everyone to try to attend as each voice is valued. More information about the Charge Conference will be provided to the congregation on January 5th.

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- 1/8 Dara Northfield
- 1/9 Vicki Heavirland
- 1/10 Tamera Holdsworth
- 1/16 Ben Sheffield
- 1/17 Gavin Snyder
- 1/19 Karlene Wicklander
- 1/22 Merilee Doll
James Zagaros
- 1/23 Amanda Rader
- 1/27 Bob Heavirland

Happy Birthdays!

Caring & Sharing

The Caring and Sharing Ladies did a reverse advent collection of food for the months of October and November. We brought in 2-3 items each week until just before Thanksgiving. Our little group of 10 or so ladies donated around 250 lbs of non perishable food products to ACBC in Anoka and to NACE in Ham Lake. Then in December we filled baskets for 5 senior citizens that we adopted in the community. The monies that we had donated by the group was used to purchase gifts off of their wish list. We do this in place of buying gifts for ourselves and enjoy filling the baskets at our Christmas Party.



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Trustees' Report

As we look back over the past year there have been many challenges set before us. We certainly didn't get them all done but we tried to get at the items related to safety and property maintenance. We took care of many of the big ones and we would like to thank everyone who has so graciously understood that we couldn't get everything done. There is a list of items for this next year and we welcome your suggestions for things that can be added to it.

I am always humbled at how many people step up and contribute their time, skills and money to maintain and improve the property we have been blessed with. The Trustees would like to thank all who have helped out this past year and we look forward to working with you in the new year.

Blessings to you all.
Stu Bernard

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020
Following worship

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QUAKE
YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

GRADES 6-12

JOIN US IN MINNEAPOLIS
MARCH 13-15, 2020

FEATURING
DAN SCHARNHORST
& 100 WHITE FLAGS

QuakeEvent.com

All Youth are welcome!
Registration is due Sunday, Jan. 6, 2020
Cost is \$160.00 per student.
Contact Steve Neitzel with questions 612-328-5075.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. New Years Day	2. 9:00 am Breakfast Re Ox Cafe	3.	4. 10:00 am-12:00 pm Rule of Christ Training
5. Epiphany Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school Communion Drawing of Watchwords	6. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	7. 7:00 pm Scouts	8. 6:00 pm Worship Committee meeting 7:00 pm Choir & Confirmation <i>Dara Northfield B-Day</i>	9. 7:00 pm Piecemakers <i>Vicki Heavirland B-Day</i>	10. <i>Tamera Holdsworth B-Day</i>	11.
12. 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school New Member class following worship	13. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	14. 7:00 pm Scouts	15. 6:00 –7:00 pm Children/Youth meeting 7:00 pm Choir & Confirmation	16. <i>Ben Sheffield B-Day</i>	17. 11:30 am Lunch at Perkins <i>Gavin Snyder B-Day</i>	18.
19. 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school Charge Conference following worship <i>Karlene Wicklander B-Day</i>	20. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	21. 7:00 pm Scouts	22. 7:00 pm Choir & Confirmation <i>Merilee Doll & James Zagaros B-Day</i>	23. 7:00 pm Piecemakers <i>Amanda Rader B-Day</i>	24.	25.
26. 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school Noisy Sunday offering for Simpson Shelter	27. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing <i>Bob Heavirland B-Day</i>	28. 7:00 pm Scouts	29. 7:00 pm Choir & Confirmation	30. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	31.	