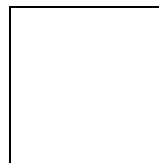




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"In the beginning was the Word". (John 1:1)

What word was in the beginning with God? How may we spell that word? What kind of word is it that "was with God," that has always been with God, that expresses what God is like. What is that word that creates and sustains and enhances life? It is the word "Yes"! "...and the word was divine." "Yes" stands for God"! And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; and we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." We can translate: "In the beginning was the word 'Yes,' and the word 'Yes' was with God and the word 'Yes' was divine. In Jesus Christ all the promises of God find their yes in him.

God says "Yes," an unconditional "yes." But it may be hard to hear it because the "No" has been so loud. Indeed the "No" is great. It is powerful. It captures many of our hearts too often. We are crushed by life. We are let down and hurt by other people and trust doesn't come easy. Is there any way out? Let us hear the gospel, the good news, the hope that the ground of our being is "Yes" rather than "No" By raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God has spoken his healing, his saving, his liberating "Yes" into the world and no one will be able to eradicate it from there.

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All we have to do, is to hear God's "Yes" to us, therefore, we can also say "Yes" to ourselves because we are loved and accepted by God. God has declared us as his own. Because God says "Yes" to us, therefore, we can also say "Yes" to the church. We can contribute making our church a place where we experience freedom, compassion, and trust. Because God says "Yes" to us, therefore, we can also say "Yes" to the world in which we live offering the hope only Christ can bring.

How easy it is to get caught up in the "No" of life. But as we begin a new year together lets grab hold of God's "Yes." God is doing a mighty thing so let us accept and live out the "Yes" of God. In the beginning was the Word and in Jesus Christ our Lord that word is "Yes."!

*In Christ,
Pastor Cliff*

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

Following worship.

We will hold the meeting via Zoom, but for those without internet we will mail out the information and ballot.

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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

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Movie Night

Are you up for some good movies this winter? We will be watching a new movie every two weeks and then breaking each movie down over two sessions on Tuesday evenings. Fun conversations, new insights, fun facts, and faith filled.

- *All ages are welcome to join in the movies and discussions*
- *This is a fun and easy way to take part in any session at any time*
- *If you have any questions about the movies for your younger ones please ask*
- *We will meet via Zoom almost every Tuesday 7- 8pm

Here is a list of movies and session dates:

It’s A Wonderful Life (1946)	12/15/20, 12/22/20
God’s Not Dead (2014)	1/5/21, 1/12/21
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (2005)	1/19/21, 1/26/21
Facing the Giants (2005)	2/9/21, 2/16/21
The 10 Commandments (1956)	2/23/21, 3/2/21
The Case for Christ (2017)	3/9/21, 3/16/21
The Passion of Christ (2004)	3/23/21, 3/30/21
<i>This movie is not recommended for anyone under the age of 17.</i>	

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Steve Neitzel:
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“40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith”

By Laurie Polich Short

We will be studying the book “40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith” Over the next few months. This book is filled with wonderful insights into verses that will ignite your faith, inspire you, give you hope, and deepen your faith.

- *The study will be **Sunday mornings** on zoom **8:30-9:30am**.
- *The first study will be Sunday January 10th; we will cover the first 2 chapters. Please read these 2 chapters before the class.
- *We will have information on the remaining class dates at/by the first class.
- *Books are available for **\$13.00/book** (please make checks payable to CUMC and note memo “book study”). Books will be available at the church or contact Steve Neitzel: neitzel_4@msn.com, 612-328-5075 text or call

*You may purchase books on your own as well

Meeting dates and chapters

1/10	Ch. 1-2
1/17	Ch. 3-7
1/24	Ch. 8-12
1/31	Ch. 13-17
2/7	Ch. 18-22
2/14	Ch. 23-27
2/21	Ch. 28-32
2/28	Ch. 33-37
3/7	Ch. 38-40

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3. 10:00 am Worship via Zoom 10:00 am Sunday school	4. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	5. 7:00-8:00 pm Movie Night via Zoom	6. 7:00 pm Confirmation	7.	8. <i>Dara Northfield B-Day</i>	9. <i>Vicki Heavirland B-Day</i>
10. 8:30-9:30 am Book Study via Zoom 10:00 am Worship via Zoom 10:00 am Sunday school <i>Tamera Holdsworth B-Day</i>	11. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	12. 7:00-8:00 pm Movie Night via Zoom	13. 7:00 pm Confirmation	14. 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom	15.	16. <i>Ben Sheffield B-Day</i>
17. 8:30-9:30 am Book Study via Zoom 10:00 am Worship via Zoom 10:00 am Sunday school <i>Gavin Snyder B-Day</i>	18. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting <i>Martin Luther King Jr. B-Day</i>	19. 7:00-8:00 pm Movie Night via Zoom <i>Karlene Wicklander B-Day</i>	20. 7:00 pm Confirmation	21. 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting via Zoom	22. <i>Merilee Doll & James Zagaros B-Day</i>	23. <i>Amanda Rader B-Day</i>
24. 8:30-9:30 am Book Study via Zoom 10:00 am Worship via Zoom 10:00 am Sunday school Charge Conference via Zoom	25. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	26. 7:00-8:00 pm Movie Night via Zoom	27. <i>Bob Heavirland B-Day</i>	28.	29.	30.
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