

# Methodist Tribune

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## Prayer Requests

US Military & Government

Schools & Teachers

Healthcare Providers

Jewell Spivey

Katherine Johnson

Tyler Stafford

Jaymon Loftis

Kenny Ramsey

Bill & Peg Russell

Harold & Betty Martin

Stella Cain

Tom Barlow

Shirley Tayse

Bill Mitchell

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, January 1:** 11:00pm  
Communion and Reception of New Members

**Thursday, January 19:** 3pm Church Council Meeting



**2023**

*Happy New Year!*

*"A Caring Community of Faith"*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**Jane and I want to thank our entire congregation for your generous Christmas gift. The word THANKS seems so inadequate. We continue to be overwhelmed by your love for us. The past six months have been the highlight of my days in the ministry, due to your commitment and dedication to our Lord, and your continuing welcome to us. Jane and I are richly blessed to be a part of this congregation. We love each one of you!**

## A Little Bit Different

There was no snow in Bethlehem  
Just shifting desert dunes.  
There was no shining Christmas tree,  
No sparkling sleigh bell tunes.

The gifts the wise men gave the babe  
Were frankincense and myrrh,  
No toy train sets or Lego blocks,  
No stuffed animals covered in fur.

When we look back at this first Christmas,  
It seems strange, we will admit.  
Christmas today, I am happy to say,  
Looks brighter and quite a bit different.

But still, we remember that long-ago desert  
And the baby who was born in a stable  
In celebration of a loving God  
Who gave us all that He was able.

God gave us His only Son  
So that we could live forever  
And so, we remember that very first Christmas  
That made all of our lives much better.

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## ALWAYS THERE

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Have a safe and happy  
New Year!

## Let's Celebrate!

### BIRTHDAYS

#### JANUARY

8 Gretchen Collins  
20 Charlene Cox  
22 Bill Draper  
24 Peg Russell

#### FEBRUARY

1 Benton Quarles  
3 Rose Tuck  
6 Howard Khouri  
7 Suzanne Thornton  
8 Kerry Mitchell  
9 Brooke Loftis  
14 Maria Rakaska

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### JANUARY

26 John & Rosemary Henry

#### FEBRUARY

None

Send a card to those who cannot be with us,  
birthdays, anniversaries, thinking of you cards!

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### A CARD OF THANKS

Thank you all so very much for all you have done for  
me over the years and continue to do for me!  
I am blessed to be a part of this church! I love you all  
very much! Thank you all for letting me be your  
secretary.

Pam



No Memorials for January

### Advice for Christian Living

1.) As Christians we are called to share God's love with others. By giving of our time, our talents, and our gifts, we show by example what it means to "go out and be God's people in the world," and in so doing, we enrich the lives of those we serve — even as our own lives are enriched by the experience of connecting with God and one another through our gifts and our service. The many ministries of First United Methodist Church offer a wide array of opportunities to become part of this exciting, dynamic, and impactful community of service. Take a look at the opportunities to serve in your community and give prayerful consideration to finding where *you* fit in.

2.) **Serve your church as a greeter, liturgist, communion steward, usher, committee steward, Sunday School teacher, Youth leader, or start a congregational care ministry in your church.**

3.) **Many people, no matter what they believe, look at January 1 as a chance for a new beginning. If the previous year was disappointing or they made significant mistakes, they imagine wiping the slate clean and starting over. Christians know that new starts are available any time, they are not dictated by the calendar.**

**"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23).**

**PUT GOD FIRST  
and SEE YOUR  
LIFE CHANGE!**