



Glad Tidings

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Jan. 1st *Happy New Year!*
- Jan. 6th Free Community Dinner
4:00-5:30pm
- Jan. 10th UMW Meeting 7:00pm
- Jan. 15th Admin Council 7:00pm
- Jan. 27th After Church Fellowship
- Jan. 29th Trustee Meeting 7:00pm

Every Week

Mondays

Girl Scouts 5:00pm
Bible Study (*begins Jan 21st*) 7:00pm

Tuesdays

Girl Scouts 7:00pm

Thursdays

Bazaar Committee 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm

Saturdays

AA Meeting 8:00pm

Sundays

Worship 9:15am
Children's Church (during Worship)
Adult Forum (after Worship)

*Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ
through the ministry and mission of East Bangor United Methodist
Community Church*

"Light Has Come into the World"



January Servants

Ministers

All the People

Pastor

Rev. Dave Goss

Organist

Jane Ann Reimer

Acolytes

Children of the Church

Greeter

Needed

Ushers

Needed

Congregation

Those with a mission to "Reach
Teach and Share God's Love."



Come and Eat Cake!

As part of After Church Fellowship on **the last Sunday of January**, we'll be having a party for everyone with a birthday in January! Come on out and join in the joyful noise as we sing "Happy Birthday!" to our January celebrants.

Celebrations in the Church

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 3rd Linda Malachowski
 Jan. 4th Sandy Barnes
 Jan. 6th Jean Wickett
 Jan. 8th Dolores Holler
 Jan. 9th Craig Wickett
 Jan. 13th Randy McFall
 Jan. 20th Jeffrey John Onjack
 Jan. 22nd David Muhlen
 Jan. 25th Matthew Krauss
 Jan. 26th Mary Anne Wetherick
 Jan. 27th Ashley Constable
 Jan. 27th Courtney Constable
 Jan. 29th Londa Keiper
 Jan. 29th Marlene McFall
 Jan. 30th Richard Kern
 Jan. 31st Jeff Stout
 Jan. 31st Tasha Stout

Thanks So Much!

Dear Choir Friends,

Thank you for the basket of "goodies." I enjoy being with all of you. May you have a New Year of blessings.

Love,
Jane Ann

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. A Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

Love,
Jane Ann

Please extend my appreciation for the birthday cards from East Bangor friends. The cascade of birthday wishes was a happy surprise. East Bangor and the UM Church family was such a formative part of my early life. My experience with all of you are a rich memory for me. God blessed me with such an important start in my ministry. Cathy and I continue to enjoy our new home and family times with Tish.

Love and Peace to all,
George Alt

Happy Anniversary

Jan. 14th Mr. & Mrs. Neil Tucker

To my Church Family,

Thank you all so much for remembering me at Christmas, and for all of the support you have given me throughout the year. I feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Thanking God for you and wishing you a Happy New Year,
Julie Gilbert

Sponsors & Volunteers

Sign-up sheets for sponsors for Altar Flowers (\$40), Worship Bulletins (\$20), and Dial-a-Message (\$20) for 2019 are now available on the bulletin board outside the offices on the first floor.

If the Weather Outside is Frightful....

As we approach the inclement weather season, we wanted to share the means that you can find out about our cancellations or delays:

1. If it is a school day and the Bangor Area School District is closed, the church is also closed. If the BASD has an early dismissal we will cancel our evening activities.
2. Closing will be posted on wfmz.com, WFMZ-TV, ebumc.org, and the church phone answering machine. We will send an e-mail as soon as we can, as well.
3. On Sunday's, we will use the above contacts. If you wish to be part of a telephone tree, please sign up at church. Persons receiving a call will be expected to call the next person on the list to assure that everyone is notified.
4. Pray that this winter doesn't have as much precipitation as this past summer!

Pastor's Page

So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.
---- Luke 14:33

There is nothing like launching into a new year of hope and possibility than with a real downer of a text.

By “downer,” I mean this teaching of Jesus which indicates that our discipleship is at risk if we don't disperse with all our possessions. Just think about it, no house, no car, not a single luxury. It's almost more than this middle-aged heart of mine can stand!

I really do think I am entitled to enjoy my possessions, for I have worked quite hard to obtain them. They are things that I have – for the most part – been able to deem “necessities,” although that may be stretching things just a bit. Yes, I need shelter – but could make do with much less than I have now. Transportation is a good thing, but I could get by with a few less “bells and whistles” (e.g. heated seats) in “my ride.” Food is necessary; a nightly diet of lobster and caviar is not. Health care, furnishings, clothing, rejuvenation; the list can go on and on.

For whatever reason, I've been blessed beyond what I could ever possibly imagine and – here's the kicker – most times I feel totally entitled to what I have and more.

Jesus said to be wary of these so-called “entitlements” because, at the end of the day, they are impediments to our true purpose of being his disciples.

When we wonder why the church in the third world is exploding with new members while the American Christian movement is shrinking, perhaps the best reason is that the people in the third world countries don't have all the stuff to worry about that we first-world folks do. Their possessions are few and fragile, so they have to put their hope in something else other than a display of financial success.

What would happen if we were challenged to give up all our possessions so that we could fully pursue our discipleship journey? Would we? Could we?

Through the grace of God, I hope to never have to really come to that point. But if possessions are becoming impediments to my discipleship, then I need to rethink the value of some of the stuff I hold so dear.

If you had to let some of that stuff go to deepen your relationship with the Savior, would you be able to?

Straight Ahead!!
Pastor Dave

Announcements

PASTIE SALE & WEIS SLIPS

The last pastie sale was on December 5th. We sold 92 pasties with a profit of \$94.50. The total profit for 2018 was \$1,070.00. Thanks to all who bought them. The next sale will be February 5th, 2019.

MINISTERIUM RELIEF FUND

Each Communion Sunday will offer us an additional, second-mile opportunity, to make a contribution to the Slate Belt Ministerium Relief Fund. This fund is used to assist those in need within our local community and 100% of all donations go to that purpose. Please use one of the blue offering envelopes to make your second-mile gift.

**Start the New Year the way
you start your day, with breakfast!
Free Breakfast "Dinner"!**



**Sunday, January 6th
4:00—5:30 pm
East Bangor United Methodist
Community Church**

We also provide hygiene and household supplies for free on
Sunday mornings from 10:30—11:45.

"JEFFERSON'S JESUS"

MONDAY EVENING STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 21

Our winter study will be on the "Jefferson Bible: The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth." Our third president, Thomas Jefferson also held an interest in theology – rational theology. He "created" his own bible of Jesus' teachings through a "cut and paste" process in which he combines the gospels into a chronological look at the life of Jesus. A copy of the Jefferson Bible will be quite helpful. You can obtain a copy from your favorite bookstore or amazon.com. Versions come in a wide range of prices.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women held their Christmas dinner December 5th in the Church Social Hall. Twenty-nine women attended. Elite Catering served a delicious home-cooked meal. Games were played and prizes were given to the winners. Everyone received an exchange gift, and an offering was taken for the Salvation Army of Pen Argyl. Fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Christmas carols were sung to end the evening. We thank everyone who attended and wish everyone a blessed Christmas season, and a Happy New Year!

UMW FEBRUARY PET PROJECT

The United Methodist Women will be collecting old T-shirts to make chew toys for dogs during their February meeting. They will also be collecting old towels, newspapers, and donations of pet food. For more information, please see Lee Pavan or Laura Antonow.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Make Sleeping Mats for the Homeless: Meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Richmond UMC.

Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center is looking for part-time housekeeping staff. For more information go to www.tuscarora.org/employment, or call Karl Samuelson at 570-897-6000 ext. 296 for more information.

February 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Comedy Night at **First UMC, Bangor**. Tickets are \$15.00 and available through the church office. 100% of ticket sales will go to support Slater Family Network.

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Sunday WORSHIP begins at 9:15 a.m.

Children's Church is available for young children
during Worship.

AMPLE OFF STREET paved parking is provided
just behind our church building. Wheelchair
accessible.

A covered dish Fellowship Hour is held the last
Sunday of each month following worship.

Pasties are sold for the 1st Tuesday of every
month. Cost is \$5.50.

Manna Ministry: Sundays 10:45 am-11:30 am/
Free Community Dinners 4-5:30 p.m. 1st Sunday
of the month.

Visit our Web Site: www.ebumc.org

Dial-A-Message: (610) 588-3896

*We send this along with our best wishes
and God's blessing to you.*

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