

**THE VILLAGE
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JANUARY

A Spot of T

(Get it? 'Cause my last name starts with a 'T'?)



Remodel Project Update

The plan for the sanctuary remodel presented to the congregation last June was to include one additional row of pews up front and a remodel of the steps. We have decided not to pursue this until there is a need for more seating. With the relocation of the altar, remodel of the choir loft and pulpit areas complete, we are calling the chancel piece of the remodel "done".

The sanctuary remodel was to also include two rows of seating in the back, removal of the wall, and reworking the sound booth area - this work is also largely done.

The people who installed the carpet in the sanctuary 10 years ago, had a piece remaining of the same color, so we have decided to install that carpet at the back of the sanctuary; recognizing that carpet stored in a warehouse for 10 years may be slightly different in color than that exposed to sun and foot traffic for 10 years. This carpet installation will bring the entire remodel to a close for the next few months - maybe even throughout 2016.

Several members have suggested cleaning-up the ceiling above where the wall was, and we will be looking into that later in the spring - we don't have a plan yet. There is also a need to revise the projector system, and people are looking at that.

At some point in the future, we may need to increase seating further than we did in 2015 - and that will mean moving the first step at the Communion railing, and adding one row of pews up front - as we proposed last summer. At that time - maybe a year or two from now - it will make sense to replace all the flooring in the sanctuary. But we are holding off replacing all the flooring until we move ahead on seating up front: it doesn't make sense to tear up the flooring now, and again when we remodel the step and front pew - maybe only a year or two from now.

If you have questions about the project, please mention to John Coulter or Paul Martin - they would like to hear from congregation members.

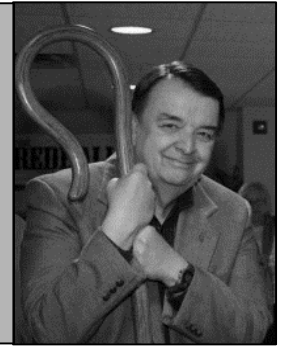
Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'CJ'.

Bishop Mike Coyner's E-pistle

A weekly newsletter from the bishop of the Indiana Conference

<http://inumc.org/epistles>



From December 14, 2015 – "Lessons from the Grinch"

One of the great things about having young grandchildren is that you get to watch videos and read books with childhood stories – many of which are really adult lessons. I had that experience recently when we were taking care of our granddaughter, Leah, and she wanted to watch the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." That movie, based upon the children's book by Dr. Seuss, has many adult lessons. In case you have not read it or seen the movie – or you have become so "adult" that you have forgotten the story – here is a summary:

- The Grinch is jealous of other people enjoying Christmas because he has a heart that is "two sizes too small."
- The Grinch decides to steal everyone's Christmas presents, their decorations, and even their Christmas trees so that he can have Christmas all to himself.
- The Grinch is surprised to discover that the people (called the "Who's") are still able to celebrate Christmas, even without their gifts and decorations.
- The Grinch further discovers that Christmas isn't just about gifts, decorations, and trees, it is about "something more."
- The Grinch's heart suddenly grows several sizes, he returns all of the Christmas items to the Who's, and he is invited to join them in celebrating Christmas.
- Not a bad list of lessons to learn at this time of year, is it? Not just a book for kids, is it? It might even be something a preacher could preach about, isn't it?

How about you? Is your heart "two sizes too small" and do you need to let your heart grow several sizes this Christmas? Do you know that Christmas is "something more" than just presents, gifts, decorations, church programs, and even worship services?

Merry Christmas to all ... to all the children of all ages ... and to all the Grinches, too!
And so I pray ...

Stretch our hearts, Lord, stretch them during these Christmas days,
Take away our cheapness, and fill us with Your generous ways.

Stretch our minds, Lord, stretch them during this Christmas season,
Take away our old thoughts, and fill us with Your gracious reason.

Stretch our love, Lord, stretch us during this Christmas celebration,
Take away our sorrows, and fill us with Your jubilation.

Stretch our lives, Lord, stretch us during this Christmas time.
Take away our failures, and start on us the upward climb.

Stretch our churches, Lord, stretch them during this Christmas joy,
Take away our smallness, and help us share this baby boy.

Amen.

SENIORS' BREAKFAST

Join us at Christo's Tuesday,
January 5, at 8:00.
All are welcome!

Attention, men of DVUMC!



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST / FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, January 9, 8 am
in the church basement.

UMW UPDATE



Thank you for helping us give multiple families memorable holidays. There was so much joy and appreciation shown by the families when they came to pick up their items. Please continue to pray for these families.

Thank you to everyone who donated cookies or helped with our annual cookie sale.

We had a very nice Christmas celebration in December.

Our next meeting will be held at the church on Monday, January 18. All ladies are invited to attend.

Saturday, January 16th
7:00 - ? in DVUMC Fellowship Hall



- ? Up to 7 players per team (14 and older)
- ? Admittance is ONE canned good for the Food Pantry PER team member.
- ? Each team can use an extra canned good item to purchase a mulligan. Up to five mulligans can be purchased.
- ? Please bring a snack to share!!
- ? Team Sign-up sheet will be in the parlor area.

Which team will take home the traveling trophy
for the 1st annual DVUMC Trivia Night???



Calendar At-A-Glance

Sunday, January 2

Communion Service, 10 am

Monday, January 4

Senior Breakfast, 8 am
Finance Meeting, 6:30

Tuesday, January 5

Senior Breakfast, 8 am

Saturday, January 9

Men's Breakfast, 8 am

Sunday, January 10

Classic Service, 10 am

Sunday, January 17

Classic Service, 10 am

Monday, January 18

United Methodist Women

Sunday, January 24

Classic Service 10 am

Sunday, January 31

Classic Service, 10 am

January 3rd – Epiphany of the Lord

Greeter: **Needed**

Liturgist: Sara Burgess

Acolytes: Daniel Burgess & Evan Sittig

Ushers: Nancy Weaver

Children's Church: Cathy Bradley

January 10th – Baptism of the Lord

Greeter: Ross Family

Liturgist: Richard Spitzmesser

Acolytes: Ella Tiedeman & Addyson Heichel

Ushers: Nancy Weaver

Children's Church: Sara Burgess

January 17th – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Greeter: The Langfords

Liturgist: Richard Spitzmesser

Acolytes: CC Langford & Alaina Jeffers

Ushers: Nancy Weaver

Children's Church: Katrina Langford

January 24th – Third Sunday after Epiphany

Greeter: **Needed**

Liturgist: Richard Spitzmesser

Acolytes: Ella Tiedeman & Addyson Heichel

Ushers: Nancy Weaver

Children's Church: Emily Tiedeman

January 31th – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Greeter: **Needed**

Liturgist: Richard Spitzmesser

Acolytes: Evan Sittig & CC Langford

Ushers: Nancy Weaver

Children's Church: Olivia Voelker & Maggie Applegarth

Make it a goal to come to one of our programs in 2016!



Sunday, 8:45



Wednesday, 6 pm



Sunday mornings



Third Monday of the month



Sunday, 8:45



First Tuesday of the month



Jesus is Baptized Word Search

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 SPIRIT
 SYMBOL
 TRINITY
 WASH
 WATER
 WILDERNESS



JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL — JESUS'S MINISTRY BEGINS

PRESCHOOL — 5TH GRADE

Luke 3:22

You are my Son, whom I dearly love.

God chose Jesus; Jesus chose God

January 3: Follow the Star — Matthew 2:1-12

January 10: Jesus is Baptized — Luke 3:1-22

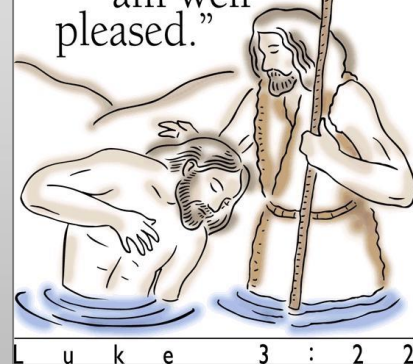
January 17: Jesus Chooses — Luke 4:1-13

January 24: Jesus Brings Good News — Luke 4:14-30

January 31: Jesus Heals — Luke 4:38-44

And a voice came from heaven:

“You are my Son,
 whom I love;
 with you I
 am well
 pleased.”





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A Very Happy Birthday to...

01/03 Lauren Kirk	01/20 Connie Clougher
01/07 Katie Fenstermaker	Jaclyn Heath
Jacob Pointon	Jocelyn McCray
Brock Schable	01/22 Sam Langford
01/08 Maggie Applegarth	01/24 Liliana Bernacchi
Blake Hindsley	01/25 Mauvie Fagg
Elijah Voelker	Julie Ross
Madeline Voelker	01/26 Norma Jean Hiatt
01/14 Gayle McCray	Ruth McCarty
01/17 Becca Eyrick	01/27 Greg Coulter
Lindsay Koselke	01/28 Joyce Marhanka
Ronnie Rice	01/29 Michael Varda
01/19 Carla Marhanka	01/30 Nick Applegarth
Roger VanZuiden	01/31 Jordan Marhanka
01/20 Olivia Bernacch	Paul Martin

January
 anniversaries

01/05 Don & Ruth McCarty
 01/28 John & Katrina Langford