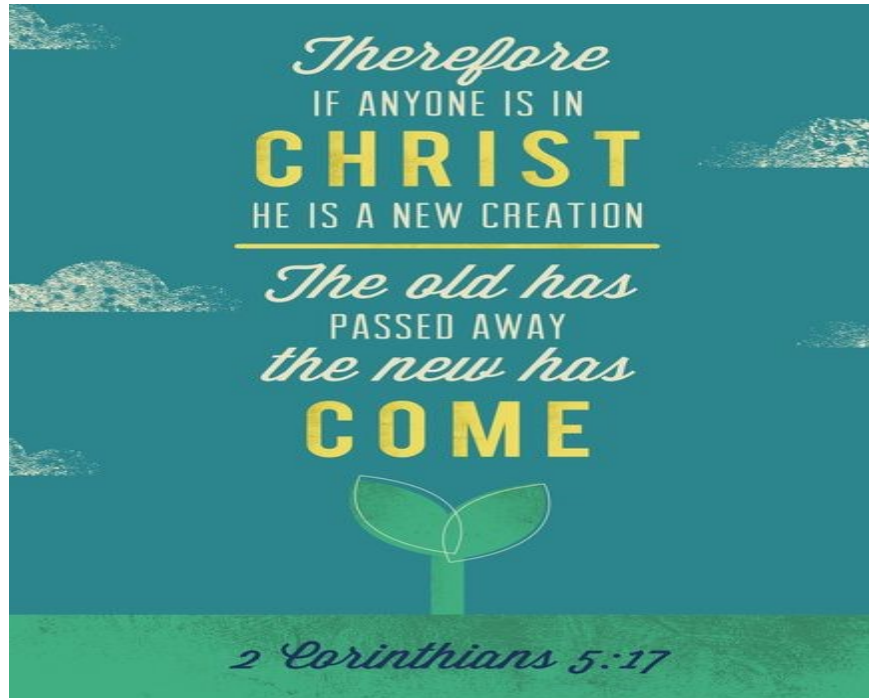


Church Messenger



*Our Purpose is to Praise, Glorify and Love
God*

*Our Principles are Humility, Grace, Prayer,
Love,*

Compassion and Service

January 12, 2020 – January 26, 2020

LADIES!
START THE NEW YEAR WITH A LIFE-CHANGING STUDY

Coping effectively with whatever life brings is the common theme of day and evening bible studies beginning January 13 and 14.

The Monday morning class will tackle “*The Armor of God*” by author, speaker and actress Priscilla Shirer. The 7-week study provides ways to protect your heart, mind, marriage, family, relationships, dreams and destiny from real, unseen forces of evil that wage war all around us. Using a workbook and videos, participants will learn how to stop being pushed around and caught with their guard down in life. The group meets Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Wesley Room.

The Tuesday evening class will be studying “*It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered,*” by New York Times best-selling author and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries, Lysa TerKeurst. With grit, vulnerability, and honest humor, Lysa draws on her own recent experiences of marital trouble and illness to help readers not to panic when God actually does give more than we can handle. The study guide and videos will enable participants to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations and train themselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy so they can stand strong and persevere through daily disappointments or life-altering loss. The evening class meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Holbrook Room.

Women of all Christian denominations from our community attend UMCM's Bible studies. To register for a workbook for either class contact Laurel in the church office, 330-467-3169. Give yourself a gift this new year by digging into God's Word!

ADD MOMS' TIME TO YOUR 2020 BUCKET LIST

Here's a weekly refresher that will make you a better parent, wife, human being! Join us on *Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.* for Moms' Time. Three weeks of the month we do book and Bible studies. One Tuesday a month we do a fun and inexpensive activity together such as a movie, craft and game nights, hikes, or spa nights. The group also does some volunteer work together like making dinner for our Limitless teens, working at the Emergency Assistance Center and filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child.



Soup Tastes So Good On a Snowy Day!

And that's why Open M is asking us to provide large cans of soup for their food pantry for January. Hunger knows no season and the food pantry's lines never get shorter. We care and that's why Macedonia UMC has been one of Open M's most loyal supporting churches for over 50 years. Bring your donation to the red wagon in the church parlor and we'll get it to Akron.

We Care.....We Serve.....We Support.....Let's Keep it Going!

At the beginning of the new year your church can help you have a more fulfilled life with so many opportunities to help and serve others.

Every Sunday smiles and conversation go on and on between services as folks visit and enjoy coffee and donuts. I know you imagine that those donuts appear as if by magic - that elves bring them - and of course they do, but someone has to pay for the elves to pick them up. You don't have to make coffee; you don't have to pick up goodies; all you are asked to do is help out by contributing \$16 to pay for the donuts. The sign up sheet is on the table and you can either add the money to your offering or give the cash to Rosanne Smith. She'll make sure it counts as a donation from you. Once a year? Once a month? It all Helps.

Open M is the ecumenical ministry in downtown that we've supported for over 50 years. Our Open M leaders are still gung ho but we want to make sure that our church's enthusiasm goes on long after our gung ho has gone. How can you help? We serve lunch to about 100 folks down there four times a year, the first time in April. There's money in the church budget to pay for meals but about 8-10 people are needed to help with buying, preparing, serving, and cleaning up. . Come once and get involved. We ask the church for help with items for the food pantry monthly, gather over 200 items for the Christmas food baskets, and encourage the congregation to adopt some of the 600 children they support at Christmas.

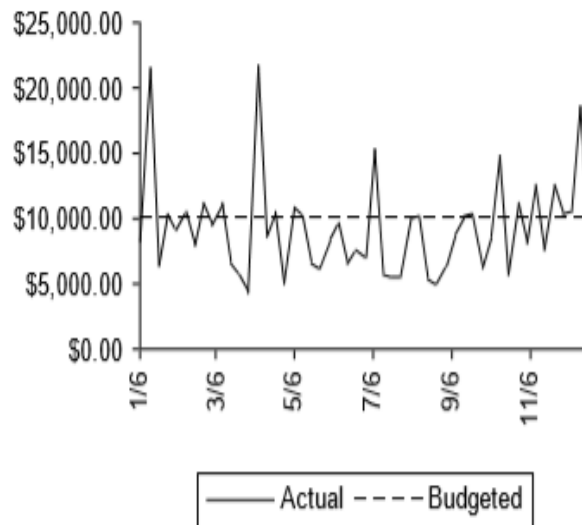
The Open M church representatives meet a few times a year at Open M and Carolyn Hansinger won't be in town for the Tuesday, February 25 meeting which is at 4 pm. Won't you, either alone or with a friend, be the Macedonia rep that day? Call Carolyn at 330-467-1836 or text to 440-821-0943 until January 30. We want to spread the knowledge of Open M

Budget Report

Yearly Actual vs. Budgeted Amount to General Fund

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$472,982.12	\$510,000.00

Weekly Actual vs. Budgeted Amount to General Fund



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Sunday, December 29th
9:30 Traditional Service
9:30 Children's Sunday School
11:00 Life Quest
11:00 Redefine (modern)
11:00 Children's Sunday School

Monday, December 30th
7:00 Men's Breakfast-Luna's
4:00 Girl Scouts
6:00 Jazzercise
7:00 Bell Choir

Tuesday, December 31st
New Year's Eve
8:30 Women's Breakfast-Luna's
6:00 Jazzercise
7:00 Martial Arts
7:30 Tues. Night Serenity
Support Group

Wednesday, January 1st
New Year's Day—Happy New Year!
Church office closed
8:30 Boot Camp
8:00 p.m. Open Arms

Thursday, January 2nd
4:30 Dinner Out
6:00 Praise Team
6:30 UMW Ewes Meeting
7:00 Chancel choir

Friday, January , 3rd
6:15 p.m. Come & Get It Support Meeting
7:00 Good Stuff Too

Saturday, January 4th
8:30 Jazzercise
9:00 Stained Glass

Sunday, January 5th
9:30 Traditional Service
9:30 Children's Sunday School
11:00 Life Quest
11:00 Confirmation
11:00 Redefine (modern)
11:00 Children's Sunday School
4:00 Limitless
6:00 Cub Scouts

Monday, January 6th
7:00 Men's Breakfast-Luna's
6:00 Christian Ed. Board Mtg.
6:00 Jazzercise
7:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 7th
8:30 Women's Breakfast-Luna's
6:00 Jazzercise
7:00 Martial Arts
7:30 Tues. Night Serenity Support Group

Wednesday, January 8th
8:30 Boot Camp
10:30 UMW LOA Mtg.
6:00 Jazzercise
7:00 SPRC Meeting
8:00 Open Arms

Thursday, January 9th
6:00 Praise Team
7:00 Chancel Choir

Friday, January 10th
10:00 Warm Up America
6:15 Come & Get It Support Group
7:00 Good Stuff Too

Saturday, January 11th
8:30 Jazzercise
9:00 Stained Glass
10:00 Listening Session

Sunday, January 12th
8:30 Pancake Breakfast
9:30 Traditional Service
9:30 Children's Sunday School
11:00 Life Quest
11:00 Confirmation
11:00 Redefine (modern)
11:00 Children's Sunday School
4:00 Limitless

Deadlines:

Articles for the next Messenger should be submitted by **Wednesday, January 8th.**



We would like to hear from you (the congregation) concerning a possible change from an *Administrative Board* governance model to a *Single Board model*.

Purpose: To make the administration of the UMCM more efficient and effective while increasing congregational engagement and empowering more people to make decisions.

Please plan to attend one of these sessions where the new model will be explained and discussed.

Here is the *updated* schedule of listening activities:

Evening:

January 13, 2020, 6-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Saturday:

January 11, 2020, 10-11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited for the discussions.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Pendleton, Peggy Spraggins or Joe Pannitto.



Who do I call?

The best place to start is the church office at 330-467-3169. Office hours are typically Monday-Friday, 9:00 am until 4 pm. You may leave a message after hours .

What do I do?

If I need a Stephen Minister – Andy Bell is the leader of this ministry. He can be reached at 216-924-2486 or abell@thomasbrick.com. Jim Schreck is also available and can be reached at 440-212-8523. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times.

If I'm in the hospital—Please contact the church office at 330-467-3169, so that we may pray and care for you. If an emergency arises in the evening or on the weekend, please call Charlie at 419-565-5661 or Russ at 740-815-5744.

If I'd like to schedule a Baptism or Wedding – begin by calling the church office to schedule the date and set up an appointment with Pastor Russ.

If I'm interested in becoming a member, am seeking spiritual guidance or would like to become deeper in my faith – again, please call the church office to schedule an appointment with Pastor Russ.

In the event that I need to arrange a funeral and funeral dinner– Typically we are contacted immediately by the funeral home, but certainly you can also contact the church. Be assured that we will do everything to make this situation easy on your family and will take care of all of the details so that you may spend your time with your loved ones.

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