



# Prairie Wind

OUR MISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES OF  
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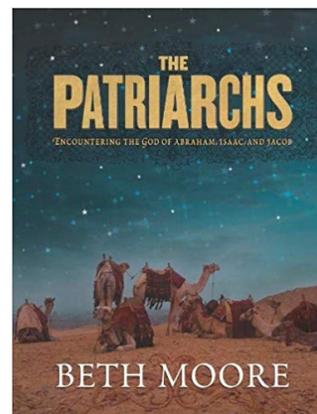
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## Bible Study

This winter, Pastor Terri will be starting a new eleven-week Women's Bible Study by Beth Moore called *The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*. This study will examine the book of Genesis from 11 through the end. In this study, we will discover God's pursuit of relationship and the unfolding of His earthly plan: How through one nation—and ultimately one man—all people on earth will be blessed. We will explore concepts such as blessing, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today. This study will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM beginning January 29<sup>th</sup> or Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>, and we will go through the second week of April. Please join us even if you can't make all the sessions. The cost of the book is \$16, but assistance is

available if you cannot afford the book. Please contact Lora to sign up before January 21<sup>st</sup>.



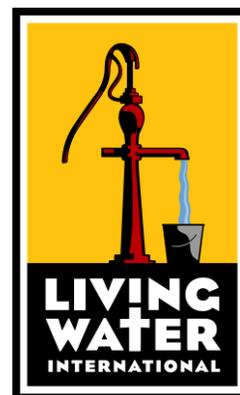
## Living Water International

I am pleased to announce that the Missions Committee has selected Living Water International as the focus project for Tuscola United Methodist Church throughout 2019. Their mission statement is:

“Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and experience ‘living water’—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst.”

We will begin this project on January 14<sup>th</sup> as we watch a series of videos during church. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have an open collection to kick off our campaign. Our goal is a whopping \$8000 to be raised over the course of one year. I know we can do it!

Watch the newsletter for information on upcoming Living Water Projects and Events which will be held monthly. If your Sunday School class or group would like to sponsor an event one month, please see Pastor Terri.



Note  
from the  
pastor



## Pastor's Letter

Greetings and Happy New Year, Church Family!

I'm so excited to begin 2019 here in Tuscola with all of you. There are a lot of things that are coming down the pike this year, so I wanted to take some time and let you know about all of them.

First, welcome to 2020 Vision. This year, the church will be undergoing a visioning process to best figure out what steps we need to take to move forward as a church whose goal is to make disciples of all people. This will be a time of great dreaming and doing as we look at ways to set and achieve our goals. I will be recommending the book *The Four Disciplines of Execution: Achieving Your Wildly Important Goals* by Chris McChesey, Sean Covey, and Jim Huling. We will be holding a leadership retreat and several one-day church retreats as we look towards the future and how we can help our church impact the community around it.

The second thing that will be happening this year is Fellowship! We will have some sort of Fellowship event at least every other month. Join the Evangelism Team on

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM for a Game Night. Bring your favorite games from home and a snack item, and we'll just have fun. Also, watch for sign-ups for various clubs that we'll be holding at the church including Arts and Crafts, Knitting/Crochet, Walking, Get Healthy, Book Club, and Baking Club.

Finally, I'm happy to announce that the Missions committee has selected our project for 2019: Living Water International. See more about this wonderful organization later in the newsletter. Beginning in February, I'll be asking various circles and Sunday School Classes to sign up for a month in which they raise money to build wells in areas of the world where clean water is difficult to come by.

Join us in ministry in 2019 as we move forward into exciting new missions and ministries!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Terri

## Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to the UMW for the surprise shower, and especially "anonymous". Larry was tickled with the cookware. Also thank you to Joyce Ellis for taking over the Sunday School secretary job while I was out. Thank you for all the prayers. We really appreciate your generosity.

~Bev & Larry Schweighart

I want to thank everyone for the Thanksgiving cards: Patty Russell, Phyllis & Larry Williams, Jean & Jerry Leonard, Mark Randall, Harold & Judy Evans.

~Helen Wirth

Thank you to the TNT class for the wonderful cards.

~Harold & Judy Evans

Thank You!

# Manna Café News

The next Manna Café will be Wednesday, February 6, serving from 5-6:30 p.m. Sharon Corum will be cooking. **\*Please note there will not be a Manna Café in January\***

If you would like to volunteer to cook, help serve, scrape/wash dishes, bake desserts, etc., please contact Sharon Corum at 217-474-7738 or the church office.



## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will be starting a new year beginning with our meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. We will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the months of January (please note the date change of the January meeting), February, March, April, May, September and October. Each meeting begins at 6:00 pm with a great meal, followed by a program and fellowship.

The officers for this year are Jerry Leonard, President; Jim Pattenaude, Vice President, and Wayne Ward, Secretary/Treasurer. We would like to have all the men associated in any way with our church to join the men's group this year and share in the fellowship. For the men in the church you should have (or will be) receiving a letter with a return card to let us know of your intentions. Please take a few moments to com-

plete and return the card included with that letter to help us plan for the year. If you haven't received a letter, we apologize and would ask that you please contact Jerry or Wayne.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN**  
The United Methodist Church

As with many things nowadays, our costs for meals and administrative expenses continue to be higher. This year the cost for a Season Ticket will be \$85. However, if you prefer, the cost for an individual meal and meeting will be \$13. Our February meeting (February 20<sup>th</sup>) will be our annual spouse/guest valentine dinner. The cost for a spouse or guest for that evening event will be \$10.

## Worship Volunteers Needed

Sunday worship is a time when we come together as the body of Christ to hear God's word and feel the Holy Spirit through our worship experience. A big part of our worship depends on our liturgists, ushers, and soundboard volunteers to assist Pastor Terri in bringing us the message each Sunday. We are needing volunteers to help in each of these areas at both services. If you would like to help as a liturgist, usher, or soundboard volunteer, please contact Lora Zimmer in the church office, 253-4232 or by email to: [lzimmer@tuscolaumc.org](mailto:lzimmer@tuscolaumc.org).



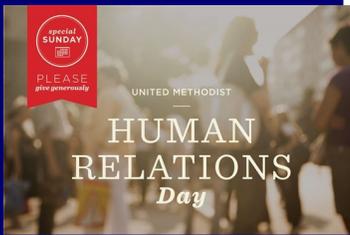
FINANCIAL  
REPORT

# November Income/Expense Report

Balance as of 10/31/18	\$ 3,391.03
November income	\$21,979.34
November expense	(\$23,369.13)
Balance as of 11/30/18	\$ 2,001.24

All contributions for the 2018 giving year must be received in the church office by 10 a.m. on December 31. Thank you for your continued support of TUMC!

## Special Offering: Human Relations Day



Connected with the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Human Relations Day offering is received on January 20 in worship. This offering is one of the six required special offerings of The United Methodist Church. The proceeds support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services and works with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

In your bulletin there will be a leaflet and envelope for your use. Checks can be made payable to TUMC and placed in the envelope. Please give as you are led.

## Give Electronically!



Tuscola UMC wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly, monthly, or semi-monthly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church budget.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving lets you go to [www.tuscolaumc.org](http://www.tuscolaumc.org) at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your

donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Simply go to the above website, scroll down the page, and click on the "Donate" button. From there, you can create a profile, and then manage your giving.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. It's easy, secure, and convenient!

Please see Lora Zimmer in the church office if you would like to get started or have questions.



# January

## Worship Preview

Sermon Series – A Light to Enlighten Nations

When we look at the first stories of Jesus: born in Bethlehem, dedicated at the temple, baptized in the River Jordan, it's easy to focus on his life as a first-century Jew. But the amazing part of the gospel is that the light shining in Jesus shone far beyond Israel to illuminate the whole world! Join us this month and the first part of February as we see how the light of Christ reached outsiders from the beginning and continues to grow, lighting the dark places throughout our world and in our own hearts.

January 6<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Terri on Vacation – Rev. Ken Roedder preaching

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Matthew 2:1-12 – Outsiders Becoming Insiders

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Luke 3:15-17; 21-22 – Saved to Serve the Whole World

January 27<sup>th</sup> – Luke 4:15-21 – A Mission to Light Your Way

# 8:15 a.m. Worship Leaders

**January 6** – Liturgist – Judy Schenkel; Ushers – Bob Smith, Jerry Jones, Todd Kresin, Colter Lewis; Greeters – Mary Smith, Don & Dorris Thode; PowerPoint – Jim & Mary Ann Pattenau

**January 13** – Liturgist – Cathy Mannen; Ushers – Ray Lamb, Lenny Sementi, Mark Randell; Greeters – Jerry & Jean Leonard, Barb Wills; PowerPoint – Darcy Sementi

**January 20** – Liturgist – Darcy Sementi; Ushers – Paul Wisovaty, Alan Michener, Jack Allen, Jerry Reynolds; Greeters – Sue Wisovaty, Doris Young; PowerPoint – Colin Lewis

**January 27** – Liturgist – Jeff Marker; Ushers – Debbie & Jeff Marker, Jan Mann; Greeters – Pat & Butch Janusik; PowerPoint -



# 10:45 a.m. Worship Leaders

**January 6** – Liturgist – Alan Patton; Ushers – Brian Beachy, Kristine Kerns; Greeter – Kathryn McCumber; Acolyte – Delanie Yantis; PowerPoint –

**January 13** – Liturgist – Georgia Wilkinson; Ushers – Dan Craddock, Dale Phillips, Andy & Cindy Wood; Greeters – Jan Boyer, Vicki Jones; Acolyte – Brynlee Ring; PowerPoint – Noah Woods

**January 20** – Liturgist – Wayne Ward; Ushers – Mark & Kim Kemp, Lora & Emma Zimmer; Greeter – Alan Patton; Acolyte – Lily Yantis; PowerPoint – Rodney Zimmer

**January 27** – Liturgist – ; Ushers – Wayne & Joann Ward, Rhonda McCumber; Greeter – Cheryl Bozarth; Acolyte – Boyd Brewer; PowerPoint – Jackie/Sidney Watson



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Children's Choir Director	Johanna Steffens
Lay Leader	Jim Pattenaude
Church Council Chair	Wayne Ward
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***Prairie Wind*** is the monthly newsletter of the Tuscola United Methodist Church. We meet for worship at 901 N. Prairie Street in Tuscola, Illinois.

We invite you to worship with us and to experience the joy of having fellowship with people who believe in God's love and Christ's teachings.

Our worship services are Sunday at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., Jarman Center at 9:30 a.m. and Brookstone Estates at 10:10 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 9:30 a.m.

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