



# Prairie Wind

OUR MISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES OF  
JESUS CHRIST

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## Bible Study

Our new Bible study, *Troubled Minds: Responding to Mental Illness*, will begin on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at either 10 AM or 6 PM. Mental illness is far more prevalent than many realize. With one in four adults struggling with mental illness each year, there's no doubt that there are people in our churches who desperately need love and support. Unfortunately, the church hasn't always done a great job of ministering to those affected by mental illness—either their own or a loved one's illness. But it doesn't have to be that way. This Bible study explores mental illness and what the church can do to help. It also helps clear up common myths and begins to put the stigma of mental illness in the past.

Please contact Lora Zimmer in the church office to sign up, 253-4232. The cost of the book is \$20.

This six-week study includes:

- January 21 – A Christian Response to Mental Illness – Psalm 130 and Matthew 9:35-38
- January 28 – Why So Much Suffering? – Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:13-17

- February 4 – Mental Illness and the Church's Responsibility – I Corinthians 1:18-25, 13.
- February 11 – Shining Light on Stigma – I Kings 19:3-4, Jonah 4
- February 18 – The Church is Called to Help with Mental Illness – Matthew 5:13-16
- February 25 – God Can Redeem Mental Illness – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, James 1:2-4

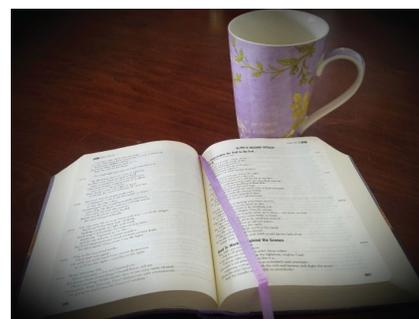
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## Lamps!

For our sermon series on Spiritual Affective Disorder held January 12 – February 23, we need lamps! All shapes, sizes, colors – as many as we can get. If you can loan us any lamps for the month, please drop them off on the back tables of in the Fellowship Hall by January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to mark your name on them with masking tape. Thanks!



## Note from the pastor



# Pastor's Letter

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever had the blues? Most of us have had a time in our lives when we weren't as happy as others, but that's different from depression. Mental illness is incredibly pervasive in our society today, and yet we rarely talk about it. We find it uncomfortable, or we don't understand it.

And yet, historically, Methodists have been activists for those suffering from these disorders. John Wesley and the founders of The United Methodist Church practiced a faith grounded in the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ, with a focus on healing the whole person: physical, spiritual, emotional and mental. The concern for the health of those within the ministry of the church led to establishment of medical services for those in need without regard to financial means, thereby refusing no one for any reason. That spirit of all-encompassing love and compassion serves as a legacy and a model for us as we seek to respond to those challenged by mental illness.

Our model is Jesus, who calls us to love all. As Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, his words and proclamations were accompanied by "healing every disease and every sickness" (Matthew 9:35). Jesus had compassion and healed those besieged by mental illness, many of whom had been despised, rejected, persecuted, and feared by their community.

We will gain appreciation for the light of Christ in worship with the sermon series S.A.D. (Spiritual Affective Disorder), and we will tackle mental illness in the Bible during our Bible Studies as we discover how the church can and must help by reading *Troubled Minds: Responding to Mental Illness*.

Join us as we dive more deeply into this incredibly important topic and learn how Jesus would respond to those who are suffering.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Terri

# Thank You!

Thank you to Paul & Sue Wisovaty for the picture postcards from their vacations to Kentucky and California. Also thank you to Paul for his visits. Thanks to Patty Russell, Susan Patterson, Phyllis & Larry Williams, Jean & Jerry Leonard, Janice & Jim Snider,

and the Lewis boys for the Thanksgiving cards. I appreciate each and every one of them. May God bless each one of them!

Love,  
Helen Wirth



# Emergency Preparedness Corner

Today we are going to chat about winter weather preparedness...

We know that in Illinois it can go from 60 to 30 in about 2 hours and its not uncommon to have a mixed bag of precipitation of rain/ice/snow. Are you prepared for this winter blast filled with cold and snow? If not, now is the time to prepare and below are some suggested tips for things to keep in your car:

Items to keep in a Winter Car Safety Kit: scraper, shovel, hand warmers, blanket, first aid kit, cell phone charger, jumper

cables, flashlight, water and non-perishable snacks, cat litter/sand for tire traction, flares or reflective triangle. Always have a full charge on your cell phone and a full tank of gas prior to heading out on the highways and you can check highway road conditions at: <https://www.gettingaroundillinois.com/WinterConditions/index.html>

For more tips on winter weather preparedness, please check out: <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather>

~Tammy Bennett

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED

# Manna Café News

Due to the New Year's holiday, there will be no Manna Café in January. The next Manna Café will be on Wednesday, February 5th, from 5-6:30 p.m.

We can always use volunteers to help: cook, serve, scrape/wash dishes, tear down tables, bake desserts, etc., Please contact Sharon Corum at 217-474-7738 or the church office if you are able to help.



# United Methodist Women News

The national UMW Board of Directors approved \$16.27 million operating budget for 2020, which includes more than \$3.78 million in national and international mission grants and \$7.1 million for program services administered by United Methodist Women. Programs include national mission institution insurance, the Deaconess and Home Missioner Office, mission education support for Scarritt Bennett Center and work to provide leadership development, spiritual growth, transformative education and service and advocacy opportunities for members.

National President, Shannon Priddy, challenged board members to move out of a framework of scarcity and into one of God's abundance when she said, "Our purpose hasn't changed. The words are different, and how we do the work is different, but the why is the same. Today, women and girls are still marginalized. Women, children, and youth still need education and health care. Women still need to organize for mission."

The treasurer joyfully reported, "Mission Giving is up 6 percent compared to last year which is a source of great thanksgiving for every single United Methodist Women member. We celebrate them for their giving faithfulness, courage and encouragement."

General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Harriett Olson, asked, "What if we took this difficult time as an opportunity to shape the church to meet the needs of our communities and our world? What if we invested ourselves in eradicating racism from our own structures and practices as a church and if we brought those same efforts to our communities? What if the church was actually organized around loving our neighbors?"

"This is a time of opportunity for us to be more fully who we are as Methodists and United Methodist women, if we will allow ourselves to be moved by the needs of the world and passionate about women who are not yet members."

President Shannon Priddy remarked, "United Methodist Women, you know things, you are educated. You know more and when you know more, as leaders, you are called on to do more," she continued. "Like Esther, (who saved the Jewish people), you have come to your position for such a time as this."

Let each of us do our part to make a difference in the lives of women, children, and youth, as we try to "dilute the misery in the world".



# November Income & Expense Report

Balance as of 10/31/19	(\$ 2,019.16)
November income	\$22,635.29
November expense	(\$21,336.16)
Balance as of 11/30/19	(\$ 720.03)

Don't forget that TUMC offers electronic funds transfer from a checking, savings, or credit/debit card! It's quick and easy. Please contact Lora Zimmer in the church office for more information.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

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## CHILDREN

PreK - 5th Grade

Its ALWAYS a blast with the kids church.  
We are definitely looking forward to our upcoming Kids Night Out.  
If you would like to help, let Kaylee know.

### Kid's Night Out

January 10th / 5:30-10:30pm

Dinner, lesson, games, craft, movie. For more info, contact Kaylee.  
**All children must be pre-registered for this event!**

### Slipper and Sock Sunday

January 26

Wear your favorite or a crazy pair of slippers or socks to church.  
Ditch your shoes at the door and rock those socks!

Join us for our upcoming events! We would love for you to check us out and see if we are for you!

### Youth Group

Youth group will be on Sunday nights starting January 12th.

FireStarters (4-6th grade) 4:30-6:00pm  
Embark Youth (7-12th grade) 6:30-8:00pm

### Bowling

January 17th at Old Orchard Lanes  
7pm . Cost \$12

Let Kaylee know if you can go by January 10th.

## YOUTH

6th - 12th Grades

## FAMILY

January 24

6:00-10:00pm  
Family Game Night

Held in the TUMC Fellowship Hall

Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game.  
The church will supply some games and lemonade and water to drink.



## **Worship Preview**

January 5<sup>th</sup> – TBD – Guest Preacher

### **S.A.D.: Spiritual Affective Disorder**

Winter can be a time of Seasonal Affective Disorder when the lack of sunlight affects our moods and ability to cope effectively. But Spiritual Affective Disorder can also be a factor as we lead lives that are too crowded, busy, overcommitted, sometimes disturbing and uncertain. At the turn of this new year, we will explore everyday life activities that can become spiritual practices—deepening our experience of a meaningful life and make us more “light-hearted.”

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Flip the Switch – Isaiah 60:1-6

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Soothe a Savage – Psalm 40:1-11

January 26<sup>th</sup> – Lighten Up – Isaiah 9:1-4

# 8:15 a.m. Worship Leaders

**January 5** – Liturgist – Janet Butler; Ushers – Jerry Jones, Todd Kresin, Colter Lewis; Greeters – Don & Dorris Thode; PowerPoint – Mary Ann & Jim Pattenaude

**January 12** – Liturgist – Judy Schenkel; Ushers – Ray Lamb, Lenny Sementi, Mark Randell; Greeters – Jerry & Jean Leonard; PowerPoint – Darcy Sementi

**January 19** – Liturgist – Ray Lamb; Ushers – Paul Wisovaty, Alan Michener, Jerry Reynolds; Greeters – Sue Wisovaty, Doris Young; PowerPoint – Kimberly Wax

**January 26** – Liturgist – Cammy Seguin; Ushers – Debbie & Jeff Marker, Jan Mann; Greeters – Pat & Butch Janusik; PowerPoint - Dave & Janet Butler



# 10:45 a.m. Worship Leaders

**January 5** – Liturgist – Wayne Ward; Ushers – Need volunteers; Greeter – Kathryn McCumber; PowerPoint – Dwight Vaught

**January 12** – Liturgist – Christy Hoel; Ushers – Dan Craddock, Andy & Cindy Wood; Greeter – Jan Boyer; PowerPoint – Ryan/Nicholas Woods

**January 19** – Liturgist – Georgia Wilkinson; Ushers – Mark & Kim Kemp, Lora & Emma Zimmer; Greeter – Alan Patton; PowerPoint – Rodney Zimmer

**January 26** – Liturgist – Diane Zell; Ushers – Wayne & Joann Ward, Rhonda McCumber, Patty Russell; Greeter – Cheryl Bozarth; PowerPoint – Jackie/Sidney Watson



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Lay Leader	Jeff Marker
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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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