

The Steeple: January 2024

Prayer Requests

Lois Stephens
Joe Pete Hayes
Minnie Coates
Nancy Stephens
Tony Barron
Jay Rice
Alice Cox
Hazel Quinn
Angie Conner
Banks Davidson
Kim McCrory Rogers
Ed Schamel
Jeanette Lamar
Mary Jane Hunt
Lynn Strother

Please help us pray for those on the prayer list, and for our congregation, local, state, and federal governments, US military their families, and our church staff and leadership.

January Birthdays

01/02 Sharon Bishop
01/04 Delores Smith
01/11 Steve Mauter
01/19 Harold Reece
01/23 Abigail Deng
01/27 David Bishop

TMC Quilting

Taylorville Methodist Church Quilters will meet on January 6th and January 20th at 9AM. If you would like more information contact Peggy Snider at 547-707-5743.

Taylorville Methodist Woman

Taylorville Methodist Women would like to thank everyone for the contributions for the two students at Sipse Valley Middle School. Also, for the Christmas baskets that were delivered to our shut-ins and neighbors. TMW continues to collect toiletries for Turning Point. There is a basket on the table right outside Ed Allen's Sunday school classroom. Several bags were delivered to Turning Point this week. The ladies will host a "Grandmother Shower" for Cindy Harding on, January 28, 2024. It will be in the church gym at 12:30PM. TMW will meet on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 10Am in The Grove. If you would like more information about TMW please contact Joan Hannah at 205-242-4444.

Taking Down Decorations for Advent/Christmas

Thank you to everyone who decorated and made our church so festive for the Advent/Christmas season. Then, all the hard work from everyone to take all the decorations down and put them away for next season. It takes everyone working together and you guys nailed it this Advent/Christmas season.

Pastor's Letter:

Dear TMC Family,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and yours had a meaningful Advent and Christmas season. We so enjoyed our first Christmas with TMC, from the Advent readers to the Cantata to Christmas Eve services, including one with our partner church Coaling Methodist. We were able to visit with family and friends, and we have loved hearing all of the ways y'all celebrated.

2024 (is that even a real year?) brings a sense of renewal and looking ahead at what it means to continue in our discipleship to Jesus. We love considering how we might dive fuller into knowing Jesus. Consider making a commitment this year to a small step in your walk with Christ:

- *Read through the Bible in a year (there are lots of wonderful and fun resources we could recommend that break it down);
- *Commit to regular worship attendance;
- *Volunteer in worship services (we can help you find a good placement for your giftings!);
- *Steward your body;
- *Start meeting with a spiritual accountability partner (we can help you figure out how to get started)
- *Start a daily prayer journal

These, and so many others, are wonderful ways to honor Christ and the fellowship we have with the Church!

This month of January, we introduced a new worship series called "The Big Reveal" for the Epiphany Season. We hope you worship with us on Sunday mornings to hear the good news of how what Jesus does reveals who He is!

We also want to say a word about Dinner at the Parsonage. We have thoroughly enjoyed the meals we've shared with many of you around our dinner table! Knowing one another more, trading stories and questions, laughs, and good food has a delightful way of bringing us closer in fellowship as brothers and sisters. If you haven't yet signed up for a dinner, we have a few spots left on upcoming nights! If you have been unable to come for whatever reason, but wish to participate, please let Pastor Taylor and Pastor Sarah know! We would love to find good dates and times to sit down with all those who wish to!

We are also pleased to announce that starting this month, TMC has a new Lay Leader - Judy Evans! As Lay Leader, Judy will work closely with your pastors to ensure that all receive appropriate pastoral care and missional opportunities. We trust in Judy's capabilities, and encourage you to welcome and pray for her in her new role!

As always, we highly encourage you to continually make space for your time and presence at Sunday morning worship. We are looking forward to exciting possibilities of deeper fellowship in the coming months - keep an eye out!

Remember, your pastors are always happy to pray or visit with you! We are readily available by phone, email, and text. Just let us know - unfortunately mind reading isn't a spiritual gift! You may also contact Michelle in the church office if you would like to make an appointment during our office hours.

May the Peace of Jesus Christ lead you in this new year,

Pastors Sarah and Taylor Goodwin

A Sermon Series for the Epiphany Season

The Big Reveal

Jesus is known
by what He does



January Calendar of Events

01/01	9AM-2PM	Church Office Closed
01/06	9AM	TMC Quilters
01/07	2PM	Take down Advent/Christmas decorations
01/15	9AM-2PM	Church Office Closed
01/20	9AM	TMC Quilters
01/22	10AM	TMW

Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:00 AM Contemporary Service
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Online Giving

It's now possible to set up your giving online! Simply go to <https://taylorville-umc.churchcenter.com/giving>, select whether you want to give a one-time gift or a recurring donation, enter the info, and click submit.

December Average Attendance

In-Person- 77
Online - 6

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