

Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

Almost twenty years ago, when my youngest daughter was still learning to talk, she coined the phrase "Happy Noo Noo" around this time of year. She said it one time and it has become part of our family's lexicon and gets mentioned at least once annually.

Every family has its own inside jokes, unspoken traditions and understood conventions. The church is the same way. There are terms we use in Methodism that folks from other denominations or outside the church would not be familiar with. For most folks, UMW is the United Mine Workers union. SPR sounds like something you do to someone who is not breathing. A local church can have its own lingo also. At Bookwalter, we know that the B.I.G. room is not just a large gathering place and that there are doughnuts before Sunday School.

The problem with inside information is it leaves others outside. This Saturday, January 6 is The Epiphany on the liturgical calendar. This celebrates the visit of the Wise Men. Their return home sharing about Jesus is considered the birth of evangelism as he has now been revealed to the Gentiles.

As we look for new people and new families to join our church family this new year, we have to be mindful of how our familiarity with all things Bookwalter can be a help or a hindrance to those who do not even know where the

bathrooms are found. Let us all make a resolution to be particularly conscious of our guests. It is not merely the job of the preacher to make people feel welcome and at home with our family. That job belongs to each and every one of you. Steve

Keenagers will be meeting on January 9th, 10:30 a.m. Carolyn Zachery will have devotions and the program will be Kim Bohanan from Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union. Invite someone to come to the meeting with you. We always have a good program and the lunch is delicious. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

Sunday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m. and Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

Thursday, January 11th – Finance Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 22nd:
Outreach, 6:30 p.m.
Church Council, 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection on January 19-21.

Thank you to those registered with Kroger Community Rewards. Because you shopped at Kroger last quarter, we have received a check for our emergency in the amount of \$122.12.

We have printed this before, but it is worth reminding us again, especially during this time when so many people are sick:

With cold and flu season upon us, Rev. Doyal wants to remind everyone to please be considerate if you are sick and/or contagious. Stay home! You have nothing to prove by attending when you are under the weather. In fact, sharing your germs is not a good way to "support" your church.

Speaking of weather, we also want to remind everyone to use their best judgment as the possibility of snow and ice approaches. We will do our best to inform people about services at church. However, even if we proceed on a given Sunday, you may live in an area that is less conducive to winter driving. Stay safe!

From the church staff – thank you for the love you have shared with us, the cards and gifts. Our prayers for the New Year are that the doors of hate will be closed and the doors of love for all will be open all over the world, and for peace for all nations. Very best wishes to you in the New Year.

Our Service

January 7, 2018

Acolytes	Ellis Banks, Matthew Edmondson
Nursery	Idonna Bryson, Porta Chamberlain
Ushers	A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell, Mary Mahoney, J. Carroll Starnes

Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, January 7th as we worship the Lord on this Epiphany Sunday. Scripture will be Matthew 2:1-12 and the sermon is "LEFT FOR DEAD."

Our Presence and Our Gifts

December 31, 2017

Morning Worship	68
Sunday School	58
Budget Offering	\$2,993.00
Roof	\$20.00
Music Department	\$50.00
Change for Children	\$2.40
Children's Department	\$50.00
Holston Home for Children	\$284.00
Camp in The Community	\$20.00

Prayer List:

We are starting a new year and a new prayer list. If you want someone added to the list, leave the information with the church office or fill out a card and drop in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please keep us up to date with any names you add. We will continue to leave the names of those listed below. Thank you.

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Margie Johnson, Lynn Mashburn, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.