

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.

I suppose by its very nature, the majority of Americans have little personal connection to Martin Luther King, Jr Day. It is just another welcome day off. It got me thinking about how far we have come in regards to racial relations since the 1960's and yet how far we need to still go. Someone brought up "White Privilege" to me recently and I think they had a basic misunderstanding about what it meant. The concept does not propose that all white people live in nice homes and drive nice cars and are racist. It is referring to how as Caucasians, there are issues and circumstances we never experience or even have to consider because of the color of our skin.

As part of the definition on Wikipedia, "*White privilege denotes both obvious and less obvious passive advantages that white people may not recognize they have, which distinguishes it from overt bias or prejudice.*" The concept of white privilege is frequently misinterpreted by non-academics because it is an academic concept that has recently been brought into the mainstream by social media. The concept also suffers much backlash because of its association with such groups as #blacklivesmatter. But the idea has been around and discussed for decades before its most recent online transmission.

As a white man, I have no allusions regarding the privileges I have been afforded in my life. I am neither defensive nor feel guilty about it. This does not mean I cannot acknowledge its reality. I have never been pulled over or been subjected to greater suspicion because of my skin color. On the other hand, I have witnessed black friends subtly given different treatment in stores and restaurants. This is real, folks,

whether you want to admit it or not. I share the dream of MLK that "one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I also long for the day when all people "will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Steve

NOTE: Next Newsletter will be February 8th.

Bookwalter welcomes Mark Kroos to our service this Sunday, January 27th. Mark plays the two-necked guitar and is very talented. He will also be sharing some of his Christian witness as our message on that day. We hope everyone can attend. We will take up a Love Offering for Mark at the end of the service and he will also have CD's available for sale.

This Sunday January 27th, **Homebound Homecooking Ministry** will have a brief meeting following morning worship.

Choir rehearsal, Sunday, 4:30 p.m

On Monday, January 28th, 7:00 p.m. **Outreach Team** will meet.

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

On Sunday, February 3rd United Methodist Women will sponsor a soup, salad and potato bar lunch following the morning worship service. Mark you calendar.

NOTE FOR KEENAGERS – Your next meeting will be on February 12th. Vera Bailey will have devotions and the program will be on encouragement by Reverend Tim Tatum, Pastor of Carter Community Church. **Please**

call reservations or cancellations to Diane Coon, 689-8126, by Thursday, February 7th. Invite someone to come with you. Remember to bring non-perishable food items for Emerald Avenue Food Pantry.

Dear Bookwalter Church,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent for the service of Mary Sue Adcock. Your kindness, support and thoughtfulness meant so much to us. *The Family of Mary Sue Adcock*

Our Service

January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Acolytes	Emily and Seth Laws
Nursery	Shari Rose
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

Come join us for worship this Sunday. You will be blessed with the music and witness of Mark Kroos.

Our Presence and Our Gifts

January 20, 2019

Morning Worship	82
Sunday School	50
Budget Offering	\$4,468.00
Roof	\$320.00

Prayer List:

Betty Bays
Joe Cooke, father of Sabrina Lindfors
Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Gay Lee DeShazor, Cheryl Mills' Aunt
Irvine Jones
Faye Kenney
Jo Ann Learn
Sharon Morris-Dagangon, friend of Pat Newman
Stephanie Melton
Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
Marilyn Faith Plemons (requested by Carolyn & Sue Wilson)

Patricia Sutton
Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson's sons

Note: Please let the pastor or the office know if we need to add someone to the prayer list. Also, let us know if someone is doing better and needs to be removed,.

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Bill Ferguson, Sarah Hawkins, Joe Hurst, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.