



Dublin Beacon

Pastor's Message

Happy New Year! I am listening to one of the CD's that I received for Christmas and reflecting on the last year at Dublin. We were blessed with so many Saints, and found out that we have so many more. Some of our friends and loved ones moved on to different places; some with a residence in assisted living, some independent, and some with a permanent residence with our Lord. It is all good, because we were able to have a relationship with some really great people, and many will be missed dearly.

This coming year is going to be a new challenge and a new experience. We all seem to get stuck in the ruts of life, and maybe we will be able to get ourselves out of them and look to the world to see how we can make a difference. This year we are going to look at around eight or nine area modules that we can grow as disciples. In January we are going to be looking at Social Justice. The first few weeks we will explore ecological justice and what the bible says about the ecological challenges we face in the world today. We will talk about how the faith community can address the ongoing call by God to be in God's image. Then we will move on to immigration and how that impacts each of our lives. Social Justice is something that we rarely touch on be-

cause we are afraid to ask some of the tough questions. We are going to explore some immigration issues from a theological perspective so that we are more able to minister to our community. Questions like how being a stranger feels, and what an inclusive church looks like. We have a lot to learn about the world around us, and this will hopefully begin the conversation. Along with the Sunday discussions, we will also be working on studies to go along with the week's theme. The first parallel bible study will begin on Thursday, January 6th. In the newsletters and in the bulletins and advertisement you will see it under the Pastor's bible study. It is going to follow along with the discussion that we began on Sunday; I.E. Ecological Justice, Immigration, etc.

I look forward to being present with each of you in the coming year. I sincerely hope that you will consider coming out on Sunday and Thursday as we begin a new chapter in our lives as growing disciples.

Dates for the studies will begin on Thursday, January 6th, 2011 at 7 PM in the library.



Peace
Pastor Jim

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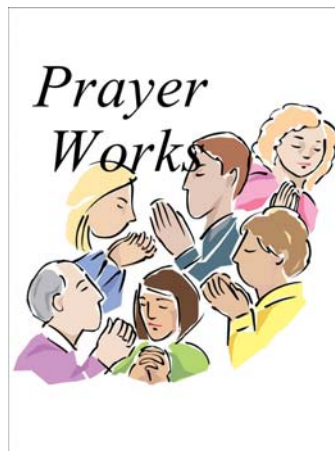
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The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

- Henry Ward Beecher

Prayer Concerns

- ⇒ Diane Springer
- ⇒ Jerry & Helen Fields
- ⇒ Bill Walker
- ⇒ Gene Barberry
- ⇒ Marguerite Hall
- ⇒ Mattie Waddell
- ⇒ Jack & Ruth Lewis
- ⇒ Bill Caldwell
- ⇒ Les & Mary Dorney
- ⇒ Mae Burkins
- ⇒ Emma Dill
- ⇒ Curt Randow
- ⇒ All those in our church family serving in the military.



Operation Christmas Child



Christmas came a little early here at DUMC when our congregation filled 70 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes were delivered to the depot on Nov. 16 and I'm sure the children who receive them will enjoy each surprise!

I want to thank all who participated in any way to make this a successful endeavor. It makes our Christmas even more special when we can show God's love to those who are less fortunate!

May each of you have a great holiday season with your loved ones! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

Blessing,
Ruth Ann Cleary

The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands.

- Robert M. Pirsig

Thank You, Thank You

A big "Thank you" to the F.R.O.G. group for assembling and filling shoe boxes for our "Operation Christmas Child" project. The group filled at least 3 boxes with gifts to help hurting children. It is always a pleasure to work with such thoughtful and loving young folks. I appreciate each of you!

Thanks!

A sincere thank you to all our church friends who have called, sent cards and flowers, visited and most importantly said prayers for my recovery. I am doing pretty well and hope to be back at church in my favorite pew soon. It is times like this that you realize what friends really mean to you and your family.

Blessing
Ruth Ann Cleary
Evangelism

Bill Caldwell

Thank you so much for your cards, flowers, and phone calls. There is nothing better than hearing from friends and family especially when you aren't quite feeling yourself. It so lifts your spirit. Thank you so very much, see you soon.

Emma Dill



Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Greeters & Ushers:

Ed & Evelyn Miller - Jan 2nd
Harrison & Ruth Ann Cleary - Jan 9th
Bernie & Pat Spangler - Jan 16th
Jerry & Gloria Wolff - Jan 23rd
Bob Hudson & Dennis Scarborough - Jan 30th

Liturgists:

Bob Hudson - Jan 2nd
TBD - Jan 9th
TBD- Jan 16th
Emma Dill - Jan 23rd
TBD - Jan 30th



United Methodist Women

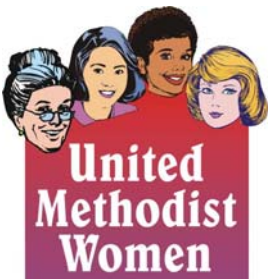
In an article in the UM Connection, a \$75 million fund is being established by Sibley Memorial Hospital-Johns Hopkins Medicine for ensuring the commitment of the United Methodist to health care for all people. This fund, the Jane Bancroft Robinson Foundation, is named after a Methodist deaconess. The hospital traces its heritage back to 1890 when Methodist women from the Home Mission Society started the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School for Deaconesses and Missionaries. The mission of the school was to train nurses. In 1894, with a \$10,000 grant provided by William Sibley, a member of Foundry Methodist Church, Sibley Hospital was constructed to give nurses a clinical setting to practice their skills and serve the growing D.C. population.

In the 1800s, Methodists were builders. Their faith and labors constructed colleges, homes for the aged, orphanages and hospitals. In 1881 Methodists opened Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore and in 1895, Sibley was opened.

“It’s a faith-like-a-mustard seed story,” said a Sibley board member and member of Asbury UMC in Washington. “Those women started with a vision, they started small and look how it has grown. They were brave enough to act, to reach out. That’s our heritage.” December 1, 2010 edition of the UM Connection

It has been suggested that Christianity is a woman’s religion. It has spread because of women’s mission work through out the world. Even in the time of the early church, a women named Dorcas was “full of good works and acts of charity” by making coats and garments for the less fortunate. Today the UMW are active in over 100 countries and in America providing health care, educational and occupational opportunities, shelter, food, clothing, and safe houses for the battered and abused.

Millions of women, children and youth are helped by the work of the United Methodist Women all around the world. We are proud of our heritage.



Gail Henry

Friendship Circle Luncheon

On December 6th the Friendship Circle with friends and family had a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings prepared and served by the ladies and gentlemen of Mt Nebo UMC. We always enjoy the food and the fellowship with the people of Mt Nebo.

Susie Springer planned fun activities for most of the group to participate in. If you are not a participant, you are a judge. This year she had 2 teams for a relay race. The first person had a handful of Christmas balls which they had to carry to the front of the room as fast as they could, circle a chair and return to their team line and hand off the balls, without dropping any, to the next person in line. This continued until all persons in the line had a turn and the fastest team won.

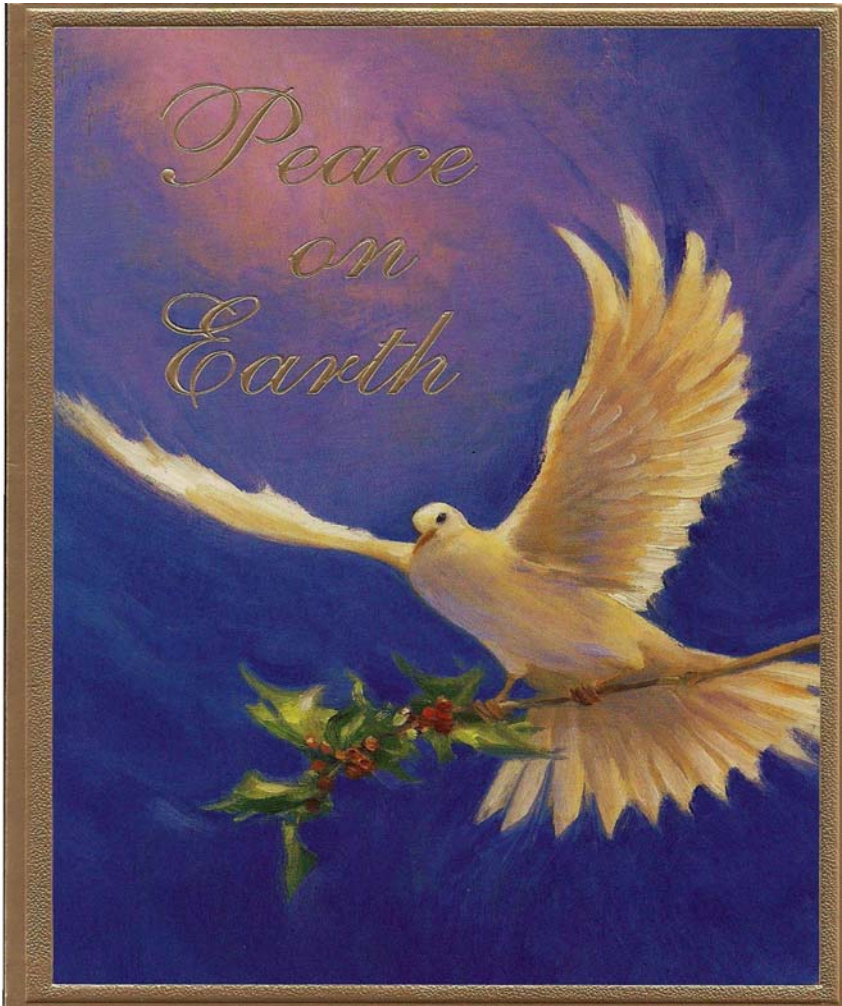
The 2nd activity was wrapping a gift. Again there were two teams who were given wrapping paper, small decorative items, bows, scissors and tape. The gifts they were to wrap however were Budd Henry and Pastor Jim each sitting in a chair. The pictures are the result of the "gift wrapping". We deemed it a tie when voting on the decorative creativity of the teams. Both men were good sports about the whole experience.





Christmas Greeting

Gloria and Jerry Wolff's Christmas greeting was delayed do to an oversight. Therefore, it is being included in the January newsletter for all of the congregation to view. Our apologies to the Wolff's.



*Peace to you
and those you love
and blessings from
the Lord above
at Christmas time
and always.*

Merry Christmas
Jerry & Gloria Wolff

New Year History

New Year celebrations are believed to have first originated in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. Around 2000 BC, the Babylonians started the tradition of beginning their New Year with the first New Moon after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring) in mid-March. Today, we observe our New Year for only a day, but the Babylonian new year celebrations lasted for eleven days. And how grand their celebrations were! Our grandest New Year festivities are nothing compared to how they observed their New Year.

It was the Romans who, in 153 B.C., began to observe January 1 as the beginning of the new year. Before this, the Romans observed their new year in late March (probably March 15 or March 25, the date of the Vernal Equinox). But with the change of Roman emperors, the Roman calendar was changed many times because every emperor wanted to set the calendar in his own way. Then in 46 BC, Julius Caesar established the Julian Calendar which again established January 1 as the Roman New Year. From this time, the Romans started to celebrate their New Year's Day on January 1.

But in Europe of the Middle Ages, the early Catholic Church disapproved the New Year festivities saying these were against the Christian tradition. In 567 AD, the Council of Tours abolished January 1 as the beginning of the year. At various times and in various places throughout medieval Christian Europe, the new year began to be celebrated on various dates like Dec. 25 (the birth of Jesus); March 1; March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation) or during Easter.

Then in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII established the Gregorian calendar to correct an error in the Julian calendar. This reform again restored the practice of observing New Year's Day on January 1. Although most Catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar almost immediately, it was only gradually adopted among Protestant countries.

You will probably be surprised to know that January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by the Western nations for only about the past 400 years. Germany took up the new tradition in 1700, Britain in 1752 and Sweden in 1753. The Oriental countries, through the influence of religious groups such as the Hindus, Taoists, Buddhists and Muslims looked upon the new Calendar as the Christian Calendar, but also adopted it as their official one. Japan embraced it in 1873 and China in 1912. The orthodox eastern nations adopted it even later, in 1924 and 1927, Russia took it twice - first in 1918 and again in 1924, after trying out its own calendars.

Today, with feasts, parades, resolutions, fireworks, partying and get-togethers, the New Year is celebrated all over the world on January 1.

<http://www.kidsgen.com/events/newyear/history.htm>



Birthdays & Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

Louis Schline - Jan 4th
 Christina Day - Jan 5th
 Nicole Brewer - Jan 6th
 Bernard Spangler - Jan 6th
 Julie Day Tittel- Jan 7th
 Eileen Roland - Jan 7th
 Donald Horton - Jan 14th
 Pat Schline - Jan 20th
 Patrick Mullen- Jan 20th
 Kim Mace - Jan 24th
 Jeanne Klein - Jan 27th
 Eloise Gouge - Jan 28th



Anniversaries:

Charles and Jeanne Klein - Jan 8th
 Gerald and Gloria Wolff - Jan 8th
 Michael and Ashley Sherman - Jan 19th

We may not be able to give much but we can always give the joy that springs in a heart that is in love with God.

- Mother Teresa

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Mark Your Calendar!



January Opportunities:

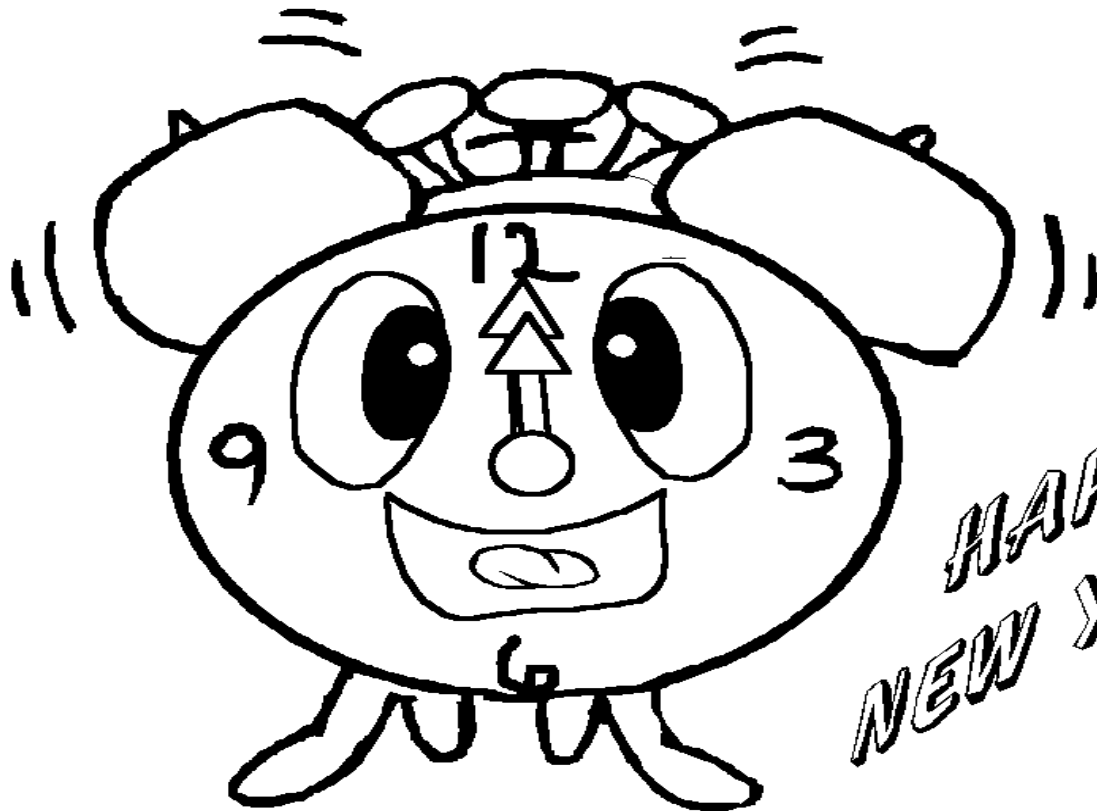
- ◆ Girl Scouts: Mondays & Wednesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Boy Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Patrick Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Cub Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 6PM
- ◆ FROG Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 6:30PM
- ◆ Sr. High Youth Group: 2nd & 4th Sundays - 6:30PM
- ◆ Men's Group: 3rd Saturday of the month - 9AM
- ◆ SPRC Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Month - 7PM
- ◆ Trustees: 12th - 7PM
- ◆ AD Board: 18th - 7PM
- ◆ Pastor's Bible Study: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
- ◆ Serving the Lions Club: 27th
- ◆ Fish Month

February Opportunities:

- ◆ Girl Scouts: Mondays & Wednesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Boy Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Patrick Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Cub Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 6PM
- ◆ FROG Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 6:30PM
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Future Events

Happening Soon!



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

New Year's Extravaganza

Find the words that tell what you might do to ring in the New Year.





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 d a n c e d r i n k

- celebrate
- clap
- cheer
- dance
- drink
- eat
- (shoot) fireworks
- (play) games
- laugh
- (make) noise
- party
- shout
- yell

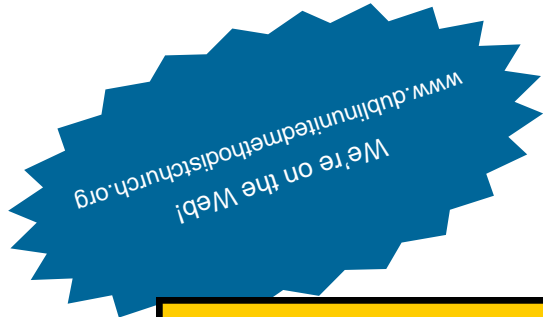


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January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 FROG 6:30PM	3 Girl Scouts 7PM	4 Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM	5 Girl Scouts 7PM 	6 Epiphany of the Lord Bible Study 7PM	7	8
9 Sr. High Youth 6:30PM	10 Girl Scouts 7PM	11 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM Trustees 7PM	12 SPRC 7PM Girl Scouts 7PM	13 Bible Study 7PM	14	15 Men's Group 9AM 
16 FROG 6:30PM	17 Girl Scouts 7PM	18 Cub Scouts 6PM AD Board 7PM Boy Scouts 7PM 	19 Girl Scouts 7PM	20 Bible Study 7PM	21	22
23 Sr. High Youth 6:30PM 	24 Girl Scouts 7PM	25 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM	26	27 Serving Lions Club 1-10PM Bible Study 7PM	28	29
30	31 Girl Scouts 7PM					

****Reminder:**
All articles and inserts for the newsletter are to be submitted to the editor by the **10th** of each month. You may email your entries to Stone-Dill@verizon.net or place them in the Editors mailbox. The newsletter will be distributed the last Sunday of the month.



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Service Schedule

January 2nd

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

January 9th

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

January 16th

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary



January 23rd

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

January 30th

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
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