



A few weeks ago, I had the wonderful privilege of putting my two grandsons to bed for the night. I am amazed at the life lessons that these two little guys continue to teach me. After each one was snugly tucked in, I reached to turn out the light and Paxton, who’s almost seven, said, “Wait, Mamie...I’ve got a question for Brady.” Giving in to this stalling tactic, I obliged Paxton’s request to ask his five-year-old brother a question. Their conversation went as follows;

Paxton: Brady, did you do anything kind today?

Brady: Yes! I held the door open for people at McDonalds...how about you, Paxton, did you do anything kind today too?

Paxton: Well, no not today, but tomorrow I will try to do better.

Here we are on the threshold of a brand-new year. A new opportunity to try and do better. Even though Christmas has come and gone, there is no better time than now to really celebrate the Christ child through continued acts of kindness, hospitality, and generosity. What does our Advent journey teach us? What difference does Christmas make in our lives? What will be different within us once the decorations have been put away...will our Christmas spirit be gone too? Did you do anything kind today? Now that we have been to the manger, we must move beyond Bethlehem out into the world into which we are beckoned to share God’s story...to become a church and people who *know* the love of Christ, *grow* in relationship with God and one another and *show* the neighborhood, community, and all those whom we encounter what love looks like through our actions and attitudes.

Mike and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year. Let’s ring in the New Year with good cheer, great joy and kindness all around!

See You Sunday!

Pastor Amy

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17



I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the spaghetti dinner on October 21st to help my teammates, coach and I get to go to Seattle for the Special Olympics

USA games in June and July of 2018.

I would thank everyone that donated to me for my trip and I would also like to thank Dawson for letting my Special Olympics group use the church for the fundraiser and our basketball practice.

Steven Walters



OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2018

The Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available in Findley Hall on the table. Please check for your designated box and take home with you. Thank you, Marylou Dawley

Also, please note that it is never too late to complete a 2018 pledge/tithe card. Please contact the church office if you wish to do so. Thank you!

BLESSING BOXES

Winter is here so it is time to focus on homeless needs for enduring the cold . We continue to serve the needs of the neighborhood and community with our Blessing Bags and Blessing Box which could be refilled daily the need is so great. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

hand/foot warmers, socks, scarves, hats, gloves

Individually wrapped items ie.

breakfast bars, crackers, beef jerky, soups

Small canned items - Vienna sausage, beanie wienies

Non perishable food items,

canned goods - meats, veggies, soups pasta, cereals and oatmeal, peanut butter

toilet paper and toiletries - -wet wipes

small packages of laundry soap



“Faith In Action” is the new course of study for the adult Sunday School Class. We meet in the conference room at 9:30 AM every Sunday. We have very in-depth, relevant and lively discussions of the weekly lessons.

You are welcome to join us anytime, grab a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in Fellowship Hall and come study with us.



The Change for Change collected in January will go to the Anderson Elementary School.



BUILDING MAINTENANCE: If you find an area within the church property that is in need of repair or attention beyond your own capabilities, please notify the Trustee Committee and the church office by completing a maintenance request form that is available in the church office. Please be mindful that we are all called upon as the Body of Christ to be good stewards of what we have been entrusted and that proper care of our building is all of our responsibility. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Amy or a member of the Trustee Committee.



To the Dawson Community, please accept my thanks for the special gift you all gave me on Sunday. Your thoughtfulness is so much appreciated every year. I am in the process of planning another trip for myself during 2018; your gift will be saved and used as a part of this new travel adventure. Thank you, Sue

Mike and I were both humbled and blessed by your generosity that was presented to us during the Christmas Eve morning worship service. We are so grateful to be a part of Dawson UMC and are looking forward to 2018 as we continue to serve and share God's love together. Thank you again! Pastor Amy

ANGEL TREE

Cold weather has arrived and we'd like to do our best to reach out to our neighbors in need. Please bring hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and warm socks and place them on the tree in Findley Hall. Also non perishable food items may be placed under the tree. Items will be distributed through our neighborhood Blessing Box and or Blessing Bags.



JANUARY EVENTS

Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Every Wednesday

3D Dinner & Discipleship Class - 5:30 PM

Choir - 7 PM

Special Sundays

January 7th - Epiphany - 10:45

January 14th - 2nd Sunday Potluck - following worship

Other Events

January 27th - Neighboring Experiment

Retreat/Workshop, 9 AM - 3 PM

FEBRUARY 14TH

Ash
Wednesday

A PRAYER
— FOR —
A NEW YEAR

RENEWED
2 COR. 4:16

So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace.

2 Corinthians 4:16

As we say goodbye to another year that showed us too much hatred and tragedy, too many friends and loved ones gone but never forgotten, too many life changes in health, jobs and security. May God bless us all with wisdom to see all we have gained despite or even from, our losses. The strength and peace of mind to move forward facing our challenges with courage and grace. May we all find hope in believing in Jesus Christ and His words that we should all "love one another." With love we can endure! May His Love shine on, in and thru each one of us! Live Love and Be Kind! May love and grace abide in each of you this year and forever. Amen!

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Happy New Year

JUST AS A NEW BLOOM SPREADS FRAGRANCE AND FRESHNESS AROUND...
MAY THE NEW YEAR ADD A NEW BEAUTY AND FRESHNESS INTO YOUR LIFE.