



# HILLTOP HERALD-JANUARY 2018 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA EL LIBERTADOR

## JANUARY MISSION - HUMAN WELFARE FUND

Our monthly mission offering this month will go to the MUMC Human Welfare Fund, a benevolent fund at our church which characterizes the true goodness of the mind and spirit, the unbiased kindness to do good. It is the expression of agape love (Greek word for unconditional love). MUMC has always been a church of compassion and love because of the gracious giving of its people. The Human Welfare Fund is one of the ways we minister to those in our church family, as well as those in the greater Madison area. We assist those who are in emergency need and are already working with a community agency. This ensures individuals are connected with other resources and our assistance is focused on improving the situation. Given the current economic hardships facing many persons and families in our area, your support of the Human Welfare Fund is helping your neighbors in need. To support this mission, please mark your checks or envelopes with "Human Welfare Fund."

## RESILIENCY

**i.e.** The ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change. This will be the topic of a four-week study class that will explore the concept of resiliency and how our faith can promote increased resiliency.

Class Dates: **January 7, 14, 21 and 28**

Time: Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:30

Facilitator: Winston Hopkins

## FLOWER CALENDAR



The new 2018 flower calendar is on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to give flowers on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the calendar. You can also sign up on the clip board in front of the office.

## READ 'EM & MEET BOOK CLUB

The "Read 'Em & Meet" book club will meet at the home of Betty Kruska on **Sunday, January 14**, at 2:00 pm. The group will discuss the book *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy*, by Rachel Joyce.



## NEW UPPER ROOMS ARE HERE!

*The Upper Room* is a great little devotional book that you can use for daily reading. The January/February issue has arrived and is in the Narthex Information Center. Feel free to take one home.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

People across the world start the year linking arms at the stroke of midnight and singing "we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne," from the Scottish folk song popularized by Robert Burns. I was surprised to find in my files a hymn setting for the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne. I tried it; it works! (It's #117 in our United Methodist Hymnal if you want to try it.)

The other great tradition we're familiar with here in the United States is the raising and dropping of a giant ball, a custom which arose out of the time when signals were given to ships at harbor. Starting in 1859, a large ball was dropped at noon every day so sailors could check their ship chronometers. The Times Square celebration, which dates back to 1904, when *The New York Times* opened its headquarters on Longacre Square, first used a 700-pound ball made of wood and iron. Now it's made of Waterford crystal, which weighs almost six tons, and is lit by more than 32,000 LED lights. The party in Times Square is attended by up to a million people every year.

Did you know that we United Methodists have a New Year's tradition of our own? John Wesley was a big believer in reaffirming our faith in God annually, so he created a covenant service for us to renew our covenant with God. Early British Methodists renewed their covenant with God each year on or near January 1<sup>st</sup>. Many United Methodist churches in our country used the covenant service at a "Watch Night Service" on New Year's Eve. Some of the older generation among us who have been Methodists all their lives may remember spending New Year's Eve at church.

Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service focused on our response to the grace of God in Christ, and culminated in a prayer for re-dedicating ourselves to God. A contemporary version of it reads like this:

*I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
Praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
you are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.*

Obviously, that's a prayer you don't pray lightly. It's a kind of "all in" prayer that reminds me of the renewal of marriage vows a couple sometimes makes with each other after years of marriage. And that's a fitting comparison because Wesley's prayer and service really were intended to renew our relationship with God, to give us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to living and practicing the promises made to God in our baptism.

So while you are thinking about other things to “make new”—resolutions, anyone?—you may want to take a cue from John Wesley and include a renewal of your relationship covenant with God. New Year’s is a good time for doing it, even if we don’t have a Watch Night Service.

Blessings in the New Year,

*Pastor Brad*

### **BIBLE PASSAGES & SERMON THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE**

**January 7** – Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

“The Wonderment of the Wise”

**January 14** – Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12; Matthew 11:28-29

“Unfinished Agenda”

**January 20** – Psalm 139:1-12; Mark 1:14-20; Jonah 1:1-3, 3:1-5, 10

“Where Can I Flee from Your Presence?”

**January 28** – Genesis 3:1-7; Mark 1:21-28

“Our Assumptions about God”

### **CARING COORDINATOR COLUMN**

Affordable housing is a growing issue for many of Madison area's most vulnerable families. And during these coldest months of the year, it is a dire and pressing concern for far too many single-parent families with young children. Please consider giving generously to our Human Welfare Fund, this month's mission-of-the-month. We work with referrals from several area agencies that provide important services for those in need. Here is a list of the agencies that regularly send referrals our way: YWCA Housing LLC, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), The Road Home, Wingra Resource Navigation Program, Community Action Coalition (CAC), and Center for Patient Partnerships. Thank you for considering this important giving opportunity!

And remember, never hesitate to contact me with caring needs that you know of within our church family and our surrounding neighborhoods and communities. 608-335-5063 or [markbmumc@gmail.com](mailto:markbmumc@gmail.com) or see me in person!

May the mystery and wonder of the season fill your home, family time and friend time!

Caring & Coordinating, Mark Buffat

### **CASSEROLE MINISTRY**

Willing to make an extra dish? Know of someone in our church family who needs food support? Contact Mark Buffat at [markbmumc@gmail.com](mailto:markbmumc@gmail.com) or 258-9670 or see me in person!

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

There will be Blood Pressure Screening on **Sunday, January 14** at 9:30am in Pastor Brad's office. These screenings are staffed by medical volunteers from the congregation. Keep Healthy-have your blood pressure checked!

## JUST BAKERY

Just Bakery (a Madison-area Urban Ministry Program) will sell bakery items **Sunday, February 4.**

## SEEDS OF PEACE BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendars for a local blood drive to be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (4011 Major Ave, Madison) on **Monday, February 5** from 1-6pm. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to register. Monona UMC is part of the Seeds of Peace, an eastside ecumenical group of churches, which hosting blood drives in their churches throughout the year. Monona UMC will host our second one on Tuesday, May 15. Please contact the church office if you would like to help with our drive.

## LITURGIST SIGNUP

We are looking for additional liturgists for Sunday morning worship. Why don't you give it a try? We have an online signup so you can compare your calendar to the available dates and follow the link below. Contact the church office if you have questions.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EA8AC2EA1FD0-liturgists2>

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Check out the signup sheet in front of the office to find the openings, including fellowship, liturgists and acolytes.



*Volunteer Needs*



## HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers group will be meeting on **Monday, January 8** at Monona Garden restaurant at 11am. The meeting will last an hour and those that would like can stay and order lunch off the menu. The program will be presented by the Monona Police Dept. Officer Jim Reiter will be here to talk to us telling us what is going on from the police viewpoint and also answer questions that attendees would like to ask him Should be an interesting meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## VISIT MUMC ON FACEBOOK!

Stay current on what's happening at the church and with issues we care about in the community by following us on Facebook. Simply search for Monona United Methodist Church or go to

<https://www.facebook.com/Monona-United-Methodist-Church>.



## OPEN HOUSE FOR BARB LARSON

*Barb is the one who usually  
writes the rhymes,  
but if we write it this once  
it won't be a crime.*

*It's been 75 years since Barb  
entered this world,  
A party we will have, with cake,  
frosting that's swirled.*

*Can't be there at one? It's no problem  
you'll see,  
An Open House is what we are  
planning it to be.*

*Please stop by for 30 minutes,  
an hour or three,  
We hope you can make it, for fun it will be!*

*Join us for cake, punch, laughs  
and more cake,  
Hugs over presents is what Barb will take.*

*We, her family, are wishing the happiest birthday for her,  
Please join us for this celebration  
if you concur.*

A Birthday Open House for Barb Larson  
**Saturday, January 13th**  
1-4pm in Fellowship Hall

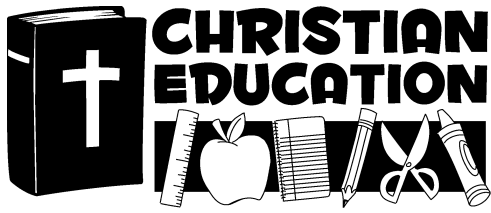
*Thank You*

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Thank you to the children, Sunday school teachers, and parents who helped with our program! A special thank you to Dianne Totten, our accompanist. *Well done everyone!*

## GIVING TREE

This year's Giving Tree program supplied gifts and food for 70 children in 24 families! Our church contributed generously along with the Monona school community. You also provided a warm, conveniently located place to distribute the gifts. Thank you so much for helping our community. A special thanks to all for generously donating extra funds so we could provide a gift card for the families to have a special dinner.



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our morning children's Sunday school will resume on **Sunday, January 7** at 9am. Join us in learning about Jesus.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Quilters – Mondays** at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall, except January 1. We continue to work on quilts to donate to DAIS and other organizations. It is a great place to learn the art of quilting. Newcomers are warmly invited to participate.

**Yarncrafters** – will be meeting with the RSVP group “Monona Knit ‘N Stitch” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, **January 17**, from 9:30 until noon. All are

welcome.

**Friendship Circle** - will not be meeting in January.

**Executive Committee** – will meet on **Monday, January 15** at 1:30pm in the church library.

**Faith Circle** - is not meeting in January.

**Reading Circle - Thursday, January 25**, 1:30pm at the home of Gwen Feit. The selection for January is *Growing Up Muslim: Understanding the Beliefs and Practices of Islam* by Sumbul Ali-Karamali.

## JAVA JIVE

### Thanks!!

To all the Authentic Fair Team members and all you super supporters of this mission a MEGA THANKS. The \$'s are not all in for the month of December as writing this on December 15 ---- but \$800 was sold at the table on December 10th. Thanks for "investing yourselves" in this mission of Justice, Equality and Sustainability for God's small farmer co-ops worldwide.

A coffee farmer, Diego Lopez in a co-op in Chiapas, Mexico, said "consumers and farmers must continue to walk together, we are all in the same struggle for a life of Peace". To this we can all say A-MEN.

AFT products will be sold **January 10th**. This is a UMW mission, not a fund raiser.

Kay Mackie, UMW Aft team coordinator.

FYI: All EEx coffee bags are recyclable.

## MUMC MEN'S GROUP

We encourage the men of our church to join our Men's Group for breakfast at Monona Gardens 8:00am, **Saturday, January 20.**



### RECONCILING MINISTRY READING MATERIALS

We were blessed to have guest speakers from PFLAG speak to us about their work in the community in November. They provided us with some reading materials, which are now available on the UMW book shelf along with pamphlets about PFLAG. If you're interested, please check out the following:

- *What the Bible Says (and Doesn't Say) About Homosexuality* by the Rev. Dr. Mel White
- *Be Yourself: Questions and Answers for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Youth* by PFLAG

### BASIC LAY SERVANT CLASS

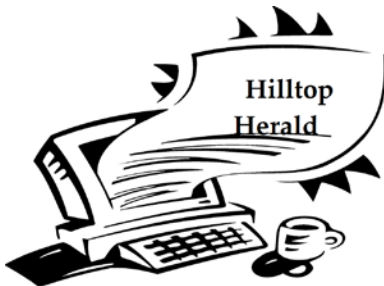
**Saturday: February 10 & 17, 2018**

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Place: Westby United Methodist Church, 202 E State Street Westby WI

To register – or with questions send an email to: [pastor@driftlessministry.org](mailto:pastor@driftlessministry.org)

**Deadline for Registration: February 01, 2018.** A flyer with more information is on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.



### ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Our church website has a copy of the current month's newsletter. If you misplace your paper copy, you can go there to read it: [www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org).

# \$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow  
November 30, 2017

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 23,095	\$ 247,958
General Operating Expenses	23,316	261,264
<b>Net Surplus (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (221)</b>	<b>\$ (13,306)</b>

## A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE GIVING - God at Work!

*For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. (Matthew 25:29)*

Matthew 25 shares a series of parables describing the Kingdom of God. In the parable of the talents (Matt 25:14-30) the master leaves his immense wealth (the equivalent of 160 annual salaries) in the hands of his servants. Two servants double what they were entrusted with; while one only returns the talent he was given. The master rewards the two successful servants with even more responsibility, but casts out the unsuccessful servant. Clearly, stewardship is central to discipleship in the Kingdom of God.

The punishment of the poor steward seems severe, but the stakes were incredibly high. Thus, it is with our stewardship. Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is our job alone. What will we have to show for it when the Master returns?

Therefore, we must strengthen our stewardship so we can be the best disciples possible, not out of fear of punishment, but out of an abundant desire to do what is right and what pleases the Lord. Like a gymnast or musician, we are always looking for those occasions when it all seems to happen perfectly—in our prayers, presence, service, witness and in our giving. God does not just want our average performance, but our best prayers, our most engaged presence, our most selfless service to others, our deep and abiding witness, and our sacrificial giving. Of course, we know there will be difficulties along the way, but we have the assurance of God's abundance.

Jim Wells

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation  
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## 2018 Committee on Lay Leadership Report

Please take a look at this report, to see if we have listed you in the correct spot. If not, call the church office at 222-1633. The blank lines indicate that we are still looking for volunteers. **If you could fill a vacant position, please contact the office.**

As this newsletter goes to press, there have been some meetings already established for January. There may be other committees which will be meeting, but the dates aren't all set yet. If you are on a committee, please watch your email for a meeting notice, or check the calendar in the weekly bulletin. Please save this report for reference during the year.

### **Administrative Council:**

Ad Council Chair: Carrie Dillon (2018-2020)

Lay Members to Annual Conference - *Serves as delegate for Monona UMC at Annual Conference sharing our beliefs and works with others in the Conference.*

Tammy Conrad (June 15-18, 2018)

Laurie Medenblik (June 15-18, 2018)

Laurie Medenblik (June 14-17, 2019)

Alternate: Mary Lou Byers, Mark Buffat

Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Secretary: Anna Skiles

Treasurer: Phyllis Stertz

Financial Secretary: Anna Skiles

SPRC Chair: Jim Jacobus

Finance Chair: Josh Dietsche

Trustees Chair: Committee will vote in January

Worship Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Lay Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Church & Society: Lou Ann Van Fossen, Lee Ann Sinclair, co-chairs

Hilltoppers: Elgin & Carol Waugh

UMW: Lynn Hovey

Children's Ministry: John & Linnea Phillips

Caring Ministry: Winston Hopkins, Mark Buffat

Missions: Becky Halstead

Outreach: Kendi Parvin

Reconciling Ministry: Jean Van Dreef

Stewardship: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

## Teams by Ministry Area

### **Passionate Worship:**

Passionate Worship Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Liturgists Coordinator: Sally Buffat

Ushers Coordinator: Anna Mae Wilken

Communion Steward: Marcia Hansen

Acolytes Coordinator: Carol Johnson

Flower Calendar Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacristy Coordinator: Sally Weidemann

Joy Newman (flower displays), Cheryl Sullivan (helper), Marie Siferd (helper), Chuck Mitchell (on call), Chris Whelley (on call), Phyllis Stertz (on call), Rick Siferd (on call), Jim Gundersen (on call), Huston Family (weekends are best)

Wedding Coordinators: -Barb Larson -Julie Larson -Kay Cowing

### Worship Arts:

Shirley Robinson Dianne Totten Jeanette Williams Debbie Munroe

Carol Johnson (acolyte trainer) Mike Conrad Linda Jackson Kay Cowing

### **Intentional Faith Development:**

Adult Education Team (*Dedicated to providing adults with opportunities for spiritual growth through learning, service and fellowship*):

Frank Gaylord (Resource) Becky Halstead

Mark Buffat

Siv Goulding (as teacher infrequently)

Pastor Brad Van Fossen

Church and Society (*Concerned with contemporary ethical and social justice issues and how Christians can respond to them from the perspective of Christian faith*):

Siv Goulding Marilyn Hearden Sherry Misener Mark Buffat

Lou Ann Van Fossen Kay Mackie Lee Ann Sinclair

Native American CP Rep: Hillary Whitehorse

Hilltoppers: Elgin Waugh Carol Waugh

Camping Coordinator (*Promotes Wisconsin United Methodist Church Camps*):

Scott Schmitt

UMW: Lynn Hovey

### Historians:

Carol Johnson Marilyn Rowin

Children's Ministry Team (*Plans and implements ministry with and for children and their families*):

John Phillips- co-chair Linnea Phillips - co-chair Jason Mittag

Lori Stewart Maribeth Witzel-Behl Jennifer Derke

Kay DeBraal Mark Buffat Jeanna Freeman

## **Risk-Taking Mission:**

Caring Ministries Team (*Creates and coordinates the opportunity to provide care, comfort and kindness to our congregational members and friends*):

Winston Hopkins	Siv Goulding	Pat Jacobus
Carolyn Taubenheim	Tammy Conrad	Mark Buffat

Missions (*Lifts up and interprets the mission outreach of the church on a local and global basis*):

Kathie Baxter (2018)	Becky Halstead-chair (2019)	Sheila Becker (2020)
Diane Crooks (2018)	Doreen Peterson (2019)	Karen Kleinert (2020)
Juli Huston (2018)	_____ (2019)	_____ (2020)

Food Pantry Ministries (*Serves as a liaison between Monona UMC and St. Stephen's Food Pantry*):

Barb Helsel            Jeanette Williams

The Road Home Ministry Team (*Coordinates congregation's support of homeless ministry in nearby churches*):

Karelyn Hopkins            Marcia Hansen

UMW Fair Trade Equal Exchange Ministry (*Coordinates the Fair Trade coffee mission*)

Kay Mackie-team coordinator, Jackie Hull, Jean Van Dreel, Polly Brandes, Jan Wanek.  
Kathie Baxter, Karelyn Hopkins, Peggy Traver, Sally Buffat, Barb Helsel, Marilyn Hearnden

## **Radical Hospitality:**

Kitchen:

Jean Van Dreel & Carol Johnson (Supplies)	Peg McDonald (Refrigerator)
Marilyn Hearnden & Gail Poser-April (Cleaning)	Gail Poser (Stoves)
Barb Larson & Marie Siferd (Shopping)	Mary Lou Byers (Towels)

Funeral Coordinators:

Peggy McDonald            Anna Mae Wilken            Jan Wanek            Gail Poser

Hospitality:

Julie Larson            Heidi Compuesto  
Fellowship Hour Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeters Coordinator: Polly Brandes  
Dishwasher Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Outreach:

Anna Siferd            Kendi Parvin-Chair            Barb Pearson            Jean Van Dreel  
Sherry Misener

Trustees (*Responsible for the supervision, care, maintenance, and protection of the church and other buildings and all personal property contained therein*):

A. J. Feucht (2018)	Michael Behl (2019)	Gail Poser (2020)
Oscar Garcia (2018)	Jason Mittag (2019)	_____ (2020)
Juana Contreras (2018)	Carolina Diaz (2019)	_____ (2020)

Clyde Drake, custodial advisor

Reconciling Ministry (*Oversees the congregation's efforts toward being an inclusive church*):

Jean Van Dreel-chair            Jeanna Freeman            Anna Siferd

Community Garden Outreach (Coordinates congregation's on-site community garden):

Clyde Drake-Coordinator      Karelyn Hopkins-Plot Assignments  
Laura Roeth                      John Huston (chair)                      Rick Siferd  
Pastor Estrella Benitez      Mike Fritz/Cindy Bender (community reps)

**Extravagant Generosity:**

Stewardship (Assists the church in raising funds for ministry and mission and promotes ongoing stewardship through gifts of talent, time, service and prayer):

Randy Parvin (2018)      Jim Jackson (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2018)      Jerry Monson (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2018)      De’Kendrea Stamps (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)

**Resource Teams:**

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) (Acts as a liaison for the paid staff of Monona UMC with the congregation):

Jan Wanek (2018)      Jim Jacobus (chair) (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
Dan Medenblik (2018)      Joyce Lynch (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
Tammy Conrad (2018)      Mary Lou Byers (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Wills, Memorials and Estates:

Peg McDonald      Polly Brandes      Sally Buffat      Kathie Baxter

Finance (Monitors church budget and cash flow throughout the year and provides guidance for spending and investing of church funds):

Josh Dietsche (2018)      Roger Becker (2019)      Dan DeBaal (2020)  
Louise Belk (2018)      Jeff Moore (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2018)      Rob Lynch (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)

Treasurer: Phyllis Stertz      SPRC Rep: \_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Secretary: Anna Skiles

Committee on Lay Leadership (Identifies, develops, deploys, evaluates, and monitors Christian spiritual leadership for the church):

Lori Stewart (2018)      Peg McDonald (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2018)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2018)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2019)      \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)  
Brad Van Fossen (chair)      Mark Buffat (Caring Ministries)

Lay Leader (Functions as the primary representative of the laity of the church as a member of Ad Council, charge conference, finance, committee on lay leadership and SPRC; recommended to serve as Lay Member to Annual Conference):

\_\_\_\_\_ (2018-2020)

Office Helpers:

Substitute Secretary: Donna Olson; Bulletins: Shirley Dalton, Milly Pearson  
Newsletters & On Call: Polly Brandes, Mary Gordon, Carol Johnson, Phyllis Stertz, Anna Mae Wilken, Marie Siferd, Barb Larson, Jan Wanek, Kathie Baxter, Jean Van Dreel

# The Life and Ministry of God's People In Monona United Methodist Church January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> New Year's Day Office Closed	<b>2</b> Pastor Brad Vacation	<b>3</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 9:30 Staff Meeting 2-4pm Library/use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/ program 7-8pm Confirm.	<b>4</b> 6:00 Bell Choir  6:30 Trustees  7:30 Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 9am English	<b>6</b> 8am-12pm Hall & Sanctuary in Use 10am Seeds of Peace-Lake Edge UCC 4-6pm El Libertador Music practice
<b>7</b> <u>See schedule below</u> 8:30 Resiliency  11:20 Church & Society	<b>8</b> Pastors' Day Off 11am Hilltoppers at Monona Garden 1:00pm Quilters	<b>9</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting 5:15 Lay Leadership Committee 6:15 Strategic Planning	<b>10</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/ program 7-8pm Confirm.	<b>11</b> 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 SPRC 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>12</b> 9am English	<b>13</b> 1-4pm Barb Larson Bday Open House 4-6pm El Libertador Music practice
<b>14</b> <u>See schedule below</u> <b>Coffee Sales</b> Human Relations Day 8:30 Resiliency 9:30 Blood Pressure Screen 2:00 Read 'Em & Meet-	<b>15</b> Pastors' Day Off  1:00pm Quilters 1:30 UMW Exec. Comm. Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting  6:30 Finance	<b>17</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 9:30am -12 Hall in use 12:30-2 Circuit- SP UMC 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/ program 6:30 Reconciling 7-8pm Confirm.	<b>18</b>  6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>19</b> 9am English	<b>20</b> 8am Men's Grp Breakfast 9:30-2:30 Confirmation Retreat 12-1:30 Mentors  4-6pm El Libertador Music practice
<b>21</b> <u>See schedule below</u> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:30 Resiliency	<b>22</b> Pastors' Day Off 1:00pm Quilters	<b>23</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting  6:30 Ad Council	<b>24</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/ program 7-8pm Confirm.	<b>25</b> 8:30 Newsletter Helpers 1:30 Reading Circle 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>26</b> 9am English  5pm Road Home Volunteer Evening	<b>27</b>  4-6pm El Libertador Music practice
<b>28</b> <u>See schedule below</u> 8:30 Resiliency  2-5pm SPRC Training Wellspring UMC	<b>29</b> Pastors' Day Off 1:00 Quilters	<b>30</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting	<b>31</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/ program 7-8pm Confirm with Mentor			

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Fellowship  
4:00 El Libertador-Bible Study in Spanish  
5:00 El Libertador - Worship in Spanish



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter Deadline is January 21.  
Information arriving after the above  
date may not be in the February  
newsletter. Remember you can FAX  
your article to 222-2395 or email to  
[secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net).

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**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**  
**Friday evening, February 2 from 5:30 to 9:00pm**

Are you need of a date night after the crazy holiday season, but can't find a sitter or don't want to break the bank to have a special evening out? Well, we have the answer for you!!

On **Friday, February 2** from 5:30pm-9pm, the Caring Ministry Team will be hosting a fun, safe evening for kids. Volunteers will be ready to serve dinner, play games, share fun activities, and ensure your children have a great time! Children of all ages welcome. Parents invite your friends and bring all the kids to church! Watch for a signup sheet in front of the office. If you have questions please contact Mark Buffat.