

JANUARY 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 UMW 1:15 P.M. Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M.	4 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	5	6
7 Holy Communion	8	9	10 Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M.	11 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	12	13
14 Children sing during Worship Service Basket Dinner and Ad. Co. following Worship Service	15	16	17 Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M.	18 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	19	20
21	22	23	24 Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M.	25 Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	26	27 
28	29	30	31 Children's Choir practice 3:30 P.M.	Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11 A.M.		

A GOOD START

He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, he will be in the last place the remainder of the day. -E.M. Bounds



Pastor's office hours: Mon—Thurs
9:00 A.M. to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Treasurer is in on Tuesdays
Secretary's office hours: Wed & Thurs
8:00 A.M. to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Fridays 8:00 A.M. to Noon

Pastor's Page

January 2018

2018 is here! What have you planned for this year? Have you asked God for anything special or made Him a promise of what you will do if He would just help you?! I know how hard it is to set resolutions and then try to keep them. If you would get a good devotion book or read the Upper Room each morning you will find yourself growing closer to God and find more inner peace.

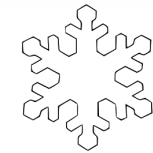
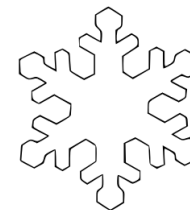
Here are a couple of John Wesley quotes to help give you something to think about going into the new year: **“Vice does not lose its character by becoming fashionable.”** **“Let your words be the genuine picture of your heart.”**

December was a great month with fair church attendance and lots of activity. The children's Christmas program was a blast, the kids and leaders did a fantastic job. It was a very fun service. The UMW ladies made a large number of plates filled with lots of goodies to distribute. It would be great to plan ahead for Christmas 2018, and have a family Christmas caroling party and either go out to sing for others or just meet in our fellowship hall for a sing along with the kids and have snacks afterward.

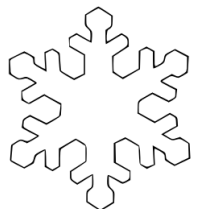
In closing please consider using God's gift of music as we plan to start our adult choir, hand bell choir, brass choir, and a youth praise band! Music is the best way to praise the Lord, will you help? Thank you in advance for your support.

God's Blessings

Pastor Galen



The spirit of Christmas is annual; the Spirit of Christ is eternal.—Stuart Briscoe



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 3, 2018—UM Men Groundhog & Pancake Day serving from 7 A.M.—2 P.M. here at SSUMC Fellowship Hall.





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