

# CARTHAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## JANUARY 2020 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### VOLUME #24, ISSUE #1

John 1:14 The Message  
“The Word became flesh and blood,  
and moved into the neighborhood.  
We saw the glory with our own eyes,  
the one-of-a-kind glory,  
like Father, like Son,  
Generous inside and out,  
true from start to finish.”

Sometimes Eugene Peterson gets it more right than other translators and paraphrasers of the Bible. This Luke passage from John’s Gospel is one of those times. The birth of Jesus wasn’t a simple story of a sweet baby being born, but the beginning of a massive plan to redeem the entirety of fallen mankind. That dark night began a time when God joined with the flesh of humanity to give us access to His Power, His Presence, and His Wisdom, through Jesus and then, ultimately, through the Holy Spirit. God moved first into the neighborhood of His chosen people, the neighborhoods of our hearts and minds. Then God moves us. And we move into the neighborhood.

CUMC is moving into the neighborhood through the awesome power of God. Where else will God take us in 2020 as we move into the neighborhood.

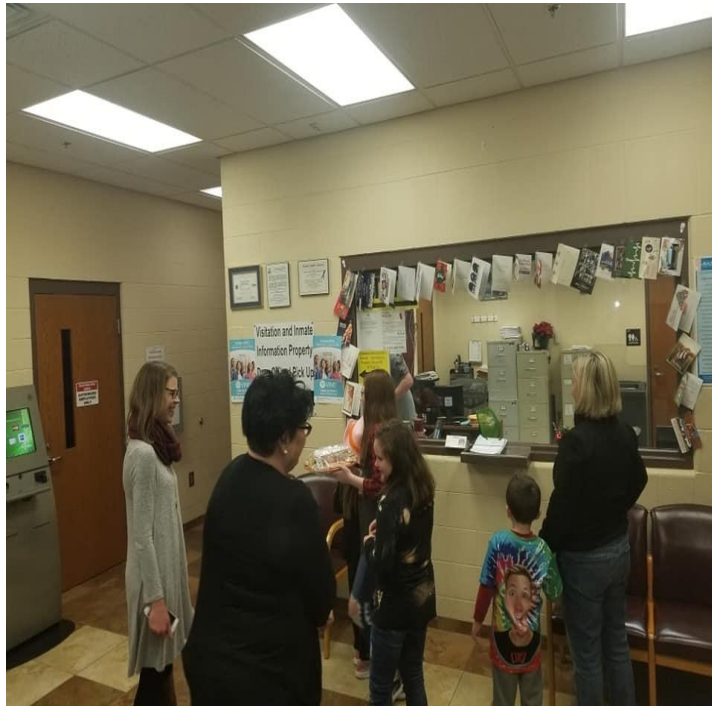
**Monica Mowdy, Pastor**

### Christmas Eve Meals





Delivering Cookies to Law Enforcement, Health Workers that work and miss Christmas



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**SR. HIGH GIRLS ONLY!\***

**Weekend Retreat**

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**PETTY CABIN**

**★ Jan. 18 - 20 ★**

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**'SPACE IS LIMITED'**

**(text Mia to signup)**

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**SUMMER MISSION TRIP  
BIRMINGHAM, AL  
JUNE 28 - JULY 3, 2020\***

**\$50 NON REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION**

**\*(SIGNUP DEADLINE:**

**JANUARY 22)**



*Mia Miller*  
*Director of Youth Ministries*

Happy 2020 and blessings from the Children's Ministry!!! We are so grateful for all of the opportunities the children have had to serve and grow in the church in 2019 and are so excited to see what this New Year brings! This month we will be preparing to begin our 2020 confirmation class if you have a child of confirmation age please be on the lookout for a letter about an informational meeting and also dates for classes. Children's activities for choir etc. will resume in February. As always thank you for being a congregation that loves and supports the children in growing with God!

**BLESSINGS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

**Ms. Nicole, Mrs. Jodi, and the kiddos**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The next Women's Bible Study will start on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. This study will be for 7 weeks. Child Care provided. Please come and invite a friend. No cost except for price of workbook which will be about \$13. If the money is an issue, don't let it be. No worries. I can't describe how wonderful and Spirit filled this group is and how alive the Word of God is and moves through the group. We will be listening to Joshua as he tells us his story and how God uses it to help us with our story and life of worry and anxiety. Message me for info or call Carthage UMC to sign up. 615-735-0343

**Jane Turner**

**Education/Spiritual Formation**



### What One Person Can Do

Ever feel as though you should be doing more to help your community but:

- You are so busy
- You are one person
- You can't write big checks

One person in our church family didn't let that stop her. Anna Tencza used her social media presence and a little creative ingenuity to raise \$268 for local charities in three weeks just by encouraging people to "like" her posts. This quick Christmas season effort followed some stuffed animals that will be given to local elementary school counselors for comfort and books that were distributed at Christmas. You don't have to wait for a planned event with a group of people to show love to someone else.

#moveintotheneighborhood

### SUBMISSIONS:

#### Persecuted Christians:

Please remember the following in your prayers.

**Pastor Bakhrom Kholmatov:** was released early from his prison sentence for possessing a book, *More Than a Carpenter*, and a song book. Pastor Khomatov was incarcerated almost 3 years. Around the time of his arrest, many churches were raided & closed; additionally the authorities enacted new laws that restrict the religious education of children & prevent religious literature from being imported into the country. (Tajikistan)

**Worshippers at St. Anthony Shrine:** celebrated the first Christmas following the Easter Day massacre that killed 54 of their parishioners. Three churches & 3 luxury hotels were targeted in the attacks. The church was renovated & reopened for worship this summer. What a powerful testimony this Advent season for all the parishioners. (Columbo, Sri Lanka)

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**CARTHAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - JANUARY 2020**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY              | FRIDAY | SATURDAY   |
|--|--|------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------|--|
|  |  |                        | 1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b>  | 2                     | 3      | 4  |
| 5 <b>COMMUNION</b><br>11:30 a.m. Trustees Meeting<br>4 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts Meetings<br>7 p.m. AA | 6 6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b><br>7 p.m. AA  | 7                      | 8 5 p.m. <b>YOUTH</b><br>5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting<br>7 p.m. Adult Choir<br>7 p.m. AA          | 9 6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b>  | 10     | 11 9 a.m. Shawl Ministry<br>1-5 p.m. Girl Scouts |
| 12 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting<br>4 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting<br>7 p.m. AA                     | 13 6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b><br>6-8 p.m. Girl Scouts<br>7 p.m. The Spot<br>7 p.m. AA                                    | 14                     | 15 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting<br>5 p.m. <b>YOUTH</b><br>7 p.m. Adult Choir<br>7 p.m. AA    | 16 6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b> | 17     | 18   |
| 19 8:45 a.m. Churchwide Breakfast<br>4 p.m. Boy/Cub Scouts Meetings<br>7 p.m. AA                 | 20 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b><br>7 p.m. AA                              | 21 7 p.m. Nursing Home | 22 9 a.m. - Noon Women's Bible Study<br>5 p.m. <b>YOUTH</b><br>7 p.m. Adult Choir<br>7 p.m. AA | 23 6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b> | 24     | 25   |
| 26 <b>CONFIRMATION CLASS #1</b><br>7 p.m. AA   | 27 9 a.m. February Newsletter Deadline<br>1 p.m. Book Club<br>6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b><br>7 p.m. The Spot<br>7 p.m. AA | 28                     | 29 9 a.m. - Noon Women's Bible Study<br>5 p.m. <b>YOUTH</b><br>7 p.m. Adult Choir<br>7 p.m. AA | 30 6 p.m. <b>YOGA</b> | 31     |  |