

# ***Tower Notes***

## ***January 2019***

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(UCC)**

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**Worship Schedule: Sunday at 10:30 AM**  
**YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US EVERY WEEK**

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| January 6  | Worship Service 10:30 AM<br>Communion, Food Shelf<br>Second Offering - Fuel Fund |
| January 13 | Worship Service 10:30 AM   |
| January 20 | Worship Service 10:30 AM<br>Second Offering - Fuel Fund                          |
| January 27 | Worship Service 10:30 AM<br>Annual Meeting & Potluck 11:30 AM                    |

***HAPPY  
NEW YEAR***

## ***Pastor's Commentary***

As I write this at the turn of the year, I'm thinking about "New Year's Resolutions". I've learned that my best resolutions aren't the big picture concepts or plans on how to turn my life around, nor anything, really, that focuses on the negative. Instead, I like to find a simple phrase that I can easily repeat, and respond to with a resounding "yes!"... something that can walk with me like a comfy pair of tennis shoes.

So here goes:

*...[A] reminder to not celebrate in starts and stops, but to be alive every day and to choose more regularly the things that bring laughter and to hug the living daylights out of my life.*

These words arrived in a letter from a friend last July, just about the time I became a familiar face around the church, and began a gaggle of new adventures in my life. Six months later, I still think it's a good fit.

I think it'll work for the U.P Church and her people, too. After all, God isn't just present on Sunday's at worship—God helps us feel alive every day! And I can certainly attest to a great many choices we have made at our church to more regularly bring laughter in our lives.

...And that "hug the living daylights out of life" line? There, I'm thinking about increased bustle and activity we have here at the church. The doors are open more, the seats (and pews) have more people in them, and our lives of faith, and our calls to be people of God are being shared more and more as the days progress.

So I offer to the church the same words of wisdom I give to myself. Our plan for the New Year? Saying "YES!"

In joy for our time together,

Pastor Paul



# AROUND UPC

## Message from the Moderator

Hello All,

I hope everyone has recovered from the Christmas season! It can be very stressful, with the gift buying, food preparation, decorating, and hosting. It can also be very meaningful and wonderful. I guess we have to remember the true reason for Christmas. The birth of our Lord Jesus.

For the first time in years, the board of trustees is proposing an increase in the budget this year. It means that there is confidence that our church is growing! We've been getting more active in the community, doing more outreach and welcoming ideas to help our church be seen.

The annual meeting is set for January 27, so mark it on your calendar. We need 20 members present for a quorum so that we can conduct the business of the church. Plus, the pot luck is always good!

We will be looking for new members to fill some of the openings that will be coming up on the boards. If you're approached to fill these, please remember how much of a privilege it is to serve our church. Also, we have a lot of fun!

See you in church!

Karen Robnik, Moderator

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## Remember in Prayer

\*Faye Hietala's daughter-in-law, Jackie, has been diagnosed with pericarditis.

\*Jack Stevens is receiving hospice care at Keystone Bluffs.

\**Thank you for the prayers, concerns, and the many cards. They are greatly appreciated:* Joyce Hollingsworth. She is receiving in-home rehab after hip surgery.

\*Flo Strandberg passed away on December 1. Remember Ernie and her family in prayer.

\*The family of Thelma Kortkamp. She passed away on December 2 at the age of 102.

\*Safe travels to Judi Gaskill & husband, who left to spend the winter in Florida.

\*Stephanie Chapin sent the following note: *Merry Christmas to all from sunny Florida. Russ, my mom Agnes Jones, and I moved last summer after selling our home in Cloquet. Enjoying Christmas music in the park. Hope you all have a merry Christmas.*

\*Remember those who are unable to be with us; members, family and friends who are dealing with health problems or surgery; those who grieve; those who have emotional, financial or other hardship; those who are traveling; those who serve our community, country and our world.

\*If you would like prayer for yourself, family or friends, you may contact Sue Linde, 626-1272, and she will begin the prayer chain.

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CHOIR: NOTE CHANGE IN TIME

We will now be meeting on Thursdays from 6-7 pm.

## Thank You

\*Around 50 people turned out for caroling around the Morgan Park community on December 9. Thanks to all who came to sing and/or helped with the pizza & pop at UP Church afterwards.

\*The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Mike & Marna Fasteland purchased the memorial poinsettias. Decorators of the Christmas tree, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall: Mike & Marna, Kathy & Kevin Behm, Sue & Dick Linde, Dale Williamson, Paula & Ernie St. George, Susan Kolberg, Lynn Zurich, and Pastor Paul.

\*The Christmas Concert with Bill Bastian and the Highland Quartet on December 15 was very enjoyable. Thank you to all who helped with set-up/clean-up, ushering, kitchen, bake sale, and to our sponsors: Park State Bank, Dougherty Funeral Home, and Young & Associates Insurance agency. Thanks also to Karen Robnik for working with the musicians to schedule the concert.

\*Thank you to everyone who brought mittens, hats, socks, scarves for the Mitten Tree. Items will be taken to Stowe School when school resumes in January.

\*We have received a very generous donation in honor of Dick & Sue Linde from their friends in Florida. Thank you, Dick & Sue, for promoting UP Church!

\*We have received generous donations from people who wish to remain anonymous. Your thoughtfulness is very appreciated.

\*Thank you to Sue Majewski for playing the organ and piano for Christmas Eve service.

\*Marna Fasteland and Robin Williams led worship on December 30 for a day off for Pastor Paul.

\*A BIG thank you to members & friends who have given so freely of their time and talents during the past year for the benefit of UPC.

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## Memorials

\*Gifts of money have been received in memory of Arlyne Moore, who passed away on October 25, and Lorna Martin, who died October 17. Our thanks to their friends for their kindness.

\*A generous gift of money has been given in memory of Glen & Amber Welch by their grandson in Tower, MN.

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## Annual Meeting & Potluck: January 27

Reports from committees are due in the office Friday, January 18. Proposed 2019 budget will be posted for review prior to the meeting.

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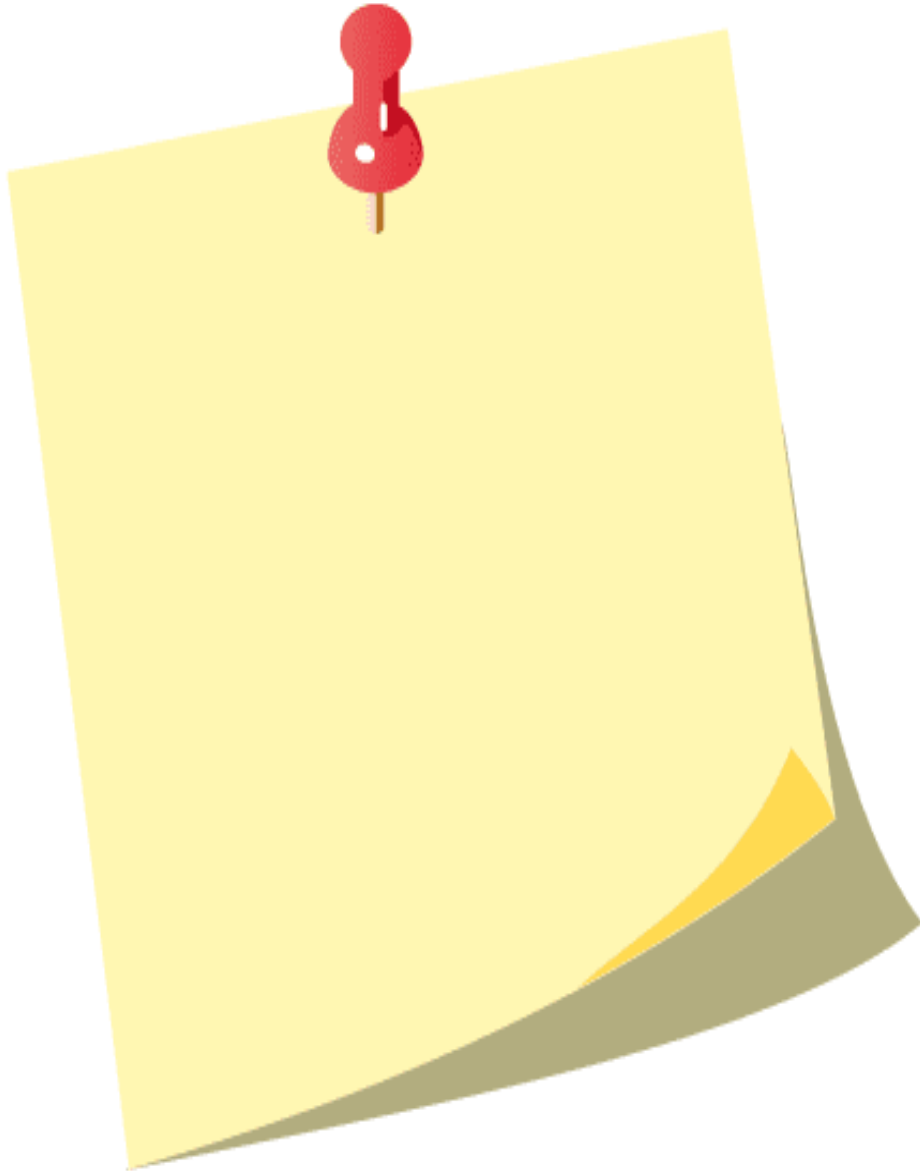
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| 2018 Financial Report – year to date (12/31/18) |               |
| Income:   | \$ 55,623     |
| Expenses:                                       | <u>51,755</u> |
| Difference:                                     | \$ + 3,868    |

## *Christmas Memorials 2018*

Thank you to all who have given memorials honoring loved ones.


- ◆ In loving memory of Ronald "Ron" Benson from his wife Donna and family
- ◆ In loving memory of "Papa" Ron Benson, Robert & Anne Benson, Marshall & Keith Benson from Kathy & Kevin Behm and family
- ◆ In loving memory of Alfred Bothun, Eilef & Emily Bothun, Paul Johnson, Victoria (Johnson) Peterson & Albert Peterson from June Bothun and family
- ◆ In memory of Bob Davey, Victoria Johnson Peterson, Paul Johnson and J. Albert Peterson from Isabel Davey and family
- ◆ In memory of family and friends from Keith and Jeri Erickson and family
- ◆ In memory of family and friends from Clarice Erickson
- ◆ In memory of family and friends from the Fasteland family
- ◆ In memory of Ryan Hietala, Randy Hietala, Norman & Esther Hietala, Victor & Ebba Bjork, Jacob Dylan Hietala and Kari Hietala Schuster from Faye and the Hietala family
- ◆ In memory of Bob and family from Joyce Hollingsworth and family
- ◆ In memory of Joyce, Paul Johnson, Victoria Peterson and Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Meyer from the Chester Johnson family
- ◆ In memory of Edwin & Mable Linde and Douglas & Alice Merrill from Dick and Sue Linde
- ◆ In memory of Allen & Margaret Lusk and Susan Galvin from their family
- ◆ In loving memory of husband George Marich and sister-in-law Fran Johnson from Char and family
- ◆ In memory of Thurie Mattson from Doris, Clyde and Glen
- ◆ In remembrance of my mother Evelyn Moe from Karen Moe
- ◆ In memory of my father Carl Moe, stepmother Helen, brothers Roy & Ronald and sister Rene from Karen Moe
- ◆ In memory of dear friends Gloria Chelstrom, Jackie Eckard and Brenda and Natalie Turner from Karen Moe
- ◆ In memory of Gayle (Curly) Morrison from wife Billie and sons Garry and Kevin and families
- ◆ In memory of Jackie Morris from Cheryl Paskett and Shari Mortorelli
- ◆ In memory of John Nickila, Mr. & Mrs. William Toprock, Donna Tribou and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Nickila, Sr., from Claudia Nickila and family
- ◆ In memory of Bruce Robnik and Paul Erickson from Karen Robnik
- ◆ In memory of Vern Rominger from Cari Elliot and Linda Rominger
- ◆ In loving memory of Peter Stasiuk from his wife Bonnie and children Julie, Pam, Deb and Pete and their families
- ◆ In memory of Bob Davey, Grandma Victoria, Patricia and John White from Debbie and Terry Therrell
- ◆ In memory of Helen & Anton Lehti and Ila & Jacob Toman from John & Doris Toman and family
- ◆ In loving memory of Robert Davey, George Williamson, Ella Williamson, Harry & Marie Silverthorn, Paul Johnson, Victoria Peterson and Richard Larsen from Dale & Donna Williamson, Heather & Kevin Conito and Nathan & Jill Williamson

**2019**  
**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**



# UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

## January 2019

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|--|
|   |   | <b>1</b><br><b>New Year's Day</b><br> | <b>2</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b><br><b>Prayer/Music 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Bring it to Table 6 pm</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b>  | <b>5</b>                                   |
| <b>6</b><br><b>Worship 10:30</b><br><b>Communion</b><br><b>Fuel Fund</b><br><b>Food Shelf</b> | <b>7</b><br><b>Lectionary Study 6 pm</b>                              | <b>8</b><br><b>Morgan Park community meeting 6 pm</b>  | <b>9</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b><br><b>Prayer/Music 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Bring it to Table 6 pm</b>  | <b>10</b><br><b>Choir 6-7 pm</b>                           | <b>11</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b>   | <b>12</b>                                  |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Worship 10:30</b>   | <b>14</b><br><b>Lectionary Study 6 pm</b>                             | <b>15</b><br><b>Council 7:30 Trustees &amp; Diaconate 6:30 pm</b>  | <b>16</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b><br><b>Prayer/Music 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Bring it to Table 6 pm</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>Choir 6-7 pm</b>                           | <b>18</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b><br><b>Deadline for reports for Annual Mtg</b> | <b>19</b>                                  |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Worship 10:30</b><br><b>Fuel Fund</b>   | <b>21</b><br><b>Lectionary Study 6 pm</b><br><b>M.L. King Jr. Day</b> | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b><br><b>Prayer/Music 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Bring it to Table 6 pm</b> | <b>24</b><br><b>Choir 6-7 pm</b>                           | <b>25</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b>   | <b>26</b><br><b>Ruby's Pantry 11:00 am</b> |
| <b>27</b><br><b>Worship 10:30</b><br><b>Annual Meeting &amp; Potluck</b>                      | <b>28</b><br><b>Lectionary Study 6 pm</b>                             | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b><br><b>Prayer/Music 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Bring it to Table 6 pm</b> | <b>31</b><br><b>Choir 6-7 pm</b>                           | <b>Feb 1</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b>  | <b>2</b>                                   |
| <b>3</b><br><b>Worship 10:30</b><br><b>Communion</b><br><b>Fuel Fund</b><br><b>Food Shelf</b> | <b>4</b><br><b>Lectionary Study 6 pm</b>                              | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b><br><b>Prayer/Music 5:30 pm</b><br><b>Bring it to Table 6 pm</b>  | <b>7</b><br><b>Choir 6-7 pm</b>                            | <b>8</b><br><b>Office 10-2</b>  | <b>9</b>                                   |
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## Coming Up in January

- January 1 \*New Year's Day
- January 6 \*Communion, Fuel Fund, Food Shelf
- January 8 \*Morgan Park Community Meeting, 6:00 pm
- January 15 \*Council Meeting 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- January 18 \*Annual Meeting reports due in office
- January 20 \*Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- January 21 \*Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 26 \*Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm
- January 27 \*Annual Meeting & Potluck

## Looking Ahead to February

- February 3 \*Communion, Fuel Fund, Food Shelf
- February 8 \*Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Trustees & Diaconate 6:30 pm
- February 14 \*Valentine's Day
- February 17 \*Second Offering - Fuel Fund
- February 18 \*Presidents' Day
- February 23 \*Ruby's Pantry at Mission Creek Church, 11 am-12:30 pm

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### **Monday: 6 pm Bible Study: The Week Ahead**

Join Pastor Paul at the church as we explore our Lectionary scripture for the upcoming week. Come prepared to hear more questions than answers, and to share the stories of our walk of faith as God reaches out to us this week.

### **Wednesday Evening Time of Prayer & Sharing: 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

We welcome you to gather at the church on Wednesdays for a mid-week calming time of prayer, music and conversation led by Pastor Paul (with music by Jim Larson and his Appalachian Dulcimer).

### **Wednesday: 6 pm "Bring it to the Table" at the Iron Mug**

Join us for a time of fellowship with church and community. What we talk about depends on what thoughts you bring to the table! C'mon over and let us treat you to some good food and conversation. Need a ride? Call the church or Pastor Paul.

**Thursday: 6-7 pm Choir Practice.** No experience required—All skill levels welcome! Just bring your desire to sing (and a song you'd like to share if you have one!).



## January Birthdays

- |                    |                    |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Kayden Rengo     | 10 Jason Rengo     | 11 Cherie Ridoux  |
| 14 Scott Nickila   | 21 Karen Robnik    | 25 Bonnie Stasiuk |
| 28 Amy Robnik      | 28 John Grondahl   | 29 Hailey Huberty |
| 29 Lydia Fasteland | 31 Jeremy Erickson |                   |

## January Anniversaries

- 18 Cathy & Bill Dale

Church Contact List: Please let us know if you have a new home address, phone number or email address, so we have up-to-date information.

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### **United Protestant Church Vision Statement**

*The United Protestant Church aspires to be a vibrant Christian congregation that is sustainable and welcoming to all, putting its faith into practice through its outreach activities. The church strives to be the center of the community's mind, body and spirit through its ministries and the programs it offers.*

*January 2019*

*100 Years  
1917 - 2017*

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I."  
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say "my."  
When you pray the Lord's Prayer you pray for one another.  
And when you ask for daily bread, you must include your brother.  
For others are included in each and every plea.  
From beginning to the end, it does not once say "me."*

Anonymous

Our Father, as I say the Lord's Prayer each day of this year, remind me that I never do so alone.

*Elizabeth Sherrill*

From *Daily Guideposts* 2002



