

Crosswinds

Church of the Cross

January 2023



As we enter the New Year, let us take a moment to recognize this a time of new beginnings. This isn't our first New Years, we have been here before, celebrated and remembered the past year. At the same time, every new year is different as every previous year was different. It is a time to think and reflect on the past, where we have been. It is also a time to plan for the future, to decide where we are going, what we as an individual and a church wish to live into.

Over the next year we will be meeting, studying and discussing with leadership where we as a church want to go— what are our visions and goals for the future. We will also be discussing that with the church in a couple all-church meetings. We remember that Christ calls us to make disciples, that we can not be stagnate, but must continue to live into and work on the mission. Our goal is to find a couple things we want to improve on and a couple things we want to start as a church so that we can continue to serve the Lord in making disciples.

As we enter a new year, a new beginning, we recognize all the changes that have happened last year. We will work this year to shift from mourning those changes, to working with all these changes to be a family of faith that loves Christ, serves Christ, and shares Christ. We will continue to worship, grow as a community, and study God's Word. We will work to reach out to our community and meet them where they are.

Church of the Cross UMC, please join us as we work to follow God's call, make disciples, and transform the world, loving and healing those around us, in the new year. This is a New Year and a New Beginning.

Blessings and joy at what the Lord calls us to this year,
Pastor James

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

February articles need to be submitted by
January 21

ALL submissions need to be emailed to
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Please assist the editor by e-mailing your
information (or ask a friend/spouse to assist
you.) Thank You

JANUARY

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, January 1

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: "God Chooses the Lowly"

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Sunday, January 8

Epiphany Sunday

Exodus 3:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Epiphany without Fear"

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Sunday, January 15

Romans 12:1-21

Sermon: "Be of the World"

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Sunday, January 22

Matthew 25:21-46

Matthew 26:1-13

Sermon: "Sheep and Goats"

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Sunday, January 29

Matthew 21:12-22

Sermon: "Faith Can

Move Mountains"



Covenant	Jan. 3 7PM
Trustees	Jan. 10 7PM
Knitting resumes	Jan. 10 7PM
One Board	Jan. 17 7PM



Birthdays This Month

January

- 8 Cindy Mullet
- 21 Tammy Howman
- 26 Mike Law
- 27 Nancy Miller
- 29 Justin Baisden
- 30 George Mullet



CAMO luncheon to support Cindy Mullet's Honduras mission trip

Sunday, January 15

Noon

Church of the Cross Fellowship Hall



Pray for Missions

International

TMS Global—Jasin Muhlbauer

Heifer International

CAMO

Local

People to People

The Salvation Army

JAMIN' KIDS - UPDATE

You might ask what are Jamin' Kids? It is our Wednesday night program for children K-6th grade. We began this fall program concentrating on "Loving Like Jesus". In the schools today that has become difficult for our children. There is so much bullying, disrespect, and indifference that it is hard to love like Jesus. Our studies have centered around The Golden Rule, Good Samaritan, and the Great Commandment which all are commanding us to love our neighbors and be different. They have been encouraged to stand out and make a difference. One of them was recognized by their school as being a good example. Thank you, Jr. for making a difference.

On any given night we might have anywhere from 2-6 students. If the ages dictate that we can divide them into two groups (younger and older) it makes doing lessons easier. The older children are experiencing different situations and are very open to sharing. We use a variety of techniques to engage them, such as videos, object lessons and flash card reviews which is one of their favorites. We have been encouraging them to memorize verses this year (rewards are offered of course) and they have mastered them quite well.

Our little group comes from a variety of backgrounds and need to be encouraged that they are LOVED and we will stand by and help them anyway we can. Sometimes the sharing takes precedence over the lesson, but being good listeners is more important.

We have an amazing support group who assist us on a rotating schedule. They are Janet (crafts), Barb (food and cooking), Lauren (science) and our group of faithful cooks. We offer our upmost thanks to them. With the help of Janet, the group mailed out pictures they created by using marigolds instead of paint brushes to create a masterpiece. Each one of our home bounds received this in a handmade envelope. "Loving like Jesus"!

As a church family we would request that you uplift our students in prayer daily!! They are amazing children that need to be constantly filled with Love and Prayer. Thank you.

Cindy Mullet and Cheryl Pamer