



... to our Deacons and helpers for decorating our church and making it more glorious during this Blessed Season!

.... To our December pulpit supply:

Sunday, December 3rd...Our Communion with Reverend Peder Carlson.

Sunday, December 10th.... Our Worship with CLP Wendy Keller

Sunday, December 17th...Our Worship with CLP Charles Johnson.

Sunday, December 24th...Our Worship with Reverend Gonwo Dahnweih.

Sunday, December 31st ...Our Worship with Guest Speaker , Sue Rood.

.... to our Advent Acolytes.

...to Dave Stryker for volunteering to shovel snow this winter.

... to everyone who donated items for the NICE Center Christmas room during the month of November and December.

...to our members and friends who donate time, energy and items, we are so thankful and blessed to have you!!!



### **Pulpit Supply for WPC in January 2018 : There will be No Communion in January**

January 7th ...Worship at 10 am with CLP Charles Johnson

January 14th ...Worship at 10 am with CLP Charles Johnson

January 21st.....Worship at 10 am with Guest Speaker, Christine Monteiro

January 28th....Worship at 10 am with CLP Wendy Keller



**UMPEC delivered  
several food  
baskets  
in December.**

**Thank you to all  
who assisted in compiling and  
delivering the food  
baskets.**

There are a few churches that support NICE by doing a monthly collection of a named item from their congregations. It is usually an item that is expensive for the Center to buy or that is very popular. For the month of January we would like to collect cereal. The items can be put into the collection box in the narthex. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for what we will be collecting each month. **Again, thank you for your support. The families that come to the NICE Center are very appreciative of all that you do!!!!**

# Happy New Year



Thank you to all who supported the Fireside Luncheon on December 9th. You made it possible for us to make a \$500 donation to the NICE Center, your local food pantry in Lee. We apologized for running out of chili and John Conley's wild rice

The NICE Center, located in Lee, Illinois, is open every Saturday from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. All clothing and food items are free and have been donated from various people within the community.

**We will be in need of volunteers to staff the facility for the month of February.**

## January Birthdays:

9th..... Josh Johnson;

5th..Sue Rood

29th...Maureen Bremner

### *The Christian New Year Begins on January First According to the Gregorian calendar*

On the old Roman calendar, March 15 was the day which began the New Year. The March date had basically been considered the beginning of spring, a logical time to begin a new year. But for political and military reasons, January 1, 153 B.C. became the day to observe the beginning of the New Year. From then on, the Roman year began on January first, and has continued until this day.

*"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.'" (Leviticus 23:23-25)*

The month of Tishri, which falls during the months of September and October on the Gregorian calendar, is also the first month on the Jewish civil calendar. Summer was over, the harvest had been gathered and the fall season had begun. This first day of Tishri was Israel's New Year celebration, *"a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation."* Today it is called Rosh Hashanah.

Today, this custom of celebrating the end of one year and the beginning of the next is still called Gregorian New Year or Christian New Year. Several countries and people with other religions have their own celebrations and observances. New Year's is a wonderful time for Christians to get together and celebrate the completion of another year of life, and welcome in the New Year with prayer and rejoicing. New Year's Day is an opportunity to rest and relax, and a great time to prayerfully set goals for the year ahead.

*"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I hope in*

The Wednesday  
morning Coffee Group  
60+ is on Hiatus until

**Please have all Annual Reports into  
the church office by**

Hope Haven: Wednesday, January 31st; It will be the Waterman United Methodist's turn to serve. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

**WOW Waterman: 'Come to the Table' for our new study 2018**

WOW/Women of the Word Interdenominational Bible Study, Waterman, will begin our second semester on Thursday, January 18, 2018, with a Movie Day. We welcome new members to register, receive your notebook, meet our Staff, and enjoy a good movie. We have both a Morning Edition [9-11.30 a.m.] and an Evening Edition [6:45-9 p.m.] which can be alternated according to your schedule. Only the Morning Edition includes COW CLUB and BOW-WOW for preschoolers.

Our 19<sup>th</sup> year continues the theme 'Come to the Table', as we experience the difference the presence of the Lord makes in our lives. Our new 10-lesson study of II Corinthians will begin the following week, Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we learn about the importance of HIS strength in OUR weakness, reconciliation and servant leadership.

Join with women from over 30 different churches and communities. Visitors and new members are always welcome! Registration Fee is \$12. Scholarships are always available.

One of this New Testament book's KEY words is 'comfort'! So, come!  
Be comforted and encouraged in every area of life!

"Come to Me, all you who are weary... and I will give you rest.  
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me...." Matthew 11:28,29.

To find out more about WOW or to pre-register, contact Sue Hipple,  
at [sjhipple23@gmail.com](mailto:sjhipple23@gmail.com) or [815-264-3979](tel:815-264-3979).

**Please Pray for:** Floyd Hunt, The Gaston Family, The Family of Gonwo Dahnweih (*Gonwo's father, Chief LorMeanu Augustus Dahnweih passed away*), The Conley Family (*in the passing of "Papa" George Claybaugh*), The Family of Paula Shuck Coe, The Family of Alma R. Schweitzer, Rev. Gonwo Dahnweih (*knee surgery*) Jodie Shuck, Frank Bilardello, Norm Johnson, Jennifer Hipple (*Florence Hipple's granddaughter*) and Our Church. **Our military personnel:** Staff Sgt. Vadon Loudermilk Jr., Major Gar-

The per capita assessment for 2018 is  
\$36.34:

(GA- \$7.73; Synod \$3.81; Blackhawk Pres-  
bytery \$24.80)

**Next Session Meeting  
Wednesday, January  
31st, 2018**

## Open Hands Preschool January Newsletter

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ahhh... January... we are back to school. We are talking about winter, winter animals and dinosaurs! Hurray! Dinosaurs is one of my favorite units. In math and science, we will be talking about measurement. Our Bible study has us learning about Jesus. Of course, we will be working on zipping and snapping. So exciting!

### **Key Points to Remember:**

1. Please check your parent pocket.
2. Please call school or email if your child is not attending school that day.
3. Check out the hallway... classroom work is always changing.

### **Thank You Notes**

From the hearts of Mrs. Hardenbergh, Mrs. Merchant, Mrs. Nix, and Mrs. Schaneberg, thank you to all the parents who brought stuff in for the holiday parties. Thank you for all the lovely gifts and treats! We are so blessed to have such wonderful families.

Many thanks to the committee for their help and support at the