



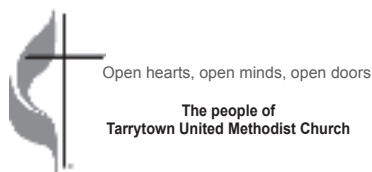
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Christian Adult Fellowship

CAF meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month in Fellowship Hall, 10 am to 1 pm. Join us for fellowship, games (optional) and a meal.
January 11, 25
February 8, 22

Special Offerings for 2006

Tarrytown UMC participates in Special Offerings throughout the year. The various ministries we support include Human Resources Day (January 15), One Great Hour of Sharing - UMCOR (March 26), Native American Ministries Sunday (April 30), Peace with Justice (June 11), World Communion Sunday (October 1), and Harvest Sunday (November 26). Our total contributions for all of these ministries were \$1,825. Thank you TUMC for sharing your blessings with these worthy causes.

"Give to Live" Stewardship update

As of 12/04/2006, we have received 377 pledges, 5 beyond tithing, 24 up to tithing, 106 toward tithing.

Remember - We should all wear our nametags.

If you've lost it, please call the office at 472-3111 for a replacement.



TUMC CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday, December 31

8:30 am Women's Emmaus Reunion Group, 628
8:30 am First Worship Service
9:00 am Children's birthday party for Jesus
9:30 am New SS class, Loft
9:30 am Second Worship
9:45 am Extended Care, 213
10:30 am Fellowship, porch
11:00 am Worship Service
11:20 am Extended Care, 213
12:00 pm Fellowship Time, porch

Monday, January 1

Office Closed
12:00 Disciple III, Rm 229
12:30 pm Women's Emmaus Group, conference room
1:00 pm Library committee

Tuesday, January 2

7:15 am Men's Bible Study, Library
12:15 pm Women's Emmaus Reunion mtg, library
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, Rm 223, 226, 228

Wednesday, January 3

6:45 am Bible Breakfast discussion, conference room
6:30 pm Bell Choir I, Sanctuary
6:30 pm Men's Emmaus Reunion group, Library
7:00 pm Women's Emmaus-reunion group, 223
7:30 pm Bell Choir II, Rm 413

Thursday, January 4

7:00 am United Methodist Men
7:00 am Women's Emmaus Reunion group, Library
11:30 am Women's Emmaus Reunion group, Library

Friday, January 5

7:00 am Men's Emm Group, Library
7:30 am Men's Emmaus Reunion group, FH
1:00 pm Women's Emmaus Reunion Group, Rm 228

Congratulations

Kent and Sara Mertz had a baby boy, Kyle Jackson Mertz, on December 11, 2006. Proud grandparents are Carol and Harold Cain.

Condolences

Our sympathies are with the family of Tula Knolle, who died on December 14, 2006.

Preparing for Sunday

December 31, 2006
1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Scriptures

Psalm 148
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Sermons

"Teenage Jesus"

Text

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22



Service of Holy Communion, Healing and Prayers

A healing service is offered each Wednesday in the chapel from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Babysitting is provided most Wednesdays.

Our growing church family



Mark and Ann Brady joined our congregation on December 17, 2006. Welcome!

A note from Robert

"Gratitude"



Senior Pastor Robert Hall

Fred Craddock, retired professor of Emory University, said in a sermon one day that the sum of the Christian life could be expressed in one word: gratitude. He had in mind gratitude that is not thanksgiving for blessings earned, but a thankful spirit for gifts given by a loving God. George Herbert expressed it this way:

"Thou hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart;
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if thy blessings had spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be
Thy praise."

A thankful heart would not mean being naïve about the profound and enduring suffering that we and many others endure. A grateful heart would also not be a gloating heart, one which is thankful that we have been spared what has befallen others. A life filled with gratitude would be a life freed for compassion, because we know that we are not in competition for a scarce resource. God is "pure, unbounded love" for all, as Charles Wesley taught us.

As I enter a new year, I do not want to be found "sulking through the inevitable," as Friedrich Von Hugel has described it. I pray for God to give me a grateful heart by which I can see and hear the particular instances of peace, mercy and grace which surprise me each week.

Grace and peace,
Robert Hall

Seasonal Events at TUMC

Sunday, December 31

Regular schedule for worship and Sunday School. Birthday Party for Jesus in 9:30 and 11 am children's Sunday School classes.

Sunday, January 7, 2007

Epiphany observed. Regular schedule for worship and Sunday School. Holy Communion at all three services.

2006 Financial Update

Thank you for your response to our request for help with the 2006 financial needs. Two weeks ago we needed \$506,308 to reach our goal.

As of December 18th, we have received \$265,795 of our request for help. We are still \$240,513 short of our anticipated budgeted income. Typically, this church receives between 17% to 19% of its budgeted income in December and we see no reason why it will be different this year.

If you haven't completed your 2006 pledge and are able to do so, your help would be appreciated. If you can give extra this year, this would be doubly appreciated.