

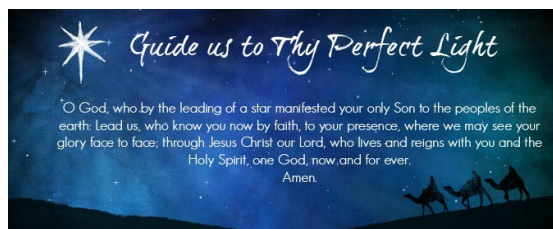
# THE JACKSONVILLE GOSPEL

Happy  
New  
Year

January 2017

Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.

(as used in the Book of Offices of the British Methodist Church, 1936).

In 1755, John Wesley began leading Covenant Renewal services. These services were times in which people would remember the covenant made at their baptism—a covenant to serve God with all one's heart and soul. Wesley found that these services were very encouraging and powerful for everyone involved, and soon they began being held in numerous Methodist societies.

Over time, many British Methodist churches began to hold these services on New Year's Day or the first Sunday of the year since these were natural times of renewing commitments. These services continue with regularity in British Methodism today. While only a small number of congregations in America hold these services each New Year, the order of worship for a Covenant Renewal service can be found on page 288 of the UMC Book of Worship.

While John Wesley admitted that he was not the originator of this prayer, it has served as a powerful tool for spiritual formation in the Methodist church over the last two centuries.

## MEET OUR NEW ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR, ERIC HOWD



Eric Machan Howd has been a church musician for over 34 years. He began his career as a boy-soprano in the St. Uriel's Episcopal Church choir (Sea Girt, NJ), which led him to be twice selected to attend the Royal Academy of Church Music at Princeton University. He has directed music for the Freeville United Methodist Church, the Protestant Cooperative Ministries (Cornell University), as well as the King Ferry Presbyterian Church and, most recently, the Newark Valley United Church of Christ. Eric works full-time in higher education as Director of Instructional Design (Binghamton University) and Assistant Professor of Writing (Ithaca College). He is excited to be selected as

Organist and Choir Director at the Jacksonville United Methodist Church and looks forward to providing piano and organ music for special events and weekly worship services.

Eric lives in Ithaca with his wife Katharyn. Join us on Sunday, January 1 as Eric begins the next chapter of his musical journey!

## COFFEE BREAK 2017

Coffee time after the church service each week is a great time for fellowship and connecting with each other on Sunday mornings. You can help us out by hosting a coffee hour. All you have to do is provide something simple to eat – this could be homemade or store-bought (including a gluten-free option). Jeff Jacobs is the coordinator, and if you need help with making coffee, he can help with making sure that coffee and other beverages are available. A free-will collection basket helps to help defray expenses. Please look for the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

## *Prayer Works*



Jeff Harris  
Cheryl Fletcher  
Gordon and Onolee Conklin  
Vic and Bonnie Lewis  
Delight Sticker  
Lynn Rich's family  
Bill Eisenhardt's friend Barb  
Elaine Cline

Steve Jackson's cousin Brenda  
Shardlows' friend Chris  
Devan Whitaker  
Janice Williamson  
Vanessa & Erla Sue  
Marion Miller  
Wayne Bertelsen  
Jerry Brown

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan. 1, New Years Day Service 10:00 am  
Jan 2, Food Pantry  
Jan. 3, Trustees 7:00 pm  
Jan 5, UMW Luncheon Meeting 10:30 am  
Jan. 5, Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm  
Jan. 16, Food Pantry  
Jan. 18, SPRC 7:00 pm  
Jan. 22, Youth Group  
Jan. 30, Food Pantry



## A MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Many thanks to all of you who helped make a happy Advent season for others. This is truly a giving congregation. With your help, we again sponsored eight Angel Tree children through the Trumansburg Christmas Bureau. We are especially proud of our youth members who helped us with shopping for clothes and a toy or two (and socks). We also delivered eleven baskets filled with food and personal items, again donated by you, the congregation. The baskets went to neighbors in Jacksonville and Enfield. We know that many of you donated to the local food pantries and to the Heifer project through our Advent Giving envelopes. The total amount will be available later in January. Finally we still need to remember our socks program. Warm Feet, Warm Hearts, Give Socks still needs socks to help those cold feet (and the people who go with them) through the winter. Visitors to both the Samaritan Center and the Friendship Center were most grateful for a big delivery of socks before Christmas.

Thank you.

Amy Moe, Lynn Rich, Emily Virkler, Beth Cutter (Chair)

## TAKE THEM A MEAL



Calling all cooks! I am looking for a couple of good meals in January. We have been providing meals for Jeff Harris and Mickey Martin during December. We are looking to extend our support through January as Jeff continues his medical treatments. If you are interested in providing a meal, please check out the website: [Meals For . . . Mickey Martin](#). We have

set-up a schedule for meals for them and sends you a reminder for the day you have signed up for a meal. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah at 607-387-3460 or [twinlinc@yahoo.com](mailto:twinlinc@yahoo.com). Thank you for your consideration.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Dean Brainard
9	John Wilson
13	Bonnie Lewis
14	Carson Hager
20	Marion Miller
25	Don Shardlow

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

13 Terry and Mary Cole



## FOOD PANTRY

The Trumansburg Food Pantry is under the umbrella of and sponsored by TAC. The Pantry offers a free food distribution every other Monday for residents of the Town of Ulysses, including when the date falls on a holiday.

The goal of the Trumansburg Food Pantry is to provide good quality/nutritious free food for families in need who include: working but with low income, single parents, unemployed, disabled and Senior Citizens. Funds used to purchase food come from many sources: Trumansburg Area Churches; private donations; United Way/via the Ulysses Community Council (you can earmark your United Way donations for the Trumansburg Food Pantry—we do receive those monies); CROP WALK – usually held in October each year -- (25% of income from the WALK comes back to our local pantry); and other fund raising activities (some county wide); as well as grants from County, State and Federal agencies. We also accept donations of non-perishable foods from many organizations and individuals throughout the. Food is also purchased for the Food Pantry through the Southern Tier Food Bank.

Volunteers from the host churches, and others, assist with the bi-weekly food distributions and manage the Ulysses Food Hotline (387-8260).

The Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church is the host church for January and February. There are still volunteer openings available on the signup sheet located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.





## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR 2017

January – Oral Hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, Fixodent, etc).

February – Lunch Box items (Snack Pack pudding, cans of soup with pop tops)

March – Cleaning supplies (dish detergent, laundry detergent, bars of soap)

April – Boxes of rice, plain and mixes, instant potatoes, pasta side dish mixes.

May – Rolls of toilet paper

June – Oatmeal, Boxes of cereal (other than corn flakes and cheerios)

July – Personal care items (baby wipes, combs, brushes, nail clippers, deodorant)

August – Condiments (flour, sugar, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressing)

Thank you all for the enthusiasm in which you have embraced this mission!

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## INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



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## ATTIC TAKING DONATIONS

Christmas is going to be carefully be packed away within the next several weeks and begin preparing for the new year. Donations will be gladly accepted on Sundays at the Attic throughout the winter. You may also contact either Nancy Housworth or Rachel Boyer to make other arrangements.

**Spring Fest is only five months away!**

