



Happy New Year

It is hard to believe that a new year is upon us. It seems like only yesterday we began our year-long journey through the Bible. As quickly as we started the Book of Genesis, we closed with the Book of Revelation. Time flies too fast.

I want to take a moment to thank each one of you for the gracious display of gifts and love that have been poured out on to my family this past season. Our Christmas time was brighter because of your caring and thoughtfulness. As Paul said, "I thank my God for you!"

January starts full steam ahead in the life of our church. Take advantage of opportunities to study God's word and follow the path to which God calls you. If you have musical talent, now is the time to volunteer your services.

As we begin a new year, look for more opportunities to grow in faith, Sunday school, Bible studies, volunteer opportunities for service. Wherever God leads you, follow the hope that is made alive through Divine love and care. Our change of heart is made known by our actions and how we reflect Holy presence in our lives. To the world, you are Jesus with skin.

On a final note, as January starts, many of us make resolutions that we hope to accomplish. Unfortunately, many of these promises tend to fall by the wayside. This year, I want to make a resolution that I believe I can honor. It is not significant and extraordinary, but it is possible to achieve. I invite you to do the same. If you are in the business of making resolutions, start out small. Don't set yourself up for failure.

Finally, I wish God's choicest blessings for you and your family in the coming year.

May you experience peace and joy as you have never known.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Joe



January 5 : Maryn Terry, Brody White, Caeleb MacDonald

January 12: Alec Actkinson, Zeke Kasel, Elizabeth Mahaney

January 19th: Katy Mahaney, Cooper Nichols, Maryn Terry

January 26th : Alec Actkinson, Elizabeth Mahaney, Cooper Nichols

HEAD USHER Charles Christian

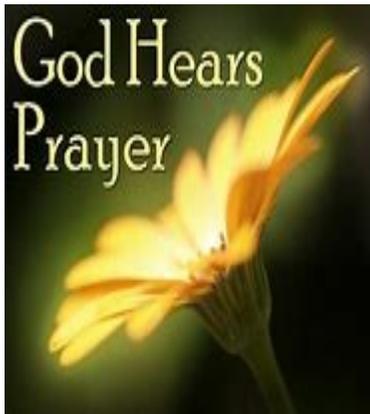


1/5/2020 Roy Snodgrass

1/12/2020 Robin Gregory

1/19/2020 Lynne Mahaney

1/26/2020 Boyd & Susan White



Pastor Joe wants to begin an informal prayer ministry beginning Monday, January 12th. Anyone who wishes to meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to pray with the pastor for those who express joys and/or concerns are welcome to attend. Please participate as the Lord calls you. We can begin our week together with a short time for prayer.

Living Our Faith

Last Sunday, I asked the congregation, “You are a new creature in Christ, so what are you going to do about it?” In asking the question, I hoped to spark an awareness that our faith requires us to not only have as Paul said, “A circumcision of the heart,” but to respond to this new way of being with our actions. What we do, along with what we say, determines our commitment to God. In other words, we simply can’t profess we are Christians and then act like we are anything but children of God. We must prove it with how we treat others.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, spoke very candidly about the importance of our actions. While he acknowledged that we can do nothing to earn our salvation, Wesley also stressed the need to mirror the change within by sharing our faith from the inside out. How we live matters. The way that we exist in the world proves that we have indeed had a “circumcision of the heart.” To live any other way would indicate that our transformation lacked authenticity.

As we start the year 2020, I pray that people see my change of heart by the way that I treat others. This is a tough task and should not be taken lightly. Careful attention towards a change in action requires a commitment to living the life to which God has called me. I will admit that there are a few relationships with which I struggle. Yes, I am called to reveal a new heart even in these very tense and complicated situations.

You indeed are a beautiful creation in Christ. Now take up this claim and show those around you that a new path is being made in the desert. It is your answer to the calling that God placed on your life. Pick this task up and carry it forward. How else will they know that we are Christians than by our love?

Peace in the New Year,

Pastor Joe



2019 Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory of :	In Honor of:	Ordered by:
Royce R, Roger R Menining		Mennings, Bock
Rance Williams		Mom & Dad
	Anne Norton	James & Dolores Williams
Cindy Watts		Mom & Harry
Tyler Sheets		Granddad&Grandmom Mia
Marilyn Edwards		Logan Nichols Family
Johnny Actkinson		Diane Actkinson
	The Youth Leaders	Anne Norton
	Youth of HMUMC	Anne Norton
The Campos Family		Joe MacDonald
Jensen Family		Joe MacDonald
Joel & Katherine White		Joyce Ketcherside
Velma Magness		Joyce Ketcherside
Bob Stovall		Charles & Sheryl Christian
Donald & Dot Christian		Charles & Sheryl Christian
Tony Pustovsky		Osterkamp
Beth Osterkamp		Osterkamp

January 14 Parker Mahaney

January 15 Harry Sheets

January 18 Caeleb MacDonald

January 23 Joe MacDonald

January 27 Douise Ellison

January 29 Logan Nichols

January 31 Lori Osborn



January 2 Tim & Kristin Kasel

January 4 Tim & Dana Foote

January 4 Ted & June Magness

January 9 Todd & Haley Christian

January 17 Larry & Robin Gregor

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Do you have someone or something you wish to remember in prayer, but do not want to share during the church service? Please let Pastor Joe or someone in the congregation know and we will add a name or circumstance to the prayer list.



We have a website! Visit www.hamlinmemorialumc.org. It is a work in progress, so please be patient. If you have any pictures to contribute please send them to Cazandra at cazmac9910@gmail.com or text to 575-405-0768.