

# CONNECTIONS

JANUARY 2020

Wentzville

United Methodist Church



**Sunday, January 5th**

**Epiphany**

***"Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh"***

**Matthew 2:1-12**

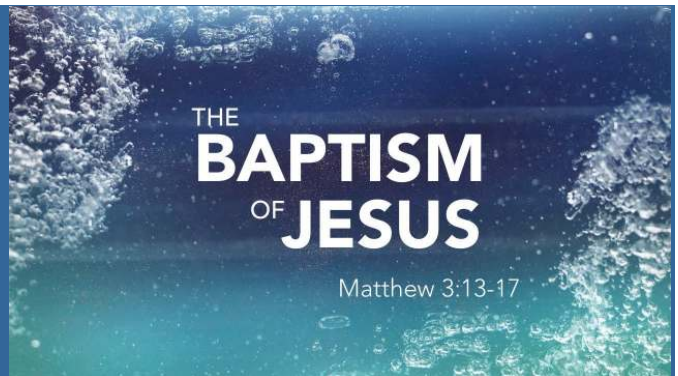


**Sunday, January 12th**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

***"...My Son, the Beloved"***

**Matthew 3:13-17**



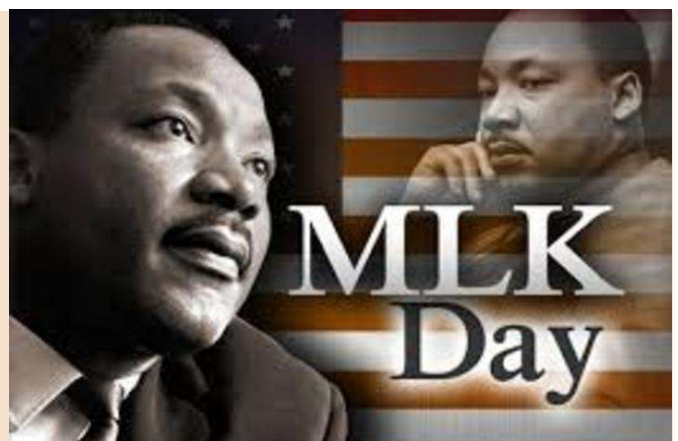
**Sunday, January 19th**

**Human Relations Sunday**

**MLK Celebration**

***"The Lamb of God"***

**John 1:29-32**



# FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



**Dear Friends:**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

We only have a few weeks to offer well wishes of such importance. The birth of Christ changed everything for Mary and Joseph, the angels, Magi and shepherds, too. They came to see the newborn king. We too celebrate the birth of Christ with hope, peace, joy and love; attributes of loving God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). I hope you and your family enjoyed the Christmas holiday and begin the New Year with a bright hope of good things to come.

Our Church Council will be meeting Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> to begin 2020 with a renewed energy and several new members. Louise Norton joins our Finance committee, Sally Adams joins Nomination, and Randy Kindschuh joins Staff Parish. Our deep appreciation and thanks go out to Lisa Morgenthaler for six years of service on Finance. Kirsten Riley (Staff Parish) and Brooke Herbst (Nominations) have completed three-year terms. All of our Council members are truly dedicated to their work and enjoy serving Christ in leading the congregation.

As we begin a new year, please keep in mind our special events. **Ignite Mobile Camp is June 15-19.** Our goal is to have 75-100 campers. This is a shared event with "The Way" United Methodist Church. We will need host homes, kitchen volunteers and helpers for each age group. Our **Middle School and High School Youth will be traveling to Louisville, KY on July 12-17** for their mission trip. I am so excited; 12 youth are on board and excited to be in service. Please remember our Disaster Response Team and United Methodist Women as mission projects come along which offer opportunities for participation and contribution.

For several years we have actively supported the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.** On Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. there will be Peace March beginning at Pearce Hall, followed by a MLK Celebration at Holt High School at 7 p.m. Please watch for flyers specific to that event. It promises to lift our spirits and help connect us to our community in offering peace, unity and love to people of all nationalities and races.

I want to thank you for your great energy this past year. We have reached out to our community in service, witnessing to our faith and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. My prayer for 2020 is for greater outreach and connection to people new to our community and long-time residents who are seeking a new beginning and place to call home. Our greatest strength is loving God and our neighbor. May God give us a brighter witness of his love and grace.

God bless us every one,

*Pastor Mark*

**Connections** is published each month. Our church vision is to *Live for God, Love Our Neighbor, and Grow in Christ.* Visit us at 725 Wall Street, Wentzville. Sunday worship is at 9 and 10:30 am.

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Deadline for the  
**FEBRUARY 2020 Newsletter**  
is Monday, 1/27



[www.livelovegrow.org](http://www.livelovegrow.org)

## **Pastor**

Mark Dumas

## **Children and Family**

Angela Langdon

## **Congregational Care**

Bob Anderson and Ginger Carroll

## **Custodial Care**

Anne Hansen and Kim Walton

## **Finance Secretary**

Gary Grannemann

## **Music Director**

Todd Oberlin

## **Nursery**

Glenna Head, Peyton Hoenig, Ashley Kirkley,  
Maddy Kolarik

## **Office Administrator**

Donna Norman

## **Worship Coordinator**

Traci Morlock

## **Worship Media Team**

Bruce Kates, Lisa Morgenthaler, Paul Morlock,  
Sean Morlock, Todd Oberlin, Brian Phipps and  
Kermit Sandorf

# LIVING FOR GOD

**To ALL of our musicians — Thank you so much!**

**Christmas Music at Wentzville United Methodist Church was outstanding!**

**On Sunday, December 22nd the Christmas Cantata, “At Last, Noel!” was presented at 9 am and 10:30 am.** The halls of Wentzville United Methodist Church were bursting with the sounds of Christmas and a most talented group of musicians — led by Music Director Todd Oberlin, M. Mus

**Sanctuary Choir** Dan Benwell, Nik Bradley, Sandie Briggs, Al Crowder, Barb Homewood, Sharon McNeill, Traci Morlock, Louise Norton, Wes Norton, Gwen Pope, Michael Pope, Carolyn Shaw, Dean Skelton, Mary Sue Thompson, Carol Welch, Steve Welch

### Wall Street Philharmonic

Mary Kate Barnes, Piano	David Brown, Cello	Jeff Davis, Bass
Mark Engelhardt, Tenor Sax	Roberta Grannemann, Flute	Travis Grannemann, Trumpet
David Hollenbeck, Drum set	Madeline Jennings, Clarinet	Aiden Mason, Trumpet
Hayden Miller, Trumpet	Sean Morlock, Clarinet	Joan Provinse, Keyboard/Synth
Anna Robertson, Trombone	Hannah Steber, Flute	Macy Steber, French Horn
Megan Steber, Soprano Sax	John Steinbruegge, Percussion	Emily White, Trombone

**On Sunday, December 15th during the 10:30 service, “Carols in the Round” was presented by our Redeemed Praise Band.** The snowstorm which hit Wentzville at 9 am that morning “reduced those in attendance,” but it was a glorious morning of worship in song, led by worship coordinator Traci Morlock.

**Redeemed Praise Band** Dan Benwell, Jim Collins, Karen Collins, Jeff Davis, Gwynn Erdmann, Ethan Haas, David Hollenbeck, Sean Morlock, Traci Morlock, Joan Provinse, Kylie and Jason VanGundy, Carol Welch

**On Sunday, December 8th our Adult and Youth Bell Choirs presented “Angels on High” at 3 pm in the church Sanctuary.** A beautiful and fun collection of Christmas music was enjoyed by all in attendance, led by Music Director Todd Oberlin, M. Mus.

**Adult Bells** Jessica Bathe, Tammy Brown, Roberta Grannemann, Kelly Gregory, Debbi Head, Linda Lawrence, Sharon McNeill, Christina Oberlin, Gwen Pope, Jeanne Schmitz, Debi Steber, Hannah Steber, Mary Sue Thompson

**Youth Bells** Tristen Gregory, Autumn Herbst, Clayton Herbst, Macy Steber, Megan Steber



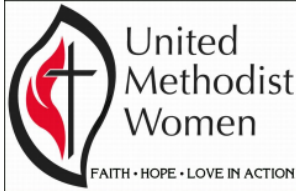
### JIM HENDRICKS Piano Ministries

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th**

**Jim Hendricks** will be our featured pianist during the 9 am worship service, and perform in concert that afternoon. Jim has performed approximately 1,400 Christian piano concerts in churches across the land, including several appearances at the former Crystal Cathedral. He has made 16 piano recordings, performed on ABC, CBS, TBN and PAX, and been featured in Clavier Piano

Journal. We are delighted to welcome him to Wentzville UMC!

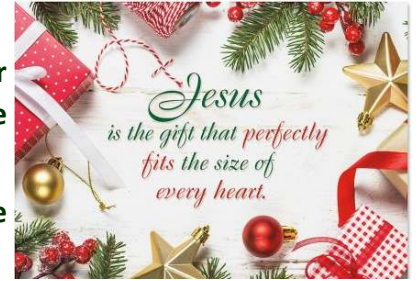
# LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR



**United Methodist Women** meets in the church Café at 12 noon on Thursday, January 9th for their monthly program and Potluck Luncheon. All women are invited to attend. First visit? No need to bring a dish — please be our guest! For more information contact Nancy at 636-357-7571.

United Methodist Women would like your older, used Christmas cards for a project they are doing in the coming year. All they need is the front of the card — no inside notes or other personal messages.

There will be a drop-off box on the table in the church office to collect the cards — any and all are welcome. Thanks very much!



## Mark Your Calendars!!

Here is our work schedule for 2020

Weeks of 2/10, 4/5, 6/1, 7/27, 9/21 and 11/16

Thanks to all of you for the time and effort you put into make this ministry such a huge success.

...Kay McQuate



## Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued monetary support and donations of food items throughout the year.

We really appreciate it and your support helps so many families in the surrounding communities.

*The Caring and Sharing Volunteers*



## FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Pearce Blvd. and Kent Drive**

**Thursday—2/13, 2020, 3-7 pm**

***Register @ [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)***



**January 1—February 26, 2020**

**Participate *Where you can, Whenever you can!***

This is a virtual event to connect fitness with giving.

There's no event "to attend" — it's virtual and YOU

set the pace. Information flyers are in the church lobby

wall racks. **Register today at [www.habitatstcharles.org](http://www.habitatstcharles.org).**



# Children's C H U R C H

## Greetings from Children's Church!!

*"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk beside the fire. It is the time for home."* *...Edith Sitwell*

Children's Church has been a busy and bustling place over the last few months. We are all looking forward to a slower pace in January and spending time each week in the Word of God and with each other in prayer, singing, and serving.

Please save Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

- ◆ We will have a **Family Field Trip** on January 26<sup>th</sup> after second service. Information will be coming soon.
- ◆ We will also have a **Parent's Night Out** on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> for Valentine's Day.

Praying that all my students and parents will have a lot of time this Winter season to find a cozy spot to read about our beautiful Jesus and invite Him into our lives everyday.

In His Name,

Miss Ang ☺

*Children and Family Director*

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### 2020 IGNITE CAMP

Information flyers are in the church lobby

**EARLY BIRD RATE OF \$100**  
through 2/28/20

**June 15-19, 2020**

Co-hosted by WUMC and  
The Way

On the WUMC Campus

nextgencamps.org  
June 15-19, 2020  
Wentzville United Methodist Church  
Wentzville, MO  
On Location Day Camp  
THE WAY  
Early Bird \$100 Regular \$125  
Register before Feb. 28 for the discounted rate!  
IGNITE MOBILE CAMP

# FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



**Saturday, 1/18 — 8 am**  
**Golden Corral in O'Fallon**

Wes Norton will share  
his life testimony

Questions? Call Kermit, 636-734-2171

The Men's Group donated 55 packs of diapers to First Step Back Home for their Christmas Wonderland held on 12/21 at Wentzville UMC



**Wednesday, 1/22 at 6 pm**  
*"Blessed Are the Cheesemakers"*  
by Sarah-Kate Lynch



**Hosted by the Church Council**

*Bring a dish to share*

*Enjoy great food and fellowship*

**Wednesday, January 8th**  
**Serving begins at 5:30 pm**

## THANK YOU

*To our dedicated sound and media crew led by Paul Morlock*

Bruce Kates, Lisa Morgenthaler, Sean Morlock, Todd Oberlin, Brian Phipps and Kermit Sandorf

*To all who supported the Butter Braids Fundraiser* sponsored by the Men's Group—\$1,000 was raised for our Youth Mission programs!

*To our Adopt-A-Family Ministry* for helping 15 families at Christmas, and for their support of the Nurses Needs program in the Wentzville R-IV School District. AAF is supplying items not covered in the school district's annual budget.

## JANUARY

### Quik View

#### Lydia Circle Quilters

Tuesdays, 8 am—12 Noon

#### CHURCH POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesday, 1/8 at 5:30 pm

#### United Methodist Women

Thursday, 1/9 at 12 Noon

#### Hymn Sing at Parklane

Thursday, 1/16 at 10 am

#### Men's Group Breakfast

Saturday, 1/18 at 8 am  
Golden Corral in O'Fallon

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

##### Peace Walk

Monday, 1/20 at 10 am  
*Begin Walk at Pearce Hall*

##### Community Celebration

Monday, 1/20 at 7 pm  
*Holt High School*

##### Book Club

Wednesday, 1/22 at 6 pm

##### Needlework for Missions

Thursday, 1/23 at 9:30 am

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