



St. Georges United Methodist Church

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January 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Proverbs 3:5 states, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;"

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new decade. If you were asked to list your most memorable moments from the 2010s, what would they be? Would your list include the Philadelphia Eagles winning a Super Bowl Championship, the Golden State Warriors winning three NBA Championships, the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, or the election of our presidents?

I don't know what your most memorable moments have been but some of mine have been at St. Georges United Methodist Church. Since my arrival in July, we have worked together during Vacation Bible School, shared in community service projects, gathered candy at Trunk or Treat, gone on a hayride, had a bonfire with s'mores, broken bread during our Ingathering celebration, baptized and brought in new members, hung the greens and decorated our Christmas tree, met at Longwood Gardens for our annual Christmas field trip, sang Christmas carols throughout our community, had an awesome Christmas pageant, which was followed up by the most amazing candle light service ever. We have had some memorable moments.

Notwithstanding, the St. Georges family has also had some difficult moments. We have experienced the loss of loved ones, medical challenges, and many other hardships along the way. But, through it all, we have held on to God's unchanging hand. We have trusted in the Lord.

In Proverbs, the Book of Wisdom, the writer encourages us to continue that same trust throughout the 2020s. So, as we journey together in this new decade, let us hold firm to our faith and remain steadfast in our commitment to Christ. In doing so, the Holy Spirit will lead, guide and direct us along the way. May God bless and keep us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rudy





Donna Goes Walk About...

I think this year, I was the least prepared that I have ever been for the arrival of Christmas. With just a few days left before the big day, my tree was up and decorated, and the house was reasonably festive, but my shopping had barely begun, there had been absolutely no wrapping done and I was still deciding whether I had sent all the cards I had intended. I had organized a group trip to Longwood Gardens that was fun, enjoyed working with the kids on their Christmas pageant and went caroling around St. Georges with a festive group. But with all that said, I still just didn't feel ready. I didn't feel like I'd had the chance to "get in the spirit". But you know what? It came whether I was ready or not. It came because the celebration of the baby born in the manger is the reason for the season. Not gifts for family and friends. Not the parties or special dinners. Not even the great deals you got on Black Friday. When Christmas Eve arrived and I found myself in the pew at church listening to the message, singing the carols and participating in communion, I was ready. It didn't matter that there was still wrapping to do or that I still had to make my contribution to Christmas dinner. For unto us a child is born. That's all I needed to remember.



That's all for now so I'll see you on Sunday morning!

Donna

Missions Update

It's hard to believe that Christmas is over and cold weather will soon be upon us. Recently our church family has generously donated many new and used winter coats and winter hats to those most in need in the Wilmington area. I'm never surprised and I'm truly thankful for the many generous and loving hearts at St. Georges UMC. Thank you.



Carole Jaques
Mission Chair

Methodist Women

. Thanks to all who donated gifts for the 2 Adopt A Families and for the patients at Governor Bacon Health Center. We appreciated you having your gifts back on time and including the tags on the gifts, that made our job a lot easier. I'm sure many had a happier Christmas because of your generosity.

The women's group will meet on Thursday, January 9th at 7 pm in the social hall. We will be making plans for our annual "Souper" Sunday Soup Sale to be held on Sunday, February 2nd. We invite all the women of the church to join us and bring your ideas. Also as we look forward to our Women of Hope banquet in May, we are searching for a non-profit to help. If you know of any local organization that could use some help, please let us know.



Many thanks to Representative Earl and Carole Jaques for inviting Pastor Rudy and Vernetta to the **Delaware National Guard 37th Annual Prayer Breakfast.**

Thanks to all the families that took part in the lighting of the Advent Candles each Sunday.



Troop 123 & Ship 123 Update



Ship 123 Bridge of Honor ceremony.



Troop 123 Court of Honor ceremony

Our thanks to the Scouts and their leaders for their help in decorating the church for the Advent season. **We had quite a group this year!**



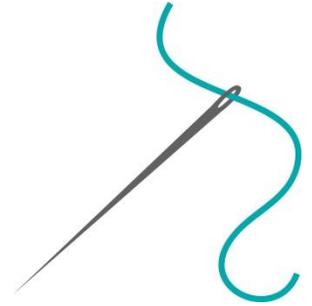
Field Trip

A group of us celebrated the season with a trip to **Longwood Gardens** on Dec 4th. It started out as a messy, rainy night but turned into an awesome night of snow falling softly as we walked around enjoying the beautiful lights and flowers.



Friendship Star Quilters

The quilting group has another 12 quilts ready to send off to Quilts for Comfort and about another 10 that are near completion. We will meet on Tuesday, January 7th from 9:30 am to around 4 pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Lunch will be provided.



Happy Birthday to...

Jamie Tobin.....Jan 8
Jim Mullen.....Jan 10
Jim Tobin.....Jan 18
Aiden Tobin.....Jan 25

Charles Stapleford.....Jan 9
Matt Molina.....Jan 17
Dorothy Cleaver.....Jan 20
Jim Gestwicki.....Jan 29

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -

Jeremiah 29:11

Office Hours & Contact Information

If you have a prayer request that you would like sent along on the prayer chain, please contact Rudy White by phone at 302-832-2211, by email at pastor@stgeorgesumc.com, or use the prayer wall at

www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall

Church office: 302-832-2211

Phone: 302-632-8065 (texting ok)

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Office hours: M-Thurs 9 to 2



The kids and adult volunteers did a great job with the Christmas Pageant this year.

For Unto Us A Child Is Born





The **Oldest member** of the church recently got some snuggle time with the **youngest member** of the church. Kitty Cavender, who celebrated 60 years as a member of St. Georges church as of Dec 27, 2019 (see below) and Collin Draper, just baptized into our church family at the end of November, had a photo op recently. They are both pretty adorable aren't they?



Certificate of Church Membership
This Certifies
That Catherine Cavender

has publicly confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour,
and has been received into the full membership of the
St. George's Methodist Church
Church of St. George's, Delaware
On this 27th day of December
in the year of our Lord 1959
Ray Carlson Pastor
The Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:47

Going through some of Mom's things, I came across this neatly folded certificate. Mom has been a member of St George's UMC since December of 1959! Amazing! As you see at the bottom, Ray Carlson was the minister at that time. I don't imagine there are many left that remember that name. Happy Anniversary Mom!

Caroling

A festive group gathered at the church on Sunday evening Dec 15th to go caroling in St. George's. We had a great time as always and were met with many smiles around town. We ended the evening back at church with cocoa and cookies!



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Dates to Remember

Jan 5.....1st Sunday Communion
Jan 7.....Friendship Star Quilters 9:30a – 4
Jan 8, 15, 22,29...Epiphany Season Bible study 6:30pm
Jan 9.....UMW/UMM meeting 7pm
Jan 9, 16, 23.....Bible Study at TC Foltz
Jan 24-26.....Men's Retreat at Pecometh
Jan 26.....Ministry Team meeting 11:30am
Jan 27Ad Team meeting 7pm



Traditional worship service every Sunday @ 10 am
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 am
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