



To model his love and forgiveness.
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Happy New Year 2025 to everyone at North Main United Methodist Church. A New Year is good in that it provides each one of us with the opportunity to look back over the past year. Remember that 20/20 is what we strive for in our vision when we visit the eye doctors. We want to be able to see clearly, and as we start this new year, that should be our focus also at North Main UMC. To clearly see the vision that God has for the Congregation and for North Main.

The year 2025 will give us a chance to set new goals and establish a new direction for the year ahead. So where should we focus our new 2025 vision? I hope that you are all filled with optimism for the future, while being content with some of the things we accomplished during the past year. As we start the new year, we will continue with our bible studies that look at the Old Testament as a way to clearly see what God has proclaimed for us in the New Testament. We need to remember that God wants only good things for us, and if we truly trust in God and have faith, the things we strive for will be within our reach. If we would follow the Bible carefully, we would come to the conclusion that our God is a great planner. All we have to do is follow the plan that is laid out for us.

My plan for this coming year is to see our church grow in numbers and in faith. To spread the love of our congregation to others. To live our motto "Love Grows Here". Our church holds over 400 congregants and surely emphasizes the importance of worship and Christian education. Maybe we will never be as large again, but we can be larger than we are now. How can we plan to do this? We can ask our neighbors to join us. Encourage our friends and former congregation members to join us. Come to see what great plan God has for our church. God sent out 12 and they soon multiplied into thousands. The purpose for our individual lives, as well as our families, is to glorify God. This is not something that just happens. It does not even happen just because you come to church. Our church has been entrusted with the good news of God's love, and God has imparted to us the responsibility of sharing that news with a needy world that does not know him. The presence of God has not come into our homes and our churches just so we alone can be blessed, but so that the world may be blessed. We need to make a difference in the world. Our lives need forgiveness. This is my goal for North Main UMC for the coming year of 2025. May it be filled with Love. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Pastor Joyce

Joyce Royal



Scenes from the last Neighborhood Engagement Event at Trail Station Park



Our beautiful tree decorated in green balls and white doves



The church members who decorated the tree and windows



The church at Christmas 2024

Mission Team

The Mission Team started out November by buying two large print Bibles for the Church. We than purchased a Dream Basket from Heifer. The Dream Basket consisted of a Goat, Sheep, Heifer, Rabbits and a flock of Chickens. They also give the families training and education in the care of these animals. This was a deal for \$120. Normally each of the bigger animals would have been \$120 each.

We also got 15 Christmas Angels from the Salvation Army in December. With the help of the congregation we were able to fill them all. Thank you Everyone! We blessed and gave out several beautiful Prayer Shawls. Again, thank you to all of our knitting and crocheting elves.

Respectfully,
Valerie Kevlin - Co Chair.



**The angel tree and gifts to be distributed by
Salvation Army**

Food Pantry Report – November

It was a breezy day for our pantry. The turnout was less than we had expected but more than last month. This was our second month with our new computer entry system and it went very smoothly. The system is an asset for our pantry. The people coming thru seem to come through without any delays and the records are much easier to keep. I think it is a very positive move altogether. We were prepared for 96 families but we only had 79 families. We had 75 adults, 29 children and 66 seniors.

This month we had some very nice hams and pork chops to give out. We gave out the dry bags that had the usual canned vegetables and fruit, along with peanut butter, scalloped potatoes, stuffing and muffin mixes, soup, and bags of almonds. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. As usual we will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for 44 cats and 35 dogs. We have food in stock for next month also. We still have a small supply of diapers in assorted sizes for those requests.

Again, thanks to all those who donate to the funding of our pantry and those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. We thank God that we have the chance to help those in our community who are in need. Trying to keep the costs down while getting enough food items for those in need is ongoing. We are thankful for the grant money we have received and those who put the work into applying for them.

Food Pantry Report - December

It was a chilly day for our pantry but there was no snow or rain. The turnout was less than we had expected and less than last month. This was our third month with our new computer entry system and it is going very well. It seems to be quicker than the old manual system. The people seemed to come through without any delays and the records are much easier to keep.

We were prepared for 92 families but we only had 58 families. We had 53 adults, 11 children and 58 seniors. This month we gave out whole chickens, hamburger, cheese, butter, and eggs. We gave out the dry bags that had the usual canned vegetables and fruit, along with peanut butter, mashed potatoes, stuffing and pancake mixes, soup, corned beef hash, boxes of graham crackers and bags of almonds. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. As usual we will be restocking before the next month's pantry. Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for 17 cats and 14 dogs. We have food in stock for next month also. We still have a small supply of diapers in assorted sizes for those requests.

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Edna Bennett

Free Lunch



What a special time we had on December 16th. Our Christmas party was back! We had a lovely buffet with turkey, ham, chicken, ziti, cole slaw, deviled eggs, cheesy rice, bread and rolls, punch and desserts along with pepperoni, cheese and crackers and pickles and olives! Santa and Mrs. Claus were there handing out small gifts and candy canes and Mavis played carols on the piano. Volunteers from North Main, North Bush and Northville cooked, served and cleaned up. The newspaper reporter was there and he interviewed some of us for an article in the paper! Keep an eye out for that. A representative from Fidelis Care was there giving out info on insurance. We always enjoy having someone there offering advice. A HUGE thank you to all who helped, whether you donated food, cash or your precious time. Our guests were very happy and grateful. We truly didn't have much left over We will be back to our normal routine next Monday with North Bush/Northville also serving on Christmas Day. God Bless and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



WICS

Our end of the year finances are going to be dispersed this week with the majority going to our own fuel fund and our normal donations of gift bags with personal care items and \$100 each going to Haven of Hope and The Family Counseling Center's domestic violence program. We have decided that since it is becoming more difficult to raise funds each year, that we would limit the donations that we make and focus on programs that are mainly helping women. Hopefully next year we will have a couple of fundraisers to keep this tradition going. The few members that we have work hard at keeping this group going. Thank you to them and to those who

support our efforts.



Nancy Marsh

Bible Study

Sally Kwak will lead Bible Study at 1 o'clock on January 13 in the Sunday School classroom at the church. Please contact her if you would like to join the group or just show up. She is always open to suggestions as to what the group is interested in learning more about.

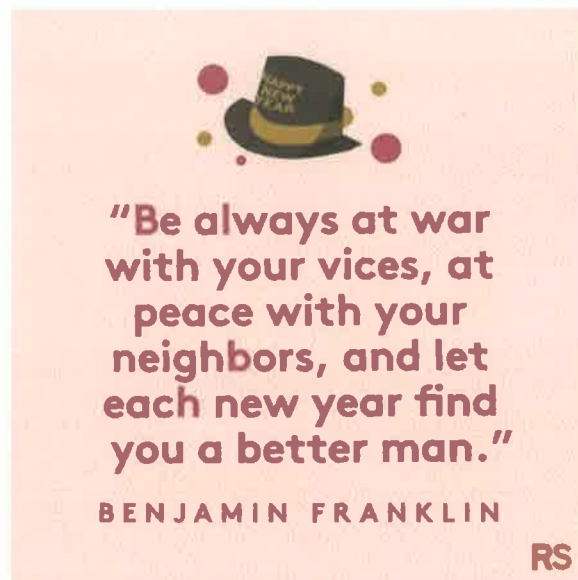
Birthdays

John Pickard – January 6
Calliope Rajter – January 9
Jason Topliff – January 11
Dorothy Holly – January 12
Cindy DeGolyer – January 17
DiAnn Sanford – January 18
Sheila
Richard Becker
Shirley Mormile
Werner Paul –
Bob Mabie –

Vrenda Marshall – February 4
Elaine Pickard – February 4
Hudson Rajter – February 9
Nancy Morey – February 11
Lori Bode – February 14
Nancy Estes – February 21
McDonald – January 18
– January 20
– January 21
January 22
January 23

Anniversaries

June and Ron
Parker – January 28



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<https://NMSUMC/newsletter.org/newsletter>

January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10:30 Service in Sanctuary with Social Distancing 5	11:30 - 12:30 Free Lunch 6	7	8	9	10	11
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February

2025

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