

# January

## January Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM Encore Dance Ministry
- 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM No Idle Hands
- 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM No Idle Hands
- 20<sup>th</sup> 12:15 PM Church Council – Leader Appreciation Lunch
- 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM America’s Sunday Supper

## Weekly Events

- Sundays:**
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
  - Worship Service 10:55 AM
  - Stone Soup 4:30 PM
- Wednesdays:**
- Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

## NEW Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
9 am – 12 noon

## Birthdays:

- 2 – Arthur Tribble
- 3 – Sandra Whatley
- 4 – Beth Pedersen, David Russell
- 6 – Beth Maennle
- 7 – Dixie DeHart, Wyatt Outlaw
- 8 – Emelene Crouch
- 9 – Alan Carvalho, Steve Maennle
- 11 – Miles Gentry
- 13 – Jean Heffner
- 18 – Dyan Carvalho Newlin
- 19 – Janice Sutfon
- 20 – Jill Parker
- 23 – Sandy Cloer
- 24 – Tim Cooper

## Anniversaries:

- 11 – Steve & Ann Cooper
- 21 – Bick & Lorene Bickerstaff

## THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

### Thoughts about Change:

Living with God, we are always at home. – Jan 2

Be the first, only, and wonderful you that God made. – Jan 25

Don't forget to pick-up your free copy of The Upper Room in the narthex or back hall.

## Thank You!

We want to thank everyone who gave so much of your prayers, time, energy, gifts, food, money and selves during the month of December. We had the best cookie walk ever. The Gift to Jesus was the largest ever. We had an enormous amount of toys and food around the tree to be shared with others. And we had the largest collection for the Good Samaritan Fund at the Christmas Eve service that we can remember. You are a blessing to so many, in so many ways!

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# January 2013



Thank you to everyone who made the Cookie Walk & Bazaar such a wonderful success!

## Enjoy a few of our favorite photos from December



# Memo from the Midbar



It is the beginning of a new year and there will be some changes coming. We have heard it said that “Nothing is permanent except change.” Of course there are times when change is welcomed. “You changed my mourning into dancing. You took off my funeral clothes and dressed me up in joy.” (Psa 30:11 CEB) Although we are not in funeral clothes, it is my prayer that these changes will dress us up in joy!

## New Newsletter Format

The first change is the new monthly newsletter format. The goal is to reach as many people as possible with up-to-date info about the many ministries of our church. In this concise format, we hope to reduce publication and mailing costs while reaching more people. For additional details about articles and events visit the web site or contact the church office.

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9 am – 12 noon

## New Church Email

Don’t forget to change your address books to the new church email at:

[bcumc@brysoncityumc.org](mailto:bcumc@brysoncityumc.org)

## New Office Spaces

One of our goals for 2013 is to create a Welcome Center that offers radical hospitality to everyone. There is a new finance office where the “intern’s office” was located.

Stay tuned for other office changes, which will need to be approved by the Church Council and Trustees.

## New Staff Positions

### Financial Secretary

Nancy Woodard, who has been handling our payroll and taxes, will take on a larger role as Financial Secretary including paying the daily bills, prepare and maintain budget information for review, reporting for the Finance Committee. In addition she will prepare and distribute quarterly giving statements (thanks Bernice Davis for your service!).

### Church Secretary and Media Specialist

Mikki Phillips takes on an expanded role as the Church Secretary and coordinating a new office space called the Welcome Center. She will also have an expanded role with publications and digital media development.

These are just a few subtle changes to our present ministries but I hope will bring joy, hope and strength to all in our church and others who are looking to experience the presence of God in this place.

Please keep our 2013 church leaders and ministries in prayer throughout the year.

Consider praying for a different committee each day as we seek to be served and serve each other in God’s Kingdom.



## 2013 Church Leaders

### Church Council

*Serves as the governing group for our church:*  
\*Catherine Cuthbertson, Wilma Reppert, Mikki Phillips, Jerry McKinney, Betty Sandlin, Margaret Varner, Carole Maennle, Linda Dills, Lorene & Bick Bickerstaff, Sam Brandt, Nancy Jones, Ralph Murphy, Evan Clapsaddle, Os Waters, Kevin Phillips, Lori Tribble, Kathy Collins, John Dennis, Alison Woodard, Emelene Crouch, Laura Isberg, Charlie Saunooke, Carolyn Blanton, & Wayne Dickert.

### Board of Trustees

*Manages the property, equipment, and investments God has entrusted to us:*  
\*Rick Colcord, Roberta Means, Dave Gingrich, Sam Brandt, Jim Gribble, Ray Don Letts, Cathy Outlaw, Os Waters, & David Outlaw.

### Staff/Parish Relations

*Offers support for the pastor and staff of our church:*  
\*Wilma Smith, Dolores Price, Nancy Jones, Jerry McKinney, Kathy Collins, Jeanne Keller, Catherine Cuthbertson, Wilma Reppert, & Evan Clapsaddle.

### Parsonage

*Supports the pastor through oversight of the parsonage:*  
\*Mikki Phillips, Christine Colcord, Evan Clapsaddle, Mary Ann Hildebrandt, Penny Brandt, Doreen Gingrich, Jim Gribble, Ann Medford, & Dolores Price.

## Nurture

*Focuses on the wellbeing & growth of our congregation:*  
\*Penny Brandt, John Dennis, Shirley Waters, Betty Sandlin, Terry Cotton, Carolyn Blanton, Kevin Phillips, Jeanne Keller, Os Waters, & Linda Dills.

## Missions & Outreach

*Focuses on providing radical hospitality to reach the world:*  
\*Steve Maennle, Pam Jarrett, Jeanne Keller, Wilma Smith, Cathy Outlaw, Carole Maennle, Margaret Varner, & Terry Cotton.

## Nominations

*Identifies, equips, and deploys spiritual leaders for the mission of the church:*  
\*Wilma Reppert, Margaret Varner, Beverly English, Tom English, Terry Cotton, Jan McGregor, Norma McKinney, Ray Letts, & Sandy Cloer.

## Finance

*Manages funding for ministries to nurture persons in their faith development:*  
\*Margaret Varner, Nancy Woodard, Rick Colcord, Catherine Cuthbertson, Wilma Reppert, Alison Woodard, Charlie Saunooke, & Linda Dills.

## Worship

*Creates opportunities for all to meet and respond to God:*  
\*Wilma Reppert, Shirley Waters, Ralph Murphy, Pam Jarrett, Penny Brandt, Terry Cotton, & Carole Maennle.

## Lay Leadership

*These church members provide spiritual leadership:*  
Bick Bickerstaff, Catherine Cuthbertson, Linda Dills, Ralph Murphy, & Wilma Reppert.

## Pastor Wayner

Pray that he may provide the best spiritual leadership for our church in Mission.



## Celebrate with Us!

Join us for the Church Leader Appreciation Lunch after church on Sunday, January 20. It will be a good time of honoring and supporting those that love and care for us through our spiritual journey together.

## Special Stone Soups

OK, we think that every Stone Soup Gathering is special but wanted to tell you about two specific events connected with Stone Soup that you will definitely want to enjoy and support.

## Encore Dance Ministry

January 6

We will be joined by a special group of talented children and adults during our worship time at Stone Soup.

Encore Dance Ministries is a performing arts ministry that tours the world educating people on worshipping God with their whole being, using dance, acting, singing, puppetry, art, poetry, and film. It consists of children and adults working together. Learn more at:

[www.WNCdance.com](http://www.WNCdance.com)

## America’s Supper

January 27

Did you know that more active military took their own lives last year than died in Afghanistan? Part of the problem is that often they don’t feel supported and

loved when they return home. Thus, the goal with combining the America’s Sunday Supper with the Stone Soup is to raise awareness, and take action to address the needs of veterans and military families through this event to honor those that have served and sacrificed to bring us freedom.

Learn more at:

[SundaySupperUMC.org](http://SundaySupperUMC.org)

## Online Bible Study

Starting January 2, Wayner began leading a weekly Bible study for young adults. This online study will help the group read through the Bible in a year. We will gather weekly to discuss the text read and questions that arise from the reading.

If you would be doing a similar study, there are many options such as: 30 Days with Jesus, 14 Days on the Kingdom of God, 2 Months with Luke, and many more!

You can check out the online Faithlife Study Bible at:

<http://www.faithlife.com/fsb>