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Mora United Methodist Church

"Living for Christ, Sharing His Love"

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Newsletter deadline 18th of each month

Visit us online: moraumc.org

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship & Children's Church

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Ogilvie United Methodist Church

*"To know Jesus Christ as our risen Lord
and serve Him throughout the world"*

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9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday Library
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

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Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

SGT Carda Jeremy

348 Heidt RD, Guyton, GA 31312

Brad Peterson

504 Knolls Dr. Unit 104, Hampton News VA 23602-5753

Remember our friends

Ed Bossen

Mille Lacs Health System
200 North Elm St.
Onamia, MN 56359

Lloyd Stegeman

VA Medical Center
Bldg. 49, Room 211
4801 8th Street
St. Cloud, MN 56303
320-202-2313

Dorothy Carroll,

Lorraine Kobberdahl
Eastwood Senior Living
170 Valhalla Circle
Mora, MN 55051

Ruth Johnson,

Bob & Marilyn Goldsmith
St. Clare Living Community
of Mora
110 N 7th Street
Mora, MN 55051



**"Fifth Wheel" from Mora UMC Dec. 17
Christmas program.**

Mora UMC Missions

Jan. 7 - Food Shelf Sunday, potluck for our missionaries, the Graners, at 11:30 a.m.

Vi Tatro, Missions Chair

Thank You

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$50 for November 2017 to Mora UMC for volunteer hours of Jay Wicklander, Lori Engblom and Richard Brown at One More Time Retail Store.

Seven County Senior Federation

Thank You

On behalf of B.A.D.G.E.S., we would like to thank you, Mora UMC, for your generous donation for our Holiday Shop with a Cop and Holiday Gifts for Kids. B.A.D.G.E.S. relies on the generosity of donors, such as yourself, and we are very grateful for your support. Thank you again.

B.A.D.G.E.S.

Join the Mayberry Study

Ogilvie UMC, Thursday at 10am January 11, 18, 25 and February 1

Mora UMC, Sunday at noon January 14, 21, 28 and February 4
Child care provided

Participants share in providing lunch (January 11 by Schaffran).

Pastor Deb to be out

Pastor Deb is out of the office attending UMC Leadership Academy January 18-19 and the marriage of her daughter January 20-21. If you have a need for pastoral care, please send her a text or voice mail to 952-240-3936.

Upcoming New Member Classes

Do you have an interest in joining either the Ogilvie or Mora United Methodist Church? A new member class is planned for the end of January with a new member Sunday early in February. Please contact Pastor Deb if you are interested in this class and joining the church.

Confirmation Class coming up!

Confirmation class is 8 am January 10 at Pastor Deb's house.

From Our Pastor



January 2018

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See! I am doing a new thing.

-Isaiah 43:18-19

Happy New Year!

Are you a resolution maker? Not too many years ago I made a resolution to stop eating at my desk, but I also added 'for three weeks'. Adding a short duration made the resolution do-able for me and I was successful.

More often than not I don't make resolutions, why, because I don't like to fail, there I said it, I don't like to fail. As for a 2018 resolution, I haven't decided yet.

Most often resolutions are about starting something good or stopping something bad. January brings with it the idea of a clean slate and starting new, along with an irritating habit to put the wrong date on things for about a month.

There is just something in the human spirit that craves a chance to start again, to do better, to fix past mistakes. The truth of the matter is that many new years' resolutions are short lived. There are numerous jokes and sayings about New Years and resolutions.

Q: What's a New Year's resolution?

A: The to-do list for the first week of January.

New Year's Eve toast: "May your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."

A remark from Maxine: "I made too many New Year's resolutions. It took me almost a full day to break them all."

'A New Years resolution is something that goes in one ear and out the other'

We make resolutions because we want to make a change. We want to improve ourselves and the way we live. For most people the top resolutions tend to involve money, health and family.

What would a New Year's resolution look like for you if you decided to focus it on God?

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Although this list could be extensive consider making a resolution to do one or more of the following:

1. Pray more.

So, he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD ... 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty (Zechariah 4:6, NIV).

2. Care for your spiritual self.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me (Philippians 3:12, NIV).

3. Identify and confront your actions that don't please God.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1, NIV).

4. Do the hard work to build community.

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over (Matthew 18:15, NIV).

5. Accept and adjust to changing times.

From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders. ... All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take (1 Chronicles 12:32, NLT).

6. Quit comparing myself to other Christians, other leaders, other churches and the past.

Turning his head, Peter noticed the disciple Jesus loved following right behind. When Peter noticed him, he asked Jesus, "Master, what's going to happen to *him*?"

Jesus said, "If I want him to live until I come again, what's that to you? You — follow me." That is how the rumor got out among the brothers that this disciple wouldn't die. But that is not what Jesus said. He simply said, "If I want him to live until I come again, what's that to you?" (John 21:20-23, Msg)

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Sunday Morning Coffee at Mora UMC!

The newsletter will always print two months of servers. If you can't serve your designated Sunday, call anyone in that month to trade with them and be sure to notify Colleen in the office, 320-679-2713.

If you have suggestions or questions please call Betty White at 679-2329.

Thank to everyone for your wonderful support and willingness to help extend hospitality to all who come to our Mora UMC.

January

7 Dave & Amy Zins Family 320-679-0758

14 Vic & Paula Vanacek 320-496-5752

21 Marc & Marilee Jensen and Kelly 320-679-5137

28 Brody & Darcy Halvorson 320-679-2541

February

4 Gene & Jan Anderson 679-3074

11 Mike & Valerie Prax 679-5207

18 Mavis Burk 679-2232 & Edna Cole 679-3137

25 Dave & Ginny Nordenstrom 320-360-5807

Youth Group

December/January sledding party on a Sunday after church...

February – Valentine's Dinner

Hope to see you all there at each of these dates.

Have a wonderful and safe school and fall season ahead!

Questions – Please call or text one of us:

Carmel – 320-260-5596 Janell – 320-279-0462

Bruce – 320-279-2763

HAPPY NEW YEAR

WORD SEARCH

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midnight
noisemakers
decorations
party
New Years Eve
Father Time
family
friends

resolutions
countdown
new beginnings
goals
toast
New Years baby
holiday
fireworks
cheers

horns
celebrate
streamers
games
January
goblet
firecrackers
kiss
hats

fun
reflection
resolve
hope
hourglass
Times Square
tradition
happy

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7. Prioritize your family.

A leader must be well-thought-of, committed to his wife, ... attentive to his own children and having their respect. For if someone is unable to handle his own affairs, how can he take care of God's church? (1 Timothy 3:2-5, Msg)

8. Love people, not just crowds.

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have [faith](#) that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Msg).

9. Be more open to change.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19, NIV)

10. Stay focused on the vision.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to [prayer](#). Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47, NIV).

God longs for us to draw closer to him. Make your 2018 resolution one that is pleasing to God.

Blessing to you this new year,
Pastor Deb



David from Mora UMC Dec. 17 Christmas program.



The young children from Mora UMC Dec. 17 Christmas program.

winter word search



mitten



hat

s	b	e	k	q	v	a	m
n	f	c	o	c	o	a	i
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w	a	c	g	m	s	x	+
f	+	s	c	a	r	f	e
l	a	h	n	+	y	c	n
a	d	o	s	l	e	d	i
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sled



cocoa



snowman



snowflake

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The nativity from Mora UMC Dec. 17 Christmas program.

Confirmation Gathering

Pastor Deb has been pretty lenient about attendance at our confirmation sessions BUT the Minnesota UMC Confirmation Gather March 2-3 is as close to mandatory as it gets. Get the dates on your calendar now!!!

The only acceptable reasons Pastor Deb can think of for missing this event are a hospitalization, contagious illness, or jail-time – just kidding but do know she expect each confirmand to attend this retreat with her.

The registration is being sent January 5 so if you think you are going to be in the hospital, have a contagious illness, or be in jail you need to contact Pastor Deb before the 5th.

Transportation is provided and will leave Mora late afternoon Friday, March 2 and return mid-afternoon on Saturday, March 3. The gathering starts at 6 on Friday and ends at 1 on Saturday.

Where - Koronis Ministries

Paynesville, MN

Our theme is *Connexion: Hearing Your Call, Living as a Disciple*. How do you live out the confirmation promises to use your prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service? Where is God calling you to use your unique gifts in the life of the church? We will begin on Friday night with supper and then explore the theme through worship, small and large group experiences, and in fellowship.

Mora United Methodist Church Nov. 2017 Financial Summary Report Statement of Income & Expenses

Income:	<u>Nov.2017</u>	<u>Income YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
General Fund-Pledged & Regular Giving -	9,044	93,321	105,169
Misc-Bldg, Rent, Fundraiser, Interest, etc -	366	5,429	6,0763
<u>TOTAL General Fund Income:</u>	<u>9,410</u>	<u>98,750</u>	<u>111,245</u>
Expenses:	<u>Nov 2017</u>	<u>Expense YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Admin/Training -	0	968	3806
Apportionments -	0	5,100	13,665
Church Exp-Utilities, Maint, etc -	1,022	9,816	11,027
Insurance -	395	4,748	4,723
Office Exp-Supplies, Postage, etc -	145	3,439	3,583
Parsonage Exp-Utilities, Maint, etc -	124	1,799	2,330
Personnel Payroll & related expenses -	7,028	72,614	78,961
Programs-Sun School, Music, Worship, etc-	106	1,067	1,581
<u>TOTAL Expenses</u>	<u>8,435</u>	<u>99,551</u>	<u>119,676</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	976	-801	8,431

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Finance Meeting Notes Dec. 14th:

Assets include designated funds in bank accounts \$9,987 (this total includes -7,688 in our general fund). Other assets include 6 Permanent Endowment Fund CD's \$99,717. Total assets \$109,704. Liabilities include our Apportionment of \$8,565 which remains outstanding for 2017. Discussion ensued on how we can pay this money due by the end of the month and make it a priority for the future. Budget for 2018 deferred until our next meeting on Jan. 11th.

Personal note from the Finance Co-Chairs. Involvement at this level on the Finance Committee has been enlightening. Not only the hard work that we have noted from our Treasurer and Finance Secretary in assuring that reports are accurate and on time but also from the committee for their dedication and willingness to engage in tough discussions related to our financial health. Part of our role as Chair of the committee is to ensure that the congregation is informed about the church's financial situation. We welcome your input on the detail you would like to see in the newsletter. We have included a high-level report of our total assets and liabilities along with the detail of our monthly and YTD revenue and expenses compared to budget with the thought that on a quarterly basis we would include detail of both as you were accustomed to seeing. Your input is welcome as we learn and grow in this role.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan & Phyllis Roseberry, Co-Chair's Finance Committee

Thank You

Thank you to the many people that provided the flowers that adorned our churches this holiday season. Many comments were made about the beauty of the sanctuaries.

Thank You

Rod and I wish to thank you for the many holiday wishes, card and gifts. We are so honored to be appointed to the Mora and Ogilvie churches. Do know that you are in our prayers.

Last year (2016), our first year with you, is a bit of a blur but 2017 is etched in our memories as the perfect mix of preparation, celebration and relaxation. Below we have listed some of the special 2107 memories we carry with us.

- Ogilvie children sharing readings and music
- Mora Christmas program including preparation and presentation
- Special heartfelt sharing at Ogilvie on Christmas Eve morning
- The overflowing crowd at Mora Christmas Eve morning – what a joy
- Christmas Eve candlelight services at both churches

By Christmas Day we were pleasantly tired and happy to settle in for a day of binge watching a favorite TV series. As we look to 2018 we are excited to see what God has planned for all of us and our churches

Rod and Pastor Deb

**MORA UMC
ACOLYTES**

Jan 7 Sam Zins
Jan 14 Lily Holzer
Jan 21 Lilly Hanson
Jan 28 Ada Halverson

FLOWERS

Jan 7 & 14 Valerie Prax
Jan 21 & 28 Melanie Halverson

GREETERS & USHERS

Jan 7 Mike & Valerie Prax
Jan 14 Mike & Laura Schultz
Jan 21 Dick & Ruth Smith
Jan 28 Gene & Jan Anderson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBD

READERS

Jan 7 Rod Schaffran
Jan 14 Naomi Schultz
Jan 21 Gayle Bergloff
Jan 28 Jackie Voight

SERVERS

Jan 7 Zins family 679-0758
Jan 14 Vic & Paula Vanacek
320-496-5752
Jan 21 Jensen family 679-5137
Jan 28 Brody Halverson family
679-2541

SOUND & LIGHTS

*2ND, 3RD, 4TH Sundays arrive by 9:45 a.m. for
Praise Team & Children's Choir rehearsals*

Jan 7 Robin Priebe
Jan 14 Brody Halverson
Jan 21 Valerie Prax
Jan 28 David Zins



OGILVIE UMC

READERS

Jan 7 Lori Huro
Jan 14 Rusty Palmer
Jan 21 Vern Kaufert
Jan 28 Ruth Kaufert

SERVERS

Jan 7 Rusty Palmer & Youth
Jan 14 Julie Krahmer
Jan 21 Dan & Laurie Torgeson
Jan 28 Mission Potluck Brunch

USHERS

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Sharon Knoll & Sharon Hess

**We could use more help in
several of these areas,
please call Colleen and tell
her where you can help, the
more people the less times
you're needed!!**



Mora UMC

01 Melanie Halverson
03 Taylor Peterson
03 Jerry Gross
03 Don Ripperton
06 Christina Sundet
07 Mavis Burk

07 Mike & Jody Anderson

09 Dylan Wellnitz
10 Tess Houglum
10 Jacob Nordby
10 Lily Hanson
13 Alex Forslund
17 Dianne Mayer
18 Marilee Jensen
18 Elsie Ripperton
19 Tim Peterson
20 Cindy Peterson
23 David Zins
23 Lorraine Kobberdahl
25 Carol Hanson
27 Patricia Christensen
29 Dennis Schulz
29 Rich Nordstrom

Ogilvie UMC

01 Clifford Polsfuss
04 Steve Schoumaker
04 Breckin Mortenson
12 Dan Torgeson
16 Diana Eberly
24 John St. George
25 Anneliese Villa

Bold indicates anniversaries

Monday, January 1, 2018

Pastor Out

10:00am O - Exercise

7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

5:30pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

Thursday, January 4, 2018

6:00pm M - UM Men

7:00pm M - Christian Ed

Friday, January 5, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, January 6, 2018

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

Sunday, January 7, 2018

9:00am M/O - Communion

9:00am M/O - Food Shelf Sunday

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

11:30am M - Missions Potluck

Monday, January 8, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

5:30pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

8:00am M - Confirmation

10:00am O - Exercise

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

5:30pm M - Trustees

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

7:00pm M - Praise Team

Thursday, January 11, 2018

10:00am O - Mayberry Study

5:00pm M - Worship Comm.

6:00pm M - Finance

6:30pm M - Council

Friday, January 12, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

6:30pm M - EC Pork Producers

Saturday, January 13, 2018

7:30am O - Og. Food Shelf

11:00am M - Dala Heritage Pea Soup/Pancakes

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Human Rel. Day sp. offering

9:00am O - Noisy Change

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

9:45am M - Praise Team

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

11:30am M - Mayberry Study

Monday, January 15, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

5:30pm M - Girl Scouts

7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

5:30pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

6:00pm M - WICS

Thursday, January 18, 2018

M/O - Pastor/Leadership Training

10:00am O - Mayberry Study

2:00pm M/O - C & F deadline

5:00pm O - Finance

6:00pm O - Council

Friday, January 19, 2018

M/O - Pastor/Leadership Training

10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, January 20, 2018

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Pastor Out

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:00am O - Student Sunday

9:30am M - Fellowship

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:30am M - Clunky Change

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

11:30am M - Mayberry Study

Monday, January 22, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

5:30pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

9:30am M - Brighter Day

Residence

10:00am O - Exercise

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

7:00pm M - Praise Team

Thursday, January 25, 2018

9:00am M - RSI - NCI training

10:00am O - Mayberry Study

Friday, January 26, 2018

7:30am M - Bloodmobile

10:00am O - Exercise

4:00pm O - Top The Tator

Saturday, January 27, 2018

7:30am O - Og Food Shelf

Sunday, January 28, 2018

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

9:45am M - Praise Team

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:00am O - Missions potluck

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

11:30am M - Mayberry Study

4:00pm O - Food/Soul

Monday, January 29, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

5:30pm M - Girl Scouts

7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

5:30pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

10:00am O - Exercise

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group