

Mora & Ogilvie United Methodist Churches  
Parish Office: 500 Clark Street  
Mora, Minnesota 55051-1804  
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## Mora United Methodist Church

*“Living for Christ, Sharing His Love”*

Parish Office: 500 Clark Street, Mora, MN 55051-1804  
320-679-2713 ~ Handicapped Accessible  
Office Hours: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tues. – Fri.

**Pastor Debra Schaffran**

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**Office Administrator** Colleen R. Hendershot

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Newsletter deadline 18th of each month

**Visit us online: [moraumc.org](http://moraumc.org)**

Mora UMC Council Chair Robin Priebe, 320-679-3854

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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**Pastor Debra Schaffran**

[Cell 320-515-2054](tel:320-515-2054) ~ Email [debraschaffran@gmail.com](mailto:debraschaffran@gmail.com)

Ogilvie UMC Council Chair Vern Kaufert 320-272-4406

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*

**PFC Carda Jeremy**

515 Elm Street, Hinesville, GA 31313

**Brad Peterson**

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

## Remembering Our People

**Lorraine Kobberdahl, Betty Updegraff**

Eastwood Senior Living

170 Valhalla Circle

Mora, MN 55051

**Ruth Johnson, Charles Schwartz**

St. Clare Living Community of Mora

110 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Mora, MN 55051

**Ed Bossen**

Mille Lacs Health System

200 North Elm St.

Onamia, MN 56359

**Ardis Gotschall**

Ecumen North Branch

St. Croix – Room 164

5379 383<sup>rd</sup> Street

North Branch, MN 55056

**Betty Roehlke**

Rosewood Senior Living

653 N. Main St.

Cambridge, MN 55008

**Lloyd Stegeman**

VA Medical Center

Bldg. 49, Room 211

4801 8<sup>th</sup> Street

St. Cloud, MN 56303

320-202-2313

### **Mora UMC Missions**

Jan. 1 - Food Shelf Sunday, Jan. 8 Potluck at 11:30 a.m. for general missions.

*Vi Tatro, Missions Chair*

#### **Thank You**

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$50 to Mora UMC for November 2016 for volunteer hours of Barb Rische and Jay Wicklander at One More Time Retail Store.

*Seven County Senior Federation*

#### **Thank You**

Thank you so much for the Christmas gifts. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

*Pastor Deb & Colleen*

### **Mora/Ogilvie UMC Church Conference Jan. 15**

Mora UMC conference will be held at 11:30 a.m.; Ogilvie UMC conference time to be determined.

## **Youth Group Grades 7 – 12**

#### **Dates & times to remember:**

**Wed., Jan 4,** – Bible Study – meal at 5:30pm  
Bible Study from 6:10 – 7pm

**Wed., Jan 11,** – Bible Study – meal at 5:30pm  
Bible Study from 6:10 – 7pm

**Wed., Jan 18,** – Youth Gathering – meal at 5:30pm – 7pm

**Sunday, Jan 15th or 22nd,** –

?? MAYBE A SLEDDING PARTY after church ?????

**Wed., Jan 25,** – Bible Study – meal at 5:30pm  
Bible Study from 6:10 – 7pm

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**\*January** sledding party on a Sunday after church...  
PRAY FOR SNOW!

**\*\*February** – Valentine's Dinner – Friday, Feb. 17, 6-9 set up /  
Feb. 18, 9am – Feb. 19 11:30am

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

Questions – Please call one of us:

Carmel – 320-260-5596 / Janell – 320-279-0462 /  
Bruce – 320-279-2763

## **From Our Pastor**



January 2017

It is good to take a breath and relax now that the rush of the Christmas season is over. I must admit I was tired by Christmas day and it was good to be a “couch potato” all afternoon and evening.

Do you make New Year resolutions? I understand the gyms are busy and the weight loss programs fill up for the first few weeks of the new year but sadly it becomes very hard to carry through with those January 1 resolutions. I once made a resolution to not drink Diet Coke for the first week of the new year. Success was important to me so I only made the resolution for one week and when I made it through three weeks without so much as a sip of Diet Coke I felt like a huge success.

Sarah Pruitt writes for History.com that the ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. If they kept to their word, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of the gods' favor—a place no one wanted to be.

For early Christians, the first day of the new year became the traditional occasion for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future. In 1740, John Wesley, founder of Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service, most commonly held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. Also, known as watch night services, they included readings from Scriptures and hymn singing, and served as a spiritual alternative to the raucous celebrations normally held to celebrate the coming of the new year.

New Year's resolutions today are a mostly a secular practice with people making resolutions to themselves with a focus on self-improvement. If you are one to make an annual resolution good for you and good luck. If you are looking for an idea for a resolution how about reading the Gospel of Luke.

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Jesus studied while he was on earth and He told us we should do the same. I suggest you sit down and read the book of Luke through all at once, then go back and study different parts of it. If that won't work for you read it chapter by chapter or several verses at a time. Do what works best for you but dig in and follow Jesus example of studying.

I look forward to our year together,  
Pastor Deb

## Sunday Morning Coffee at Mora UMC!

For those who are new to our church, or if you have never attended our Sunday morning fellowship hour we want to invite you to join our coffee group in the dining room (45 minutes before church begins). It is so nice to touch base with so many old and new friends and share a cup of coffee. Please do join us!!

We are happy to note that things seem to be working out very well for those who have graciously agreed to take a turn serving our fellowship hour. Many thanks to you all!

The newsletter will always print the current month of servers plus the next months also. Again, if you can't serve on your designated Sunday, call anyone else in that month and trade Sundays 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.

### January

1 Alan & Judy Welton 272-4184; Lisa Paulson  
8 Larry & Sharon Brettingen 679-1386  
15 Vic & Paula Vanacek 679-3628  
22 Marc, Marilee & Kelly Jensen 679-5137  
29 Barry Madison Family 679-5076;  
Donna Trogstad 679-8379

### February

5 Brody Halverson family 679-2541  
12 Jarek Sundet family 679-3628  
19 Cindy Peterson 679-1651 & Adam & Kelli Peterson  
612-239-1257  
26 Vic & Paula Vanacek 679-3628



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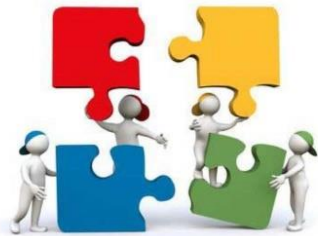
# Jigsaw Puzzle Fun-Time

Sponsored by Mora Methodist Women in Christian Service

**Sunday, January 29, 2017, 1:30 PM**

**Mora United Methodist Church, 500 Clark St, Mora**

**Gather Family & Friends for  
This Fun and Unique Event!**



Teams of up to four people (one person must be 18 years or older).

Entry Fee of \$30 per team plus a food shelf donation. Entry fee includes puzzle and refreshments.

Puzzle will be 500 to 550 pieces— all puzzles are identical.

Refreshments... Of course!  
Popcorn, bars, beverage, etc.

**Cash Prize of \$50 to Team Finishing First**

WICS Jigsaw Puzzle Contest Registration Form. If questions, call Ruth at 320.679.3215.

Please mail form with check made payable to WICS to Ruth Smith, 1490 Millet Rapids, Mora, MN 55051

Team Captain's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Add'l Team Members:

If team members are not known, OK to leave blank.

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_



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METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
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OGILVIE MN  
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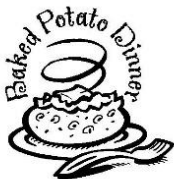


**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**“TOP YOUR TATER” SUPPER**

with  
**YOUR CHOICE**  
CHEESE & BROCCOLI  
HAMBURGER STROGANOFF  
CHILI TACO  
HAM & CHEESE

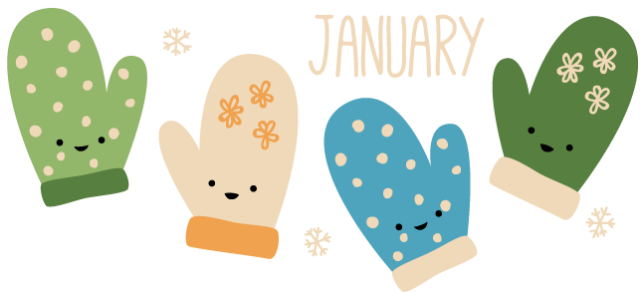


SOUR CREAM & CHIVES & GREEN PEPPERS  
SALSA ONIONS  
COLE SLAW/PICKLED BEETS/PICKLES  
DESSERT

HOMEMADE BREAD BEVERAGES



ADULT \$6.00  
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$2.00



**Meals on Wheels 2017**

Drivers please arrive at 10:45 a.m. to pick up meals.  
Contact Sharon Lidstrom, 679-1386 to volunteer.

**Mora United Methodist Church's  
schedule for 2017:**

- January 19 & 20
- March 30 & 31
- May 8, 9, 10
- June 5, 6, 7
- July 13 & 14
- August 14, 15, 16
- September 21 & 22
- October 26 & 27
- December 4, 5, 6

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Mora United Methodist Church  
November 2016 Financial Summary Reports

STATEMENT of INCOME and EXPENSES  
Month of November 2016

	Nov. 2016 Income	Income YTD	Budget YTD
<b>Income:</b>			
General Fund - Pledged & Regular Giving	6,199	86,778	105,713
Misc. - Bldg. Rent, Fundraisers, Int., etc.	193	5,980	4,553
Local Special Offerings	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,392</b>	<b>92,758</b>	<b>110,266</b>
<b>Expense category:</b>			
Admin. / Training	0	1,305	3,718
Apportionments: <b>NOTE BELOW !!</b>	500	12,818	13,549
Church Exp. - Utilities, Maint., etc.	742	8,753	10,388
Insurances	377	4,730	4,712
Office Exp. - Supplies, Postage, etc.	215	3,399	3,538
Personage Exp. - Utilities, Maint., etc.	112	2,842	3,116
Personnel - Payroll & Related Expenses	6,150	62,845	67,536
Payroll FICA/MCARE	(874)	(896)	0
Programs - Sun. School, Music, Worship, etc.	88	487	1,856
Misc. - Fundraising, Local Special Offering, etc.	50	200	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,380</b>	<b>96,283</b>	<b>108,391</b>

APPORTIONMENTS NOTE :: \$6893 was the balance due on our 2015 apportionments which we paid on Jan. 10, 2016.

**Account Balances Summary Report  
As of November 30, 2016**

<b>Assets: - Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>Bal. 11/30/2016</b>
General Fund	\$331
American Heart Assoc.	\$1,001
Capital Improvements	\$7,697
Memorials Fund	\$993
Ministry Development	\$260
Missions	\$469
Missions - Gorden and Ardell Graner	\$225
Nursery	\$84
Organ	\$254
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$376
Permanent Endowment Fund Int. Rec'd	\$851
Pew Bibles	\$420
UMW Charter Fund	\$25
Upper Room Fund	\$94
Children's Choir	\$0
Praise Team	\$538
Special Programs	\$479
Vacation Bible School	\$998
Youth Ministries	\$490
Total Cash and Bank Accounts:	\$15,584
<b>Permanent Endowment Fund:</b>	
Interest Earning Certificates of Deposit	\$93,717
Permanent Endowment Fund Money Received	\$6,000
Endowment Fund Balance:	\$99,717
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$115,301</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
	\$0
	\$0
Neighborhood Nat. Bank Loan	\$0
Apportionments 2016	\$7,894
Total Liabilities:	\$7,894
<b>OVERALL TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$107,407</b>

**UNAPPROVED**

Minutes of Administrative Council, December 8, 2016

Present: Janell Anderson, Jan Anderson, Carmel Gorham, Pat Gorham, Val Prax, Naomi Schultz, Dick Smith, Ruth Smith, Pastor Deb Schaffran  
Pastor Deb led in prayer. Chair Robin opened the meeting. Minutes of November 10 meeting were examined, approved with no changes, motion by Pat, second by Val.

Jan gave the **Financial Secretary** report. Motion by Carmel/Naomi approved. Many pledges not yet received.

Janell presented the **Treasurer** report. Motion to approve by Pat, Jan carried. Janell reported for **Permanent Endowment** who set recommended disbursal of approximately interest earned in 2016. Final approval to be made by Church Conference in January.

Dick reported for **Trustees**. Parsonage repairs are nearly complete. Trustees and SPPR rep will do walk around in the spring to pursue outdoor repairs. Plan for swinging support arm for sanctuary TV monitor is being made. Heat tapes on church roof being installed Dec. 9.

**Christian Education** report was given by Val. Safe Sanctuary training for youth and adult leaders was done Dec. 7. Sunday School program during Church service is December 18.

Youth Group had 18 youth attending family potluck Dec. 7. Youth are asked to pass offering plates at the Dec. 18 service and to be part of the children singing. There will be no JAS or Youth group on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ruth reported for **Worship** committee. Plans for Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> service, Christmas Eve and for Sunday, Christmas Day services were adjusted. Reminder of 8 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day we will share memories of very special Christmases. Poinsettias will be displayed Dec. 11 and more may be brought for the Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> service. Display will be taken down Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ruth reported for **WICS**. Toys for children through age 18 are being collected for pickup and distribution Dec. 14. WICS will host a jigsaw puzzle contest January 29, 2017.

Robin reported an undesignated **memorial** was received. No meeting scheduled this month.

Janell reported that **Missions** has selected these missions to be supported in 2017. Habitat for Humanity, the Refuge, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Local missionaries Ezekiel and Andrea Enyart, Alternate Giving Gifts. Carmel reported the congregation donated Coborn's turkey cards which provided 17 turkeys for food shelf.

**Men's Club** hosted Pastor Deb and Rod Schaffran at their December 1 meeting. Community needs are being assessed to select a mission to support.

**Pastor Deb** has 7 people interested in becoming members. January classes on two Sundays will be scheduled to familiarize them with our denomination doctrine. Also has a request for a baptism. Pastor will be on vacation Dec. 26 – Jan. 2. She is working with Sharon Diessner to feature composers of our favorite hymns for several Sunday services. Is talking with government and private groups about needs of the community,

At 7:35 by motion of Carmel, Jan, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Ruth Smith

**MORA UMC  
ACOLYTES**

Jan 1 Nikcole Sundet  
Jan 8 MacKenzie Merkwan  
Jan 15 Sam Zins  
Jan 22 Lindsay Sigstad  
Jan 29 Brandi Wellnitz

**FLOWERS**

Jan 1, 8, 15 Ruth Smith  
Jan 22 & 29 Melanie Stegeman

**GREETERS & USHERS**

Jan 1 Arnie & Jackie Voight  
Jan 8 Marc & Marilee Jensen  
Jan 15 Bob & Melanie Halverson  
Jan 22 Gene & Jan Anderson  
Jan 29 Mike & Valerie Prax

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Jan 1 family worship service  
Jan 8 Heather & Carol Hanson  
Jan 15 Zins family  
Jan 22 TBD  
Jan 29 Carmel Gorham &  
MacKenzie Merkwan

**READERS**

Jan 1 Naomi Schultz  
Jan 8 Gayle Bergloff  
Jan 15 Jackie Voight  
Jan 22 Pat Gorham  
Jan 29 Avis Pixley

**SERVERS**

1 Alan & Judy Welton 272-4184;  
Lisa Paulson  
8 Larry & Sharon Brettingen  
679-1386  
15 Vic & Paula Vanacek 679-3628  
22 Marc, Marilee & Kelly Jensen  
679-5137  
29 Barry Madison Family 679-5076;  
Donna Trogstad 679-8379



**SOUND & LIGHTS**

Jan 1 Robin Priebe  
Jan 8 Brody Halverson  
Jan 15 Valerie Prax  
Jan 22 Dick Smith  
Jan 29 Mike Schultz

**OGILVIE UMC**

**READERS**

Jan 1 Ruth Kaufert  
Jan 8 Bryan Fredrick  
Jan 15 Kaye Carda  
Jan 22 Sharon Hess  
Jan 29 Lori Huro

**SERVERS**

Jan 1 Rusty Palmer & Youth  
Jan 8 Krahmer  
Jan 15 Torgeson  
Jan 22 Fredrick  
Jan 29 Mission Potluck Brunch

**USHERS**

Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Torgeson



**Mora UMC**

01 Melanie Halverson  
03 Don Ripperton  
06 Charles Schwartz  
06 Christina Sundet  
07 Mavis Burk  
**07 Mike & Jody Anderson**  
10 Tess Houglum  
13 Alex Forslund  
17 Dianne Mayer  
18 Marilee Jensen  
18 Elsie Ripperton  
20 Cindy Peterson  
23 David Zins  
23 Lorraine Kobberdahl  
25 Carol Hanson  
27 Patricia Christensen  
29 Dennis Schulz  
29 MaryEtta Schwartz

**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**

# January 2017

(due to frequent changes, check calendar online for better accuracy)

## Mora & Ogilvie Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 1, 2017

M/O - Pastor Deb vacation  
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

### Monday, January 2, 2017

M/O - Pastor Deb vacation  
10:00am O - Exercise

### Tuesday, January 3, 2017

10:00am M - CORE Prof.  
6:00pm M - TOPS

### Wednesday, January 4, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise  
3:10pm M - JAS, K-6  
5:30pm M - JAS Potluck  
5:30pm M - Mora Youth Bible Study

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group  
7:00pm M - Praise Team practice

### Thursday, January 5, 2017

6:00pm M - UM Men

### Friday, January 6, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

### Saturday, January 7, 2017

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

### Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:00am O - Noisy Change  
9:00am O - Ogilvie worship  
9:30am M - Fellowship  
9:45am M - Praise Team practice  
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 9, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

5:30pm M - Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, January 10, 2017

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

### Wednesday, January 11, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

5:30pm M - Mora Youth Bible Study

5:30pm M - Trustees

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

### Thursday, January 12, 2017

9:00am M/O - KCMA

5:00pm M - Worship Comm.

6:00pm M - Finance

6:30pm M - Council

### Friday, January 13, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

### Saturday, January 14, 2017

7:30am O - Og. Food Shelf

10:00am M - Dala Heritage

Society

### Sunday, January 15, 2017

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 - Charge Conference

### Monday, January 16, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

### Tuesday, January 17, 2017

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

### Wednesday, January 18, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

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

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

5:30pm M - Youth Gathering

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

6:00pm M - WICS

7:00pm M - Praise Team practice

### Thursday, January 19, 2017

6:00pm O - Council

### Friday, January 20, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

### Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

12:30pm M - Girl Scouts Gold

Awards

### Sunday, January 22, 2017

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

9:45am M - Praise Team practice

10:00am O - Children's Sunday

Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

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

### Monday, January 23, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

### Tuesday, January 24, 2017

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

### Wednesday, January 25, 2017

9:30am M - Brighter Day Residence

10:00am O - Exercise

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6

5:30pm M - Mora Youth Bible Study

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

### Thursday, January 26, 2017

5:00pm O - Finance

### Friday, January 27, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

### Saturday, January 28, 2017

7:30am O - Og. Food Shelf

### Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:00am O - Missions potluck

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

1:30pm M - Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

4:00pm O - Food/Soul

### Monday, January 30, 2017

10:00am O - Exercise

5:30pm M - Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, January 31, 2017

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

