



First United Methodist Church

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Come Worship with us!

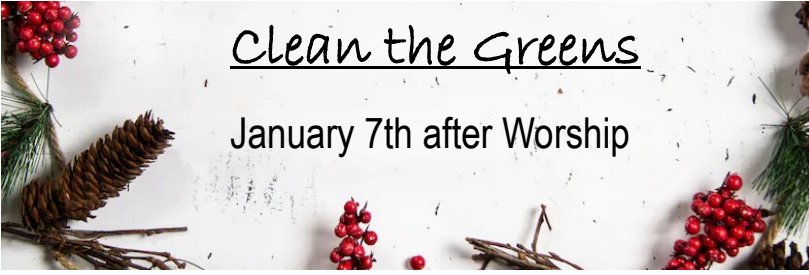
Every Sunday at 9:30a.m.



First United Methodist Church Ulysses



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Clean the Greens

January 7th after Worship



First United Methodist Church

U-Church will resume on January 10th.



We are thrilled to announce that our prayers have been answered! Our Church has acquired a bus, and are ready to serve our community and enhance our ministry.



Listen in every Sunday @ 11a
If you tune in please call the office to let us know.

KULY
 106.7FM - 1420AM
 Classic Hits for the Sunny Seven



The new year begins, let us pray,
 It will be a year with a new peace,
 New happiness, & the abundance of friends
 God bless you through out the new year

happy
New Year
 from your Family
 of Faith

Christmas Family Fun Night and Caroling. 12/13



Letter from the Pastor

A New Beginning! Greetings in the Mighty Name of our Lord Jesus the Christ! We thank God who has brought us this far! We are celebrating the New Year 2024, and a New Beginning!

New beginnings can be both exciting and intimidating. They are exciting because they represent a chance to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives, but they are intimidating because they also require us to let go of the familiar and step into the realm of the unknown. It is true that any change causes uncertainty and means pushing people out of their comfort zones.

As Christians, we can find hope and strength in knowing that God is with us in all things, including the new beginnings we face. In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" God is constantly at work in our lives, creating new opportunities and possibilities for us. When we encounter a new beginning, it can be helpful to reflect on the past and give thanks for the experiences and lessons we have gained. However, it's also important not to get too caught up in the past and to keep an open mind and heart for what God has in store for us in the future.

One way to embrace new beginnings is to plan and set goals for what we want to accomplish. This can give us a sense of direction and purpose and help us to stay focused and motivated. Ulysses First United Methodist Church has as mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ. We are truly a joy filled body of Christ which invites God's people into a connected relationship where there might be acceptance, belonging, trust and unconditional love. The vision, we will all carry, is to know Jesus and make him known by living out what we believe.

I, therefore, invite you to embrace the adopted Simplified Accountable Structure or the One Board Model not with fear, but with joy and commitment to serve the Lord with all heart, mind, soul and strength.

This model is, in part, an answer to an increasing difficulty to get people to serve on committees, let alone in leadership. This model will also move our local congregation from four administrative committees (trustees, finance, staff-parish relations, and church council) to one Leadership Board in order to remain focused on our primary goals of being a missionally oriented congregation whose members continue to grow deeper in their relationship with God, and grow wider in their relationship with the community around them.

It's also important to remember that we don't have to go through new beginnings alone. We can seek the guidance and support of friends, family, and our faith community. Remember, it is in unity we will defeat the enemy!

As we begin a new year, let us remember that with God's help, we can face any new beginning with confidence and hope. Apostle Paul is categorical when he writes, "... If God is for us who shall be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

May we trust in His plan for our lives and embrace the opportunities and challenges that come our way.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." – Jeremiah 29:11

I pray this will be a fantastic new year for you and your loved ones!

In Christ,

Pastor Willy Banza

JANUARY

2024

Birthdays:

Jeff Pfingsten (1)
 Trina Branscum (3)
 Cameron Schonlau (5)
 Jim Dunn (17)
 Sarah Yumba (20)
 Lew Branscum (21)
 Teresa Garrett (25)
 Henriette Yumba (26)
 Brad Wooldridge (27)

Harold Lance (28)
 Sonja Wooldridge (28)

Anniversaries:

Dave & Kim Irvin (3)
 Harold & Jo Anne Lance (26)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Worship Service @ 9:30a <i>Happy New Years!</i>	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 Worship Service @ 9:30a <i>Clean the Greens</i>	8	9	10 First U-Church WFD	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 Worship Service @ 9:30a	15 Martin Luther King JR. Day Office Closed	16	17 U-Church WFD	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 Worship Service @ 9:30a	22	23	24 U-Church WFD	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 Worship Service @ 9:30a	29	30	31 U-Church WFD			