

# January 2015 Newsletter

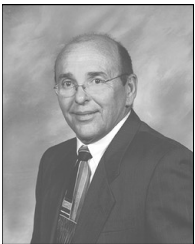
**Waterloo United  
Methodist Church**

## Pastor's Article

### A True Desire to Seek

Psalm 119:10:

*"I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands."*



Pastor Mike Halferty

We all know things we are supposed to do in life. There are rules to keep us in line and obedient. Growing up, we became accustomed to hearing rules set by our parents. We knew we needed to clean our room. We knew we needed to take out the trash. We knew we needed to take our turn washing the dishes. If we didn't obey, there would be consequences and we would get punished in some way.

I'm guessing most of us didn't grow up with an enthusiastic attitude toward doing these chores and possibly many others we were asked to do. As years grow on us, we hopefully come to grasp the idea of being a servant and doing things with a glad and sincere heart. Maybe we grow with more of a desire to do these things not only for our parents, but for others out of an attitude of service.

There's a difference between doing something out of obligation and doing something because you want to. This passage describes someone who sets out to seek God with their heart. Hopefully this passage describes you in that you desire God and seek Him with all your heart. When we truly seek Him and desire to follow Him completely, our lives will stray less and less.

The more we read, the more we put into practice in our daily walk with Christ, the more we grow in His image. This desire grows inside of us and we seek to do nothing more than follow Him and be obedient. This doesn't come from an obligation, but from a sincere desire in the relationship we have with Him. When you really want to do something, you show strong desire. When we have a sincere desire to follow Christ, that desire will shine and be visible to others.

Do we find ourselves asking this question from childhood into our relationship with God, "Do I have to??" Or do we find ourselves going from "having to" to "wanting to" with following God? Our relationship with Him must be a sincere desire to follow, otherwise it's merely obligation and no true desire

In His service,  
Pastor Mike Halferty

## Marketplace

Superb job, Congregation! We want to give our church family a very special 'thank you' for making our Marketplace such a success. Whether you sold or unloaded nuts, made or brought items, or set up or cleaned up the fellowship hall, thank you.

It really took everyone to make our profit of \$2950.23 this year, which was \$409.39 more than we made last year.

So to everyone who did your own special talent, we really wish you God's special blessings.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Committee



We ask that you keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Dean & Dora McBride

Gerald Shaw

Elaine Bice

Gracie Neely

Bill Rosenberry

# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 01 - Zackary Wall         | 19 - Robert Fee      |
| 02 - Judy Sommers         | 19 - M/M John Fink   |
| 04 - Merriel Meyers       | 20 - Mitchell Hart   |
| 04 - Mike Rowe            | 21 - Desarea Erwin   |
| 07 - Judy Cole            | 21 - M/M Mike Rowe   |
| 08 - Tanner Brown         | 22 - Sandra Kern     |
| 08 - Holly Barna          | 23 - Tim Shopp       |
| 09 - Christy Charles      | 23 - Tristan Friedel |
| 09 - Carlena Magley       | 25 - Max Hamman      |
| 11 - Kelly Miller         | 27 - Renee Duszynski |
| 11 - Jacob Moughler       | 28 - M/M Phil Rader  |
| 11 - Laurie Feller        | 29 - Kyle Brown      |
| 11 - Michael Bishop       | 29 - Heather Zeigler |
| 11 - Dari West            | 29 - Sarah Kidder    |
| 12 - Drew Wallace         | 30 - M/M Tim Shopp   |
| 14 - Kelly Lapadot        | 31 - Dorothy Oberlin |
| 14 - Joseph Shultzaberger | 31 - Emma Lapadot    |
| 15 - Margaret Haller      |                      |
| 16 - Nathan Sutton        |                      |
| 18 - Brandon Carper       |                      |



## Those Serving This Month

### East Greeters

- 04 - M/M Trent Stuckey
- 11 - M/M Jack Roudabush
- 18 - M/M Mike Rowe
- 25 - M/M John Turner

### Ushers

- 04 - David Turner
- 11 - Bill Hubartt
- 18 - Mike Starkey (2)
- 25 - Glen Hartman

### West Greeters

- 04 - M/M Jerry Robinson
- 11 - M/M Eric Rowe
- 18 - M/M Jim Sutton
- 25 - M/M Larry Wilks

### Nursery

- 04 - Jen Stuckey & Judy Hart
- 11 - Nancy Rowe & Janet Sutton
- 18 - Terri Turner & Aimee Wentworth
- 25 - Susan Whittington & Judy Hart

### Acolyte

- 04 - Bayley Stuckey
- 11 - Tyler Lowman
- 18 - Alexis Wall
- 25 - Adam Ellert

## Cup of Cold Water

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|--------------|---|--------------|--|
| <b>01/07</b> | Judy Hart (PU food/message)<br>Ellen Meyer<br>Joyce Stuckey<br>Terri Turner       | <b>01/21</b> | Ron Camp (PU food)<br>Karen Camp<br>Josh Wall<br>Booke Wall (message)            |
| <b>01/14</b> | Joan Davis (PU food)<br>Dennis Davis<br>Jann Buttermore<br>Sallie Pease (message) | <b>01/28</b> | Judy Hart (PU food)<br>Jann Buttermore<br>Janet Sutton<br>Sallie Pease (message) |

Cup of Cold Water is love in action. It understands that in order to show a hurting person the love of Jesus we must help meet some of their physical needs. Cup of Cold Water provides meals each week at various sites. No questions. No forms. No guidelines. Just love in action. The COCW ministry at our church is Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and we encourage anyone to come and share a meal and fellowship!

## Faith Journey

Faith is better understood as a verb than a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps.

—Frederick Buechner

## Youth Events

**Scrap Metal:** The youth are continuing to collect scrap metal and pop cans for recycling as a fund-raiser. There is a tub in the west entryway for smaller items. They will also be collecting appliances and water heaters. For pick-up of larger items, please call Dennis Davis at (260) 417-1528.

## Happy New Year!



From the Chancel Choir.

There will be no choir practice until January 21st.

## 'Thank you'

Dear Waterloo UMC,

Thank you for your gift in support of the boys and girls here at Bashor Children's Home. Your generosity sustains our mission and enhances the tradition of providing "help for today and hope for tomorrow" to hundreds of abused, neglected and troubled children and their families each year.

Again, thank you for your gift, and for showing the children we serve that the community truly cares about them.

Serving children through Christ,

Steve Riikonen, Dir. of Development

Don Phillips, President/CEO

## Not Forgotten

My wife, Lesa, and I attended a pastor-appreciation event put on by a radio station. When the worship leader asked attendees to turn to one another and share prayer needs, my wife met a pastor who described his church plant, which wasn't growing. He was discouraged and unsure what the future held.

When Lesa asked the name of the church, she smiled and asked if it was near a campground. The pastor said yes. Lesa responded, "Just a few weeks ago, we were camping nearby. A friend and I walked right past your church, and God led me to be praying for it!" In a room of more than 300 people, God put Lesa next to this discouraged pastor so he could know that God hadn't forgotten him.

God is working behind the scenes in ways we may never see. Despite life's challenges, God is for us and not against us. We aren't walking this journey alone.

—Rev. Mike Paulison

## Keep Breathing

Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, said many Christians live on a "spiritual roller coaster," going from one emotional experience to another in a worldly way, feeling "frustrated and fruitless."

To counteract that, Bright recommended a spiritual breathing exercise as a reminder of God's love and forgiveness. Simply exhale as you confess your sins and impurities. Then inhale to receive life and forgiveness — and to be filled with the Holy Spirit, who empowers you to resist sin and temptation.



## A Well-Balanced Church

The owner of a new puppy got a good laugh when the little dog, out for a walk, had an itch. The trouble was that the itchy spot was accessible only to a hind leg. So, while still walking, the pup tried to scratch and tumbled over, rolling a couple of times before coming to rest.

In several places throughout Scripture, the apostle Paul writes about the church as the body of Christ, and of the importance of each member. Just as the dog needed each leg to stay balanced while walking, so the church needs all the different God-given gifts of its members: preachers and teachers, friendly visitors, generous givers, musicians and singers, wise parents and imaginative children, people to produce and distribute meals, newsletters, lesson materials, and on and on.

When we start thinking that some part of Christ's body isn't necessary, we risk taking quite a tumble!

## Food Pantry

Please bring nonperishable food items and household paper goods for the food pantry at New Hope Christian Center on the first Sunday of each month.

## To Forgive is to Love

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the

power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther King Jr.



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## January Calendar

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| 01 - New Year's Day<br>Office Closed   | 21 - Coffee Bible Study 9am<br>Cup of Cold Water 6pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30pm |
| 06 - Lion's Club 6:15pm  | 28 - Coffee Bible Study 9am<br>Cup of Cold Water 6pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30pm |
| 07 - Pastor-Youth Breakfast 7:30am<br>Coffee Bible Study 9am<br>Cup of Cold Water 6pm<br>No Choir Practice |   |
| 08 - CARE Ministry 6:30pm  |   |
| 12 - Ad Council 7pm  |   |
| 14 - Coffee Bible Study 9am<br>Cup of Cold Water 6pm<br>Choir Potluck at Carol's<br>6:30pm                 |   |
| 15 - UMW Meeting 7pm   |   |
| 19 - Trustee Meeting 7pm   |   |
| 20 - Newsletter Deadline<br>Lion's Club 6:15pm   |   |



### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision of the Waterloo United Methodist Church is of an inclusive, open fellowship:

1. that affirms faith in Jesus Christ as Lord
2. that builds up and nurtures all;
3. which leads us out in witness and service.