



# Lamplighter



Jan / Feb 2021

## A new year has come!

The end of a year is a good time for reflection on the blessings and struggles of the last 12 months. I would like to encourage all of you to share your spiritual victories, answers to prayers, and blessings of the past year. Such sharing encourages a mindset of thanksgiving and fulfills the biblical injunctions to pray for and to encourage one another.

The year of 2020 was so unique to all of us. 2020 might be remembered as a terrible year, but it was also the opportunity to review ourselves in terms of our life journey of faith. And what we have lost is the feeling of safety in the world. Every trip outside has resulted in a risk analysis. The virus represents yet another demarcation in life "before" and "after" and another loss of innocence. I think that many of you lived every day since last March as if the breath of death was hovering around you.

I am glad that 2020 is almost over and the new year has come. Even if the virus has still kept us apart, I am very grateful for the miracle of science that developed and disseminated a vaccine so quickly. The scientists who have worked tirelessly in their labs since the onset of the pandemic have literally saved the planet through which God guides and leads us to be saved on earth. There is hope that 2021 cannot be much worse than the year we have just lived through.

The celebration that surrounds the beginning of a New Year is rooted in the history of Israel's exodus from Egypt. In Exodus 35-40, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai, he gave to the congregation of Israel God's instructions for constructing the tabernacle.

After the people responded to Moses' appeal for materials and workers to build the tabernacle, God gave specific directions for its construction. Exodus 40:1 says "Then the LORD said to Moses: 2 "Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month." Even though the Jewish calendar differs significantly from our modern calendar, "the first day of the month" is New Year's Day. This dramatic event in Israel's history can help us understand the importance of getting the new year off to a good start by planning meaningful New Year's celebrations in our churches.

What Does the Bible Say about the New Year? Those in the Bible would not have celebrated the New Year on January 1, but they did have a concept of years and time passing. They often categorized such periods of transition as seasons (cf. Ecclesiastes 4). Let me explore the main three passages of Scripture and what it has to say about the changing of seasons.

**First**, 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" No matter what the new year will bring, we know that God has transformed us. Our old way of living has gone away and we lead new lives now. Even if we fail at our New Year's resolution or if the year doesn't go according to plan, we know that God has charted the course of our lives and holds us in his hand.

**Second**, Romans 8:18: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

Many of us went through a number of trials this past year. We may have lost someone dear to us, fallen prey to sickness, or felt the strain of relationships that we wish we could mend. No matter what the case, and no matter what the suffering, we know that each year we get closer to Christ's return. When he comes to set the world right, we will no longer shed tears or experience suffering.

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**Third**, Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

God continues to work behind the scenes. In the wasteland, he makes a way for us in the wilderness. Even if we can't see clearly this next year, we know that God will present us with opportunities to share his love and to help a hurting world.

So, there are only three attitudes that we should take from 1 Thessalonians chapter 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I know all of you have done a great job this year despite many difficulties. Very well done! Even if we made a mistake, let us not forget what the Apostle Paul taught us in Romans 8:28, And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Welcome to the new year of 2021!

Pastor Kim

## Virtual Service Update

The Leadership Team has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation. It was determined that virtual services will continue until January 17th. We will re-evaluate as time goes by and notify the congregation via our Phone Tree all-call and email. We want to protect our members as much as possible as we do not wish for any of you or any visitors to be exposed to this virus. Please continue to be safe when out and about by wearing your mask and social distancing. In the meantime, you may view our Sunday services online at [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search NCFUMC .



### Membership Notes

In December the church was notified of the passing of Colin and Patti Dill. Colin and Patti joined the fellowship in 1964 and were with us for over 50 years. Colin was a major contributor to the church in maintaining the refrigeration units we had such as freezers, refrigerators, and ice machine. Patti was active in the United Methodist Women and a long time member of the Faith Circle. Our sympathy goes out to their family.

The Annual Charge Conference was held on November 15th. Two lists of inactive Professing Members were brought up and approved. The First Reading List are those members who have not been active for at least 3 years without good reason, such as illness. Those members on the First Reading List are Kim Clark, Daniel Lee, Darlene Lee, Scott Miller, Julie Rishel and Linda Wittman. During the coming year we will attempt to contact these members and encourage them to become active again, transfer to another church they may be attending or move to inactive member status. The Second Reading List consists of members that were on the 2019 First Reading List and have not participated in the past year, transferred or opted for inactive status. These members were approved to be placed in Inactive Baptized Member status. Inactive Baptized Members are still considered members, but are not counted toward the membership numbers for church apportionments. Those on the Second Reading List are Virgil Foulke, Seth Foulke, Sheryl Harshaw, Christopher Martin, Steven Stacy, Renee Stacy, Brandon Stacey, Jeremy Weber and Jessica Workman.

Jess Underwood  
Membership Secretary



Jan 1 Mike Asher  
 Jan 2 Don Stevison  
 Jan 3 Mindy Andrus  
 Jan 11 Bambi Heck  
 Jan 12 Charlotte Rogers  
         Ruth Yoesting  
 Jan 14 Laurie Owens  
 Jan 16 Kimberly Hall  
         Jamie Trick  
         Jennifer Angert  
         Eric Welbaum  
 Jan 19 Jenny Bunch  
         Ethan Wiles  
         Randy Fader  
 Jan 20 Stephen Solch  
 Jan 21 Nancy Loudin  
 Jan 24 Dakota Martin  
         Bill Miles  
 Jan 27 Donna Stafford  
 Jan 28 Carolyn Ossege  
         Martha Weber  
 Jan 31 Margaret Young

Feb 1 Sandy Lyons  
 Feb 6 Howard Lyons  
 Feb 7 Jerry Gracy  
         Hudson Oaks  
         Sawyer Oaks  
 Feb 9 Ruth Keller  
 Feb 10 Austin Dupuis  
 Feb 12 Bob Skillings  
         Janie Skillings  
         Elizabeth Fields  
         Anne Brewer  
 Feb 13 Richard Barnhart  
 Feb 14 Phil Davis  
         Ryan Darling  
 Feb 15 Jim Keller  
 Feb 16 Joyce Curry  
 Feb 17 Don Ross  
         Emma Webb  
         Phil Timmons  
 Feb 18 Zachary Wadsworth  
 Feb 20 Karen Davis  
         Dail Gracy  
         Connie Stevison  
 Feb 23 Catie Gracy  
 Feb 24 Sandy Hasting  
 Feb 25 Nelva Smith  
 Feb 26 Sue Anne Martin



A huge THANK YOU to those who donated toward the Love Tree!! This year was a little different than past years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With your generosity, we were able to help 18 families this year with food baskets for Christmas! AND gave hats, mittens/gloves to the kids! Again, a heartfelt thank you!!!

The Christian Homebuilders Class

# Online Giving/Tithing is Here!

The Leadership Team has explored other options for giving to the church. We know the last several months have been difficult with COVID-19 in our midst resulting in a number of members choosing not to attend church on a weekly basis. After checking into our options for online giving, we found a program called Breeze. We did our homework and found it to be pretty simple and secure with your information. Here are the options for your continued giving:

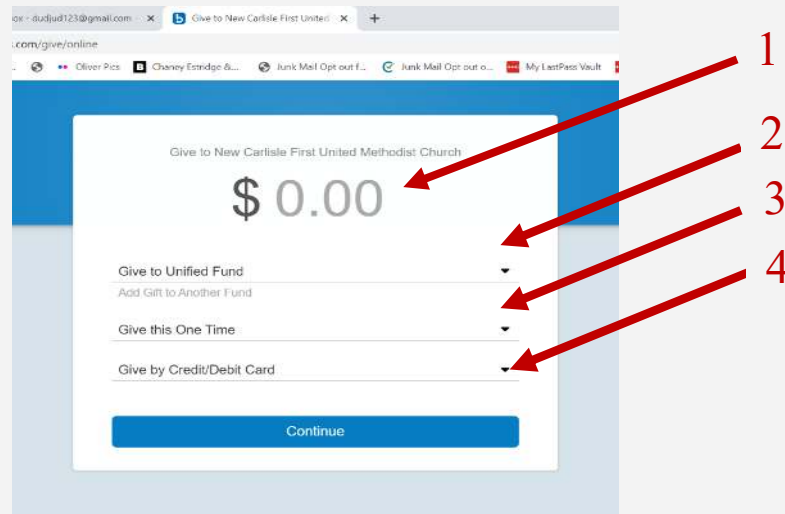
1. You can continue to give on Sunday mornings or mail your giving to the church at 220 S. Main, New Carlisle, OH 45344

OR

2. You may wish to consider giving online. Here some things to consider with this electronic option:
  - ◆ Any electronic payment method will include a small fee that the church pays in the background of the system.
  - ◆ The two options for sending money are via credit/debit card or via bank account transfer (commonly called "ACH"). The ACH option has a lower fee, so if you don't have a preference, it is beneficial to use ACH.

## Here's what to do:

Simply visit the church's online giving page at <https://firstumc.breezechms.com/give/online>. Using this link will direct you to First UMC's Breeze church account. Once you get to this webpage, you will be given options. Here are the options and diagram:



1. First, you will decide on the amount you wish to give.
2. Second you will select, from the drop down, where you want your tithe to go. There may be more options made available in the future. The Unified Fund is the general fund.
3. Third, you will select how often you want to give. You may select the "Give This One Time" option which is a one time donation to the church. OR...you can select to set up a donation every week, every 2 weeks, a monthly tithe, or a yearly tithe. It's totally up to you!
4. Fourth, you will choose the giving method. You may choose to donate via credit/debit card or via ACH bank transfer. By choosing the ACH bank transfer, this charges the church the lowest fee for your transaction.

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You will press “continue” to finish the transaction. This is where you enter your debit/credit card information or your bank information for an ACH transaction.

zechms.com/give/online

Payment Information

Your Name  Email Address

Card Number  MM / YY  CVC

Street Address  City  State  Zip

Comments (optional)

Give \$100.00

Back

Debit / Credit  
Option window



zechms.com/give/online

Payment Information

Your Name  Email Address

Bank Routing Number

Bank Account Number  Retype Bank Account Number

Street Address  City  State  Zip

Comments (optional)

Give \$100.00

Back

ACH Transfer  
Option window



Click “Give”

and you are finished!

It’s totally up to you! You can change your method of giving whenever you like. We are only trying to provide tithing options for you during these difficult times.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Donn Hellinger or Andy & Regina Jeffers. They are willing to help in any way possible or answer any question/concerns.

# JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #FFD700; color: white; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><b>All Group Meetings and Gatherings are Dependent on the Distancing Order Handed Down by the Governor.</b></p> </div>					<p><b>1</b> 9a Retired Men's Breakfast</p>  <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<b>2</b>
<p><b>3</b> 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer &amp; Share</p>	<p><b>4</b> 12p AA Meeting 7p Knitting Group 7p Girl Scout Leader Mtg</p>	<p><b>5</b> 1-3:30p GSCS in Wesley Hall 5p Ballet</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7a Optimist Mtg 6:30p Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b> 1-3:30p GSCS in Wesley Hall 4:30p Ballet 8p AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9a Retired Men's Breakfast</p>	<b>9</b>
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<p><b>17</b> 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer &amp; Share</p>	<p><b>18</b> 12p AA Meeting 7p Knitting Group</p>	<p><b>19</b> 1-3:30p GSCS in Wesley Hall 5p Ballet <b>6:30p Worship Mtg</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 7a Optimist Mtg 6:30p Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1-3:30p GSCS in Wesley Hall 4:30p Ballet 8p AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9a Retired Men's Breakfast</p>	<b>23</b>
<p><b>24 / 31</b> 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer &amp; Share</p>	<p><b>25</b> 12p AA Meeting 7p Knitting Group</p>	<p><b>26</b> 1-3:30p GSCS in Wesley Hall 5p Ballet <b>7p Trustees</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:30p Cub</p>	<p><b>28</b> 1-3:30p GSCS in Wesley Hall 4:30p Ballet 8p AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9a Retired Men's Breakfast</p>	<b>30</b>

# FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 12p AA Meeting 7p Knitting Group 7p Girl Scout Unit Mtg	<b>2</b> 1-3:30p Guiding Shepherd in Wesley Hall 5p Ballet <b>7p Leadership Mtg</b>	<b>3</b> 7a Optimist Mtg	<b>4</b> 1-3:30p GSCS in Wesley Hall 4:30p Ballet 8p AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 9a Retired Men's Breakfast	<b>6</b>
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# In Need of Your Prayers



## **As of December 27, 2020**

Dallas Hall  
Winnie Keiter  
Don Stevison  
Brian Welbaum  
Cathy Harvey

Christine Taylor  
Phyllis Jeffers  
Melissa Brewer  
Toma  
Cindy  
Michelle Moody  
Kathy Straley  
Dudley & Judy Greeson  
Jim & Judy Sheldon  
Myron  
Tisha West  
Vikki Bauer  
Kathy Justice  
Libbee  
Lori Ammon  
Connie Luginbuhl  
Jerry & Brenda Souders  
Gordon & Cinda Shea  
Elaine Van Ness  
Joyce L  
Shane & Terri Smith  
Noah Trick  
Grace McCartney

Sally Howe  
Robert Johnson  
Lynn Hinshaw  
Alex Wright

## **Those Keeping Near Their Home:**

Charles Frazier  
Carolyn Gracy  
Judy Lyons  
Connie Urban  
Margaret Young  
Sandy Hasting

## **Friends and Loved Ones of Our Church Family:**

Taylor Brest  
Vicki Yono  
Shannon Lewis

## **Those in Extended Care Facilities**

### **Brookhaven Retirement Community**

Barb Lee

### **Koester Pavilion**

Marilyn Leatherman

### **Northwood Assisted Living**

Martha Silvers

### **Story Point**

Joan Brandt

### **Trinity Community (Patriot Ridge)**

Carolyn Ossege

### **VanCrest Care Center**

Cathy Harvey  
Don Stevison

### **Wooded Glen**

Judy Lyons



**ATTENTION...newsletter info!**

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
(DUE BY 20TH OF EACH FEB, APR, JUNE, AUG, OCT, DEC)**

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Judy Kindred, Secretary

*ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED*

January / February 2021

Sunday School.....8:30 am  
Christian Homebuilders  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:30 am  
Sunday School.....10:45 am  
The Oasis (K-5th Grade)  
MYC's (6th—12th Grades)  
Wesley Workers  
Faith Journey

Nursery Available

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