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## January 2018

Greetings!

2018. Another year is here. With another year, comes New Year resolutions. Here are some questions to ask yourself concerning your resolution or resolutions. (singular or plural)

- What was my New Year resolution a year ago?
- Did I achieve it or not?
- If so, why? If not, why not?
- Am I going to make a resolution for and about myself?
- Or am I going to make a resolution that will benefit someone else?
- How much of me am I going to commit to achieving my resolution?
- Will I only make one resolution or two or three or several?

Some of these questions are easy and some are not, yet it seems with ones commitment, one can achieve them. Oh yes, one is not alone. There are other members of your family and there is God that is with you in helping you achieve your goals. In fact, one always seems to need the help and encouragement of others. One always needs to know, understand and believe that God is there also helping you to achieve your goals. After all, your family, friends and God always want the best for you. At least that is what I

have found, even though it may not have seemed possible at the time.

Barbara and I wish you a year in which your resolutions are achieved. We wish a year in which your happiness increases because you have achieved your resolutions. We wish a year of wonders which will come as you grow closer to God. May your relationships with God and family and friends increase with each that 2018 will bring.

Peace and Blessings,  
 Pastor Don

## Sunday January 7th

### Potluck

**11:30am - 12:45pm**

*Turkey will be provided,  
 please help provide side dishes.*

### SPR Meeting with DS

**12:00pm - 12:45pm**

## All Church Conference

*All Members Welcome  
 & Encouraged to Attend*

**1:00pm - 2:00pm**

# What's Happening?

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

*Great job y'all!* Thank you to everyone of this church for being so caring and so generous. We had gathered food for Thanksgiving baskets and helped four (4) families plus other single individuals. For Christmas we gave 3 holiday food baskets to some very grateful homes. They all wanted to thank the congregation for helping them have lovely meals during the holidays.

Thank you again! Shall we collect again during Easter? Please let us know what you think.

~ Denise Snow, mandsnow@msn.com



### Burrito Outreach! 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Every Month

Join us at *8am* for breakfast and to help make breakfast burritos to share with the hungry of our community.

~ Donations are always welcome ~



FaithLink  
Connecting  
Faith and Life

Sundays  
9:00am  
in the library

*How do we connect our  
faith and our everyday  
life?*



**ACA**

Adult Children of Alcoholics

*Tuesdays at 2pm  
and  
Thursdays at 6pm*

Meets Downstairs  
(enter at mid-stairwell door)



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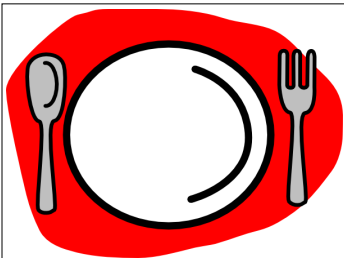
Narcotics Anonymous

*Tuesdays at 7pm  
and  
Fridays at 7pm*

Meets Downstairs  
(enter at mid-stairwell door)



**"The Word" Group**  
*Meets Wednesdays  
at 6pm  
In The Library*



## Coalition of Churches & Community Wednesday Hot Lunch

*3rd Wednesday of the month is hosted by NMUMC*

Just before Christmas, a lively bunch of "elves" served 60 tasty Free Wednesday Lunches to over 40 guests on December 21st. **Lynn Coffman** was the lead cook and was helped by our wonderful neighborhood **Teriyaki Wok** restaurant. The first course was a choice of fresh pineapple cubes or cinnamon applesauce. The main entree was Chicken Water Chestnut Stir Fry, Asian Chicken-Veggie-Noodles and White Rice, all served with a delicious Sweet and Sour Sauce and frozen mixed vegetables. For dessert there was Homemade Bread Pudding with a yummy Rum Sauce or Whipped Cream. A wonderful group of elves helped to bring smiles to all: **Judy Honsowetz, Hazel Bellinger, Audrea Johnson, Lynn Soderlund, Don and Barbara Ford, Margaret Rutherford, and Erin Pierce.**

It was a cold, icy morning, but there was a holiday atmosphere in the dining room. Lots of fun was had by all as we served food for both body and soul. Join us any 3rd Wednesday - you will be glad you did.

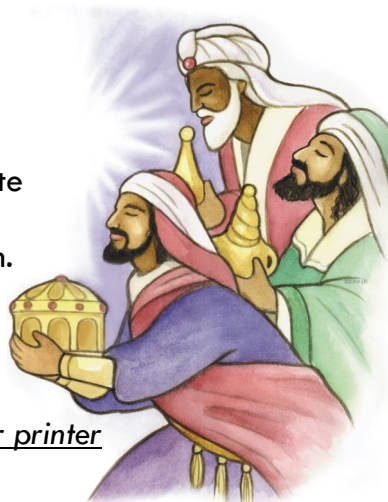
*If you are interested in helping prepare and serve a meal for the hungry,  
please contact Lynn Coffman at 360-275-7131 for more information.*

**North Mason UMC is looking for an individual or two  
who would be willing to sponsor this much needed and appreciated local mission work  
by contributing \$50 per month to help pay for the food that is used to make these meals.**

## ***What's Happening? (continued)***

### **Epiphany Gifts for the Church**

It is a tradition at NMUMC to celebrate  
the Three Kings offerings  
by giving Epiphany gifts to the church.  
Please bring your Epiphany gifts on  
**Epiphany Sunday, January 7th.**



**NMUMC would appreciate the following items:**

- Staples Gift Cards to purchase toner for our printer and other necessary office supplies
- Postage Stamps
- #10 White Business Envelopes (self sealing)
- White 20 lb. Multi-Purpose Paper 8-1/2" X 11"
- White 20 lb. Multi-Purpose Paper 8-1/2" X 14"
- Toilet Paper (not oversize rolls)
- Multi-fold white Paper Towels
- Rolls of Paper Towels
- Trash bags (lg. kitchen & 33 gal.)
- Toilet Seat Covers
- Powdered Coffee Creamer

**Please DO NOT bring:**

Styrofoam Cups, Plates, or Plastic Utensils

- We are doing our part to be earth friendly!



**Join Us for Breakfast  
at The Airport Diner!**

**Saturday, January 20th  
at 9am**



**Genealogy  
Group  
Meeting**

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am at NMUMC**

*In our membership vows we commit to faithfully participate in the congregation's ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, & our witness.*

## Our Prayers

### Joy & Thanksgiving

- The joy of friendship!

### Healing & Medical Concerns

- Sandy Shoemaker
- Kathy Matsen
- Leon Hart

### National & International Concerns

- All those affected by the California wildfires
- Our brothers and sisters around the globe mired in war and political violence, as well as those who are without food, clothing, and shelter.

### Peace, Strength, & Encouragement

- Patty Funk and their family and friends as they mourn the unexpected loss of Patty's husband Richard
- Rachel Bearce's friend Shirley and her two young boys, pray that they are able to move into their own place soon
- Barbara Acuna dealing with water damage and insurance issues

### Friends In Care

- June Vande Bossche
- Juanita High
- Jean Whitney

## Our Presence

December 3 - 34  
December 10 - 29  
December 17 - 36  
December 24 - 29  
Christmas Eve PM - 9  
December 31 - 29

*Thank you for your presence*

celebrate

## January Birthdays

- 1st Jennifer Landreth
- 11th Margaret Rutherford
- 14th Quinten Goodell
- 15th Steven Meacham
- 30th Joyce Stratton



## January Anniversaries

- 23rd Tom & Lynn Hamilton



## Our Gifts

As we start our new year, the Finance Committee has been busy finalizing our 2017 accounting records and preparing our year-end reports for the District Office. The 2018 budget has also been completed and was approved by the Church Council at their meeting on December 28, 2017.

Our General Fund Operating Revenues & Expenditures for the month of December, 2017 and the Year are as follows:

	For the month of December, 2017	For the year 2017
Revenue	\$5,834.84	\$102,278.61
Expense	(\$8,172.97)	(\$109,134.10)
Net Loss	(\$2,338.13)	(\$6,855.49)

Also, you will be receiving your 2017 contribution reports for the year very soon! If you have any questions about your contribution report, please be sure to contact our Finance Secretary, Lynn Soderlund.

We would also like to announce that Laura Boad will be the new Finance Committee Chair for 2018, and Lynn Soderlund will continue as our Finance Secretary for 2018. Thanks to Laura and Lynn!

Happy New Year and Blessings to you all!  
Your Finance Committee

## Membership

### Why Do We Sign Our Names Each Sunday?

You may wonder why we have pads of paper on the end of the aisle when you seat yourself on Sunday morning. Those "sign-in" sheets are compared each week with an "eye count" usually completed by Judy Honsowetz. It is important that we have an accurate reportable number for our church records. We really appreciate your taking time to mark down all members of your family including children and guests. If you are unable to attend due to illness or other obligations, this tally alerts the Pastor and volunteers to perhaps phone or inquire of family and friends about your needs. So THANK YOU for grabbing the pad and pencil sometime during the service. Also the office is grateful for any changes to your address/email/phones that you may wish to report so we are able to complete communications with you.





*'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.'*



**Jason Barth** - Larry & Jean Bonzer's grandson in Everett, WA

**Rob Eier** - Wendell & Phyllis Fleener's grandson at Quantico

**Houston Hamilton** - Tom & Lynn Hamilton's son in Field Artillery with the WA National Guard

**Hunter Hamilton** - Tom & Lynn Hamilton's son stationed at JBLM

**James Meacham** - Steve & DeeAnn Meacham's son in the Air Force stationed In Florida



*January 2018*

*Newsletter*

**NMUMC Office Hours**  
**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - 10am - 4:30pm**