

# THE MESSENGER

## January 2026

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Dear MUMC members and friends,

Grace and peace to you as we step together into a new year. January always carries with it a holy mix of gratitude and anticipation; gratitude for the ways God has carried us through another year, and anticipation for what God is still unfolding among us. New calendars invite fresh beginnings, but more importantly, they invite renewed commitment to journey together as the body of Christ.

Before we look ahead, I want to pause and offer a heartfelt word of thanks. Thank you for the many ways you supported the ministry of this church throughout the past year. Your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness truly matter. I am especially grateful for the expressions of love and care you have shown through kind words, notes, encouragement, generosity, and thoughtful gifts. They are reminders of God's grace made tangible through this community, and they mean more than you know.

As we begin this year, our sermon series, *Glory Revealed*, follows the lectionary texts for the season of Epiphany, leading us into Lent. This series invites us to notice how God's glory is revealed not only in extraordinary moments, but in faithful, everyday discipleship.

*Glory Revealed* reminds us that discipleship is not a solitary endeavor. It is a shared journey of learning, serving, praying, questioning, growing, and loving alongside one another. As we listen to the lectionary texts during this season, we are joining Christians around the world who are hearing the same Scriptures, wrestling with the same questions, and seeking the same Spirit. This is one of the beautiful gifts of being part of a connectional church.



Starting the year off right does not mean striving for perfection or setting spiritual resolutions we feel pressured to keep. Instead, it means orienting our hearts toward God and one another. It means showing up—imperfect, hopeful, and open—to the work God is already doing in and through this community. Whether you are deeply rooted here or just beginning to find your place, you belong on this journey.

In the months ahead, we will continue to worship with intention, serve our neighbors with compassion, nurture faith across generations, and listen for how God is calling us to grow. There will be moments of joy and moments of challenge, but we will walk them together, trusting that God's glory is revealed along the way; in worship and service, in quiet prayer and shared laughter, in learning and in love.

Thank you for who you are and for all you do. I am deeply grateful to serve alongside you, and I look forward to all that God has in store for us in the year ahead. May this new year be one where we walk closely with Christ, deepen our discipleship, and reflect God's glory in all that we do.

With hope for the journey,

Pastor Kayla

# January 2026

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

				1 *** Happy New Year ***	2	3
4 10:00am Worship Epiphany Sunday Meal following Worship	5 7:00pm Girl Scouts	6	7	8 Prayer Time 1:30pm	9	10
11 10:00am Worship Baptism of the Lord 11:15am Confirmation	12 8am-4pm WIC 6:30pm One Board Training at Hastings Grace	13	14 9:30am United Women in Faith 6:30pm Youth Group	15 Prayer Time 1:30pm	16	17
18 10:00am Worship 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 11:15am Confirmation	19 7:00pm Girl Scouts	20	21	22 Prayer Time 1:30pm	23	24
25 10:00am Worship 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 11:15am Confirmation	26	27	28 6:30pm Youth Group	29 Prayer Time 1:30pm	30	31

## January Birthdays

- 2—Steven Fries
- 3—Rita Smith
- 7—Kent Verbeck
- 10—Loneta Nolan
- 11—Kikki Dornhoff
- 11—Kylea Strasburg
- 13—Sharon Jougensen
- 17—Brennea Propp
- 18—Kim Snavely
- 19—Jack Hultquist
- 21—Zachary Klabunde
- 22—Reginal Cross
- 24—Makenna Dornhoff
- 25—Ian Sinsel
- 29—Dudley Scharff
- 31—Denise Jensen



## January Anniversaries

- 1—Mike & Jodi Boudreau—37 years



- Brenda Oltean
- Rod Duffey
- Orlan Grams
- Alyssa Kahle
- Chad Fries

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.

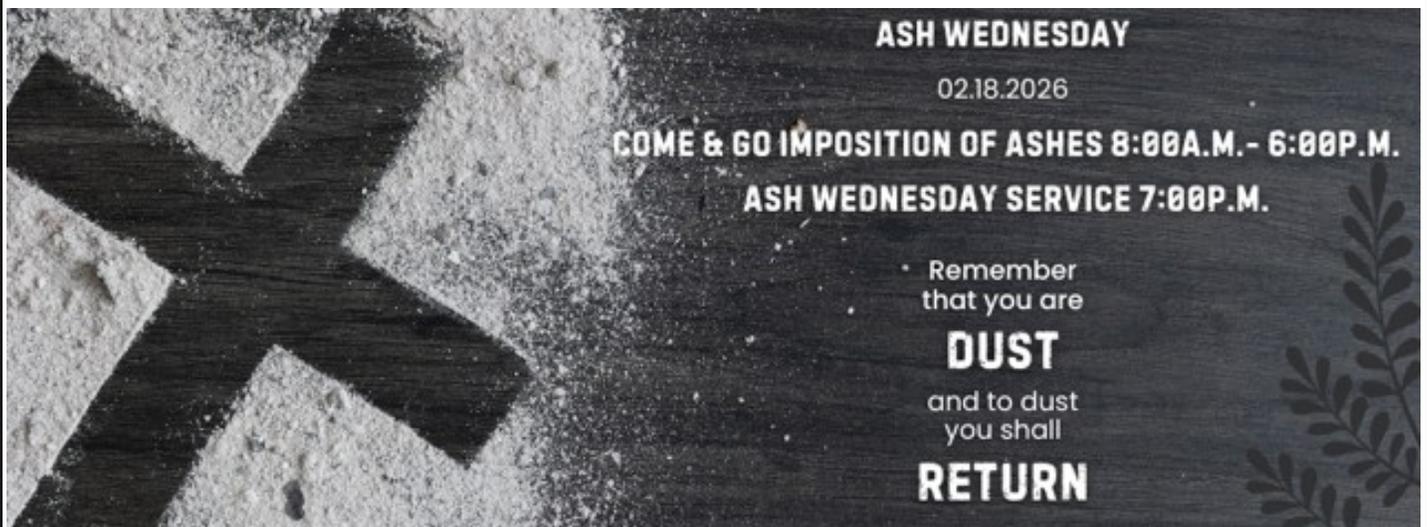
If you or your family has a prayer request and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.



### December 2025 Financial Report...

General Giving in December	\$18,641
General Fund Giving to Date	\$178,798
General Expenses in December	\$13,703
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$194,513

(This report does not include the final days in December)



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
02.18.2026  
**COME & GO IMPOSITION OF ASHES 8:00A.M. - 6:00P.M.**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00P.M.**

Remember that you are  
**DUST**  
and to dust you shall  
**RETURN**

## Equipping Disciples

Can we get 75 volunteers to go to Sager Brown in 2026? Yes, we can!! Our next UMVIM Trip to work in the Sager Brown UMCOR Depot is January 31 to February 7, 2026.

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission is a grassroots movement of United Methodists who seek to put their "Christian Love in Action." Since the 1970s, UMVIM has offered a framework through which disciples can engage in short-term mission locally, nationally, and globally. Our volunteers are lay and clergy, young and old, with differing abilities and vocations, from all walks of life. Tens of thousands of United Methodists engage in short-term mission each year in ministries as varied as disaster response, community development, pastor training, microenterprise, agriculture, Vacation Bible School, building repair and construction, and medical/dental services. There is a place for everyone to serve.

Our goal is to have 75 individuals from the Great Plains to fill up Sager Brown for the week. We can do this! We will work from Monday through Thursday of the week. The cost is \$340 per person which includes housing, meals and a \$50 non-refundable deposit. You can hold your space by submitting your check, made payable to Great Plains Conference, on the memo line write "2026 UMVIM Trip" and mail to PO Box 4187, Topeka, KS 66604. For more information, contact Rev. Hollie Tapley, UMVIM coordinator, at [htapley@greatplansumc.org](mailto:htapley@greatplansumc.org). For more information go to <https://umvim.org/what-is-umvim>.



Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).

**Scripture Reader & Call to Worship:**

January 4: Kent Verbeck

January 11: Julie Ratka

January 18:

January 25:

**January 4:**

Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers

Servers: Dawn Moyer, Shirley Fellers,  
Ray Havens and Karli Havens.

**Refreshment Hosts:**

January 4: Meal Following Worship

January 11: Julie Ratka

January 18:

January 25:



# Holy Week Schedule

March 29  
Palm  
Sunday

10:00 am - 11:00 am

April 2 & 3  
Holy & Good  
Thursday Friday

Come & Go Stations  
of the Cross  
(Fellowship Hall)

April 5  
Easter  
Sunday

10:00 am - 11 am  
Confirmation  
Sunday

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**Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
**11:15am Sunday - Confirmation**  
**January 14 & 28 @ 6:30pm Youth Group**

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O Lord, let my  
*New Year's resolution*  
be to   
**follow you**  
**more closely**  
and to  
**trust in your**  
*loving guidance.*