



OUR MISSION IS TO EXPRESS **CHRIST'S LOVE** TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



February  
2019



February 2 (Sat)	<b>Laity Launch Party, 10-2pm</b>
February 4 (Mon)	<b>Staff Meeting, 10am</b>
February 9 (Sat)	<b>Congregational Meeting, 10am -12 Noon</b>
February 13 (Wed)	<b>UMW Friendship Circle, 12Noon</b>
February 16 (Sat)	<b>Serving Day, 10am Congregational Meeting Make-Up Day, 10-12 Noon</b>
February 23-25 (Sat—Mon)	<b>Special General Conference: A Way Forward</b>
<b>*****Weekly Events*****</b>	
<b>Snow Cap Deliveries</b>	<b>Mondays @ 9:00 am</b>
<b>Women's Faith Group</b>	<b>Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Parent's Prayer Group</b>	<b>Wednesdays @ 8:30 am</b>
<b>Men's Coffee</b>	<b>Thursdays @ 10:00 am</b>
<b>For details, contact the church office Mon-Thurs 9am to 2pm by phone or email</b>	

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## Behind-the-scenes at the Wellness Event

“It was amazing to see the wellness event come together with such short notice and in few days. We were able to mobilize the enthusiastic volunteers and the health professionals/advisors. We had alternative medicine professionals –acupuncture, herbal medicine, yoga, dietary advisors; medical practitioners (physician and RNs), a pharmacist and exercise pamphlets placed by the Care Team. The event was advertised on-site banner and large double-sided outdoor A-frame sign stands with posters; church website, handing out leaflets in the neighborhood, and the cyber media. The traffic was moderate, considering the limited time in which it was put together. “

- David Master



# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!

## February 2nd, Laity Launch Party



Join other lay persons as they get together for a good time to discuss, create, and celebrate ideas and relationships!!

## UMW Friendship Circle

This month, the UMW Friendship Circle will get together on February 13th at 12 Noon in the Gathering Room. See you there!



## Serving Saturday, Feb 16th @ 10am

Bring your heart and hands to help care and keep our sanctuary, church, and property. All are welcome and encouraged! Please dress appropriately if you plan on joining the outside/yard work crew.



**\*\* Also our Congregational Meeting Make-Up Day.**



## Special General Conference: A Way Forward, Feb 23-25

There will be a special session of the general conference to discuss proposed plans brought forth to deal with homosexuality in the church.

## Parents' Prayer Meeting

This group of parents meet



every Wednesday at 8:30 am. They are parents of school-aged kids in the neighborhood and around that get together to pray, encourage, and support each other, among other things. If you are a parent(s) and interested, please come and join us!



## We have a STAR in the family!!

Look in the January issue of The Hollywood Star News to see our very own **Al Bailey** featured in a senior fitness class. Hurrah! And a birthday this month, to boot!! Double Hurrah!!

## \*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*

**Monday walking group will not be meeting this month.**

**“We Walk” will resume 9:30 am on March 4th. Thank you!**

*Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again— rejoice!*

*Philippians 4:4*

Your Celebrations are important for us to recognize with  
our family in Christ



February

Birthdays

Al Bailey, 4

Steve Sloan, 6

Sadie Eisert, 12

Dona Larsen, 18

Dennis Bridges, 24

Doris Crockett, 12



Please do not be reluctant to let  
us know if yours is missing  
on the monthly edition of  
'Messenger' by sending a note to:  
[church@taborheightschurch.org](mailto:church@taborheightschurch.org)



Wedding

Anniversaries

Jim & Carolyn Douglass, 19

John & Mia Go, 24





## Snow Cap Community Charities

Hey, Church Family! Just some Snow Cap recaps for you!!

♥ Thank you to Paul Glynn for your dedication to Snow Cap! You have been diligently taking our donations to the center, every Monday at 9:00 am. May God continue to bless you and keep you in his light and love! You are an encouragement to many!

♥ Every month, Snow Cap puts out a 'needs' list to their donators. This month, these items are:

**Peanut butter**

**Canned protein**

**1 lb. package of sugar**

♥ Cash donations can also be donated to help purchase items that are rarely donated. To help ensure Snow Cap is a steady source of help, you can give online, send a check to Snow Cap: PO Box 160 Fairview OR 97024, or include an amount with your tithe and make note it is for Snow Cap and the church will forward the amount on.



# From the Vision Board

**“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” - Psalms 133:1**

*The Congregational Meeting, January 26th*

This meeting of about 20 members of our congregation met to discuss the current status of the church’s year-end 2018 Budget and some of our accomplishments as a church in 2018. The Vision Board shared what the 2019 Budget is and why certain decisions were made. For example, some decisions made were based on the realization that we are not meeting 100% expenses from our tithing, donations, renters, and other gifts. They also discussed their decision, albeit a very tough one, to reduce the Pastoral Compensation. The sad impact of this decision is that Pastor John will be looking to fill a pastoral position elsewhere. On a more joyful note, the Vision Board has also made a decision to open up a Musical Director position for the church.

There is another Congregational Meeting with the Vision Board set for the 9th of February to discuss the future of our church in regards to the next pastor for our family, organization of a volunteer force and Laity services, and the possibility of merging with another congregation within our denomination. I look forward to seeing you there!

P.S.  
Meeting minutes, financial report, and presentation copies will be available later this week.

Your brother in Christ,  
Jim Buchanan

# From the Pastor...



isaiah 5:1-7

## The Song of Vineyard

*“For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting...” Isaiah 5: 7*

How many of you believe that you sing only when we are happy and thankful? In the Bible, there are many songs that are neither for thanksgiving nor for blessings. In fact, there are so many parts, almost 70% of songs and stories that are about pain, agony, disappointment, setting apart, fear and terrors. Therefore, we must understand the fact that we read the Word of God not only with our feelings and emotions, but also with the main theme of God’s message.

The image of a vineyard in Isaiah is about God’s relationship with His people in love and care as well as in disappointment and sadness. People of God are the vineyard and God himself is their vine grower. In this context, we are loved, we are cared for, and we are also privileged. Truthfully, it is how we should feel as we are gathered in a safe, secure and sacred place of worship, the house of prayers for all nations. Also, it is our understanding that we are protected, neither to be trampled down from careless feet nor to be covered from overgrown briars and thorns. Again, the vineyard, the people of God is to be separated or distinguished from such patterns and views in the world.

However, what are some of our realities that we may experience today? The world that our God created, especially places like vineyards, is now full of pain and suffering from much violence and many attacks. These actions are “wild grapes” in Isaiah’s song. In a sense, what are some of our spiritual practices that we may have to change in order to meet our God’s expectations? In your relationship with God or with someone who you love, let us apply this ‘Song of Vineyard.’ Can you believe that the sour grapes can be changed to the sweet grapes?



## From the Pastor...

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*(continued)*

Our God is the God of love and justice. God's love never ends and endures forever, and it is everlasting. In the meantime, God's justice always requires justice on His side as well as on His people. We may often experience 'God's silence.' However, that doesn't mean God doesn't love you any longer. Rather, it would be a moment God wants to restore and rebuild his forever covenanted relationship with you, His people. 'God's silence' doesn't mean God doesn't care for you're in pain and even get ridiculed by people in the world. It does mean that God wants you to have hope only in Him and do not rely on anything else.

Jesus Christ spoke to his disciples saying, "If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, I have chosen you out of the world" (John 15).

Therefore, "brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12: 1-2). This is who we should be in the love and the justice of our God.

Many blessings,

Pastor John

# FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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						Vision Board Meeting 9-Noon
WEEK						

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	Sunday School 930am				Men's Coffee 10am		Congregational Meeting 10-Noon
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WEEK	Worship 11am	Staff Meeting, 11am	Book Study 1pm	UMW Friendship Circle, 12 Noon			

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Sunday School 9:30am				Men's coffee 10am		Serving Day, 10am
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WEEK	Worship 11am		Book Study 1pm				

	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Sunday School 9:30am				Mens' coffee 10am		Special General Conference (SGC) 23-25
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WEEK	Worship 11am		Book Study 1pm				

	24	25	26	27	28		
	SGC Sunday School 9:30am	SGC			Men's Coffee 10am		
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WEEK	Worship 11 am		Book Study 1pm				