

# Messenger

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## Undaunted

The year just past was wracked with violence, racism and political rancor. We long to fix these problems, but how? We may feel as frustrated as the church board member who spouted, “We’ve already tried prayer. It didn’t work!”

Those words might resonate today, yet things aren’t always what they seem. We can’t see God behind the scenes crafting a new reality, but Scripture promises it. And though our prayers won’t undo earthly death, they surround the grieving with strength and love. We can’t “solve” sin, but our prayers can bring communities together and spur us to look out for one another.

The Jewish Talmud states, “Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world’s grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.” In this new year, may we be undaunted in doing what we can. It might not seem like much, but things aren’t always what they seem.

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## THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service  
9:50 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
5:00 p.m. Planet 456  
6:00 p.m. Snack Supper  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study

### MONDAY, JANUARY 28

9-12 noon Methodist Market  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study/Millie's

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

3-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. In the Hands of God/Prayer Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible study  
6:15 p.m. Youth Small Group

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9-12 noon Methodist Market



This Hiskidz Choir, grades 1-6 will resume Wednesday, February 6, from 3-4:15 p.m.



29. Kathy Phillips, Anna Ryan Ragland



2. Amy Ray, Sarah Phillips, Drake Smith

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

27. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dew



## **Solid Ground Youth**

This week in Sunday school we will wrap up our last Small group with D-Now. We will meet in the Youth Basement and end our Disciple Now Weekend.

## **Sunday Night Youth**

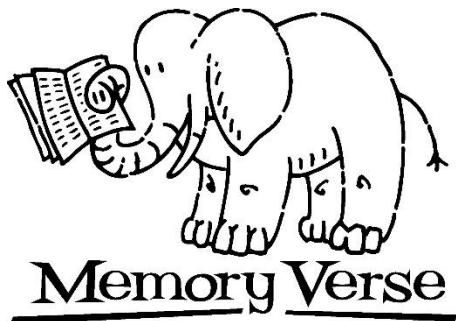
Solid Ground will not meet this Sunday night due to our weekend spent at D-Now.

## **Wednesday Night Small Group**

Wednesday night small group will be discussing a lesson about doubt. Often times in life we are faced with self-doubt. We tell ourselves we are not good enough, that we need to change for people to like us or for God to use us. God doesn't see our flaws, He sees our potential.

**D-Now weekend** begins this Friday and lasts through Sunday morning. I am so excited about the group of young people who will be spending their weekend at D-Now. I ask that we pray that the Lord will help each of these youth be ready to hear the message that is being presented and that He will be at work in their spirit. Thank you so much to Maggie and Trace Lane for leading our youth in small groups and to Julie and De Paul and Mary Lou and Owen Richards for providing the host homes. Also, thank you to everyone who stepped in to help prepare the meal on Saturday.

# Children's Page



"God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds."

Psalm 147:3



As we wrap up the month of January our lesson this week is from the book of Luke. It is a healing story about ten men with a skin disease. It is a story of faith and gratitude. It is also a story of God's power. I hope to see you Sunday as we talk about this story together.



Bible study will meet at 5:00 p.m. and end with supper in the Fellowship Hall. We will dismiss around 6:15p.m. This week's lesson is on **Emotions**. We all have strong emotions sometimes, and we may not always know how to handle them. We must always remember that God is in control of everything, and He can certainly help us with anything we are feeling.

Confirmation Class

**Confirmation:**



Confirmation classes for 6<sup>th</sup> graders began on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. We will continue to meet after school until 4:30 p.m. These classes will meet throughout the months of January and February.

## **Volunteers serving Sunday, January 20, 2019**

Greeters	I. N. & Nancy Hart/Max & Rita Sanders
Acolytes	Payton Heidel & Mallory Pender
Worship Leader	Rich Knox
Scripture	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Sermon	<b>“Grace That Transforms Us: Sanctifying Grace”</b>
Security	De Paul/Byron Kelly
Flowers	Lettie Terrell & Family

## **Attendance, January 20, 2019**

Worship Services	206
Sunday School	113

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## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **JANUARY**

|                                                   |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>27. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | <b>Matthew 4:12-23</b> |
| 28. This is the One                               | John 1:15-23           |
| 29. Worthy is the Lamb                            | Revelation 5:11-14     |
| 30. The gifts of love                             | Luke 11:11-13          |
| 31. For their instruction                         | Exodus 24:12-18        |

### **FEBRUARY**

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. The King of Kings               | Psalm 2         |
| 2. The prophetic message confirmed | 2 Peter 1:16-21 |

## **UPCOMING TRIP**

Several members in our church have expressed interest in visiting the “Noah’s Ark Encounter” in Williamstown, Kentucky. A trip has been planned to see this April 2 – April 5. The group will literally see the pages of the Old Testament come to life as they see a-full size Noah’s Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. The trip also includes a visit to the “Creation Museum” in Kentucky and a ticket to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. If you would like to be included there are forms with more information in the hall across from the church office. You may also call Linda Ketchum at 662-571-2270 or Lance Clay at Trek Travel, 601-951-2060.