



Christmas Tapestry

December Reflection 2015

Strands of Carols sing of Christ's Coming.

Threads of Scripture announce Christ's Birth.

Prophets of old weave oracles of God's promise.

A voice in the wilderness shouts out

"Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Shades of blue harkens of Mary's Magnificat.

Joseph dressed in brown affirmed in a dream

To follow God's plan.

Yellow straw in a manger, stone brown:

A golden halo for the infant Christ Child's crown.

Shimmering gold to light the star in the east.

Rainbow colors as Magi fall to their knees

Bearing gold, frankincense, myrrh.

Dusty white sheep, brown cattle that low,

Woolly lambs, a grey donkey,

and shepherds 'round Christ's Throne.

Hark the Herald Angels sing, "Glory Be to God on High

And on Earth, peace good will to humankind."

A beautiful story of hope, love and light

Woven against a political, social, cultural backdrop

Of injustice, oppression, and black night.

Christ's light still shines in the darkness

The darkness cannot comprehend.

May The Christmas Story fill your heart with

Hope, Love, Joy and Peace!

In the Spirit of Emmanuel

Rev. Caren J. Leper

Looking Ahead

January 3rd

Epiphany Sunday

Holy Communion

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: Epiphany All Around!

January 10th

First Sunday after Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

Message: Water, Wind, Spirit!

January 17th

Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 2:1-11

Message: The Best for Last!

January 24th

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Message: The Anointed One!

January 31st

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

Message: Prophetic Preaching!



United Methodist Women

HOPE – what is hope? Was it a tangible gift that you really wanted? Or, is it the dream cruise to a warmer climate to escape the chill of ole man winter.

Webster's dictionary says that hope means to want something to happen or be true and think that it could happen or be true. Another way to look at the word hope is "the earnest expectation of something that is attainable". We may not get what we want, but we must strive to keep our faith through HOPE and to seek God's will. Hebrews 6:11 Paul reminds us that "Our great desire is that each one of you keep up his eagerness to the end, so that the things you hope for will come". Will we get that cruise or win that sweepstakes? Perhaps not, but we do know that whatever comes our way it is what God wants for me, you, or our church body.

December 8th the United Methodist Women's Christmas luncheon was held at Arbor Knoll. A festive environment, delicious food, beautiful devotion, and a program were enjoyed with nine women attending. Pat Scott will be the new UMW President /Treasurer and Sue McAllaster, Program Resources. We are still in need of a VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. **The next meeting will be January 12 at 1:30 pm in fellowship hall.** We will be continuing our discussion about the future of the Horton United Methodist Women. This is a delicate subject right now. And, it is hard to make decisions. So may I remind every United Methodist Woman to pray, pray, pray for Gods will to achieved.

Hebrews 6: 18-19 declares "There are these two things, then, that cannot change and about which God cannot lie. So we who have found safety with him are greatly encouraged to hold firmly to the **hope** placed before us. We have this **hope** as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure, and goes through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary."

Upcoming Events

MVLC Bingo - January 18, 2:30 pm

MVLC Fellowship - January 27, 2:30 pm

Christ Is Counting on YOU!

Mission Moments



A new year, a new start. We will look to God to guide us as we serve in many missions this year. We have a special Christmas tree filled with gloves, hats and scarves that will be taken to give to those who need them. Thanks to everyone who brought them. The Explorers class has also brought a special Christmas offering of food for the food pantry. Thanks to everyone for that.

Happy New Year and God's Blessings.

Barb Kibby

You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14

All organizations and individuals storing items in the church freezers and refrigerators, please mark the items with the name of the organization or person they are for and the date they are placed in there. Some of the items have been there for several months or more and we don't know who they belong to. Thanks for your help. UMW



Super Bowl Sunday is coming soon!! Sunday, February 7, 2015 the youth group will once again be creating super sub-sandwiches with chips, and drink all for one low price of \$ 7.00. That includes delivery to your door. Now that is a SUPER DEAL! Please put the word out to your friends and neighbors so we might double or triple our annual profit for missions. Thanks in advance for submitting your order to the church office by Sunday, January 31st. An order form is enclosed in this newsletter.



January 10, 2016 we will be having our monthly potluck which is held on the second Sunday of every month. Food, fun and fellowship for everyone! Be watching for fun activities. Ideas are ALWAYS welcome! Hope to see you all there!

A big "Thank You" to everyone that helped with the Christmas program. It would not have been as wonderful without you. *Shirley*



The Worship Team would like to thank all those who served this past year as greeters, ushers, candle lighters, communion servers or worship leaders. It makes our worship service truly a meaningful service when you help.



To the members of the Chancel Choir: Thank you for your time, talent, gifts, prayers, fellowship, and fun. Your music is a gift not only to the congregation, but to me also. *Shirley*



United Methodist Youth Fellowship Christmas Party
January 3, 2016
5:00 -- ????????
Come and join us.



A Note of Thanks!

Joy has come in the midst of a busy December! It has been my great joy to see smiles on this congregation's faces through all of the Advent Activities! Thank you to all who made time to participate fully in the Luminaries 25th Anniversary Festival of Lights! The night was spectacular with a starry night, many new visitors came to Horton, Kansas seeking the Good News, new, fresh scenes from the Christian Churches were well done, and the unity of spirit and hope radiated throughout the evening as the Good News of Jesus Christ was shared once again on our streets! I so appreciate all of the efforts put forth by all of the churches in the community, City Hall, the Police Force, and all of the volunteers who witness your faith in a grand way! The South Brown County Ministerial Association is grateful for your donation of time and money that helps to alleviate hunger and suffering. May God richly bless you in the New Year!

Rev. Caren Loper, president SBCMA

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Choir Practice 8:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:50 am

Nursery Available – Birth- 4 yr. olds

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