

A Message from The Pastor



Please review the events for the Christmas season that are listed in this newsletter, on our website and on our social media (Facebook and Instagram). We have a ton of stuff happening!

One of those Christmas events is a Blue Christmas service at 7:00pm on Tuesday, Dec. 16th. For those who can't make this service for any reason, the Hub churches are working on a daytime Blue Christmas service. Please be alert for updates on time and location.

A Blue Christmas is a Christmas service which does not include all the "holly, jolly" which other services may contain. It is specifically for those of us who have suffered a loss, of any kind, and want a quieter way to celebrate the season. Sorrow and frustration can be hard to endure when everyone around us is joyous, and may expect us to be joyous, too. You are welcome at the Blue Christmas service, just as you are and just how you feel! If you have any questions, please contact me.

A tradition in the UMC is to pray the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer at the beginning of each year. The words of that prayer are a reminder and a promise. We are reminded that all that we have, all that we ever hope to have, all that we are, the entirety of our personhood, the whole universe belongs to God. As Christians, we submit ourselves to God's will, confident that the loving God who died for us will care for us and guide us throughout our lives. That may mean that our lives will be different from our own plans, our own dreams, and our own wishes. This Covenant Prayer is also a promise that no matter how difficult things may become or how easy things may be at the moment, we have offered our total selves to God's will. Let us all rest in the peace of knowing that God holds us in an unfathomable love and will help us to live as God calls us to live. May we submit to God as individuals and as a church.

Blessings,
Pastor Margery