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# Hello January

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# @Southside Connection

Greetings Church Family!!

Happy New Year! I am so thankful to be here. Thank you for being so kind, gracious and generous-- I feel so blessed! 2024 was a year of transition for our church.

Thank you for being warm and welcoming-- for extending a hand of grace to me as we've gotten to know one another over the last few months. I am so excited for the year ahead. I can't wait to see how God will continue to shape, mold, use and transform us!

The themes of hope, love and grace resonate with me as we begin something new! I am reminded that our hope is rooted in the grace of our good and loving Creator. As I reflected this week, some life verses came to mind-- Romans 15:13 reminds us, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

This year, I encourage you to let God's love be your guide. Love is the foundation of everything we do as followers of Christ. Jesus calls us to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34), and this command becomes our guiding principle. As we love our neighbors, as we love ourselves, and as we love God, we join in the work of building God's Kingdom here on earth.



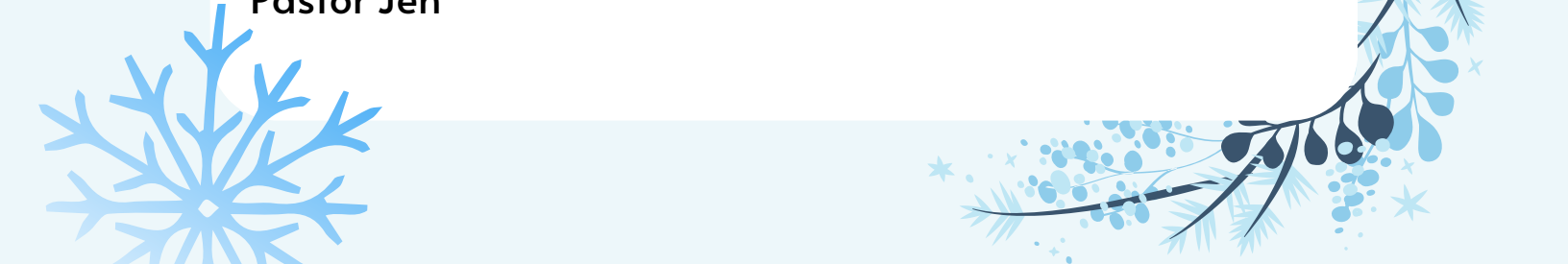
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Love has the power to heal wounds, bridge divides, and transform lives. Please know that you are love by God. God offers each of us an open hand of grace and it is through God's grace that we are redeemed and empowered to live each day with purpose. Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

This New Year offers us an opportunity to look forward with hearts full of hope, minds set on love, and lives shaped by the grace of God. As we face the joys and challenges that await, may we remember that we are never alone. God is with us, surrounding us with Love, filling us with hope, and offering us grace that is freely and abundantly given.

May 2025 be a year that you experience the depth of God's love in new ways and unexpected ways that bring much JOY!

With Hope, Peace, Joy and Love,  
Pastor Jen



~ Cozy Christmas Party ~



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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**



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# **SOUTHSIDE NEWS**

## **Finance Reports**

**For the month of November:**

**General Fund income was \$10,527.37  
and expenses \$10,546.97  
for a net (-) \$19.60**

**... very similar to last month.**

**For the year:**

**General Fund income was \$117,100.26  
and expenses \$130,159.81  
for a net (-) \$13,059.55**

**Our investment income (not General Fund) did well for the month to help shore up our reserves. December figures are looking promising. Our congregation is full of faithful and generous people, and we do appreciate everything that each one does to help keep the lights on and continue our important ministry! Thank you to those who were able to include their year-end giving!**

**A full set of the most current financial reports  
are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.**

**Feel free to come in and take a look.**

# Southside NEWS

**Cookies and Cards is back! ~ January 8 @ 10 am.**

All are welcome to come to the church to bake cookies and write cards for our church family who are not able to attend church IRL and to give to visitors. **#cookiesandcards**

**Sack Lunch and Bible Study - Tuesdays 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

**UWF Meeting ~ January 8 @ 1:30 pm.**

**POTLUCK SUNDAY - January 19th.** Always a favorite Methodist tradition! It surely has been for my little brother and me, as long as we can remember!! **#casserolesfordays**

**Game and Potluck Night at the Church ~ January 23 @ 6 pm.**

Bring your favorite dish and a game (if you'd like), or come see what others enjoy! **(Ex)** Beth will be guaranteed to have a full table playing Dominos, and Pastor Jen's table will be attempting to master Exploding Kittens... or... maybe we'll change that one up ;), like our favorite, Apples to Apples :) **Come and find out!!**

**#gamenightsarefunnights**

**Yoga with Sheree will be Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm at the church.**

Bring a water bottle, yoga mat, and invite a friend! What better way to start the New Year off, than with some mindfulness and exercise through yoga. **(note: 1/7 will be held in the basement)**

***Are you looking to hire someone to help clean your house or with other small house projects? Yard work?***

**Call or text Mariah Gutierrez at 208-899-1315. #sidehustle**

# Southside NEWS

**We have two guest speakers this month!** Pastor Jen is not going out of town, she will be there as part of the congregation, worshipping with us! This comes at a perfect time, as our Advent Sermon Series ended and a new series will start in February.

**January 19th ~ (From Pastor Jen) Please extend a warm welcome to my friend and guest speaker, Wayne Lavender, on Sunday, January 19, 2025. During our time together, we will learn about his ministry with the Foundation 4 Orphans.**



Wayne Lavender is a United Methodist pastor, author, speaker and teacher now serving as the executive director of the Foundation 4 Orphans and professor at

Quinnipiac University. The winner of the Harry Denman Award for evangelism in 2004, he taught peace with justice courses at the University of Human Development in Sulaymaniyah, Iraq, Virginia Wesleyan and George Mason Universities. He is an author of 4 books as well as numerous articles, parables and children's books. He lives close to nature in Hamden, Connecticut.

**January 26th ~ We welcome our very own, Marisse DeThomas, as our guest speaker.**



# 1/2025 January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastor Visitations	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Worship 10 am <hr/> HOLY COMMUNION	<b>6</b>  Tongan Evening Service 6 pm	<b>7</b> Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm <hr/> Yoga with Sheree @5:30 pm <hr/> Tongan Evening Service 6 pm	<b>8</b> Cookies & Cards ~10 am <hr/> UWF Meeting 1:30 pm <hr/> Tongan Evening Service 6 pm	<b>9</b> Pastor Visitations  Tongan Evening Service 6 pm	<b>10</b>  Tongan Evening Service 6 pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship 10 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm <hr/> Yoga w/ Sheree 5:30 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Pastor Visitations	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Worship 10am <i>Guest Speaker</i> Dr. Wayne Lavender <hr/> POTLUCK SUNDAY	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm <hr/> Yoga w/ Sheree 5:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Pastor Visitations  Game Night at the Church 6 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship 10am <i>Guest Speaker</i> Marisse DeThomas <hr/> Koins for Kids	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Sack Lunch & Bible Study 11:30-1 pm <hr/> Yoga w/ Sheree 5:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Pastor Visitations	<b>31</b>	

# Birthdays January Anniversaries

- 9 - Len Shoemaker
- 9 - Beth Silverstrand
- 13 - Ayden Hoffman
- 20 - Marilyn Nelson
- 23 - Jon Ziessler
- 24- Brian Stockham
- 24 - Jim Huff Jr.
- 25 - Grace Middlehoven
- 28 - Lolo Raas
- 30- Deanna Maxell

- 2- Wayne & Pearline Paul
- 2 - Chuck & Marilyn Nelson
- 23- Bob & Anya Marks



If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary,  
please let the church office know.

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## Serving the Church in January

### Liturgist

- 5- Michael Ciscell
- 12- Curt Crawford
- 19- Pastor Jen
- 26- Linda Skogsberg

### Greeters

- 5- Deanna Maxell
- 12- Bob & Anya Marks
- 19- Sherrie Barnett
- 26- Dee & Barbara McAlister

### Children's Message

- 5-
- 12-
- 19-
- 26-

### Coffee Hour Hosts

- 5- Sherrie Barnett
- 12- Huter's
- 19- POTLUCK
- 26- ???

Sign up sheet is by the coffee in the Narthex ~  
Sign up anytime or contact Jenny @southsidebumc2014@gmail.com

# COOKIES CARDS COOKIES CARDS



@SBUMC

COME WRITE CARDS AND MAKE COOKIES FOR FOLKS IN OUR CONGREGATION WHO AREN'T ABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE LIVE AND FOR VISITORS WHO ATTEND ON SUNDAY.

JAN 8 ~ 10 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME





## **SOUND SYSTEM** *Training*

**We are looking for folks who would like to be trained to use our sound system.**

**We would like to keep Curt retired, so we need some new folks to be able to work the sound system when Shane is gone.**

**Let Shane or Curt know if you are interested!!**

**BRING A SACK LUNCH**

# Bible Study

Join Pastor Jen  
Every Tuesday @ Southside  
11:30 – 1:00 pm

**All are welcome**



ALL ARE WELCOME

# YOGA

WITH SHEREE



# TUESDAYS

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5:30 PM @ SOUTHSIDE BLVD. UMC

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BRING YOUR OWN MAT  
AND WATER BOTTLE

# FAITH IN *Action*

## Little Red Wagon

Nonperishable food donations can be put in the Little Red Wagon located in the Narthex. Your Faith in Action team will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

## Kids Collecting Coins

The 4th Sunday of each month is set aside for "Koins For Kids"

These donations are used by the Faith In Action Team to provide school supplies and other needed items for local area children.

## Habitat For Humanity

You CAN donate your Aluminum CANS for recycling.

Just drop them in the blue barrel in the fellowship hall.

They are taken to Western Recycling, which gives 3 times the refund amount to Habitat for Humanity.