LET'S GET 2020 VISION!!

Happy New Year MUMC! And, this new year is 2020. I think it is a perfect time to set our vision on the future of this local church. A little over a month ago the chairs/leaders from MUMC participated in a retreat with me during which we considered what a vision of this congregation might be five years from now. Also, we looked at what steps would be needed each year for any vision to become reality.

Now, we reach the first step. What do you envision for MUMC? What will it look like, feel like, serve like, worship like, etc.? I’m asking that each of you pray about this and share your input with me and your Church Council. As a beginning step, you will receive a brief survey Sunday, January fifth. It will be available the following two Sundays as well.

It is important that everyone be totally open and honest. If the pastor has a vision for the church, or even if a small group has a shared vision it will be meaningless without full support and involvement of the congregation.

During the January Church Council meeting we will determine a format for developing a Church Vision with specific goals and objectives for 2020. You are welcome to attend all Church Council meetings, but only elected members may vote on any issues.

I believe with all my heart that God has a future plan for MUMC. But, I also know that He gives us all free will. We can choose to engage with God for the work of the kingdom through this local church – or we can choose to be complacent and just coast along. Please pray for what God would have this church do and become.

Let's use our 2020 vision!
May God bless the ministry of Mayodan United Methodist Church.
Pastor Pat

Thank you for all the cards and gifts during the Holiday Season.
Pastor Pat and Debbie
SERVING IN JANUARY
Ushers
Billy & Judy Sechrist & Sherry Hicks & Sue Vaughn
Altar Guild
Faye Kallam
Liturgist
Diana Crowder
Greeter
Billie & Jason Bray

Sign up sheets for 2020 Altar Guild, Liturgist and Greeter have been moved to the church office bulletin board
We still need Liturgist for May, June, July, September, October, November and December
We still need Greeters for March, April, May, June, November, and December.
We still need Altar Guild for April, May, June, July, October, and November.
Prayerfully consider serving in one of these capacities.

Mayodan UMC is in the rotation for delivering Meals on Wheels. If you would like to help deliver or be a substitute, contact Billy Sechrist.

The United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday, January 14 at 8am for breakfast and a brief business meeting at the Airport Drive In.

Check out our new webpage, www.mayodanumc.org. If you have any news, events or pictures you would like to share with the world, email them to Chuck Spicer at cspicer@triad.rr.com. This is a main source of information to the community at large and our members. Also, if you have anything that you would like to share on our Facebook page, please email them to Billie Bray at susiegb90@gmail.com. Share any of our events that are posted on or Facebook page, so it will reach a wider audience.

Please be in prayer for our church, our homebounds, and upcoming events in the community. The prayer cards from each Sunday are placed in the box on the altar in the Prayer Room on Tuesday.

Weary Warriors is a support group for families and loved ones of those who suffer from addictions. This group meets on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm. If you would like to provide refreshments for this ministry, please see Debbi Boles. The group will meet January 16.

ALUMINUM CANS MINISTRY
Mayodan UMC will continue to collect aluminum cans. Please place your ONLY ALUMINUM CANS (NO PLASTIC BOTTLES, NO GLASS BOTTLES, NO TIN CANS) in the recycle container. The recycle container has been moved to the old Children’s Church classroom, located on the back hall, third door on the left. Please place your cans in the proper room. All proceeds from the sale of these cans will benefit many ministries at Mayodan UMC. Folks, please no loose cans, no paper, and no partially filled cans.

Mailboxes in the hallway outside the church office are for your convenience to save postage. You can leave a card (Christmas, Birthday, Thinking of you, etc) to those who attend church regularly. Please do not put items in the boxes for our home-bound or those who do not attend regularly. They will NOT be mailed. Newsletters and giving statements are also placed in the mailboxes. All Christmas cards not picked up by Sunday, January 5 will be donated to St Jude’s Children’s Hospital. PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOX WEEKLY!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January
9 – Tammy Barker
16 – Jeff Sechrist
18 – Debbie Pugh

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January
10 – Sherry & Luther Hicks

Please let the office know if your birthday or anniversary is not correct or not listed.

Please place your unwanted cards in the box on the table outside the church office. Diana Crowder will send those to St Jude’s Children’s Hospital. St Jude’s runs a 30-year-old recycling-card program to benefit the children, which will make those good wishes worth much more than words. The children participate in the program by making new cards. After removing the front of donated cards, they attach a new back made with recycled paper, and then they are sold. Any type of cards are welcome, Get Well, Birthday, Sympathy, Christmas, Thinking of You, Valentine, etc. PLEASE DO NOT CUT OFF THE FRONT OF YOUR CARD.

When turning off the lights in the sanctuary, please turn the dimmer switch all the way left until you feel or hear a click. Just because the lights are dim, there is still electricity being used if they are not completely turned off. Also, if you use the restroom, be sure to turn the water off at the faucet and be sure the toilet stops running. And turn the lights off. Also, please make sure the water in the kitchen is turned completely off and there is no drip.

BUT…..please leave the front porch lights on!

For our new HVAC to be cost effective, please keep your sanctuary, fellowship hall and all other interior doors closed when not in use and when departing the church, per Kevin Studebaker of Studebaker Controls. Please let anyone outside the church that uses our building know to keep all doors closed when not in use and to close upon departing.

Guardian Angels is a group of our church family at MUMC, who provide family care and love for our shut ins. The purpose of this group is to show our shut ins they have not been forgotten. Our church family is important, even if they can’t attend regularly, due to illness or other issues. The group provides family support. Support can be given in different ways.

LISTEN: Sometimes shut ins have no one to talk to. A good listener can make a world of difference.

SMALL GIFTS: Sometimes shut ins have no other family besides church family. A birthday, Christmas, Valentine, or Easter gifts would mean a lot.

PRAYER: Anyone can pray. If you do not feel comfortable about doing this, ask if they would like to say a prayer or pray silently.

Gifts will be provided in the Children’s Classroom. If you would like to provide a small gift, you can leave it there or give to Billie Bray. If a member would like to visit a shut in more often for companionship, it’s ok. Group members will get a new shut in each month. This way the shut ins will see a new church family member. See Billie Bray or Marie Fox if you would like to join this group.

1. We need to continue to heal and become one family.
2. We need to work on building our Missions and Community Outreach. We need to go out, not have people come to us.
Saturday, January 18, the Scouts will have a lock in at our church. They will be here from 3pm until Noon on Sunday, January 19. They will attend worship service.

Father O'Malley answers the phone. “Hello, is this Father O'Malley?”
"It is"
“This is the IRS. Can you help us?"
"I can"
"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"
"I do"
"Is he a member of your congregation?"
"He is"
"Did he donate $10,000 to the church?"
"He will."

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