

# The Chalice Chat

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## Kara's Kerygma

The calendar pages turn once again and before us is a new year filled with possibility. We might have already gone through and marked specific dates, birthdays, anniversaries, and those dates fixed forever in our memories of times of great joy and deep sorrow. For though it is a new year, we still carry with us some of the old year, and we cannot totally wipe the slate clean to begin anew in all areas of our lives as much as we would sometimes like to. Some of what occurred in this last year, or even last several, has irrevocably changed us, and my hope and prayer is that whatever it was, that it has drawn you closer to God.

That is our focus, as a church, this coming year, to draw nearer to God by growing in faith and growing in love. We will seek to find ways to draw nearer to God through spiritual teaching in Bible Study, through weekly Worship Services, through prayers, through devotions, through community service and involvement. We will seek God as we invite our neighbors to meals and worship services. We will seek God as we try to support and love one another through this coming year's moments of life. It does not mean that each attempt at drawing nearer will be perfect, for the church is filled with imperfect people whose own lives can become all-encompassing depending on what is going on. It does mean that we will try, again and again we will try, to seek God in all areas of our lives and to be the body of Christ together.

Rev. Kara

Growing in Faith,  
Growing in Love

## January Worship

**January 6**

*Seeking the Light*  
Matthew 2:1-12

**January 13**

*The Sower*  
Matthew 13:1-23

**January 20**

*Tenant Farmers*  
Mark 12:1-12

**January 27**

**Pulpit Exchange**  
*Mustard Seed*  
Parable of the Mustard Seed



### *Opportunities to Serve in January*

#### **JOY Soup Kitchen**

January 4  
10:00 a.m.  
700 Albemarle Ave.

#### **Ronald McDonald House**

January 15  
529 Moye Blvd.  
See Kathy Nunn or Deloras Barwick

#### **First Born Community Development Center**

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box located near the stairs in the Education Building.

*Sarah Dawn Designs*

**HAVE** hope  
**TRY** new things  
**BE** active  
**SEE** the good  
**SAY** "I Love You," more  
**CHALLENGE** yourself  
**CHOOSE** to be happy  
**EAT** better  
**ENJOY** today  
**FORGIVE** more readily  
**READ** more often  
**BECOME** your best you





January 6 – Bible Study  
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

January 20 – Sunday of Mission @ Church  
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### January Prayers

Pray for all members and friends of  
Hooker Memorial Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ).



Please plan to help with removing and packing  
up the Christmas decorations on  
January 6, 2019  
Following Worship

### Prayer for the New Year

Are you brave enough to pray these this year?

Ten short prayers for the new year

- Lord, place me in uncomfortable situations that will squeeze the lazy, self-centeredness out of me.
- Open doors for the gospel while giving me boldness and compassion to move through them.
- You have told me that a mind set on the flesh is death but a mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. Don't let my mind ever forget that today.
- God, hedge my way up with thorns so that I might not follow vanity.
- Send someone my way today. Let them speak your truth to me. Give me ears to hear and receive encouragement and exhortation from them.
- Send someone my way today. Let me speak your truth to them. Give me courage and clarity to speak a word of exhortation to them.
- Lord, next time I fail pull me to the cross quicker.
- Lord, next time I succeed pull me to the cross quicker.
- God don't let me have that which I think I want but which you know would be wrong for me.
- Give me a tender heart along with open ears. Remove my pride and stubbornness far from me.

By Spencer DeBurgh



## Serving for Children Worship & Wonder



Date	Story No.	Story	Story Teller	Greeters	Scripture
1/6/2019	1-B	Baby Jesus is Presented to God	Deloras Barwick	Roberta West	Luke 2:22-38
1/13/2019	22	The Boy Jesus in the Temple	Deloras Barwick	Casie Creech	Luke 2:41-52
1/20/2019	23	Jesus is Baptized			Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22
1/27/2019	25	The Mustard Seed			Matthew 13:31-32
2/3/2019	26	The Leaven			Matthew 13:33
2/10/2019	27	The Pearl			Matthew 13:45-46
2/17/2019	28	The Sower			Matthew 13:3-8; Mark 4:3-8; Luke 8:5-8
2/24/2019	29	The Good Samaritan			Luke 10:25-37

## Serving for Grow in Worship



Date	Story	Story Teller	Greeter	Scripture
1/6/2019	Epiphany Story	Courtney Cartwright	Nancy Owens	Matthew 2:9-11
1/13/2019	The Twelve Disciples, Part 1	Pat Roberson	Nancy Owens	Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16
1/20/2019	The Twelve Disciples, Part 2		Nancy Owens	Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16
1/27/2019	Sanctuary Worship			
2/3/2019	Jesus Commissions the Disciples (B26)			Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18
2/10/2019	Peter, Follower of Jesus, Heals a Lame Man in Jerusalem (B30)			Acts 3:1-16
2/17/2019	Philip, Follower of Jesus, Teaches in Samaria (B31)			Acts 8:4-25
2/24/2019	Dorcas, Follower of Jesus, Helps the Poor in Judea (B32)			Acts 9:36-42

# Thank You!

*After many years of service to our church, Linda Harrington desires to step down from her position as church treasurer.*

*We want to thank Linda for her years of service. Her willingness and dedication have helped to ensure that Hooker Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) operates on a fiscally sound foundation.*

*Thank you for all you have done over the years and for your serving heart.*

The Board and Congregation  
of Hooker Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10

As we approach the coming year the board is looking for candidates to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board.

The Board consists of representatives of the Elders, Deacons, CMF, CWF, Youth Director and the Minister as an ex-officio member.

The individual groups listed above select their representatives for the board, but we need a Vice-Chair to help the Chair and the Board in administering the mission and business of the Church.

The Duties include:

Attending and helping to organize monthly Board meetings.

Assist gathering information for maintenance needs of the church.

Work with the Minister and staff as needed to develop programs involving the church and its outreach missions.

Work with the Board on analyzing fiscal needs and planning for annual budgets.

Assist with annual congregational meetings.

The tasks may seem complex, but it is not as daunting as it may seem. We have a great staff which makes it easier, but the Board is the operational backbone of the church.

With Linda Harrington stepping down after many years of faithful service we are also in need of candidates to assume the duties of Bookkeeper/Treasurer.

*This is a part time hourly position and you will be paid for your time.*

The primary duties include:

Creating and Printing checks to pay bills to our various suppliers and vendors.

Create and Print Paychecks for our staff including filing the state and federal taxes.

Maintain accurate records of payments using Quickbooks.

Submit monthly financial reports to the board that summarize the income and expenses.

Any who are interested in either the Vice-Board Chair or the Treasurer/Bookkeeper position please let  
Richard Law,  
Valorie Sullivan or Rev. Kara Swartz know

## January Meetings

### Christian Men's Fellowship

January 13  
11:30 a.m.

Laughinghouse Parlor

### Christian Women's Fellowship

January 13  
11:30 a.m.

Upstairs Parlor

### Elders

January 14  
6:00 p.m.

### Deacons

January 14  
7:00 p.m.

### Board

January 20  
Following Worship

## January Servants

### Elders:

Valorie Sullivan  
Lee West

### Deacon (Opening, Closing, & Communion):

6<sup>th</sup> Lynn Sullivan  
13<sup>th</sup> Steve Williams  
20<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Williams  
27<sup>th</sup> Richard Law

### Worship Leader:

6<sup>th</sup> Lee West  
13<sup>th</sup> Becca Harris  
20<sup>th</sup> Brenda Allen  
27<sup>th</sup> Farrah Owens

*\* If you are unable to serve on the scheduled date, please find someone to take your place \**

## February Servants

### Elders:

Donna Briley  
Bill Brown

### Deacon (Opening, Closing, & Communion):

3<sup>rd</sup> Bret Brown  
10<sup>th</sup> Kathy Nunn  
17<sup>th</sup> B.J. Causey  
24<sup>th</sup> Linda Harrington

### Worship Leader:

3<sup>rd</sup> Laura Thompson  
10<sup>th</sup> Donna Briley  
17<sup>th</sup> Farrah Owens  
24<sup>th</sup> Pat Roberson

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# 2019

*Happy New Year!*

## Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays  
6:30 p.m.



Several areas in the church are in need to cleaning up and clearing out. The library is in special need of attention. We have received several donations of books that need to be sorted and organized. You are invited to come at your convenience to help.