



# COMMUNICATOR

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**Murphy-Harpst**  
LIFE AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Everyone is invited to come help celebrate the January birthdays at Murphy-Harpst on Sat. Jan. 26. Meet at the church at 10am

**Are you a Doer  
or  
Encourager?**

## MEETINGS

**Staff Mtg.-Mon., Jan. 7, 9am**

**SPR Mtg.-Tues., Jan. 15, 7pm**

**Effie Ford Cir.-Wed. Jan. 16, 10am**

**Ad. Council-Thurs., Jan. 17, 7pm**

**UMM-Sat., Jan. 19, 8am**

**Music Ministry-Thurs., Jan. 24, 7pm**

**Worship Design Training-Sun., Jan. 27, 12:30pm**

## Pastor's Message...

Wow! I can't believe that 2019 is already here. As I look back over 2018, I am amazed at how fast it went by. It was a wild ride for all of us at County Line UMC. Multiple pastor changes in one year, Healthy Church Initiative, busy ministries and much more. I would really like to thank the staff and congregation for doing a wonderful job at making my transition into County Line go so well and for helping my family adjust to their new surroundings. We love it here!

2019 is shaping up to be another exciting and busy year as well. And your dedicated staff has already hit the ground running. We will be celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being in ministry. What a great mile stone for this church. If the walls could speak to the lives that were changed during that time and to the varied types of ministries and changes that occurred it would be quite a story.

We are also continuing on with the recommendations that came from the Healthy Church Initiative program. Meetings are already being set up to work with specialists from the Conference in a number of different ministry areas including worship, youth, children, and preschool. Some of those meetings will be happening this month. Once those have occurred you will start to see things happen around our church. One thing that has already happened is that we have asked the Children's Ministries Directors to focus on those ministries with their advisors and thus we currently have no one to lead our youth. Rest assured that this is being worked on but we want to take the necessary time to develop a great youth program with strong leadership. So we are asking the youth and their parents to be patient with us as we work through this. To be sure there will be many more changes and

adjustments that we will all have to work through as we see where God leads us in this time of change and new beginnings.

I know that it can be stressful and a little bit scary to think about making changes and adjustments to the way we are comfortable at doing things. But we can trust God to lead us through because He is the master at doing new things. In Isaiah 43:19 God says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert."

Yes, 2019 is going to be another exciting and wild ride but we can make it a banner year if we will all work together and deal with each other with love, patience and grace.

Happy New Year!  
Your friend and pastor  
Steven Riddle

## Beginning this month...

Potluck and Fellowship  
On the First  
Sunday of Every  
Month



The first Sunday of each month, we will have a church-wide potluck luncheon! We look forward to fellowship with everyone!





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**May He give you the  
 desire of your heart and  
 make all your plans  
 succeed. Psalm 20: 4**

**Worship Design Training** for the Worship Committee will be Sunday, January 27 at 12:30pm. Blair Zant from HCI will be leading this training. Lunch will be provided and if childcare is needed, please call the church office or see Karen Floyd or Lori Smith.



Collecting during January to benefit  
 MUST Ministries

## From the Effie Ford Circle...



Congratulations to Ann Leigh winner of the dessert raffle!

United Methodist Women

We will meet January 16 at 10 a.m. Final plans will be made for the January 26 birthday party for Murphy-Harpst Children's Home. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26. Anyone from the church is invited to join us!

A note from Lynda Teague...I will be going to Israel soon and will be leaving small pieces of paper out for those who would like to write a personal prayer that I will carry to Israel and place in the Wailing Wall. A basket will be available for you to leave your prayer. January 27th is the last Sunday I can collect your prayer request. For questions, contact Lynda Teague at [lrteague@att.net](mailto:lrteague@att.net) or 770-424-2260.

## Note of Thanks...

*The Staff of County Line would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts during the Christmas season. We are blessed to be in ministry with such kind people.*

### Our Staff...

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