



The Messenger

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Mark Your Calendar

December 3

9:30 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens

December 9

5:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

December 10

9:30 a.m.

No Prep Children's Program

December 12

6:30 p.m.

Charge Conference

December 24

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Worship:

9:30 a.m., 4:00 & 10:30 p.m.

December 25 & 26

Office Closed

January 1

Happy New Year!

Office Closed

Merry Christmas!



Pastor Jenny's Ponderings: *Making a (Financial) Miracle at 6th & Boulevard!*

This is not my favorite way to begin a Christmas newsletter article, but the time has come to let you all know we at McCabe are in a tough financial position. We are fully current with payroll and ongoing bills, but, since late spring, **we have not been able to pay tens of thousands of dollars of Conference and mission commitments**. This is not a new situation for McCabe, but it has been quite a few years since we've faced something like this. *(Please keep reading: there is good news!)*

In 2013, for the first time in decades, McCabe went from having two full-time, appointed pastors to having one full-time, appointed pastor. For the most part, McCabe members and friends continued to give at the same level they'd been giving, so, for the three years we had only one full-time pastor on staff, we ended each year with a significant surplus in our current ("general") fund. After many years of regularly wondering if we'd end the year in the black, this was a *wonderful* reprieve.

With the surplus of recent years in mind, we felt confident that bringing a second pastor on full-time (July 2016), we'd remain financially secure. Unfortunately, that has not been the case this calendar year. Changes in membership and in member giving, as well as increased expenses in 2017 (including \$20,000+ in snow removal fees), have made for quite the challenging year financially. That's the tough news. However...

Every day we continue to receive Estimate of Giving cards for 2018, so we do not have a full picture of where we'll be in 2018. As we would expect in a congregation our size, we know some folks committed less for 2018 than 2017; but, we also know many have made first-time commitments, and still **many others have taken a step (or two!) up in their giving**. **Thus far, we are reporting a net increase of \$12,000 in "pledges" for 2018 compared to 2017**. So, there is **good news!** And, with my going 3/4-time, there is a significant "savings" to the church for 2018 (considering a \$20,000 salary reduction + going on my husband's health insurance + paying less toward my pension). *We certainly hope 2018 will be a "better-balanced" year financially than 2017 has been!*

Our Advent and Christmas theme this year is "Miracle at 6th & Boulevard." One of the miracles we're praying for this season is a financial one...and I'm requesting your help in making that miracle happen. *My family and I have given \$1,000 (over and above our monthly tithe) in order to help build-up our current fund. This Christmas season, would you join us in making your own additional gift?*

Pastor Mark and I (and others) regularly hear that so many at McCabe are feeling the positive, healthy, Holy Spirit energy that's at work among us - for that, we are so thankful! Financial woes can so quickly deflate such holy energy, so we're praying that our God of miracles will open hearts and minds to make a positive, financial difference this blessed season. Thank you, in advance, for your faithful consideration.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Jenny Hallenbeck Orr



*P.S. - The above image was found at www.ministry127.com

Words from Pastor Mark



I appreciate how God speaks through Scripture. This is one reason I often like to read the Bible from beginning to end over the course of a year. Four years ago, a group of 10 of us got together and read the Bible in 90 Days. While I appreciated the connections I made reading the Bible in 90 days, this was basically a grueling pace for me to try to maintain. More often I take a full year to read the Bible.

In 2018, I am planning to read a New Living Translation (NLT) of the Bible set up with built in margins for reflection and prayer as I read. The version I'll be using includes daily readings from: 1) the Old Testament, 2) the New Testament, 3) Psalms and, 4) Proverbs. If I maintain my daily reading, by December 31, 2018, I will have read the Bible from Genesis through Revelation over the course of the year. I would like to invite you to join me on this journey. We don't have to read the same translations, but I am interested in reading the Bible with you, and if interested, periodically touching base to share how God has been speaking to us through our reading. If this might be of interest to you, let me know so we can visit further.

It is a joy and privilege to serve Jesus Christ with you!

Pastor Mark Ehrmantraut

Prayer Team Meeting

We likely all agree that the body needs food to draw nourishment. Just as the body needs food, when we are born again, the newly claimed Christ within us needs prayer to draw spiritual nourishment. Evangelist and teacher, Oswald Chambers said that we can either starve or nourish our new lives in Christ.

For this reason, we will be gathering a group of people to help McCabe continue to feast, instead of snack, on prayer.

Please watch the bulletin for a time in January to sit down and visit about McCabe's next step in leading deeper nourishment for our souls through prayer.

Mission & Service Team Meeting

If you're interested in missions, watch the bulletins for a time in January to sit down and visit about how McCabe can continue to grow in living out God's call to us to bring hope and healing to our world.

Smart Money – Live Stream from Phoenix, AZ - January 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m. McCabe UMC Great Hall

Join Dave Ramsey and Rachel Cruze as they walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for retirement, and much more! Stop wondering where your money went and start telling it where to go! Get your plan for financial peace at this one-night event!

Smart Money will give you Dave Ramsey's 7-step proven plan for dumping debt and building wealth. You'll leave with a clear vision for your family's financial future.

I've had it. If you're tired of living paycheck-to-paycheck and wondering where your money is going, Smart Money is where you'll get the answers. You'll get the basics of budgeting, why it works, and how to apply it to everyday life.

I get it. If you know Dave's principles but you're having trouble putting them into practice, Smart Money will give you the extra motivation you need. Reset the plan for your family and get back on track!

I got it. If you're already seeing success with the 7 Baby Steps, Smart Money will keep you encouraged and ensure you continue down the right path.

There's so much more to life than fighting to pay the bills. Experience the plan that has helped millions of people around the world get and stay out of debt and retire with dignity. It's time to break the cycle. It's time to live more and worry less.

Thank You, Jeanette Gravseth!

After serving for over two decades on our staff as Financial Administrator, Jeanette Gravseth has stepped-down from that position. She will continue to serve, as needed, through the calendar year. Thank you, Jeanette, for your faithful service to McCabe! *Please shower Jeanette with words and notes of appreciation for her ministry among us these many years!*

Would You Like to Be Part of McCabe's Email Prayer Chain?

Contact the church office with your email address at either mccabeum@mccabeumc.com or by calling 255-1160.

COMING SOON: Sanctuary Projection!

In the summer of 2017, we rented a screen for our sanctuary and used a projector we purchased for an audio/visual project in the Fellowship Hall. As we worshiped last summer, in the midst of our *Ghost Stories* series, that screen and projector made it possible for about a dozen McCabe folks to share (via video) their own stories of being in God's presence. Toward the end of the series, we also projected the words of hymns and other service pieces. When the series was over and the screen was gone, we heard that many of you *missed* the projection! You appreciated having hymn texts clearly in front of you, you loved the *Ghost Story* videos, and you experienced how a sermon can be enhanced with the right visuals.

Late in the summer, a long-time member who deeply appreciates projection in worship offered to pay for the required equipment for permanent projection in the sanctuary. What an offer! So, we got to work with the appropriate committees to put a possible plan in place for this important project. Thanks to the work of our Leadership Team, Trustees, and Finance Committee, the project was approved. And, of course, deepest gratitude goes to our donor for the extremely generous gift that is making this project possible! (Our McCabe Foundation is also stepping-up to cover the cost of the electrical work for the project – thanks, Foundation!)

Some of the electrical work has begun, the projectors are here, but we're waiting for the rest of the equipment to arrive before the set-up is completed. That said, **sometime in the next month, you will arrive to worship in the sanctuary and our projection system will be in place!**

There will be a screen on each side of the front of the sanctuary; there will also be a screen on the back wall so those seated in the chancel area (choir, pastors, liturgist, other musicians) can see what is being projected. And, as a final note on this exciting project, please know that, care was taken to *not* disrupt the view of the altar cross or of the large, center windows.

Communication Task Force Meeting

As we seek to be faithful to (creating, building, and strengthening connections and communication in support of) our overall mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, we are planning to gather a team of people together in January to begin this process. Our focus will be two fold: 1) Internal Communication (Communication throughout McCabe's body with people who already here) and 2) Outward Communication (Communication engaging with the neighborhood, community, and world).

Please watch the bulletin for an upcoming time in January to visit about how McCabe can grow and improve in communicating across McCabe and beyond.

Communion Stewards Needed

Several of our communion stewards have flown south for the winter so we are in need of people to help set up communion on the first weekend of each month. Training and help are always available! Please contact the church office or Jan Joersz (255-1160) if you are interested in this once-a-month important ministry.

Celebrate Recovery

"We are all broken. We have all sinned. We have all missed the mark. We are all struggling with a hurt, habit, or hang-up." This is a quote from Celebrate Recovery founder John Baker. John Baker developed the Celebrate Recovery ministry model working with Rick Warren at Saddleback Church.

Celebrate Recovery is a recovery ministry aimed at our hurts, habits, and hang-ups including, but not limited to: high anxiety, co-dependency, compulsive disorders, financial dysfunction, drug and alcohol addictions, and eating disorders. 3.5 million people have participated in Celebrate Recovery step studies in over 29,000 churches. At the core, Celebrate Recovery is tied into the 8 Beatitudes Jesus shared with the people.

McCabe has had a team seriously preparing to grow and develop a Celebrate Recovery ministry through McCabe for the Bismarck and surrounding areas. They have been faithfully studying together. Over the past couple months they have started gathering on Saturday evenings for a meal (5:30 p.m.), worship (6:00 p.m.) and are beginning to intentionally expand in the small group ministry immediately after worship. Part of this team is also leading Celebrate Recovery worship with a small group of men at the ND State Penitentiary each week.

Please pray for God to use this ministry to draw an ever growing expanse of people closer to Jesus and deeper into experiencing the life-changing work of Jesus Christ.

Discover McCabe New Member Orientation

January 21, 9:05 a.m. - Come if you are interested in joining or finding out more about membership at McCabe.

January 27/28 - New members will be received at any of the worship services.

December ONE Thing: A Baby Shower for YouthWorks!

As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth let's help young parents in our community prepare for their own baby's birth. The Parenting Pathways program at YouthWorks assists young parents who are (or are at risk of becoming) homeless. When you're out shopping this month, please pick up a few baby-related necessities such as diapers, wipes, baby food, formula, wash cloths, pacifiers, etc. and bring them to the ONE Thing display in the Great Hall by the end of the month of December.



Unfortunately, because of our current financial situation, **we are not able to do a Christmas offering giveaway this year (as we've done the last three years)**. Keep in mind, we certainly hope to get back to that in the future! Instead, we invite you to join us in "making a miracle" for the YouthWorks' Parenting Pathways program by helping us overstock their shelves with needed baby items! As we wait for the Christ child, we can help take care of many children in our community...what a gift and what an opportunity.

Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.

For years and years, McCabe had one, significant Hanging of the Greens presentation during the middle Sunday worship service the first weekend of the Advent season. In recent years, we have included a smaller, modified Hanging of the Greens presentation at each of the other weekend worship services. **This year, we are returning to the one, significant Hanging of the Greens during 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 3.** There may be a



piece or two of the presentation during the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. service, as well as during the Sunday, 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services, but the full presentation will happen only during the 9:30 a.m. service. That said, all four services that weekend will usher in the Advent season with song, prayer, Scripture, and a

short message about our Advent and Christmas series: "Miracle at 6th & Boulevard". Please join us for worship as we begin the Advent season December 2 and 3! "O come, o come, Emmanuel..."

Where Did the Money Come from...?

If you've read my newsletter article, you may have started to ask yourself some questions. Questions like, "Why did we buy the bus if we were struggling financially?" and "Where did the money come from for those beautiful, new Welcome Centers?" (Not to mention the upcoming sanctuary projection project, other various audio/visual projects we've done this last year, and a new-to-us piano for the choir room.) For starters, we made the decision to fundraise for the bus *before* our financial "crisis" hit; thankfully, the bus we found cost far less than we'd anticipated, so that was good! The money for every other new project we've completed – or are working on – came in through individual donations or memorials that were earmarked for those specific things. Please know I'm happy to answer any questions you might have about these projects. -
Pastor Jenny

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Nancy & Brent Malsam and family on the death of Nancy's father, Russell Heaton, of Bismarck, ND, October 30, 2017.

Don Walz and family on the death of Don's sister, Mary Grassinger, of Colorado Springs, CO, November 15, 2017.

Neal & Donna Reamann and family on the death of Neal's brother, Harvey Reamann, of Braddock, ND, November 14, 2017.

Kalyn Retterath on the death of her grandmother, Johanna Adolf, of Hazen, ND, November 20, 2017.

Roger & Sandy Myers on the death of Roger's son, Curt Myers, of Moorhead, MN, November 24, 2017.

Thank You's!

Our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy! Thank you, to this beautiful McCabe family, for all of your love, care, cards, well wishes, visits, delicious meals and especially, your prayers. Your prayers are powerful and we felt each and everyone of them. We are grateful to all of you beyond words! With love and gratitude.

-Jim & Jane Morgan and family

A heartfelt thank you to all of the people who helped the United Methodist Women (UMW) with this year's Bazaar. It is one our largest fundraisers and it comes with a lot of work. We could not have done it without all of you and your giving hearts!

-UMW Executive Committee

Thank you for the donations to our Backpack for Kids program. It is greatly appreciated and much needed!

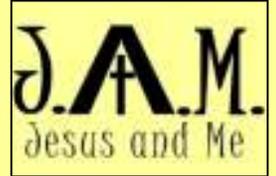
-Amy W., Community Action Partnership

Children & Family Ministries

Children's Sunday Morning Discipleship Program

What's Happening?

December is all about baby Jesus! We'll spend the first Sunday of the month talking about the birth of our savior and participating in the hanging of the greens (see below). Our instant, no-rehearsal Christmas program will be December 10th (see below) and we'll have our annual Happy Birthday Jesus party on December 17th. There will be no J.A.M. on December 10 (program), 24, or 31. Classes resume on January 7th. Our key verse for December is from Isaiah 9:6, *"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*



December 10, 9:30 a.m. Service

New this year—instant, no-rehearsal children's Christmas program! Kids will choose parts upon arrival and will be given a small prop or costume to wear. Follow the program insert in the bulletin to know when "actors" are to be on stage. THERE WILL BE NO J.A.M. CLASS THIS DAY.

Jr. High-Sr. High students can serve as narrators, ushers, greeters, and special music.

Please contact Tina Mitchell at tmitchell@mccabeumc.com or 255-1160 with questions.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



Sunday, December 3,
9:30 a.m. Service

Please bring kids directly to J.A.M. this day. We will start with our large group lesson before heading to the sanctuary to carry in poinsettias. **There will be no children's message.** We will then go back to J.A.M. for small group activities. All children, ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to carry poinsettias into the worship service.

DIY Nativity

Celebrate the season with a "build-it-yourself" nativity scene and advent calendar. Pick up your free "O Holy Night" packet in the J.A.M. education wing.



Children & Family Ministries



**Wednesday, December 13
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Nativity craft, “*Why Do We Call it Christmas?*” DVD, Christmas carols, cookies, and hot chocolate!

Family Link Scriptures for December

Friday, December 1
Mark 4:35-41

Saturday, December 9
Matthew 6:25-34

Sunday, December 17
Luke 2:36-38

Monday, December 25
Matthew 5:43-48

Saturday, December 2
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Sunday, December 10
John 1:1-14

Monday, December 18
1 John 4:7-12

Tuesday, December 26
Psalms 16:7-11

Sunday, December 3
Matthew 1:18-25

Monday, December 11
Luke 18:1-8

Tuesday, December 19
Galatians 6:7-10

Wednesday, December 27
Psalms 107:1-8

Monday, December 4
1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

Tuesday, December 12
Isaiah 61:8-11

Wednesday, December 20
Luke 22:39-46

Thursday, December 28
Colossians 3:12-17

Tuesday, December 5
Isaiah 9:2-7

Wednesday, December 13
Matthew 14:22-33

Thursday, December 21
Job 42:1-4

Friday, December 29
Jeremiah 29:10-14

Wednesday, December 6
John 17:15-19

Thursday, December 14
1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Friday, December 22
1 John 1:5-9

Saturday, December 30
Philippians 1:20-22

Thursday, December 7
Ephesians 1:3-7

Friday, December 15
Ecclesiastes 5:13-20

Saturday, December 23
Isaiah 49:8-16

Sunday, December 31
Genesis 1:26-31

Friday, December 8
Isaiah 40:1-5

Saturday, December 16
Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, December 24
Matthew 5:14-16



December



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Merry Christmas!

January

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I hope your Thanksgiving was memorable and blessed. I'm very glad and proud to report to all that our Bazaar brought in \$5,019.45 after expenses. This is so much better than I thought it would be because of the rain. The Bake Sale made a total of \$1,196.96. How about that? The Silent Auction made \$1,687.11.

At our November Executive meeting we made monetary donations for McCabe Staff Appreciation, Awana, Solar Oven Partners, Salvation Army, Ruth Meiers House, AID, Inc., Children of the Harvest, Open Door Community Center, and bought serving trays for church events. We also pay registration for UMW members who attend "Mission U" in Jamestown in July and there will be more projects too. So you see why we work so hard on our projects and fundraisers? We thank all of you who helped UMW do what we feel needs doing.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held on December 14, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet a half hour early because of the Unit meeting that begins at 12:00 p.m. the same day. The meeting is open to all UMW members and a guest! Please plan to attend. There is much planning for a Unit meeting so good attendance is appreciated.

Circles will meet on Thursday, December 21 at their usual times. Meeting locations are up to each Circle.

I realize that Veteran's Day is over but Christmas is coming and I remember that more than a few times my Dad was gone during this time. I ask you all to remember our Veterans and their families this Christmas...

- It is the **VETERAN**, not the preacher who has given us freedom of religion.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
- It is the **VETERAN**, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.
- It is the **VETERAN**, who salutes the Flag, who serves under the Flag.

Eternal rest grant them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

-Author Unknown



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I wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas!

Gerry Ann Small
UMW Leader

P.S. We will be collecting **all paper products** for the Ruth Meiers House. Please bring these items to the next Unit meeting (December 14) or Circle meeting (December 21).

Ministry On the Margins Asks for Help!

There is an urgent need in our community for new or good, clean used men's, women's and children's coats, mittens, gloves, hats, and insulated underwear. Collection boxes are located in the south and west coat rooms.

Open Door Witness Available

The November/December edition of Open Door's newsletter, *Witness*, is available on our website: www.opendoorbismarck.com. The print copy has been mailed and should be in your mailbox around the beginning of December. Also, please note that our email address has changed, effective immediately. Contact Jolene at 701-222-3004 or opendoor@midconet.com with questions.



Thank you to everyone who has faithfully prayed and helped to serve through McCabe's Awana ministry. On an average Wednesday evening there are 25-30 children spending time in the Bible, playing games, and engaged in large group faith based activities. These children are currently spread across grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Working with these children and helping to support the ministry are another 20+ adults every week.

As the Awana ministry continues to take shape, there is plenty of room for more children and for more adults. We look forward to the time when we have enough leaders to help expand this ministry to work with children 3 and 4 years old.

If you have any questions about this ministry or if you might be interested in seeing if there's a spot for you or if you'd like a small job while your grandkids are here, please contact Tina Mitchell or Jerry Suko at 255-1160. Please continue to pray for God to use this, and all of McCabe's ministries, to make a difference in people's lives.

Blue Christmas Worship: Saturday, December 9, 5:00 p.m.



On Saturday, December 9, during our regular weekly worship service at 5:00 p.m., our worship service will be our 3rd annual "Blue Christmas" service. **Blue Christmas is a meditative service designed to bring hope and healing to those who are struggling this holiday season** – whether the struggle is due to the loss of a loved one, a current financial crisis, concern for the future, loneliness, etc. Though the holidays are a time of great joy for many, they can be a time of sadness and pain for others. **If you**

or someone you know is having a tough time this holiday season, we hope you'll join us for Blue Christmas worship on Saturday, December 9. (*Note: the Scripture and message of this service will be the same as during the services on Sunday, December 10. Some of the music, as well as other service elements, will be unique to Blue Christmas.*)

Annual Charge Conference: Tuesday, December 12

On Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m., in our Great Hall, Northeast District Superintendent, Rev. Kermit Culver, will lead our annual Charge (Church) Conference. At this important gathering, we'll talk together about where God is leading us as we approach 2018, we'll see ministry reports from 2017, and we'll vote on our 2018 budget. Mark your calendars!

NOTICE:

Any items for the **February 2018** newsletter need to be turned in to the church office no later than **Tuesday January 16, 2018.**

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